

From: Cindy Allen [mailto:cindy@cindyallen.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:59 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Comment Agenda Item #26

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Council:

I fully support moving forward with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Our current policy is not only outdated, it is ineffective and out of step with what our city needs. I appreciate the Council's efforts in taking concrete steps to ensure all our city's residents have access to affordable housing. It is critical that we replace the existing inclusionary housing program with something more aggressive.

Long Beach is divided in many aspects of our community between those who have money and power and those who do not. If we want to truly make housing more affordable, we must all do our part. The existing program is voluntary and, according to the staff report, "there are no records indicating that any affordable housing units have ever been produced." It is time to make inclusionary housing mandatory in the fastest growing parts of Long Beach and incentivized across the whole city, with the eventual goal of mandating inclusionary housing citywide.

Land Use Element Policy 13-1 states that we must "avoid creating concentrations of below-market-rate housing in underserved and low-income neighborhoods." That is exactly what the NIMBY crowd wants to do. They want to close their eyes to the difficulties people face around Long Beach and push those who are struggling into concentrated areas. "Not in my backyard" is not a responsible solution. It only further divides our city.

I strongly believe our city's housing policies are in desperate need of an update. We are in the middle of a housing and homelessness crisis. The proposal put forward by the planning commission represents a step forward in creating more affordable housing in this city. I encourage the City Council to implement the recommendations from the planning committee, but then we must continue to work toward the strongest inclusionary policy possible.

Cindy Allen

The logo for Cindy Allen, City Council member. It features the name "Cindy Allen" in a blue, sans-serif font with a small star above the "i" in "Cindy". Below the name, the words "CITY COUNCIL" are written in a smaller, blue, all-caps, sans-serif font. A thin blue horizontal line is positioned between the name and the title.



Cindy Allen (She/Her/Hers)

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From: Jeannine Pearce <jeannine.pearce@gmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 9:59 AM

To: Cindy Allen <cindy@cindyallen.com>, Robert Garcia <robertgarcialb@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fwd: Fw: objection, transitional housing map pg 43

These are NOT IN MY BACK YARD PEOPLE.

This is the one biggest thing you can get Robert fox on - he clearly opposes affordable housing. He can talk the talk. - but when it comes to actions he fights against it every time.

----- Forwarded message -----

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:55 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re Agenda item 19 and Agenda Item 26

-EXTERNAL-

Please distribute to council members and LBDS

I am requesting a no vote on agenda items 19 and 26.

Regarding: Agenda Item 19 Inclusive and Low Income Housing

Our community is supportive of housing for low income individuals and families as long as it is mixed with affordable, and middle income residents as well. It is never ok to have an entire building consist of residents who are low income. This smacks of the housing project era and I don't think anyone would desire to live in that type of environment.

These buildings must be constructed to support what the citizens of Long Beach advocated for and our council voted for in regard to height and density in the Land Use Element.

Development must provide for sufficient parking for the residents in accordance to the provisions in the Land Use Element.

Regarding Agenda Item 26. Safe Parking

What are the strict assurances you can give the citizens who live near these Safe Parking areas that they will not be subject to feces, urine, dumped items, loud music, sex in the cars, difficult and dangerous behavior? These are the very situations we are faced with every day with our homeless population. Our city has not been able to curtail these activities as yet and how will they be able to do this with persons living in their cars? This is an unhealthy situation for all concerned.

AB1763 which was passed in 2019 allows for incentives to developers if they put in 100% transitional or low income housing. Those incentives to construct buildings that are higher than allowed in the Land Use Element is in direct opposition to what our citizens asked for and what our council voted for in the Land Use Element.

According to our Mayor our homeless population is down to about 1800 or so individuals. Why would we need to build so many housing units for transitional housing? Perhaps the plan is for low and very low income housing. If that is actually the case, it is never a good idea to have residents who are experiencing extreme financial strain to take up residence in one building. In the past, this has led to horrible pockets of crime and other social ills.

Unfortunately, because the developers are driven by profits and not best practices, we have to remain diligent and watchful that the needs of all of this city's citizens are considered.

Am asking you to vote no on these two items.

Thank you,

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff

From: Michelle Arend-Ekhoff [mailto:marendekhoff@yahoo.com]
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I have a couple of questions regarding the need for the large number of transitional housing units being proposed. Didn't our Mayor just publish an announcement about how the number of individuals experiencing homelessness has reduced to maybe around 2,000 individuals? Why so much housing? What is the real plan? Look carefully at agenda item number 19. 20-0526. This is asking our city attorney to prepare an ordinance that would amend Title 21 of the muni code. Read it. It is a mandatory incentive-based inclusionary housing program. Inclusionary housing is low income. If inclusionary housing is just that inclusionary- meaning all sorts of different income levels would be able to live in that building-fine. I ask- what is the incentive? I've heard it is to add another story onto a building that currently has height limits via The Land Use Element. Is it also part of the mandatory requirement to have the building be 100% low income? There have been plenty of studies that have shown that this is not a good idea. It is like have a housing project. When have you ever seen a housing project that was a great place to live??

These issues are important and unfortunately it is really hard to keep up with a lot of city dealings. But, if they know that you are at least motivated enough to read just a bit of this stuff they might take us more seriously.

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Re: Please forward to City Council for meeting tonight; Agenda Item 19 Inclusionary Housing and Agenda Item 26

Good Afternoon, my name is Benita Shaw-Malone. I live in the 4th district. It was just brought to my attention through one of my neighbors, Agenda Item 19 ; Inclusionary Housing and Agenda Item 26 that would change the commercial definition to allow residential building on commercial sites; would be up for a vote this evening.

It is my understanding that Item 19 would allow developers to get density bonuses to build low income housing in our city including areas regarded as largely residential suburban areas. The density bonuses could include increased height, more and smaller units, no parking guaranteed, especially when the development is close to a transit stop.

Item 26 would change “commercial” definition to allow residential building on commercial sites. The city would be able to encourage developers to build transitional, low income housing, residential drug rehab centers on land that has or will be vacated by businesses across the city. This would include large parcels like K-Mart on Bellflower and Spring , bldg. on Sterns and Lakewood, Etc...

We are living during a code red pandemic. It appalls me and my neighbors that items that affect our neighborhoods are to be voted on without community meetings and input. I shudder to think what would have happened if my neighbor had not pulled our coattails. Where are the environmental studies? How would this affect the proposed areas in terms of density, crime, etc....?

I am against voting on this item until you have community input and meetings. We can have a zoom or social distance meeting, but please include us, the community when these kinds of serious decisions.

Respectfully Yours,

Benita Shaw-Malone

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From: James cook [mailto:jlcook_227@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:39 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Transitional Housing and safe parking zones changes item on agenda July 14, 2020

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

Please distribute this email to all City Council Members and Mayor Robert Garcia for the transitional housing and safe parking zones changes item on the City Council meeting agenda for July 14, 2020.

I like Long Beach, or at least I used to. I am a third generation resident with fifth generation relatives living in this city. We are invested in it's well being.

I am writing to object to the changing of the definition of commercial and institutional zoning to allow building transitional and safe parking for homeless people who have come to Long Beach.

I am most concerned with the lack of due process and hearings that would involve Conditional Use Permits, comments from the public for the California Environmental Quality Act, traffic reports and Environmental Impact Reports.

Just recently our wonderful city worked across districts and engaged many citizens to achieve a General Use Plan that met the needs of our city and satisfied State requirements. This proposed agenda item is a slap in the face of the lawful, taxpaying citizens of this city, who worked so hard to arrive at that General Use Plan for a Charter City.

The other problem is what the properties would be used for. Unfortunately, many of us have had unpleasant, menacing and threatening encounters with the mentally ill, drug using homeless roaming freely through our city and are terrified of the prospect of them being placed even closer. You may mean well or you stand to gain financially from this item, but your proposal does nothing to solve the problem.

In a recent article by Michelle Weiner-Davis, LCSW, she writes, "People can change. They do it all the time-WHEN CHANGE BECOMES IMPORTANT TO THEM. And you shouldn't accept behaviors that violate your own important personal values."

You are asking the good people of Long Beach to put up with vile behavior that violates the values of the majority of the citizens of the City of Long Beach.

I urge you to vote no on the proposed agenda item.

Sincerely,
Lida Cook
5th District

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Dierl [<mailto:CDierl@charter.net>]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:09 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: agenda items 19 & 26

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I'm surer you will be receiving plenty of messages about agenda items 19 & 26, inclusionary, interim, and transitional housing .

Rather than restate what I'm sure many other are saying in detail, just please let the council and mayor know that one more family of three voters is requesting that our elected representatives oppose increased density of any kind, and avoid changing zoning to allow the destruction of traditional single-family-home neighborhoods.

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From: Kevin Notrica [<mailto:kevin.notrica@me.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:39 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Mortgage Forgiveness

-EXTERNAL-

July 14, 2020

Mayor Garcia and Council Members,

I am asking that a resolution to our local Congressional delegation advocating for mortgage forgiveness for those that don't have a federally backed loan due to lack of income and housing providers being required to pay property taxes and their maintenance crews to keep up their buildings all without rent.

Thank you,

Kevin Notrica

102 Saint Joseph Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90803

Tel: 562-715-5961

From: D. W. [mailto:godanw@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:50 PM

To: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Gabriela Yates <Gabriela.Yates@longbeach.gov>; Dee Andrews <Dee.Andrews@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Re: Emergency Rental Assistance Program Applications

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Council Woman Price

Thank you to the City of Long Beach. This rental assistance for citizens fortifies the future hopes of the public when distributed fairly. This is just as important as paying for police protection. As a matter of fact it may alleviate some of the duties and need for some police assistance, because it lessens the creation of desperation. That is another way of creating and continuing a harmonic society and community. The future is hybrid dual methodology. No matter what the present situation has ushered in this thinking as a must. That is the coming structural approach, not just concerning justice, but intellectual functionality going forward.

Best regards,

Danny Wilson - Masters of Management Public Administration, Recommended City Commissioner 2007, Sociologist

On Fri, Jul 10, 2020, 9:27 AM Councilwoman Suzie Price <district3@longbeach.gov> wrote:

**Long Beach Application for Emergency
Rental Assistance for Qualifying Tenants
Impacted by COVID-19**

Dear Neighbor,

The City has released application forms and program materials for a newly launched **rental assistance program** that will help provide relief to qualified tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Link to Rental Assistance Application Information](#)

The **Long Beach CARES Emergency Rental Assistance Program (LB CARES)**, will provide up to **\$1,000 per month** of rental assistance payments for up to **three months** on behalf of **qualifying Long Beach residents** who have **lost income due to COVID-19** and meet federal low-income requirements. The monthly assistance payments will be **provided directly to property owners or landlords** on behalf of qualifying residents and will be applicable to rent due during the eligible period from March 27, 2020, until the end of the City's **[Safer at Home Order](#)**.

Eligible applicants will be required to submit documentation confirming substantive income losses caused by job layoffs, furloughs or reduction in hours or pay during the COVID-19 pandemic period beginning March 27. All documentation, including rental lease agreements, will be subject to verification.

Specific program details are as follows:

- Applicants may request that application materials be sent by postal mail by calling **562.570.3000** during business hours or emailing **LBCares@longbeach.gov**.
- Applications also may be **picked up in-person** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays only at the Long Beach City Hall Plaza (411 W. Ocean Blvd.) The pick-ups will continue until Thursday, July 23, 2020.
- To give prospective applicants time to review the program requirements and gather necessary documents, completed application packages will be accepted by postal mail only from Monday, **July 13, to Monday, July 27, 2020**.
 - The packages must be **postmarked by no later than July 27** and mailed to: Long Beach CARES Emergency Rental Assistance Program, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.

- Completed application packages may also be **submitted in person** between **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** only at the Long Beach City Hall Plaza.
 - In-person applications are accepted starting on Tuesday, July 14, continuing through Thursday, July 23, 2020.
- **Online submissions will not be accepted.**
- All applications will be placed into a **lottery pool**. **Approximately 1,700** applications will be randomly selected in August of 2020.
- City staff will review and verify the selected applications. Additional lottery drawings may occur to replace any incomplete or ineligible applications that were originally selected.
- Applicants will be notified of their results as soon as possible by postal mail.
- City staff will contact the applicant's property owner or landlord for an IRS W-9 form and Program Participation-Payment Acceptance Agreement.
- If approved, a check will then be mailed directly to the property owner/landlord on behalf of the eligible applicant. Payments are estimated to be issued **beginning August 24, 2020**.

LB CARES is funded by a **\$3 million Federal Community Development Block Grant** Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and \$2 million in re-appropriated HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. Additionally, the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has contributed \$300,000 in funding for the program.

For additional information or questions about LB CARES, call 562.570.3000 during business hours or email LBCares@longbeach.gov.

If you have questions please feel free to contact my office any time at (562)570-6300 or by email at district3@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,
Suzie Price
Councilwoman, Third District

Third District Council Office
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 11th Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802
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Subject: Re: LBUSD Virtual and In-Person Options for Fall Semester & bungalows improved

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your efforts. But bungalows for teaching in a COVID 19 world going forward - with no running water are toilets or heat or ventilation, and teacher not able to wash or clean is unsatisfactory. Some bring their own fans. Remember the word airborne applies to COVID 19. The need to be modified to escape sickness and a lawsuit must not be ignored. The mayor touting great progress is still allowing cave room teaching. This is not civilized when sanitation is Paramount. Some city salaries would cost less than it would take to pipe the structures, seriously. This type of teaching is archaic. Safety is for all public workers and not to mention the young. I am a professional. I should get paid for the things I bring to you attention, but the urgency seems more important than keeping it to myself. Thank you.

Best regards to all.

Danny Wilson - Masters of Management Public Administration, Sociologist, Recommended City of Long Beach Commissioner 2007

On Thu, Jul 9, 2020, 2:05 PM Councilwoman Suzie Price <district3@longbeach.gov> wrote:

**LBUSD Virtual and In-Person Options
for Fall Semester**

Dear Neighbor,

In my continuing efforts to ensure that all Long Beach residents are aware of issues that affect them, I want to provide you an update on the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) plans for the coming school year. Although the City Council and the School Board operate separately, it is important that everyone is updated.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, parents and students in the Long Beach Unified School District will be able to choose among in-person and virtual learning plans for the fall semester, with class sizes drastically reduced and an option for at-home classes at each grade level. LBUSD families will be able to choose from a range of options, which will be different for each grade level that take into account state and local health department guidelines.

[Link to Video from Superintendent](#)

Elementary Schools

Parents of elementary school students will be able to select an in-person option that would see students in the classroom with their teacher for half of the day, and then in a "supervised learning environment" for the other half of the day. There will be a hybrid option where students can spend half of the day with their teacher, and the other half of the day at home with work to complete. There will also be distance learning options available that will allow students to do all of their learning at home.

Middle Schools

Middle schools students will also have an on-campus option that would allow them to receive in-person instruction part-time, with childcare options available for families that need their children on campus five days a week. Middle school students will also be able to do their learning at home with an LBUSD teacher, with expanded independent learning options.

High Schools

High school students will be on an every other day schedule for in-person learning, with digital learning and work from home on the other days. They will also have independent learning options that includes dual enrollment to LBUSD and Long Beach City College.

The Superintendent also announced that **further information** on these details will be **available July 15, 2020**.

If you have questions please go to lbschools.net or you can call LBUSD's main number at **562.997.8000**.

Sincerely,
Suzie Price
Councilwoman, Third District

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Date: July 14, 2020

To: City Clerk for distribution to Council Members, City Manager, Development Services and LBPD

From: Corliss Lee, President Eastside Voice

Regarding: Agenda item 19 20-0526 and Agenda item 26 20-0585 on City Council Agenda for 7/14/20

AGENDA ITEM 19 INCLUSIVE/LOW INCOME HOUSING

I am not opposed to low income housing being a part of my neighborhood if

- it is a few units in a building and the building locations are spread out
- the building is constructed in accordance with the heights and density that were defined in the Land Use Plan
- environmental reviews are conducted that include traffic and parking studies
- the public has the opportunity to comment in the planning phase

AGENDA ITEM 26 Safe Parking

Safe Parking lots should be established for the Long Beach population and not encourage those from other cities to move into Long Beach. The inhabitants should be required to work with the Homeless Multi-Service Center to work toward moving off the street. The wording in the staff report does not seem to require security be on the premises in all cases.

PERSPECTIVE:

Economic diversity is a part of small town living. The suburbs in large cities are basically neighborhoods that are small towns within a large city. Diversity of all types makes for a rich experience. Almost every family has a member or knows someone that has problems, whether it be drugs, mental illness, handicaps, low I.Q., behavior issues, an arrest record etc. In a small town, these folks are generally a minority component, but they are a part of the fabric of life. Compassion in dealing with their plight is part of what makes us human. They teach us to give.

The best case scenario is their family takes care of them. Churches can be next in line to alleviate suffering and lend support. When those two entities are not sufficient to take care of basic needs, people fall into the homeless lifestyle of "camping out." Many people on the streets prefer their lifestyle, the freedom it affords, the self-actualization of making their own decisions. I'm told by social services that about 80% of those that social services helps into facilities – programs – assisted living etc. leave within a couple of months and return to the streets. They prefer their freedom and the laws allow it. But now they will be familiar with the neighborhoods around these housing facilities and will likely take up residence where they have become comfortable.

Building housing will not solve a set of problems that were not caused by a lack of housing. Root cause is not being addressed in these proposals (agenda items 19 and 26).

My objection to the plans shown in Agenda Item 19 (inclusive – low income housing) and 26 (transitional/interim housing) are that creating facilities that can potentially house large numbers of the indigent and homeless populations creates an unhealthy and dangerous situation for the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposal to put "low barrier" (meaning they are not required to be in a rehab program or mentally ill and not on meds) into a community

where children and everyday citizens are being exposed to them does not promote safe and healthy living for the general population.

No neighborhood in Long Beach should be subjected to that.

Unfortunately, the State has passed laws that incentivize rampant development to include facilities that have not just one or two units that could be troublesome, but potentially a multi-story facility with great numbers of problem tenants.

NEW LAWS

Not mentioned in the staff report on agenda item 19 or 26 is AB1763 passed in 2019 incentivizes developers to build multi-story facilities, promising that if they will put in 100% affordable or transitional housing,

-they can add up to 3 stories beyond what is allowed by zoning or a city's approved Land Use Plan,

- have unlimited density (many small units) and

- limited parking or none at all is required.

There are many additional laws addressing this topic and one requirement is that low income housing remain in place for 55 years. If we build these, they have the potential to be a blight on every neighborhood where they are constructed for years to come. That is a recipe for disaster.

LONG BEACH HISTORY

City Staff is recommending that our City Council approve these agenda items and unleash the developers to do whatever suits them to make a profit. It is inconsistent with a Council Member's responsibilities to allow this situation to take root in Long Beach. The outcome will be far worse than "the crackerbox" era¹ when developers were unleashed to build multi-story buildings in residential neighborhoods. The outcome was a crime wave, filthy streets, a long term blight on the neighborhoods where they were built. My prediction is that these plans to build transitional and inclusive housing will have 10X the negative impact of the crackerboxes in the years to come – unless we amend the plans to avoid the pitfalls.

The NIMBY/YIMBY talk is nonsense. There is a basic misunderstanding that promotes thinking that those that resist density and building facilities like this are people that are intolerant of diversity. I walked the 5th district in 2018 and I can report that I only met 2 bigots that spoke in those terms. The average citizen is concerned about 3 things with respect to land use: TRAFFIC, PARKING AND CRIME. I heard those issues repeated over and over when I was going door to door.

If what we are doing negatively impacts our safety – if it makes our daily lives miserable with excessive traffic problems and nowhere to park (and rapid transit alternatives do not exist) – JUST SAY NO!

¹ [Press Telegram article on crackerboxes](http://longbeach4d.blogspot.com/2018/02/?m=1) <http://longbeach4d.blogspot.com/2018/02/?m=1>

Yes we need housing for our own population that cannot compete in an industrial society.
Yes we need to take care of those that cannot take care of themselves.
Yes we can build affordable housing in any neighborhood in Long Beach *but it will only have a measure of safety for the surrounding neighborhood if we limit the number of units in a development.*
All of the above is not an easy-do.

The plans put forth in Agenda items 19 and 26 benefit one segment of the population – **the developers** and in return, sacrifices the safety of our residents and the quality of life that we enjoy in Long Beach today. The public has not been made aware of these plans and would surely object if they were aware. Outreach was inadequate.

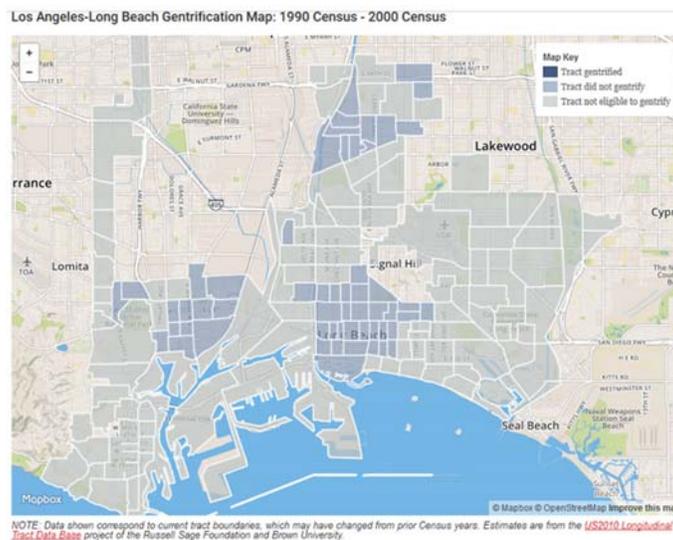
The EVERYONE HOME task force put forth some good ideas, but they have not been vetted with the public. I can tell you in my own experience with a homeless man and with family members that have had substance abuse and/or mental issues that it will take much more than housing to solve these problems. This needs to be much better thought out. Complex problems will not be solved with simple solutions.

MORE SPECIFICS

Taken from the staff report on agenda item 19 INCLUSIVE /low income housing and RHNA² goals:

“In Long Beach, market conditions and development activity vary significantly from one area of the City to another. The Economic Analysis found that only the Downtown (PD-30) and Midtown (SP-1) areas of the City have experienced residential development activity, with the most robust activity occurring in the Downtown area, and several subsidized affordable housing developments occurring in Midtown.”

The Mayor and Council have done NOTHING to encourage development of a single unit of affordable or low income housing downtown. Affordable housing that once was available downtown has been replaced with expensive high rise condos. The downtown area shows on maps as completely “gentrified.”



² RHNA means Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Now the solution being promoted by our Mayor, Council and City Staff is to bring in affordable/low income housing and push it out into the suburbs? It also violates the EVERYONE HOME policy to spread these affordable house/low income/transitional housing facilities across the city.

Recommendation: Get rid of that zone 1 zone 2 idea. Based on the map above, the premise it is built on is disingenuous.

VIOLATION OF THE LAND USE PLAN

All of the plans in Agenda items 19 and 26 seem to violate the Land Use Plan that was approved in Dec 2019, with respect to land use, building heights and density. Changing definitions in the zoning code after the plan has been approved and those changes in turn changing the LUE implementation is a violation of public trust.

People that purchased their homes made those decisions based on many factors, but zoning is an important facet of that decision. We passed a Land Use Plan in Dec 2019 that restricted building heights in the suburbs to 2 stories (with exceptions). Density bonuses that come with laws passed (example – AB1763) allow 3 stories to be added. **City staff is suggesting adding additional incentives. This violates our Land Use Plan.** Creating developments that are multi-story, high density and exclusively low income housing, and placing them into suburbs has the potential for devastating effects in the surrounding neighborhood.

IN SUMMARY

I'm fairly certain these agenda items were proposed to bring money into the City and provide future contributions to local politician's campaign funds. Grants become available with compliance to the plans being promoted via laws constructed in the State Legislature. Aligning Long Beach plans with County and City of LA plans promotes political benefits for politicians in our City. Developers that have a prospect of "making a killing" have a habit of rewarding those that make that possible. The taxpayers/ the public/the residents are the big losers in these proposals, suffering the collateral damage³ that comes with plans that in some locations will unleash danger, crime, trash and filth, more traffic and impacted parking. Some homeless folks may be helped along the way.

Please vote no on Agenda items 19 and 26.

Respectfully,

Corliss Lee
President, Eastside Voice

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³ Youtube video [Seattle is Dying](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw&has_verified=1) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw&has_verified=1

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:07 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Craftsman-village@googlegroups.com
Subject: objection, transitional housing map pg 43

-EXTERNAL-

In a city this large the city still wants to further break down our already impacted historic artery.

Seventh Street again! Directly on two corners behind Craftsman Village historic district corners of Orange and Walnut / 7th.

WHY single out those two intersections? WHY?

Anaheim Steet and PCH perfectly understandable, but two tiny corners of a historic district? REALLY?

For transitional housing?

Two tiny neighborhood business clusters.

AND NOTHING positioned in DTLB?! Where all the transit is?! More bad planning?

This looks more like inappropriate revenge planning offered up by a Council member that deceived us during LUE final revenue and even more so now.

ZOOM IN and READ neighbors, online and WRITE! This morning!

In a city that cant even get fireworks under control.

zoom in page 43. WRITE. REQUEST TO SPEAK (link at bottom of page)

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VOTE very carefully Nov 3rd for district 2! Walk the walk and certainly take action. DIG in.

Lisa Marie Harris
c| 562.221.4363

On Jul 12, 2020, at 2:47 PM, 'Michelle Arend-Ekhoff' via Craftsman Village <craftsman-village@googlegroups.com> wrote:

Here we go again. Craftsman neighbors if you value your neighborhood and your property value you need to take a look at this and get involved.

Many of us worked so hard for several years to preserve our neighborhood during the Land Use Element challenge. It's time for a large portion of our citizens to step up and make your voices heard.

Check out the document. Start to organize and let our council and mayor know what you want. The future is yours!!!

Michelle

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Fox <Rfoxent@gmail.com>
Date: July 12, 2020 at 10:38:55 AM PDT
To: roxent@aol.com
Subject: City trying to change the Land Use Element with minimal notice.

This is strangely like the first LUE fight. Please take note that the zoning would not conform to the Place Type Map which the neighborhoods agreed to in each district.

Please review, and get back to me.

Call your Council Office to have them review this for a while.

Send an objection to the City Clerk, for agenda item 26 and for 20.

Let us not give up community participation in our City.

Robert Fox

From: Corliss Lee <eastsidevoice@gmail.com>
Sent: Sun, Jul 12, 2020 9:53 am
Subject: Fwd: Tuesday July 14 is D-Day for re-zoning to accommodate homeless facilities in your neighborhood - agenda item 26

Last week Council voted 9-0 to change the definitions of commercial and institutional to allow building homeless shelters (now called "transitional housing") and "safe parking" for those living in their autos on properties that up until now have excluded residential uses. **This week is the second reading and the final vote.**

There has always been a way to override zoning to allow for a different use with a "conditional use permit." The Council does not need to turn over the appletart to be able to place transitional housing or safe parking where there is an opportunity for development. However, changing the definitions of commercial and institutional will allow developers to put them in without having to go through the process of taking into consideration community input.

Changing the definitions allows our City to reach out and get State funds and grants to help build these developments. In an era of economic downturn, there wouldn't normally be much development, but with State funds in hand, it will encourage developers to purchase the large properties that you see on the maps in the staff presentation. K-Mart, the Ford Dealership, Parkcrest, Town Center are just a few currently showing as targeted on their maps of the eastside. However any lot with a commercial or institutional zoning will be fair game.

There is a law AB1763 that encourages "affordable and transitional housing" by providing incentives to developers under specified conditions.

- add 3 stories to what is shown as the height limit on the Land Use Plan (LUE)
- allow unlimited density in the development
- no requirement to have parking available.

I don't want to be an alarmist, but worse case scenario could be really bad for a neighborhood.

If you are concerned with these plans, please contact the Council by **sending a letter to the City clerk and ask that your letter be distributed to the Council and made part of the official record for agenda item 26.** I don't know if a lawsuit could stop this after the fact, but a lawsuit can only be filed with complaints that were registered before the vote. The format for the email address

is cityclerk@longbeach.gov To add your council member the format is district1@longbeach.gov, district2@longbeach.gov and so on.

Respectfully,

Corliss Lee
President, Eastside Voice
(714) 401 7063

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See page 43 and more – scroll right to see maps

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To: cityclerk@longbeach.gov

Cc: district4@longbeach.gov, district5@longbeach.gov,

Date: 7/14/2020

Re: Please forward to City Council for meeting tonight; Agenda Item 19 Inclusionary Housing and Agenda Item 26

Good Afternoon, my name is John Malone. I reside in the 4th district. It was just brought to my attention through a neighbors, Agenda Item 19 ; Inclusionary Housing and Agenda Item 26 that would change the commercial definition to allow residential building on commercial sites; would be up for a vote this evening.

It was also brought to my attention that Item# 19 would allow developers to get density bonuses to build low income housing in our city including areas regarded as largely residential suburban areas. The density bonuses could include increased height, larger and smaller units, with no parking guaranteed, especially when the development is close to a transit stop.

Item #26 would change “commercial” definition to allow residential building on commercial sites. The city would be able to encourage developers to build transitional, low income housing, residential drug rehab centers on land that has or will be vacated by businesses across the city. This would include large parcels like K-Mart on Bellflower and Spring, bldg. on Sterns and Lakewood, etc...

We are living in this code red pandemic, and it appalls me and my neighbors that items that affect our neighborhood are to be voted on without community meetings, or input. I shudder to think what would have happened had my neighbor not brought this to my/our attention. Where are the environmental studies? How would this affect the proposed areas in terms of density, crime, etc....? I am 100% against the council voting on these items until there is community input and meetings to discuss the pros & cons of these items. We can have a zoom or social distance meeting, but please include us, the community when these kinds of serious decisions.

Respectfully Yours,

John E. Malone

malonej1124@gmail.com

From: Lita Jackson [mailto:litajackson0505@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:30 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Robert Fox for City Council <fox4council@gmail.com>; Kelvin Jackson <kelvin_jackson2001@yahoo.com>; Cynthia Silvas Cell <silvascr@verizon.net>
Subject: Objections to Agenda #26 and 20

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Sir/Madam:

We object Agenda Item 26 and 20. We request that our letter be distributed to the City Council and made part of the official record to Agenda #26.

Thank you.

Lolita and Kelvin Jackson
3255 N. Los Coyotes Diagonal
Long Beach, CA 90808
562-346-0284

From: Isaac Katz [mailto:isaachkatz@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:21 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Support - Agenda Item 26 - Inclusionary Zoning - Housing

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

I'm a Long Beach resident (South Wrigley) and I'm writing in support of Agenda Item 26 in favor of inclusionary zoning. Please distribute this email to all city council members and Mayor Robert Garcia.

Long Beach, like most American cities, was built on the bones of racism, segregation, red lining, and exclusionary zoning. You can see [here](#) some of the very grotesque and vile racism that underlied redlining in our very own neighborhoods in Long Beach. This has created a bigoted, harmful, and exclusionary housing system that exists to this very day. In today's housing crisis, it's only more urgent to build housing for the low income and homeless above all.

I support building housing, including low income housing, throughout the city of Long Beach. I also support allowing residential development on commercial lots. Major commercial corridors like PCH and Anaheim are filled with empty lots and parking lots, and if these lots were turned into housing, particularly low income housing, we would all benefit.

I also encourage Long Beach to implement the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule which Barack Obama implemented but then Trump took back. If this isn't on the agenda, it should be.

Best,
Isaac Katz

Date: July 14, 2020

To: City Clerk for distribution to Council Members, City Manager, Development Services and LBPD

From: Corliss Lee, President Eastside Voice

Regarding: Agenda item 19 20-0526 and Agenda item 26 20-0585 on City Council Agenda for 7/14/20

AGENDA ITEM 19 INCLUSIVE/LOW INCOME HOUSING

I am not opposed to low income housing being a part of my neighborhood if

- it is a few units in a building and the building locations are spread out
- the building is constructed in accordance with the heights and density that were defined in the Land Use Plan
- environmental reviews are conducted that include traffic and parking studies
- the public has the opportunity to comment in the planning phase

AGENDA ITEM 26 Safe Parking

Safe Parking lots should be established for the Long Beach population and not encourage those from other cities to move into Long Beach. The inhabitants should be required to work with the Homeless Multi-Service Center to work toward moving off the street. The wording in the staff report does not seem to require security be on the premises in all cases.

PERSPECTIVE:

Economic diversity is a part of small town living. The suburbs in large cities are basically neighborhoods that are small towns within a large city. Diversity of all types makes for a rich experience. Almost every family has a member or knows someone that has problems, whether it be drugs, mental illness, handicaps, low I.Q., behavior issues, an arrest record etc. In a small town, these folks are generally a minority component, but they are a part of the fabric of life. Compassion in dealing with their plight is part of what makes us human. They teach us to give.

The best case scenario is their family takes care of them. Churches can be next in line to alleviate suffering and lend support. When those two entities are not sufficient to take care of basic needs, people fall into the homeless lifestyle of "camping out." Many people on the streets prefer their lifestyle, the freedom it affords, the self-actualization of making their own decisions. I'm told by social services that about 80% of those that social services helps into facilities – programs – assisted living etc. leave within a couple of months and return to the streets. They prefer their freedom and the laws allow it. But now they will be familiar with the neighborhoods around these housing facilities and will likely take up residence where they have become comfortable.

Building housing will not solve a set of problems that were not caused by a lack of housing. Root cause is not being addressed in these proposals (agenda items 19 and 26).

My objection to the plans shown in Agenda Item 19 (inclusive – low income housing) and 26 (transitional/interim housing) are that creating facilities that can potentially house large numbers of the indigent and homeless populations creates an unhealthy and dangerous situation for the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposal to put "low barrier" (meaning they are not required to be in a rehab program or mentally ill and not on meds) into a community

where children and everyday citizens are being exposed to them does not promote safe and healthy living for the general population.

No neighborhood in Long Beach should be subjected to that.

Unfortunately, the State has passed laws that incentivize rampant development to include facilities that have not just one or two units that could be troublesome, but potentially a multi-story facility with great numbers of problem tenants.

NEW LAWS

Not mentioned in the staff report on agenda item 19 or 26 is AB1763 passed in 2019 incentivizes developers to build multi-story facilities, promising that if they will put in 100% affordable or transitional housing,

-they can add up to 3 stories beyond what is allowed by zoning or a city's approved Land Use Plan,

- have unlimited density (many small units) and

- limited parking or none at all is required.

There are many additional laws addressing this topic and one requirement is that low income housing remain in place for 55 years. If we build these, they have the potential to be a blight on every neighborhood where they are constructed for years to come. That is a recipe for disaster.

LONG BEACH HISTORY

City Staff is recommending that our City Council approve these agenda items and unleash the developers to do whatever suits them to make a profit. It is inconsistent with a Council Member's responsibilities to allow this situation to take root in Long Beach. The outcome will be far worse than "the crackerbox" era¹ when developers were unleashed to build multi-story buildings in residential neighborhoods. The outcome was a crime wave, filthy streets, a long term blight on the neighborhoods where they were built. My prediction is that these plans to build transitional and inclusive housing will have 10X the negative impact of the crackerboxes in the years to come – unless we amend the plans to avoid the pitfalls.

The NIMBY/YIMBY talk is nonsense. There is a basic misunderstanding that promotes thinking that those that resist density and building facilities like this are people that are intolerant of diversity. I walked the 5th district in 2018 and I can report that I only met 2 bigots that spoke in those terms. The average citizen is concerned about 3 things with respect to land use: TRAFFIC, PARKING AND CRIME. I heard those issues repeated over and over when I was going door to door.

If what we are doing negatively impacts our safety – if it makes our daily lives miserable with excessive traffic problems and nowhere to park (and rapid transit alternatives do not exist) – JUST SAY NO!

¹ [Press Telegram article on crackerboxes](http://longbeach4d.blogspot.com/2018/02/?m=1) <http://longbeach4d.blogspot.com/2018/02/?m=1>

Yes we need housing for our own population that cannot compete in an industrial society.
Yes we need to take care of those that cannot take care of themselves.
Yes we can build affordable housing in any neighborhood in Long Beach *but it will only have a measure of safety for the surrounding neighborhood if we limit the number of units in a development.*
All of the above is not an easy-do.

The plans put forth in Agenda items 19 and 26 benefit one segment of the population – **the developers** and in return, sacrifices the safety of our residents and the quality of life that we enjoy in Long Beach today. The public has not been made aware of these plans and would surely object if they were aware. Outreach was inadequate.

The EVERYONE HOME task force put forth some good ideas, but they have not been vetted with the public. I can tell you in my own experience with a homeless man and with family members that have had substance abuse and/or mental issues that it will take much more than housing to solve these problems. This needs to be much better thought out. Complex problems will not be solved with simple solutions.

MORE SPECIFICS

Taken from the staff report on agenda item 19 INCLUSIVE /low income housing and RHNA² goals:

“In Long Beach, market conditions and development activity vary significantly from one area of the City to another. The Economic Analysis found that only the Downtown (PD-30) and Midtown (SP-1) areas of the City have experienced residential development activity, with the most robust activity occurring in the Downtown area, and several subsidized affordable housing developments occurring in Midtown.”

The Mayor and Council have done NOTHING to encourage development of a single unit of affordable or low income housing downtown. Affordable housing that once was available downtown has been replaced with expensive high rise condos. The downtown area shows on maps as completely “gentrified.”



² RHNA means Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Now the solution being promoted by our Mayor, Council and City Staff is to bring in affordable/low income housing and push it out into the suburbs? It also violates the EVERYONE HOME policy to spread these affordable house/low income/transitional housing facilities across the city.

Recommendation: Get rid of that zone 1 zone 2 idea. Based on the map above, the premise it is built on is disingenuous.

VIOLATION OF THE LAND USE PLAN

All of the plans in Agenda items 19 and 26 seem to violate the Land Use Plan that was approved in Dec 2019, with respect to land use, building heights and density. Changing definitions in the zoning code after the plan has been approved and those changes in turn changing the LUE implementation is a violation of public trust.

People that purchased their homes made those decisions based on many factors, but zoning is an important facet of that decision. We passed a Land Use Plan in Dec 2019 that restricted building heights in the suburbs to 2 stories (with exceptions). Density bonuses that come with laws passed (example – AB1763) allow 3 stories to be added. **City staff is suggesting adding additional incentives. This violates our Land Use Plan.** Creating developments that are multi-story, high density and exclusively low income housing, and placing them into suburbs has the potential for devastating effects in the surrounding neighborhood.

IN SUMMARY

I'm fairly certain these agenda items were proposed to bring money into the City and provide future contributions to local politician's campaign funds. Grants become available with compliance to the plans being promoted via laws constructed in the State Legislature. Aligning Long Beach plans with County and City of LA plans promotes political benefits for politicians in our City. Developers that have a prospect of "making a killing" have a habit of rewarding those that make that possible. The taxpayers/ the public/the residents are the big losers in these proposals, suffering the collateral damage³ that comes with plans that in some locations will unleash danger, crime, trash and filth, more traffic and impacted parking. Some homeless folks may be helped along the way.

Please vote no on Agenda items 19 and 26.

Respectfully,

Corliss Lee
President, Eastside Voice

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³ Youtube video [Seattle is Dying](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw&has_verified=1) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw&has_verified=1

From: bigturkey1@aol.com [mailto:bigturkey1@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:23 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 26

-EXTERNAL-

City Council:

What are you doing to the City of Long Beach? I totally disagree with what you are planning. You do what you want and don't ever listen to the people who live in this city. We here in the 5th District are here for several reasons. Many have been here for years because we know the area well and have made the decision that this is where we want to have a home, with other home owners as neighbors, a neighborhood that is stable, not having a constant rotations of people moving in/out from apartments. We know our neighbors, our kids play together, they grow up together. Now you want to make East Long Beach look like downtown. There is nothing wrong with downtown, but we chose to live in a single family home area.

Please think carefully at what you are about to vote on. You will be destroying one of the best parts of Long Beach. Those of us that live in this area love it. Not having to have parking spaces and the influx of more people will destroy our area. Think hard. Please do the right thing and vote no on Item 26.

Thank you,

Carol Nugal

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From: Guy Pakenham [mailto:guypak@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:00 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item; 26 - Transitional Housing and Safe Parking

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Government Officials:

I am a homeowner in Long Beach and was made aware of the proposed changes to AB1763 to allow for the development of high rise units to house the homeless in our neighborhoods in addition to the “safe parking” areas to allow people to live in their cars and RV’s in our neighborhoods.

This is not acceptable. While I understand the need to build affordable units, the concern for public safety should be the number one concern of city officials. Our property values would also be affected and the taxes that we pay increase every year.

The homeless crisis has not been addressed properly and crime is rising in our neighborhoods with no police response. It is not a felony to steal in Long Beach if less than \$1000.

Most if not all of the homeless are drug addicts who need help. Let’s focus on getting them off the streets and into treatment facilities vs, giving them free housing or the freedom to park their cars on our streets.

As a tax payer with a business in Long Beach, I will be paying close attention to the City’s decision and will be weighing my options to move my business and family out of Long Beach.

I look forward to your response.

Guy Pakenham

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Proffit [mailto:anne.proffit@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:36 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: commentary for tonight's city council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Hello decision makers:

After months and months of meetings and changes, the LUE was adopted, and certain parts of it were changed due to public outcry.

It's quite appropriate that you are undoing all of the hard work the people of this city did in order to appease your developer buddies, who siphon funding your direction in order to get their way.

Your meeting is being held on Bastille Day and you are trying, once again, to undo all the good work the public has done. Essentially, you're all playing Marie Antoinette and denouncing those that elected you. "Let them eat cake" with these changes to decided matters.

I refer to two agenda items, #19 and #26. You appear to have forgotten the fate of New York City and its surrounding areas, which are density-rich. They got hit exceptionally hard by COVID-19 and needed more months to recover because of that density. Now we in California are suffering the same fate, and much of it is due to rampant density, an idea whose time has come and gone.

It's time for this city to do the right thing. Long Beach has always been a community-oriented city and you are doing everything you can to change that community aspect. I beg you not to pass either one of these ill-advised agendum, but to take these issues to the people who will suffer the most from your decisions and let us, your greatest assets, have a say in these matters.

By halting public comment and, when allowed, completely ignoring our words, you are marking yourselves for #failures in the coming elections.

The time for business as usual has passed. This is a new era.

Happy Bastille Day - don't forget too have your cake and eat it, too.

Anne Proffit

From: dpack@verizon.net [mailto:dpack@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:13 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Transitional Housing and Safe Parking Zoning

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

Please distribute this email to all City Council members, and Mayor Robert Garcia, for ITEM NUMBER 26, the transitional housing and safe parking zoning changes item on the City Council meeting agenda for July 14, 2020.

I am writing in regard to an item on the City Council's agenda for July 14, 2020, in which you are discussing changing the definition of commercial and institutional zoning to allow building transitional housing and safe parking for homeless people who are migrating to Long Beach.

Long Beach went from having very few homeless people to being overwhelmed with a homeless population that is causing an increase in property crimes, theft, vandalism, and our children are no longer safe walking the streets alone, or being in our City parks. Long Beach residents don't even bother to call the police when their property is stolen by the homeless because the police do not do anything about it. They say that their hands are tied due to Props 47 and 57.

Our quality of life in Long Beach has decreased because of the influx of homeless into Long Beach, and yet our taxes keep increasing. We have one of the highest sales taxes in this Country, and for what? Our streets are a mess, and getting worse daily.

Just 2 weeks ago, a homeless woman was climbing over my backyard fence from the flood control, and 2 of my grandchildren were in the backyard. I told her to leave and that I would shoot her if she ever tried to enter my backyard again. When I called the police, I was told there was nothing they could do since she was stopped from coming into the backyard. However, I was lectured about threatening the homeless woman. There are several homeless people living in the flood control behind my house, and the police say that they cannot ask them to leave because LA County is allowing the homeless to live in the flood controls in LA County.

On June 21, 2020, we caught a man on our Ring camera entering our side yard. The next day we discovered that our bedroom window screen had been cut, removed, and that he had attempted to open the window. Fortunately, he was unsuccessful since we were all home sleeping at the time. Burglars do not enter occupied homes so he was up to more than theft. These are just incidents that I have experienced within the last few weeks. However, I have seen numerous postings on Ring and Nextdoor in which neighborhoods across Long Beach are being bombarded by rampant theft from the homeless population. Most people do not even report it because the police will not even come out. So Long Beach's crime statistics do not accurately reflect the true crime numbers that actually take place.

Changing the zoning to house all of these homeless people will just add more crime to the neighborhoods they are located in. According to the latest HUD report, 80% of California's homeless population are mentally ill, or drug and alcohol addicts. If this is true, why is it that you are not building and staffing rehab centers, or mental health centers? Instead, by building transitional housing you are giving an open invitation to all of LA County's homeless population to come live in Long Beach. This population will continue to roam our neighborhoods and steal from us so that they can get money for their next fix. Housing them will not change the fact that they are drug addicts, or mentally ill. Instead it will just increase our already horrible crime problems. Why is California home to over 60% of this Country's

homeless population? What is this State doing wrong? Everything!

The people who actually pay to live in this area feel as if we are being chosen so that the City Council can fill their coffers with special interest money being given by the State or Federal government. Why has Long Beach been chosen as ground zero for the homeless population, and why is it that the tax paying population of Long Beach is not being given a choice in this matter?

City Council Representatives are elected by the people who rent or own homes in Long Beach, and yet you are not representing our better interests. Instead, you are consistently making decisions that diminish the quality of life in Long Beach. As you can probably guess, I am totally against Long Beach hosting these transitional housing and safe parking centers. It is time that the people of Long Beach are given a choice when you are making decisions that will impact our safety and quality of life.

Please vote No on approving these zoning changes that will enable multiple transitional housing and safe parking centers to be built across Long Beach. Why not address the real problem that is causing 80% of the homeless population. When will these people be forced into drug rehab treatment, or mental health treatment. California spent over a billion dollars last year to reduce the homeless population, and yet California's homeless population increased by 16%. You are wasting tax payer money because you are not addressing the reasons these people are homeless, and it needs to stop!

If Long Beach's quality of life keeps deteriorating due to the City Council's decisions, the current representatives will not be reelected. This is not just District 5 complaining about the rampant crime the homeless are causing, and the unsanitary filthy conditions they bring. People from all over Long Beach are fed-up with paying outrageous taxes just so their quality of life and safety can be decreased.

Sincerely,

Diana Ramirez
District 5 Resident

cc: Mayor Robert Garcia
City Council Representatives

Diana Ramirez

From: poltercow@verizon.net [mailto:poltercow@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:54 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Council Agenda Items 19 & 26

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to voice my opposition to the council agenda items above. I would elaborate, but am at work right now, so can't go into detail.

In summary, though, I don't believe supplying housing will solve the homeless problem, nor will it lead to progress on the issue until higher priority issues such as alcoholism, drug addiction, and mental illness are addressed. Some hard decisions are needed on those issues. The inability of family members to commit another family member to an institution designed to rectify those issues is certainly a roadblock to alleviating homelessness.

Also, "homeless" is a very broad description of a varied group of people. Are we classifying a homeless working person in the same category as a long-time drug addict? How can the solutions be the same for those two people?

Again, wish I had become aware of these items sooner, but better this than nothing. Please consider voting against these agenda items or postponing them until more discussion can be heard.

-- Steve Reynolds

From: Alicia Stickley [mailto:astickley@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:27 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>

Subject: No vote on agenda item 19 and agenda item 26

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing today to voice my opinion that the Council should vote "no" on agenda items 19 and 26.

Long Beach is a great place to live for many reasons, but it has a neighborhood continuity problem. In the past, in the rush to meet Land Use Element requirements, neighborhoods once filled with single family homes became dotted or even inundated with multi-unit apartments. This completely changed these neighborhoods, and neighbors in areas that are currently primarily single-family homes and/or duplexes don't want to see that change happen where they live. We moved to our neighborhoods for a reason - not to be next to an apartment or to have a commercial unit within the boundaries of our neighborhood streets.

No doubt Long Beach also has a homeless issue to address, but another concern here is the question: Why not put more money into mental health services and drug rehab programs? Long-term, this would have more impact than simply trying to find housing and not addressing the root issues.

Then there is the problem of already-clogged streets having multi-unit housing projects put on them, with no requirements for parking. That is simply short-sighted and unfair to everyone else either living nearby or trying to drive safely around these areas.

Additionally, I note that one intersection on the map is Lakewood and Stearns, which happens to also be one of the areas used by Station 17 when responding to emergencies. What happens when that area is even more clogged with cars and impacts emergency response times?

There are many areas of Long Beach where there's room to add multi-unit housing *and* parking, such as the old Douglas Park land. Why not focus on developing areas that are already spacious enough to account for both building and parking?

And as far as needing to find safe parking areas for the homeless, why bring that into a neighborhood where there happens to be, for example, a church parking lot? How about areas around K-Mart, for example, or partnering with other commercial building owners to allow for parking at night when the parking lot isn't otherwise in use? Additionally, any such parking areas would absolutely have to have sanitation and trash pick-up, etc., especially during this very uncertain time due to Covid-19.

The issue of housing for all is a worthwhile and reasonable one, but so is asking for this Council to consider the desires of homeowners, who are voters and taxpayers, to ask for their neighborhoods to have the continuity they sought when buying in the first place (whether it's the quiet, the suburban feel, the neighborliness). We bought in our areas for a reason and keeping Long Beach a nice, desirable, and in demand place to live is important too.

Please, vote no on agenda items 19 and 26. There are too many questions and, while it has been reported that Council staff did the minimum outreach required, there has not been enough time or information shared to address the concerns of the residents you represent. I don't doubt that encouraging building and development will also help the city budget, but given the timeline, there's also every chance that our local economy will start to recover on about the same timeline as the one proposed for these agenda items. Please don't rush to a vote because of a sense of budget concerns, and please consider the long-term impact to the neighbors and neighborhoods of Long Beach.

Respectfully,

Alicia Stickley
4th District

From: paul walsh [mailto:walshpaul08@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:56 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>
Subject: July 14th 2020 agenda item #26

-EXTERNAL-

Long Beach City Clerk,

I would like to formally request that the council refrain from voting for the measure due to the possibility of negative ,unintended consequences to the quality of life of fifth district residents. There needs to be further dialog with those residents who may be impacted by your decisions.

I also would like to request that you distribute this letter to the council and that it is made part of the official record.

Thank you,Paul and Melody Walsh

please send confirmation of receipt,
thank you.

From: Janet West [mailto:jayjay76511@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:53 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Comment on Agenda Item #26

-EXTERNAL-

City Council Meeting 7/14/20
Comment on Agenda Item #26

I object to this update to zoning regulations based on the following:

The safety of the public and the impacts of Covid-19 were not studied before recommending these policies. As of 4/19/20, the New York Times reported that there were 35,676 Covid-19 deaths nationwide. More than half, 18,690, of those deaths were in the New York metropolitan area alone. It appears as if high density and the necessity of using public transportation were a large contributor to the death totals. Some experts have speculated that in addition to the density and public transportation causes, areas of community use, such as elevators, were also a contributing factor.

The public was not notified that Housing First Policies in state law require: Tenant screening and selection practices promote accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services. Also, applicants are not rejected on the basis of ... criminal convictions ... or lack of “housing readiness.”

The public was not notified that expansion of areas in which these housing services and housing developments are allowed also increases the possibility of neighborhoods having residents who are using alcohol and/or drugs (without attending rehabilitative services), and increases the possibility of neighborhoods having residents who are convicted criminals and may not be housing ready.

The public was not informed that the target population requirement for Supportive Housing will be eliminated. The public was informed incorrectly from the public outreach material: “The current definition does not specify a target population for supportive housing.” However, from the current

Long Beach Regulations: "Supportive housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population." ... The Target Population is defined in the next section. The new regulation will eliminate the mandate that residents are from the "target population" to they may be from the "target population." The public was not notified of this change.

The public has not been informed that Supportive Housing is under the category of Special Needs Housing.

The public has not been informed that Supportive Housing is subject to taxpayer funding.

In the Staff memo, the public was not notified that Supportive Housing may be permanent.

The public was not adequately informed of the changes to Supportive Housing. In the Staff memo, the list of changes in the second paragraph, which is a list of proposed changes, does not include mention of the proposed changes to "Supportive Housing." The Staff memo does not make clear which category Supportive Housing fits under.

The public was not informed that Supportive Housing, which in State law is under the umbrella of low income housing, will be available for large Density Bonuses and up to four incentives.

From AB 1763: "The bill would also require that a housing development that meets these criteria [low income housing] receive 4 incentives or concessions under the Density Bonus Law and, if the development is located within ½ of a major transit stop, a height increase of up to 3 additional stories or 33 feet. The bill would generally require that the housing development receive a density bonus of 80%, but would exempt the housing development from any maximum controls on density if it is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop."

The public was not informed about AB 1763, which is very impactful. AB 1763 should have been one of the bills which were evaluated by Development Services in regard to its impact when forming their recommendations.

The public was not informed of the parking impacts which will result from new developments based on these recommendations. There are minimal

parking requirement in State Law and Local Ordinances for new developments.

The public was not informed that there is no indication that these housing options will be directed towards Long Beach residents or Long Beach area residents.

The public was not informed that these resources and housing will be available to out of area people who have relocated from an area of lower cost of living and will be immediately eligible as an “at risk” of homelessness applicant.

The public was not informed that a person may be designated as “homeless” if they make an oral statement that indicates a possibility of

future homelessness which will qualify someone to get housing in a Supportive Housing Development which can be permanent housing.

The public outreach material contained deceptive wording. On-site management may be present at all times during the operation of the facility. Why wasn't it worded as “on-site management in not required to be present at all times during the operation of the facility.”

The public was not informed on what the requirements are for “an appropriate level of security? The material states: “An appropriate level of security shall be provided at the interim housing facility.” What is the definition of “appropriate level of security.” In the legal sense, “shall” is not always mandatory.

The public was not informed on how the Neighborhood Compatibility component will be regulated. There are no requirements for on-site staff. From the material: “Neighborhood Compatibility. All programming shall take place on site, and not permit any queuing or loitering adjacent or abutting the site.” In the legal sense, “shall” is not always mandatory.

Janet West
4th District

-----Original Message-----

From: Alexis Amador [<mailto:e.edandme@verizon.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:29 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>

Subject: No vote on agenda item 19 and agenda item 26

-EXTERNAL-

Please deliver this message to city council for their meeting today July 14th . : I encourage the city council to vote no on these two agenda items . I realize the city staff said they did their minimum legal due diligence by notifying the community but these agenda items are not understandable by the community and appears to be important enough that they will result in affecting neighborhoods in a serious fashion , so they should be understood by the community . Not enough outreach to community has taken place . We need to understand the conversions and use of properties in our neighborhoods and what will be developed for what purposes . I myself put my newspaper on hold due to the Pandemic so notification that way may not be the best route. The uses and development of properties described in these agenda items are vague and confusing but appear to be of nature that the public needs to clearly understand what will be built or operating in their neighborhood . I am also in support of maintaining environmental reports and traffic studies on projects and parking space requirements etc . Community not sufficiently notified and included in these vague and highly technical agenda items and I feel they are not ready for a vote by our city council who should be representing the people and community . Alexis Amador Marrero District 4
Sent from my iPhone

From: Retta Ekstrom [<mailto:puckscrap@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:12 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Agenda items 19 and 26

-EXTERNAL-

The residents of Long Beach deserve better from their elected officials. First of all to continue pushing through agenda items that promote population density during a global pandemic that spreads more easily under densely populated conditions highlights this council's lack of common sense. Secondly, to do so at a time when our voices have been muted highlights this council's lack of transparency and accountability for their actions as well as a complete lack of respect for every tax paying resident. You should all be ashamed of yourselves for continually profiting off the backs of hard working citizens in the name of helping the less fortunate. I hope you are all held accountable for the increase in crime, pollution and traffic that is sure to accompany your cramming of more people into areas with already crumbling infrastructure. Many Long Beach residents have lived here for multiple generations and have been proud to do so, with families remaining close knit and contributing much to this city. Your continued successful lowering of the quality of life in Long Beach is sure to put an end to this beautiful characteristic of this city and is sure to drive residents and businesses away. You have lost your way as public servants, abusing the public trust while you pander to developers, unions, and agendas alike.

Here is an idea for you...STOP ALL PASSING OF NONESSENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS!!! STOP HIDING FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS UNDER THE GUISE OF A PANDEMIC!!!

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PASSING OF THESE AND ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESSING THE MULTITUDE OF IMMEDIATE CRISES PLEAGUEING LONG BEACH.

Sincerely Yours,
Retta Ekstrom

From: Long Beach Accountability Action Group [<mailto:updates@laag.us>]

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:00 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo Councilwoman City of Long Beach, 5th District <stacy@stacymungo.com>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>

Subject: agenda item 26. (file #20-0585) amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Sections 21.15.966, etc

-EXTERNAL-

Last week Council voted 9-0 to change the definitions of commercial and institutional to allow building homeless shelters (now called "transitional housing") and "safe parking" for those living in their autos on properties that up until now have excluded residential uses. There has always been a way to override zoning to allow for a different use with a "conditional use permit." The Council does not need to turn over the appcart to be able to place transitional housing or safe parking where there is an opportunity for development. However, changing the definitions of commercial and institutional will allow developers to put them in without having to go through the process of taking into consideration community input. Changing the definitions allows our City to reach out and get State funds and grants to help build these developments.

I am against this and concerned with these plans. Please distribute my email to the Council and make it part of the official record for agenda item 26. Please note against agenda item 26. (file #20-0585). I am a district 5 taxpayer and also speak for other district 5 taxpayers.

APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8640578&GUID=B640EF4E-DD49-4019-9DE6-19E4C47BCF79>

See page 43 and more – scroll right to see maps

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8654696&GUID=48CCC989-F159-40A4-97AD-CE74BA0A2830>

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8614572&GUID=95B8804B-F0CB-437B-84C6-29D00EE79542>

AGENDA ITEM

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From: diana lejins [mailto:dianalejins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Pablo Rubio <Pablo.Rubio@longbeach.gov>
Cc: diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>
Subject: CC meeting Jul 15, 2020

-EXTERNAL-

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Please post this with the agenda item number 26 and copy to Council.

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Thanks
Diana Lejins

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

July 14, 2020

Elected District 5 Representative, Stacy Mungo:

I appreciate receiving your neighborly updates and the encouragement at the bottom of your notice, "Your Voice Matters". However, do you really mean, my voice matters?

I have in the past and most recently, voiced my opinion on the possible change of landscape in and around my community of District 5, to only be sent a generic mass correspondence response thanking me for my input. Was my voice even heard? Then you as our representative do not stand up for me and this community and vote for changing district 5 zoning to make room for homeless housing and low, low income housing (density housing), was my voice heard?

We stood up as a community to push against low density housing and etc., in our area during the LUE and won but yet you are going against what this community fought so hard for by voting for Agenda item 13 20-0585 last week?

I will keep this short, since I feel my correspondences are never read nor considered.

Please represent District 5 correctly and stand up for the residents that voted you into office and please vote against today's council agenda items 19 and 26. These items are amendments to our current LUE and would wipe out the current zoning that we all so adamantly fought to have put in place. I myself and along with many in the community do not support agenda item 19, Inclusionary Housing and item 26, Transitional Housing. I will not get into the reasoning because you are very well versed in the community's feelings on this movement.

I worked hard and saved and chose this area to live and purchase my house because of the suburban nature and quaint residential housing of this area. I did not work hard and choose this area to live in only to have it ruined by greed and monetary gain by public officials to turn into a crowded, density packed unsafe area by over development!

Please vote against agenda items 19 & 26!

Justine Moreno
District 5 Resident

From: TOM POEHLER [<mailto:tapoehler@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:55 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Oppose item 26 to change LUE density!

-EXTERNAL-

Do not change LUE density definitions as described in Item 26 of recent council meeting. This will bring in greedy developers and bring undesirable density that will dangerously increase Covid exposure to our families as well as damage our hard earned standard of living.

The State government needs to stay out of local government zoning and density decision making.

Sincerely, Thomas Poehler
5th District homeowner

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From: dpack@verizon.net [<mailto:dpack@verizon.net>]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:01 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Transitional and Safe Parking Zoning Changes

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

Please distribute this email to all City Council members, and Mayor Robert Garcia, for the transitional housing and safe parking zoning changes item on the City Council meeting agenda for July 14, 2020.

I am writing in regard to an item on the City Council's agenda for July 14, 2020, in which you are discussing changing the definition of commercial and institutional zoning to allow building transitional housing and safe parking for homeless people who are migrating to Long Beach.

Long Beach went from having very few homeless people to being overwhelmed with a homeless population that is causing an increase in property crimes, theft, vandalism, and our children are no longer safe walking the streets alone, or being in our City parks. Long Beach residents don't even bother to call the police when their property is stolen by the homeless because the police do not do anything about it. They say that their hands are tied due to Props 47 and 57.

Our quality of life in Long Beach has decreased because of the influx of homeless into Long Beach, and yet our taxes keep increasing. We have one of the highest sales taxes in this Country, and for what? Our streets are a mess, and getting worse daily.

Just 2 weeks ago, a homeless woman was climbing over my backyard fence from the flood control, and 2 of my grandchildren were in the backyard. I told her to leave and that I would shoot her if she ever tried to enter my backyard again. When I called the police, I was told there was nothing they could do since she was stopped from coming into the backyard. However, I was lectured about threatening the homeless woman. There are several homeless people living in the flood control behind my house, and the police say that they cannot ask them to leave because LA County is allowing the homeless to live in the flood controls in LA County.

On June 21, 2020, we caught a man on our Ring camera entering our side yard. The next day we discovered that our bedroom window screen had been cut, removed, and that he had attempted to open the window. Fortunately, he was unsuccessful since we were all home sleeping at the time. Burglars do not enter occupied homes so he was up to more than theft. These are just incidents that I have experienced within the last few weeks. However, I have seen numerous postings on Ring and Nextdoor in which neighborhoods across Long Beach are being bombarded by rampant theft from the homeless population. Most people do not even report it because the police will not even come out. So Long Beach's crime statistics do not accurately reflect the true crime numbers that actually take place.

Changing the zoning to house all of these homeless people will just add more crime to the neighborhoods they are located in. According to the latest HUD report, 80% of California's homeless population are mentally ill, or drug and alcohol addicts. If this is true, why is it that you are not building and staffing rehab centers, or mental health centers? Instead, by building transitional housing you are giving an open invitation to all of LA County's homeless population to come live in Long Beach. This population will continue to roam our neighborhoods and steal from us so that they can get money for their next fix. Housing them will not change the fact that they are drug addicts, or mentally ill. Instead it will just increase our already horrible crime problems. Why is California home to over 60% of this Country's homeless population? What is this State doing wrong? Everything!

The people who actually pay to live in this area feel as if we are being chosen so that the City Council can fill their coffers with special interest money being given by the State or Federal government. Why has Long Beach been chosen as ground zero for the homeless population, and why is it that the tax paying population of Long Beach is not being given a choice in this matter?

City Council Representatives are elected by the people who rent or own homes in Long Beach, and yet you are not representing our better interests. Instead, you are consistently making decisions that diminish the quality of life in Long Beach. As you can probably guess, I am totally against Long Beach hosting these transitional housing and safe parking centers. It is time that the people of Long Beach are given a choice when you are making decisions that will impact our safety and quality of life.

Please vote No on approving these zoning changes that will enable multiple transitional housing and safe parking centers to be built across Long Beach. Why not address the real problem that is causing 80% of the homeless population. When will these people be forced into drug rehab treatment, or mental health treatment. California spent over a billion dollars last year to reduce the homeless population, and yet California's homeless population increased by 16%. You are wasting tax payer money because you are not addressing the reasons these people are homeless, and it needs to stop!

If Long Beach's quality of life keeps deteriorating due to the City Council's decisions, the current representatives will not be reelected. This is not just District 5 complaining about the rampant crime the homeless are causing, and the unsanitary filthy conditions they bring. People from all over Long Beach are fed-up with paying outrageous taxes just so their quality of life and safety can be decreased.

Sincerely,

Diana Ramirez
District 5 Resident

cc: Mayor Robert Garcia
City Council Representatives

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To: dianalejins@yahoo.com; Pablo Rubio <Pablo.Rubio@longbeach.gov>
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Ask New York how well they did with their high density and this Coronavirus problem. I don't think we want to repeat that. Please vote no on item 26.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:03 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Items 26 & 20 on agenda for Next Tuesdays City Council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Please send to all council members:

Why are you doing this again? We had the fight for LUE and we agreed on a plan. Now you are at it again, trying to pass laws that the public does not want. NO to adding three additional stories to new construction. No to turning our neighborhoods or open spaces into housing for homeless. Homeless bring crime, drugs and violence to our neighbors and we don't want more of this. This is not the solution.

Janie Williams
Long Beach, CA 90815
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