

eComments Report for the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee Meeting Agenda of May 23, 2023

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1. (23-0543) Recommendation to conduct a study session on the Committee's description and discuss future Committee agenda items, areas of focus, and interest topics; and, if necessary, adopt a recommendation to establish agenda items to be heard at future Committee meetings.	jennifer abod	jabod@jenniferabod.com						I think Long Beach should have a Poet Laureate. Other cities do. I think that Long Beach should have a poetry as part of the effort in the city. The arts here focuses on Visual Arts. The way folks can come together across age, race class, etc is through poetry. It is one way to experience each other and also to hear what we think about poetry. The city could create a poetry day with local musicians in the street or in the park. There are many poets here without venues to provided by the city and venues are hard to come by, especially those that also serve refreshments and cater to different ages and different communities..	5/23/2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT	LB Justice Watch	lbjusticewatch@gmail.com						<p>A local Long Beach celebrated Artist Bodeck Hernandez has several murals across the city. This is the abuser and predator that has used his platform to sexually assault and to prey on women while he continues to hide behind his art. These murals portray a positive message yet they leave the survivors haunted by his abuse.</p> <p>Out of respect and safety of our community we ask you to cover up these murals. Bodeck Hernandez causes harm to our city and he is not a good model for our community. It's unfortunate that even the most diverse and beautiful places in our city can be tarnished with such trauma and wrongdoing. Art and celebration does not excuse his abuse</p> <p>Mural are located at: District 9 Houghton Park 6301 Myrtle Ave, Long Beach, CA 90805, United States</p> <p>District 1 Drake park and children's playground 951 Maine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813, United States</p> <p>District 6 Behavioral Health Clinic 1187 East Anaheim Street Long Beach, CA</p> <p>District 1 Long Beach City Hall Public Works Dept Office</p>	5/23/2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT	griselda suarez	griselda.suarez@artslb.org						<p>I respectfully request consideration regarding topics for enhancing our city's arts and cultural landscape. We request the Committee's review in the following topics through study sessions within the next 12 months:</p> <p>Receive an update regarding the success and next steps of the 1% for the Arts program.</p> <p>Receive an update regarding the success and next steps with Measure B funds.</p> <p>Discuss new opportunities for Public Art and explore sustainable approaches to incorporate ongoing maintenance costs into new and existing projects.</p> <p>Review the availability of venues throughout Long Beach and devise a plan to activate new venue spaces of all sizes, accommodating local artists and facilitating large national shows.</p> <p>By diving deeper, we can create a more inclusive and inviting environment for all to live, work, and perform in Long Beach. We believe future study sessions/agenda items will contribute to achieving these goals.</p> <p>Griselda Suarez Executive Director Arts Council for Long Beach</p>	5/23/2023