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<p>16. (22-0826) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, concluding the public hearing to consider the modification and renewal of the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District (DLBPBID); direct City Clerk to tabulate the ballots and report the results of the tabulation to the Mayor and City Council during the July 19, 2022 meeting; and, if a majority of ballots received are in favor of the renewal of the DLBPBID, adopt resolution to modify and renew the DLBPBID for a term of 10 years, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032. (Districts 1,2)</p>	Henry Williams	hencar11@verizon.net		<p>My wife, Carolyn W. Williams and I do NOT agree to the renewal of the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District. We are unable to attend tonight's meeting, but want to have our comments counted. Thank you. Henry R. & Carolyn W. Williams 90802; Phone (562) 436-4665</p>	7/19/2022
<p>17. (22-0827) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, concluding the public hearing to consider the renewal of the Midtown Business Improvement District (MBID); direct City Clerk to tabulate the ballots and report the results of the tabulation to the Mayor and City Council during the July 19, 2022 meeting; and, if a majority of ballots received are in favor of the renewal of the MBID, adopt resolution to renew the MBID for a term of 10 years, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032. (District 6)</p>	Julie Daniels	cambodiansnow@gmail.com		<p>I've lived in/near Cambodia Town since 1990s; I'm currently a volunteer in the community. Hence, I have a long history and varied perspective.</p> <p>The Executive Director, Monorom Neth, has established a rapport with the business owners to connect them with the resources they never knew existed and initiated activities to improve and bring the community together. I enjoyed the business mixers that were hosted by different business owners, which allowed the business owners and residents to learn valuable business-related information and connect on a personal level.</p> <p>During Monorom's leadership, I've noticed the consistent cleanup projects, increased security, and various engaging activities. My favorite event is the Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival that takes place every April, and Midtown was one of the sponsors.</p> <p>Monorom was a constant presence in Midtown and an effective point person who helped people navigate the city's bureaucracy. I hope Midtown will be renewed.</p>	7/19/2022

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Monorom Neth	monorom@yahoo.com		<p>My name is Monorom Neth I'm writing to support the renewal of the Midtown BID. Midtown is home of many ethnic minorities owned business, some since 1980. MBID provided security services 8 hr./day, 5 days/week. Pick up trash 3x/week and power wash the sidewalk, 1/wk.</p> <p>MBID with Arts Council, Cambodia Town, and UCC to create 8 murals, 5 of them in Midtown; a monthly cleanup, and yearly e-waste recycling.</p> <p>Banners on Anaheim St. to designate the boundaries and create repeat exposure for a regular commuter.</p> <p>Sponsor of AOC7 Fair, the Cambodia Town Culture Festival, brought thousands of foot traffic to local businesses.</p> <p>COVID-19 MBID raise \$4,500 to support small businesses and residents in Midtown.</p> <p>164 familied benefited. ALL items were purchased from businesses in Midtown. Assisted businesses to sustain by purchasing canopies for outside dining and small business promotion with gift certificates.</p> <p>Civil unrest: Organize clean team to help businesses that were vandalized.</p>	7/19/2022

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Linda Reach	lindareach2016@gmail.com		<p>It is with high hopes the Midtown Business Improvement District (MBID) in District 6 can carry on. The MBID is much needed in this underserved community located in the heart of Cambodia Town.</p> <p>Businesses in the MBID is a longstanding and thriving community with many diverse experiences to be had with the assistance of the current Executive Director, Monorom Neth. He has been instrumental in helping businesses remain in operation during the pandemic by connecting and disseminating valuable resources such as the COVID Response and CARES Act for small businesses.</p> <p>Furthermore, MBID unquestionably needs high visibility of security presence to assist business with safety related issues. There has noticeably been an uptick in homeless encampments due to the lack of security professionals working in conjunction with the Long Beach Police Departments Quality of Life and other homeless outreach organizations.</p> <p>In closing, I anticipate the renewal of the MBID to continue its mission.</p>	7/19/2022
<p>19. (22-0829) Recommendation to request City Manager to direct the appropriate departments to review the existing process for individuals entering the permitting process for apartments and Accessory Dwelling Units and design a program that would both incentivize acceptance of vouchers for housing and educate landlords on how Housing Choice Vouchers work; and</p> <p>Request a letter outlining potential incentives related to the Water Department be sent to the Water Commissioners for consideration.</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Oppose.</p> <p>Where is it written you have to pipe in natural gas in at all for multi-unit properties and/or lots with ADUs?</p> <p>Per the LB Post article on this item: "Mungo Flanigan's said her plan could be mutually beneficial for the city and its utility departments because it could help meet conservation goals while also helping to only charge tenants for what they use, rather than a landlord charging a flat fee."</p> <p>There are a number of California cities considering bans on natural gas in home construction - electrifying buildings is an actual thing, one much better for meeting "conservation goals" (what are those, again?) than being able to pipe and meter in more gas.</p> <p>Dave Shukla</p>	7/19/2022

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<p>22. (22-0837) Recommendation to receive and file the Letter of Completion from the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Long Beach Minimum Wage for Healthcare Workers.</p>	<p>Dave Shukla</p>	<p>dave.shukla@gmail.com</p>		<p>Support</p>	<p>7/19/2022</p>

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<p>23. (22-0832) Recommendation to approve the 2023 - 2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 First Action Plan (Action Plan), and prior Action Plan Amendments (FY 2021-2022, 2020-2021, 2018-2019, 2017-2018) for the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program Grant Funds; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and other entities necessary to receive these funds, and execute agreements necessary to implement and comply with related federal regulations. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		How concerning is it that most of the geographic areas dedicated for CDBG and other funds are concentrated in the Central, West, and North parts of Long Beach, including some notable areas of change in our 2021 redistricting map? Note that there are fewer sites in 'high resource' areas east of Temple St. Virtually nothing NE of the Willow and Bellflower intersection. Has that been the norm since these neighborhoods were built?	7/19/2022
<p>26. (22-0835) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. R-7193 and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into contracts, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., of El Segundo, CA, Bitech Construction Co., Inc., of Buena Park, CA, Blue Nose IT Solutions, Inc., DBA Blue Nose Construction of Los Angeles, CA, Good-Men Roofing Construction, Inc. of San Diego, CA, Harry Joh Construction, Inc. of Paramount, CA, Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., of Orange, CA, MIK Construction Inc., of Whittier, CA, PUB Construction, Inc., of Diamond Bar, CA, SJD&B, Inc., of Walnut, CA, Vincor Construction, Inc., of Brea, CA, and, World Wide Construction, Inc., of San Pedro, CA, for various infrastructure repairs and improvements throughout Long Beach, to be performed under the method of Job Order Contracting (JOC), in a total aggregate annual amount of \$40,000,000, for a period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Interesting	7/19/2022