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**Subject:** Re: Item 18 6/10/20 Agenda

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Dear Council members and Mayor,

I write to strongly second the Ann Cantrell's message below.

We not only don't need compensated advisory commission; we don't even need most uncompensated advisory commissions.

Our populous city contains many citizens and residents who are capable and willing to provide thoughtful and even expert advice -

not for ego-boosts from special appointments nor for pay, but simply as citizens doing civic duty and public service.

And anyhow you don't need specially compensated advisory commissions to tell you about the city's - and in particular the municipal government's big fiscal and budget priority problems.

As you should know (because most or all of you worked to have them all happen), for starters these problems include:

Spending \$1 billion to have needless new offices for bureaucrats who could (in this info/telecom age) - and at times even must (thanks to occasional traumas like covid and 911)- be working remotely or at home.

Meanwhile leaving it to federal whim whether if ever to maintain adequate fire stations and fire engines.

Spending ever more money on fewer police, in order to get a force which doesn't protect innocent businesses from destruction.

Giving 'planners' six-figure salaries to promote 'plans' to squander \$85 million on a dysfunctional poorly accessed reduced-life swim-dive facility to be deliberately sited in harm's way contra both common-sense and State of California planning guidelines - and meanwhile in Torrance they recently built a fully functional readily accessed full-life facility for \$15 million.

In its small but telling way, the proposal before you exemplifies this disastrous Oscar Wilde approach to expenditure - 'give me the luxuries, the necessities will take care of themselves' . This approach is making Long Beach municipal government not merely a laughingstock but a sad and ultimately disastrous example - a spoiled rich kid obstinately headed for dysfunction and bankruptcy.

Please start in a small way to reject this shoot-own-feet approach, by rejecting the proposal before you.

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Dear Decision Makers:

I urge you to vote No on this proposal to pay appointed commissioners who have no power to create or enforce policy. I also object to paying council members for attending committee meetings which sometimes last no longer than two or three minutes. With the economy and the city budget in its present state, this is no time to be adding unnecessary expenses.

Would someone please explain why there is no Fiscal Impact included in the Staff Report on this item? I thought this was required by law.

Sincerely,  
Ann Cantrell