

Cindy Allen, Chair  
Mary Zendejas, Vice Chair  
Dr. Suely Saro, Member



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## FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (2:30 PM)

At 2:30 PM, Chair Allen called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (2:30 PM)

**Councilmembers** Saro, Zendejas and Allen

**Present:**

Also present: Bo Martinez, Director of Economic Development; Marsha Yashuda, Deputy City Attorney; Tamela Austin, City Clerk Specialist.

### REGULAR AGENDA (2:31 PM)

1. [23-1067](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Economic Development and Opportunity Committee Meeting held Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Zendejas, seconded by Member Saro, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Saro, Zendejas and Allen

2. [23-1068](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report on increasing the minimum wage for hotel workers. This will include public comment for business and industry, labor organizations, and individuals to

share thoughts as well.

Chair Allen spoke.

Bo Martinez, Director of Economic Development spoke.

Johnny Vallejo, Property Services Manager, Economic Development, spoke; and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Devin Ablar, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, spoke.

Hitu Patel spoke.

Sheyla Diaz, Organizer, Los Angeles, Alliance for a New Economy, spoke.

Unidentified person spoke.

Sanjay Patel, Owner, Cove Hotel, spoke.

Tina, Owner, Inn at 50 Hotel, spoke.

Yogi Patel spoke.

Naida Tushnet spoke.

Reverend Wally Hoeger, Associate Pastor, First Congregational Church, spoke.

Grecia Lopez-Reyes, Director, Long Beach for a Just Economy spoke; and provided a handout.

Unidentified person spoke.

Cevallo Madlow spoke.

Imran Ahmed, General Manager, Long Beach Marriott, spoke.

Ernest Lara, spoke.

Ann Burdette, Organizer, CLUE, spoke

Anna Carrella spoke.

Camilla spoke.

Yadira spoke.

Marc Billy spoke.

Rodrigo Zamorano spoke.

Kimberly spoke.

Araceli King, President, Latinos in Action California, spoke.

Andre Donado, Director, Long Beach Residence Empowered, spoke.

Antonio Hernandez, Community Organizer, Long Beach Forward,  
spoke.

John Edmond, Representative, Long Beach Area Chamber of  
Commerce, spoke.

Juan Munoz-Guevara, Coordinator, Unite Here Local 11, spoke.

David Ventura, spoke.

Jeremy Harris, Representative, Long Beach Area Chamber of  
Commerce, spoke.

Luis Ortiz spoke.

Griselda spoke.

Van Bui, Organizer, Long Beach Residence Empowered, spoke.

Mayra Fernanda, Organizer, Long Beach Residence Empowered,  
spoke.

Raena spoke.

Chair Allen spoke.

Vice Chair Zendejas spoke.

Councilwoman Saro spoke.

Chair Allen spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Saro, seconded by Vice Chair Zendejas, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Saro, Zendejas and Allen

3. [23-1098](#) eComments received for the Economic Development and Opportunity Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

**This Agenda Item was received and filed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3:46 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT (3:47 PM)**

At 3:47 PM, there being no objection, Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned.