

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of May 19, 2020

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11. (20-0448) Recommendation to direct City Manager to create an open streets initiative and explore ways to open more public space throughout Long Beach to allow for increased outdoor activities, safer access to public transit, and stronger economic recovery, all while maintaining appropriate social and physical distancing.	Kathleen Irvine	bluegeckodesignlb@gmail.com						The best thing that could come out of this terrible ordeal would be a re-emphasis on people and community rather than cars and parking. I would LOVE to see parking lots, side streets, vacant lots devoted to restaurants and pedestrian uses and bike traffic. Roundabouts, crosswalks, bulbouts. Anything to discourage speeding traffic and slow everyone down. Thank you.	5/15/2020
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