

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of September 7, 2021

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3. (21-0929) Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$142,500, in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Brad M. Klipper v. City of Long Beach, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC651553.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Why does the city keep paying out lawsuits? This is taxpayer money.	9/5/2021
CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING:	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Roberto Uranga should not be voting on any budget item related to the Animal Care Services. He is currently under investigation for dog abuse.	9/5/2021
12. (21-0914) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and take the continued actions necessary to adopt the Master Fees and Charges Schedule and the Water and Sewer Rates as they relate to the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as listed in Attachment A. (Citywide)	ROBERTA HINES	hines.roberta@verizon.net		Water rates are too high!	9/7/2021
14. (21-0915) Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft an ordinance to enact "Kid Zones," defined as safe spaces for children at local parks, playgrounds, beaches and other areas intended for use by children. "Kid Zones" would prohibit adults from entering or remaining within these designated areas without the accompaniment of a child under the age of 12.	Ketty Citterio	w_ild2000@yahoo.com		Mr Modica, Mayor Garcia, and Honorable Councilmembers, Friends of Bixby Park would like to support District 2 'Kid Zone Proposal' as we have seen it implemented at Bixby Park with excellent results. We hear other kids playground in Long Beach are not as fortunate and the presence of 'grown-ups' without kids has pushed families away. Let's give Long Beach parks playgrounds back to the kids, as it should be! "Kid Zones" will protect the little ones and make it safer for families to enjoy the park worryfree.	9/7/2021
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15. (21-0916) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Public Works Department to report back in 30 days with an update on the current status of the e-scooter program and other mobility share programs.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Unlike 90% of my neighbors in Long Beach, I do not own a personal vehicle. I use primarily electric scooters and a bicycle to get around. I strongly support micromobility and I encourage this Council to expand physically separated bike lanes and unambiguously protect riders by supporting programs like this.	9/7/2021

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19. (21-0920) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with community stakeholders to create a vision and feasibility plan that includes identifying potential sites in Long Beach for a Cambodian American Cultural Center that can serve as a hub to promote art, culture, and history.	Natiban Thong	natiban555@yahoo.com		I would like to see more cambodia American culture in long beach.	9/6/2021
19. (21-0920) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with community stakeholders to create a vision and feasibility plan that includes identifying potential sites in Long Beach for a Cambodian American Cultural Center that can serve as a hub to promote art, culture, and history.	Jaimie Heng	jaimie.heng@ucclb.org		A Cambodian American Cultural Center is an opportunity to provide a space that is accessible to the local community to engage and empower Cambodian individuals by celebrating khmer culture. I grew up in a community that lacked khmer resources. My family would drive 2 hours round trip to Long Beach to eat at khmer restaurants, access Cambodian professionals, and attend khmer celebrations. Safety and comfort came with familiarity with one's culture. However, what was always lacking was a space to celebrate and preserve the rich history and culture that was nearly lost during the Khmer Rouge. As Long Beach is the home to the greatest population of Cambodians in the US, creating a Cambodian American Cultural center is a great opportunity to preserve Cambodian history, empower and uplift the Khmer community, and educate others in the rich diversity of Long Beach through Khmer culture.	9/4/2021
19. (21-0920) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with community stakeholders to create a vision and feasibility plan that includes identifying potential sites in Long Beach for a Cambodian American Cultural Center that can serve as a hub to promote art, culture, and history.	Tricia Khun	tkhun@hawaii.edu		I am Khmer American living in Hawaii and fully support the creation of a Cambodian American Cultural Center in Long Beach alongside Councilwoman, Suely Saro and my Khmer community. Growing up with a Khmer dad and family, but born in the United States in California, I witnessed the struggles having to navigate such displacement from home and cultural roots in Cambodia. My family, like so many Khmer families here in America, had to navigate our identities and ways of being and living between being Khmer and American. Even though I did not grow up in the direct situation of the war in the 1970s, I am a product and part of the new generation that arose from that war. I grew up speaking no Khmer at all, having no community or place to learn about my heritage and roots, and feeling alone in my identity as a Khmer American. This cultural center will be an important symbol and place of healing, remembrance, connection, community, learning, and celebration for our community. Thank you.	9/4/2021
19. (21-0920) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with community stakeholders to create a vision and feasibility plan that includes identifying potential sites in Long Beach for a Cambodian American Cultural Center that can serve as a hub to promote art, culture, and history.	Ravy Sok	ravysok@gmail.com		I was born and raised in Long Beach as a Cambodian American. The first to be born in this country. I have seen other cultural centers in other cities (e.g. Korean, Chinese, Japanese, etc.), but have always wondered about a Cambodian one. Having a cultural center to help my son learn about his culture would greatly benefit him so that he learn about his roots. Additional programs that come with it would also benefit our community and I look forward to our children and their children's future's benefits from having a Cambodian Cultural Center. Please pass this vision and feasibility plan. Thank you.	9/4/2021

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20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	Ron Bottano	ronald1b@aol.com		As a Long Beach resident of 30 years, I wholeheartedly agree with Councilwomen Suzie Price's editorial shared with Senator Lena Gonzales. We need a city specific approach that considers incentives from proper planning and responsiveness to the housing crisis, and not a one-size fits all approach that destroys the community elements that link our citizens together. These approaches need to take a deliberate consideration of impact on city infrastructure and resources, including parks, public safety responsiveness, and public utility demands. I echo the Councilwomen's viewpoint that "Treating all cities as though they are equally refusing to make housing policy improvements creates policies that harm communities, creates unintended consequences, and continues to make housing a politically divisive issue rather than the important and pragmatic policy discussion it should be."	9/7/2021
20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Like most Long Beach residents, I'm a renter. SB9 and SB 10 are GOOD POLICIES for unblocking modest housing development on scarce land. They empower property owners to make decisions about their own properties. And they've been sufficiently modified and adapted to empower the City Council to block developments if they'd like to. There's a reason people like me can't afford a home and it's because for decades, cities kowtowed to home owners, ignoring the consistent underdevelopment that's endemic across California. I strongly oppose this motion because it represents the same kind of NIMBYism and housing cartel behavior that got us into these homelessness and affordability crises. Vote NO.	9/7/2021
20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	Paul Babcock	woodwacker1@msn.com		Testing this unfriendly city system	9/7/2021
20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	ROBERTA HINES	hines.roberta@verizon.net		Please voice opposition. Additional dwellings on properties would destroy the peacefulness we have worked hard to maintain. Very worried about increase in crime and reduction in property values. Bill is not well thought out and would destroy current zoning regulations which were put there for a reason.	9/7/2021
20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	John Martoni	jmart33@hotmail.com		Our most desirable neighborhoods have a mix of housing types and incomes because duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes are mixed in with single family homes: Belmont Shore, Belmont Heights, Bluff Park and Naples all have a mix of housing types and they are very nice areas. Something has to be done about housing affordability and supply is key. Allowing duplexes does not mean that suddenly everyone is going to tear their homes down and build apt complexes.	9/7/2021
20. (21-0921) Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.	Michelle Lewis	speedygirl12345@yahoo.com		I oppose this agenda item as the governor should not veto Senate Bills 9 and 10.	9/4/2021

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21. (21-0922) Recommendation to direct City Manager to report back in 90 days with a plan to create a Commission on Women and Girls in the City of Long Beach, as recommended by the Long Beach Human Relations Commission.	Tony Turek	tturek33@gmail.com		There are many many many streets in Long Beach that have been in need of major repairs and go ignored by the city manager and our representatives. One example is at 3565 Linden Ave. This street as many others throughout the city is a mess. I called the council member for the area and also the city office handing street repair and was advised this street was not on the schedule for repair this year or next. WTF! We pay taxes for this why can't the city keep up the streets. This and the many other streets didn't just go bad overnight; they have been ignored for years.	9/7/2021
21. (21-0922) Recommendation to direct City Manager to report back in 90 days with a plan to create a Commission on Women and Girls in the City of Long Beach, as recommended by the Long Beach Human Relations Commission.	CR Wynne	crwjk960@gmail.com		I support the creation and funding of a Commission on the Status of Women & Girls. I ask for a "Yes" vote from all council persons for this proposed Commission.	9/2/2021
22. (21-0873) Recommendation to approve that a section of Marine Stadium Park be named the "Conductor Larry Curtis Concert Park". (District 3)	ROBERTA HINES	hines.roberta@verizon.net		I support this recommendation as he has been a great asset.	9/7/2021
22. (21-0873) Recommendation to approve that a section of Marine Stadium Park be named the "Conductor Larry Curtis Concert Park". (District 3)	Andy Pesich	pesicha@yahoo.com		Via a municipal tax, the Municipal Band was formed over a century ago to provide an "American" (mean Anglo-Saxon) band to replace the Marine Band, which was comprised primarily of Italian-Americans. The unfortunate history of the band thereon was exclusionary practices. Under Larry Curtis, there was never an open audition for the band. He selected members from musicians he knew in Orange County as well as recommendations again from musicians he knew in Orange County. The truly famous director of historical note of the band was Herbert L. Clarke, who had served solo cornetist and assistant to John Philip Sousa. Yes, Larry Curtis was good at being a director; but, he was not in the same league as Herbert L. Clarke (Director from 1923 to 1943). The park should be named after Clarke.	9/7/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Stephanie Rosenblatt	drrosa@hotmail.com		Lack of enforcement of city ordinances related to dogs off leash on the beach: I think Rosie's Dog Beach is a great idea and I have no problem with designated off-leash areas. However, a large number of dog owners now treat the entire beach as a dog beach and not only walk their dogs and allow them to urinate and defecate all over the beach, but allow their dogs off leash. If lifeguards are not working I cannot sit on the beach near my home without being run over by unleashed animals. Earlier in the summer several off leash dogs overran me and my nieces while we were sitting by the water. One peed on me and my niece. The dog's owner was sunbathing hundreds of yards away. We were not in the dog beach area and were close to the east side of the pier. On Labor Day I was unable to sit on the beach because there were dogs running loose all over it. Change the ordinance to something we can afford to enforce or rename the beach.	9/7/2021