

Long Beach City Council, Meeting 2/4/2020

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force opposes 20-0071, Belmont Pool ORD, Subarea 5, Recommendation to declare ordinance amending and restating the Belmont Pier Planned Development District (PD-2), read and adopted as read. (District 3), including a Local Coastal Program Amendment: Amending PD-2 and a Local Coastal Development Permit.

We oppose the siting of this project on the beach and on a public park space. We do not consider the BBAC to be a coastal related project. We believe it will have an adverse impact on the colony of nesting birds, including shorebirds and other species protect by the California Coastal Commission and the City of Long Beach.

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We reject the following as an inadequate response to our concerns for equity and environmental justice regarding the design and location proposed for the BBAC:

Response to City Council and CCC Concerns

Increased Recreational Components: To ensure that this is not exclusively a competitive facility, the modified design incorporates water features specific for play including a vortex pool, a zip line, cascading waterfalls, splash pads, fountains, and an open family gathering space.

Increased Connection to Disadvantaged Communities: To ensure that this is a facility enjoyed by the entire Long Beach community, Public Works staff coordinated a City department task force comprised of representatives from various departments, including, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach Transit, and Health and Human Services, to identify enhanced programs and amenities that will increase and maximize Citywide and underserved areas' access to the facility. The Coastal Development Permit(CDP) application details the current pool usage, the expanded capacity, identification of the underserved areas, after school and weekend programs, summer swim programs, family fun activities, partnership programs, 50 and over programs, water exercise programs, aquatics day camp, along with several transportation options. These measures ensure that programming, marketing, and access is provided for the entire community.