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And 14 is communication from the Office of the Council Member. I lost the recommendation to direct the City Clerk to place an advisory question on the April eight, 2014 citywide election ballot, asking Long complaints from residents, constituents who were complaining that the banned fireworks ban was not being adequately enforced in their neighborhoods. And that raised a lot of questions for me. Is that how do we really deal with this outside of. I don't believe we can really hire another, you know, thousand police officers to effectually deal with the issue. And so as I look more into the issue, we started realizing that every city surrounding Long Beach actually legally has legalized safe and sane fireworks. These these are fireworks stands that are strategic, I believe, strategically located in the ports of entry into our city. And they are being supported pretty heavily by Long Beach residents. Safe and sane fireworks that are and I will preface that these fireworks are legal in the state of California and they are approved by the state fire marshal as, quote, safe and sane. I also started thinking about the the benefits that that this conversation could have for our local nonprofits. As many of you know, my my children are involved in youth sports, and I sit on several different community based boards. Beach voters Should the City of Long Beach allow the sale, use and possession of state approved fireworks within the city limits? Roslyn. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Yes, I introduced this item for consideration of this body to put this on the April ballot. The Long Beach ban on fireworks originally went into effect in 1924, 90 years ago. And I would venture to say that the conditions of the city and the reasoning behind the ban are really unknown at this point. There have been several attempts to to discuss this matter and to deal with this matter as a city council over the last 90 years of believing 1960, 1970 and the last time this council addressed this issue was in the in the eighties, the last 4th of July received many And every organization in the city is struggling to make ends meet. Fundraising needs are tremendous. And the question was raised, well, why are we supporting a lot of these residents? Why are they supporting the youth organizations and the service organizations in other cities where we could actually be our organizations in this city could actually be benefiting from those dollars. And so I think it merits our attention. But more importantly, over the last 90 years or so, and every time that this issue has come before the city council, it's been the council making the decision. I know that this would be a robust conversation among the residents of the city of Long Beach, and I'm recommending that we put it before the voters on April. Well, it. A couple of things I want to hear from. I would love to hear from my colleagues on this matter. Well, when I hear from the fire chief or. Mayor Foust or council members, I thank you for

the opportunity to briefly discuss this issue with you and express my professional concerns about making fireworks legal for sale, use and possession in the city of Long Beach, as was brought up in the 1960s. The state of California, under the direction of the state fire marshal and with pressure from the fireworks industry, enabled local municipalities the ability to approve for sale, use and possession state approved fireworks. These fireworks have been branded as safe and sane, but the slogan is far from the truth. In fact, it is important to note that the term safe and sane was created by the fireworks industry to give the impression of safety. The term is merely a marketing ploy, and the truth is that no fireworks or any other incendiary device are safe or sane. To illustrate my point, we all agree that we should not give matches to children to play with. In fact, the fire service across the nation has repeatedly educated school age children about the dangers of playing with matches. A lit match burns at 600 degrees Fahrenheit. A single lit match in the hands of a child or irresponsible adult can cause tremendous damage to property and to the health and well-being of people. To put this into perspective, a so-called safe and sane sparkler that are sold at corner fireworks stands when lit burns at 1600 to 1800 degrees. That's nearly three times slaughtered in a lit match. And as many of us know, a lit sparkler will continue to burn until the available fuel sources depleted in a situation that deteriorates from festive to dangerous. One cannot just blow out the flame. Light can be done with a match. In 2012, 9600 fireworks related injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms. The trend in fireworks related injuries has been mostly in the range of 8500 to 9800 emergency room visits since 97, with the exception of spikes in 2000, which primarily coincides with the new millennium. One quarter, or 26% of the victims of fireworks injuries in 2012 were under the age of 15. In a typical year, the highest rates of injuries per million population

applied to a wide range of age ages, including children age 5 to 19 and adults age 25 to 44. Males account for two thirds or 68% of fireworks related injuries. Three of five or 61% of the fireworks injuries in 2012 were to extremities such as the hand or finger, which accounted for 46% leg injuries, 11% arm, shoulder and wrist 4%. And most of the rest, or 34% of the total were two parts of the head, including the eye, which accounted for 17% of the total injuries in 2012. Eight out of nine or 89% of the emergency room visits for fireworks injuries involve fireworks that the federal government permit consumers to use. Sparklers, fountains and novelties alone accounted for one third or 34% of the emergency room fireworks visits fires involving fireworks. In 2012, an estimated 17,800 reported fires were started by fireworks. These fires resulted in an estimated 40 civilian injuries and \$32 million in di

rect property damage. During 2007 to 2012, 91% of the average of 19,700 fires associated with fireworks per year occurred outside of a residence or vehicle. In 2007 to 2012, four people per year were killed by fireworks. While the data from death certificates show that five people per year were killed by will, killed directly by the fireworks themselves. Now, these estimates may overlap a little bit because fireworks can actually kill somebody and also start a fatal fire in 2000 or using 2000 to 2010 data. The risk of fire death relative to hours of usage is higher for fireworks than for Cigaretts. Cigaretts are often cited as a primary contributing factor to residential structure fires in the United States each year. But this data shows clearly that fireworks pose a greater threat than a lit cigarette in the promotion of fire on Independence Day. In a typical year, fireworks account for two out of every of all of five reported fires, more than any other cause. Also, in 2013, the National Fire Protection Association cited the increased use of safe and sane fireworks to create incendiary devices for domestic terrorism. One needs to look no further than the recent bombing in the Boston Marathon. The terrorists responsible for this horrific attack used fireworks purchased from an approved local vendor to create the bombs that caused so much damage and injury. Lastly, allowing the sale or use and possession of fireworks in Long Beach would lead to an increased stress on public safety resources as well as nearly every other city department. A recent experiment along these lines took place in the city of Huntington Beach. Two years ago, voters in Huntington Beach allowed for the sale use and possession of fireworks for a two year trial study. The trial study ended this past summer, and according to the fire chief in Huntington Beach, they were happy to see the ban go back into effect. The result of the trial in Huntington Beach was a significant increase in calls for service for both the fire and police departments, as well as significant impacts to public works department in cleaning up the debris left by the fireworks citywide, according to Chief Macintosh, the pilot program resulted in an inability of four firefighters or police officers to determine which fireworks were legal and which fireworks were illegal, making enforcement of applicable state law and municipal code nearly impossible. The chief stated that the city looked like a war zone for over a week and they're still feeling the effects. The chief believes that as a result of their experience over the past two years, the current ban will remain in effect in Huntington Beach for the foreseeable future. In our city, there are a number of readily accessible fireworks shows that members of our community can see during the Independence Day celebration. I would encourage residents to leave the fireworks displays up to the professionals and not put themselves their families, neighbors or property at r

isk of an unfortunate incident by a false security of using a device that has been branded safe and sane. Thank you. Any questions through the chief. So you're for it, then? You know. Hang on a sec. Hang on. Mr. Austin, you want to comment? Sure. I just had a couple of questions and. Well, you started your. And, Chief, I do appreciate the that the facts and the figures. And you're very honest, the editorial here, I don't expect didn't expect that you would be jumping over hoops to support this. It doesn't change the fact that access is pretty much unlimited. Any way to say the same fireworks to residents in Long Beach? The mere fact that every city surrounding Long Beach, Carson, Compton, Bellflower, Paramount, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens and Wall all recognize same for same fireworks is legal access. Is is is isn't really not the question here because our residents are buying these these fireworks. The marketing ploy that you have alluded to regarding safe and sane fireworks. Well, I'm looking at the California state code 12 599, which clearly has certain same fireworks time of sale. It's recognized by the California state legislature and by California law. And what is the does it work in surrounding communities? I'm not hearing about major issues in any surrounding cities where public safety or is being extremely stressed. I haven't heard any data from

you to give us any any sense that we are using mutual aid to to address or respond to any of these other cities in their emergency needs during the 4th of July. And it just and understand your job is is public safety and to to to advise us and trust me, I'm taking your advice very seriously and under deep consideration. But at the same time, I think there's there's still something missing because it's all around us. And our residents have full access. Our police officers don't have and aren't really, I don't think, interested in really enforcing this. I think it's a public relations problem when, you know, our police officers are responding to a block party where you have a family lighting off, say, safe, and seeing fireworks and citing a family. But two blocks away, you know, they're laying off inmates and they're there there's there's it seems like the the the policy is really relatively discriminatory in terms of how we go about in arbitrary about where we we are we site and where we enforce the the fireworks ban or yeah, the fireworks ban altogether here in the city. So this, I think, is is something that that merits our discussion. And again, the question I guess I would have to you is, would you have a problem stating those points to the voters of Long Beach? You know, if this came before the ballot, these would be obviously great points to to consider for our voters to consider. The question is not whether or not fireworks are dangerous or or risky. I think that's pretty much known. I think that's the case. But but the question is whether or not the city of Long Beach should recognize safet

y, same fireworks as other cities around us do. I mean, all of them. Right. Let me let me just respond a couple of things, Mr. Dawson. First of all, the city of Los Angeles does not allow fireworks right now. So big cities, a lot of big cities don't allow it. And, you know, to me, if you want to allow it, just put an ordinance together. I don't want to waste money putting this on the ballot. How much does it cost to put these on the ballot? For two measures, we estimated about 135,000. You can split that in half depending on the pages of each. You know, if you if you if you if you really believe in it, put an audience together. But before the council, let them vote on it. I don't think this is something that merits going to a vote of the people. And secondly, you know, you can't even play dodgeball in school anymore because of the effect on children. Mr.. Mr.. NEILL With his, with all this stuff about healthy foods, people want to eliminate big, big gulp drinks, anything over 12 ounces. You've got a big program. And I applaud you for this. In the north area. Mr.. Neill to make sure kids eat healthy. But we're going to put a 1700 degree flame in their hands. You know, and see how fast they can run. This is kind of ridiculous. This isn't this is safe. This isn't safe. And it certainly is insane. It's insane. I understand. Wanting to raise money for non-profits. Mr. Ross and I got that. I mean, there's got to be better ways. That's all I would say. I just. I needed to say this. This is to me. I mean, if you believe in it, put it before the council. I'm glad you got that off your chest, Mr. Mayor. I like to hear from my colleagues. That Mr. Andrews. You know, really messed up know. So I feel like, you know, my major concern about, you know, allowing fireworks in our city limits would be a safe concern, especially in Long Beach is a much larger and divided city than any of the surrounding cities concerning, you know, currently allowing fireworks. And like I said, you know, we're looking at a situation, especially with our young kids today. And I know if you guys have been around on the 4th of July, not only the 4th of July, we have fireworks in our community all the time. And it's not just fireworks. So what we really have to be really careful because we do want to send our kids in the wrong direction. And I know we can raise money much better for these nonprofit organizations than, you know, putting an ordinance in, but, you know, opening up fireworks in our city. That, to me is a serious concern about the safety of our community and our children. Thank you. One other real difference between the cities around us. They're contract cities. They contract with the county for public safety services. You'll notice that the cities that have their own police, fire departments, they don't. Almost all of them banned this because they directly have to pay for it. It's almost a free good for the contract cities. Somebody else has to deal with it. Mr. Dillon. Tha

nk you. Well, first of all, I'll second the motion, certainly, if we can vote on it. I do think it merits an up or down vote. I would I tell you that, Mr. Austin, that I think we should, you know, consider that maybe an ordinance might be a better approach than than the ballot, although I'm open to to either one for further discussion. But I could see some benefits in the ordinance. It can be in case it doesn't go as well as you hope. You know, it's very easy to undo an ordinance. It's not not so easy to undo something that's been voted on on the ballot. The one of the concerns that I do have that I think could be addressed in either approach, but I would want to make sure it is is clearly there are some places in the city that it would be inappropriate to do this. And I know just in the third place where I could support this, the peninsula is crazy enough on July 4th, adding anything to the

peninsula I could not be supportive of. So I think there needs to be some mechanism to take a look at different locations in the city. And if it's an if it doesn't make sense to have these fireworks that we ought to be able to zone it out, then the last thing I would say is that where there would be ordinance or ballot is we do need to have some kind of a revenue mechanism, because I do agree with Chief Tory that there is going to be some impact on public safety and we would need to make sure that we recoup those costs in advance from the folks that are selling these things. And we need to figure out what an appropriate price would be and then cover all our public safety costs. And if this public works cost of cleanup, we've got to cover those costs. So it should not cost the city anything to do this. But other than that, I'm certainly supportive of the conversation. Mr. Johnson. Well, thanks, Mayor. I guess my first question for the city clerk is, is tonight is the deadline for putting something on the April ballot, is that correct? Mr. Mayor and members of the council, yes. Tonight is the last council meeting, January 7th, prior to the statutory. Deadline of January 10th. Okay. And if I think one of my one of my concerns and I think Councilor Austin brings up a lot of good points and I hear your passion. So and I think you bring up a lot of good points. And certainly I've enjoyed fireworks as a young person and even as an older person. But I guess a city clerk, if we wanted to put this on the November ballot, that would be another option as well. Is that correct? You could, but I'm pretty sure it'll cost you quite a bit more because that would be consolidated. Oh, that's right. So but then I guess I misspoke. I meant that June election next June would be a possibility. It could be on the June as well. Okay. And the next question is for the police chief. You know, Chief, I think Councilor Austin has a good point, which is, you know, we certainly have gotten calls in the past from residents who are concerned with the current ban in the sense that they say,

oh, you know, everyone's laying off fireworks. No one's do anything about it. And, you know, obviously, you have a lot of a lot of issues like crime issues. And certainly this may not be at the top of your list. So please comment on what's it like for the four P.D. on the 4th of July. And and how do you deal or how do we deal as a community with getting those calls and explain to people that we're not selectively enforcing our laws, that we're trying to be equal and typically not enforcing it in certain parts of town, anything like that, while at the same time recognizing, you know, your priority needs. Yeah. Thank you for the question. There is frustration on the part of the officers, as you can imagine, running from called to call for fire fireworks calls. Oftentimes, these calls will come out as a shots fired call. The officers end up responding. They're believing that it's something other than what it turns out to be. It's a relief when it turns out to be fireworks. However, they have to go, assuming that it's what the call said. So from a standpoint of of complacency, that becomes an issue for us on the backside. And looking at the number of calls for service, we anticipate that if safe and sane were sold in Long Beach, they would it would legitimize it in escalate the number of people lighting up fireworks. And while it would be legal, potentially, we still would get calls, annoyance calls, people lighting them off next door. They let them off to close to this or whatever, not because they have possession, but because of the noise as a disturbance to the person calling. So I anticipate that with a greater number of fireworks available in the city, we would have a greater number of radio calls to respond to as far as a priority, how they're handled. As I mentioned, there is frustration on the part of the officers and in some areas of the city were able to get a car out there and to be able to deal with it. But most frequently, by the time the officers respond, the fireworks have been lit off. The the people who let them off are gone and there's nothing but paper blowing and in the wind at the time. So it would be a workload issue from our standpoint. The fire chief laid out the safety issues and I won't go into that. But from our standpoint, much more of a workload issue. Thank you. Mr. Neal. Mr. Mayor, I actually appreciate the dialog and excuse me and my colleague bringing this for us to at least discuss and debate on on the validity of doing something like this. The conversation has kind of diverged into an idea, excuse me, in regards to an ordinance as opposed to a ballot initiative. And I don't want to speak for Mr. Austin, but I believe the question he was posing was to find out if if the citizenry was even interested in going in this direction, where of us doing an ordinance would give us some control. But it may be that the citizens themselves don't have a desire to to move in that direction. So there is validity both ways. I think

the fact that we have to make a decision on this tonight, whether we're going to pursue the direction as as presented on the agenda or we make a decision to look at it as an ordinance would would definitely would buy some more time. It's something that we have to seriously consider, but I think it is a worthwhile discussion. Okay. Comes memberships. Or Mr.. You know the other alternative is to

wait get a fuller report because I think before anything is rejected out of hand, I think it would be we haven't seen anything in writing and I've heard repeated stories about the problems in Huntington Beach and how they're very grateful that they've gotten the band off. But this still could go on if it was this sense of this council not to do an ordinance, but to go with the voters. It could go in June. I mean, it just seems like it's kind of last minute, last hour on something that has ramification in this city. You all are too young to remember. Had a horrible history with the bribing around fireworks because fireworks is big business. In fact, the councilperson for the sixth District went to jail over it and ruined a wonderful career that he had in the city. So my beaches had some bad history with fireworks and what it brings. So I would hope we at least have we're going to do this have a little bit more discussion then on the night of whether or not we're going to put it on the ballot or do an ordinance or whatever, give us some time so they can be looked at. That would be that would be my call. And I would. Just be the one. Mr.. Where would the costs be similar to do it on the June ballot? The cost would be similar provided that there's a June runoff, which you can decide whether or not there will be one or not. Is is the pope Catholic? Well, I think the mayor's race will be one out rape and the third district, there'll probably be a runoff. So what will be the deadline. For the June ballot? If I recall, it would be 88 days before June 8th. April 8th is 56 days. So somewhere around some around the end of March. Well, two months from now. Right. Because April to June goes back, two months of this date would be moved back two months. So would you guys be open to changing this motion to to to put in an advisory vote before the voters in June? Well, the strategy is analyze the potential revenues would be. The interview. Well, I'm certainly open to that. But but if we have almost two months, is there any more information that we can get? Can we have a suggestion for staff on what the fees ought to be and how much revenue we would need to generate? Could we could we get any additional information on any problems and maybe no problems for Lakewood in the surrounding cities that you mentioned? Is there an opportunity to collect a little more information? But but I'm fine with heading in that direction. And then one clarification is so would the ballot item be that the citizens would vote whether or not to give the council direction to then go develop an ordi

nance to basically. Yes, it's that. It's an advisory question of shall we? Shall we not? Yes or no? If the majority of voters says yes, that gives the council direction to to then start crafting an ordinance. And I mean, this is just square one right now, to be quite honest with you. Okay. So I mean, if if I guess if truly, our our worst case scenario is that we spend \$65,000 and the citizens vote no. All right. Well, I would like to have a little more information if possible, but I think shooting for the June ballot, I certainly feel more comfortable with an April. Mr. Parker. You may remember the City Council as proposed by Council member Austin. The advisory vote would be non-binding on the council, of course, so they could come back, and if the citizens were inclined to favor fireworks, the council would still be free to decline or not to adopt an ordinance. But cancel memberships keep. All right. We have any public comment on this. Any member of the public. Please identify yourself. Dennis Dunne. Let the kids have some fun. Fireworks are fun. I enjoyed them. My family supervised it and loved to see the smile on my face as I burned down a little cabin without sparkling. So the chief is grasping at straws, is particularly noted when he says, I couldn't believe it. Domestic terrorism is caused by fireworks. It's inspiration in that direction. I think that possibly maybe we should ban turkeys because we might get burned face Thanksgiving. It's why you can't play dodgeball. You might get hit in the head. Can we put. That on the agenda next week, please? All right. We have any. Mr. Mayor. Well, Mr. Mayor. Oh, I'm sorry. This is actually what I came down for and waited all this time, so. Yes. Good evening again. I drove through Lakewood where fireworks are allowed on July 4th last year. It was an absolute war zone. The air was thick with smoke, dogs barking relentlessly. Many of the streets were filled with people shooting off large fireworks in the aftermath. The streets and parks were absolutely littered with spent rockets and other trash. Our resources are already stretched to the max, according to public safety sources. How many fires will be started? How many homes destroyed? How many injuries will require paramedics? How many asthmatic will experience life threatening breathing problems because of the gross air pollution? How many parents will be frightened or harmed? How many irresponsible people will cause damage to their neighbors property? Who will be available to handle these situations? Are the groups that would profit from the sale of these fireworks going to pay for all these extra expenses of the city for public safety? Will they pay for the damages to property? How do they plan to atone for the loss of a child die or the heartbreak of losing a pet, or even the loss of somebody's life in a fire?

Will they be cleaning up all the trash that's left behind, or are they willing to shoulder this responsibility? The state is experiencing on

e of the most one of the worst droughts in history, a powder keg for wildfire. A single burning ember can travel the distance of a mile. Don't we have enough of a mess? From the Queen Mary. Fireworks, visitors without adding more problems. All things considered, the city council needs to put this issue to bed and continue the ban. It's the only safe and sane thing to do. Thank you. Thank you. And excuse. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the City Council staff. My name is John Kelly, Vice President, TNT Fireworks. 555 North Gilbert Street in Fullerton. As you consider your decision this evening on 14, I'm here to provide you with a brief snapshot of the fireworks industry in California and in L.A. County. Of the 46 states that currently allow consumer fireworks, the most restrictive state law is, yes, California. Safe and sane, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code, have been legal in California. The elders in my tribe told me since the forties. So we are the toes, the forties and all kinds of numbers. Take your pick. All products are tested and approved by the California State Fire Marshal before they can be sold. They may not explode, fly into the air or dart uncontrollably on the ground. They must perform under a ten feet, ten foot height restriction, and six foot circumference are limited to under 500 grams of composition and are subject to strict packaging and transportation guidelines. State law allows them to be sold used to possess from June 28th, noon to July the sixth. It's important to understand the difference between safe and sane versus illegal or dangerous fireworks. Again, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code, once approved authority transfers to local jurisdictions to allow their sale and use within their borders. It is an opt in system. It's up to the city to craft the ordinance, set criteria for and issue the permits, set fees and administer the program. Currently, there are three 270 communities that allow the sale of state approved fireworks in California, 63 of them in Southern California, throughout Ventura, L.A., Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties . 39 sell here in L.A. County. TNT is a wholesale distributor to 2500 nonprofit organizations statewide who sell these products as a fundraiser for the 4th of July. Most of the nonprofits are youth organizations, high school athletics, Pop Warner, Little League, church groups of all denominations, and finally service philanthropic and veteran organizations. Many rely on firework sales as a majority of the revenue for their programs. The past five years, there's been significant activity among cities bringing back fireworks in the state of California. Most recently, voters in Fullerton approved the overturn of a ban from fireworks from 1990. Westminster voters did the same in 2010. Villa Park, Brawley. Calexico, Stockton. Tracy, Lodi, Salinas, West Sacramento and Dixon all opened in the past five years. We know there are challenges i

n education, administration and public safety when it comes to a fireworks discussion. There are existing ordinances in Southern California that can and do address those concerns. Want to comment? A couple of comments made. We're not talking about toys here. State law prohibits the sale to anyone under 16 years of age. Most cities have adopted 18 year old wire. Of course, sparklers have been banned in California since 1993. Injury statistics quoted earlier include all fireworks, which includes full CE, which are not available in California. Voters did not approve fireworks. And on Extra Beach, that was a council action by a vote of 5 to 2. There was a change in the council majority during the second year of that, and that council voted 4 to 3 not to continue fireworks. Thank you. Thank you. Any other comments? Celebration of a great American revolution should be encouraged. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, Eddie Rozell. As I look at 3509 Lewis Avenue in the seventh District, I want to thank Mr. Austin for bringing this thing up. I've been in the city of Long Beach for 39 years, and those 39 years I've been criminalized every July 4th because I'm one of those people that buy fireworks. I would say to everybody, please consider this. The gentleman just spoke right now, if his numbers are true, people want this. And why should I be spending money in Lakewood or in Bellflower when I could be spending it here in Long Beach? Now, I respect everything that our esteemed police chief and fire chief have said about this, but it is like the gentleman just said, it is a traditional thing. And again, before you dismissal of this thing, I think what Mr. Austin has brought up is very valid, a very good issue that should be brought up, like I said , 39 years and Long Beach and 39 years criminalized. Thank you. Next, please. Very good. Good. You? The clerk has the address. With all due respect, the book. I think that this motion is a prima facie case. Against the second hand smoke of marijuana is obviously. Unchecked in the gentleman's district. Thank you. Okay, Mr. Johnson? Well, it's hard to top that, Mayor, but I guess I

want some clarification. But I think we've had some pretty good conversation. And my point of view is, I think, you know, I appreciate the councilor also bring this up. I think it is worthy of kind of robust conversation. Hearing the pros and cons, I'm not really eager to put on the April ballot. I think we just heard about it tonight, but I am interested in talking about it more. So is the consensus that we're saying that we're going to hear more from staff, get some reports, think about it, and then consider whether it put on the June ballot or actually sign up tonight. Put on the June ballot. I, I wanted to say on the motion. Remote motion is still to put it on an April ballot. Oh, but he may change it. Okay. Well, I guess. I'll ask both. Councilor, also, what do you think about perhaps take some time, maybe ask his staff to come back

with the full report canvassing power station. Then we can come back at a future meeting with that. Maybe meets their needs or. We can have a report within 30 days. I think, you know, I would definitely be open to a friendly amendment to moving it to the June ballot with four, but with having a lot more information from staff in terms of what the cost will be, what type of potential revenues we could be looking at getting here. Is it worth it necessarily to pursue this from a fiscal standpoint? And we also have to address the cost of public safety. And moving forward with this, we would have to definitely have to, I think, compensate for that. So I'm open to an amendment to do that. To make sure that that'll be my friendly amendment. Let's be clear what exactly the amendment is. The amendment, as I understand it, from what I heard, is to ask for a report from staff on the items that were enumerated within 30 days, and that at that point, we would consider whether or not it would be put on the June ballot. Correct. Not making the June decision tonight, but waiting for the information, which seems appropriate. Okay, that's the motion. Mr. Mayor. Okay, Mr. Mayor. Members, cast your votes. Well, the city clerk has, quote. The deadline for the June election would be March. Seven. Okay. So we'll be having before March 7th. 30 days would be early February. That sounds familiar. Somebody said two months from today. This motion carries nine votes. Yes. Okay. Now we go to item 15 luxury. There are conditions on this one. This is recommendation to receive an f, receive the application of come and go market for an original ABC license at 33978 LAC Atlantic Avenue determine that the application serves the public convenience a necessity, and submit a public notice of protest to ABC and direct the city manager to withdraw the protest if a conditional use permit isn't granted. This is in District seven, Councilman Johnson. Well, thank you, Vice Mayor. I have distributed the conditions here, which are largely based on what the police department has recommended. I'll go ahead and make the motion to go ahead and protest. Upon its completion, a copy. The copy is completed. Then asking the city to go ahead and withdraw the protest with these conditions. Secondly, okay, there's been a motion and a second. Any public comment? Just one composer. We want counsel. First, I want to thank Councilman James Johnson for bringing this motion to the council. My name is Abdul Shareef. I'm the applicant. Councilman, if you look at this, I want council to take a look at these conditions, impose and. Originally. What I'm trying to do is just upgrade my type 22 or 21. The 20 that I have to currently have no conditions. And with the 21, basically just give me the opportunity to sell distilled spirits with these conditions. Pretty much console is stripping me with all the sales that I have now with the 20 and pretty much give me. Anything for

the deceased spirit. I asked council to look at the conditions and I have a recommendation also if I may place give it out to just take a look at it. What? If you have something you can pass over the clerk? Okay, sir. Thank you. Okay, thank you. Any other public comment? KC None. Vice-Chair Just respond, I'm sure, coming down and I look forward to working with you over the coming months. I think the problem is we've had a lot of issues, frankly, at the establishment with vagrancy and so forth. But I think we can I think we can make some improvements and perhaps make change in the future. I would like to ask the police department, do we have any record of calls of service at this location or any history you want inform the council about? And someone from PD or licensing here. Good evening, Vice Mayor. City Council during the investigative period from December 2012 to December 2013. We show 24 calls for service with majority of those being unwelcome people. Usually unwelcome people means people are loitering the area. Yes, I think, you know, that's the challenge. So I think if we can get some of that problem activity decreased, I think perhaps in the future we can visits and the conditions. It certainly actually, sir, we can have a back and forth. But you've had your public comment. Okay, sir, thank you so much. Any other council comments? None. Any other public comment? See, now there is a motion on the floor.

Members, please cast your votes. I mean. Yes. Motion carries five votes. Next item. Next item is to recommend to find that excavations are immediately required for the general health, safety and welfare of the city. It cannot be delayed. And this is so a portion of West Belfast Boulevard between Stearns and Abbey Field Street, some of which has been reconstructed District Court. Thank you. We'll go to item six. Quick read. Item six is a report from the office. Councilwoman Jeri Ships Key and Councilmember Gary DeLong with a recommendation to request the city manager to direct the airport director to provide a report on how the City of Long Beach will participate in discussions with the FAA to reduce helicopter noise. Councilmember Schepisi Thank you, Mr. Mayor. In January, President Obama signed into law what is called the Los Angeles County Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act. That, among other items, requires the FAA to look at a variety of ways to reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County, including mapping new routes to avoid homes, looking at flying at higher altitudes and developing a complaint system. The law was put forward by the federal legislators who share the concern of residents in the city of Long Beach, who live in neighborhoods that are begging for relief from the constant noise from helicopters. And what I would request, I think I. Mr. West. Yes, Mr. Rodriguez. Okay. Yes. Yes. We could hear from staff, because I met with Mr. Rodriguez today and they are going to issue a report. But I think that would be an order rig

ht now. Yeah. Mayor, members of the city council will be more than. Glad to issue a report as to what we have done. Up to this point. And will we be doing in the future with this issue. So we'll be issuing a two from four. Okay. All right. I would make a motion that we request the city manager to direct the airport director to provide a report on how the city of Long Beach is going to participate in the discussions with the FAA to reduce helicopter noise. Motion the second. Second. All right. Any council discussion. And remember the public question, just the council on this item. If so, please come forward. Identify yourself if you see the yellow light. You have about a half a minute left. Thank you. The first two members of the city council. My name is Diamond Sievers, and I reside in Bluff Heights. I'm also a member of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association, and the masks are on the board of the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition. I'd like to first express my appreciation to Council Membership Scheme and DeLong for bringing this issue of helicopter noise abatement back to the city Council's attention this evening is my hope that the Council unanimously vote in support of Long Beach as active participation in resolving the helicopter noise over our schools and our homes. During this year, the FAA will be holding meetings with residents and the helicopter industry to determine if voluntary members excuse me, monitoring measures have made significant improvement. With regards to helicopter noise in L.A. County, the FAA will only be required to pass mandatory regulations if the voluntary measures are not successful. The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition has participated in all major efforts related to helicopter noise since 2011, and no tangible, voluntary solutions has been found thus far. The issues are further complicated due to the lack of a county wide, a complete system, a lack of any criteria for determining if progress has been made or any baseline data. So it will be problematic to determine if significant progress has been made during the year. It is therefore necessary for Long Beach to be very active and vocal throughout this FAA process. Two other issues I'd like to quickly address and point out to the City Council, which may impact aviation noise and Long Beach. The first one is that the city of Santa monica and the FAA are in a debate regarding the future of the Santa monica Santa monica Airport. If Santa monica Airport is closed or if the runway is shortened, there may very well be a large number of aircraft looking to relocate in L.A. County. Long Beach already has approximately 60 helicopters housed at our airport. And although Santa monica has only a small number of helicopters, I would suggest that we should certainly would not want additional helicopters, and we would want to be vigilant with regards to any additional fixed wing aircraft using Long Beach as a home base. In addition, there has been a propo

sal to open a new heliport at L.A.X. A decision regarding the heliport has not been made. And I would suggest, again, that this could negatively impact helicopter activity over Long Beach. The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition has submitted a letter opposing the request for a helicopter heliport in LAX. A copy of that letter is being emailed to the city council members, but I took the liberty the same name and brought you copies of the letter. I thought it might be important for you to look at that as we approach this issue of L.A.X. possibly adding to the confusion and the noise over L.A. County with a new heliport. Again, I greatly appreciate the city council and the Long Beach Airport staff working on behalf of the residents in Long Beach. And I would hope that the

action of the Long Beach City Council tonight to actively participate in the upcoming FAA meetings will become a model for the other cities in Long Beach, excuse me, in L.A. to emulate. Thank you. Thank. Thank you. Mr. Councilmember. Should. Yes, Mr. Mayor, I'd like to thank Councilmember DeLong for co-sponsoring this and like to point out to the public that the city of Long Beach was one of the cities supporting the 2000 313 Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act. So the city has been on record for quite a bit that we'd like to participate and support this. So with that. We have a motion in the second on item on item six, please cast your vote. Councilmember Now motion carries seven votes. Item seven Cllr Cary. Yes. Thank you, members. Now on the ordinance, the same motion. Yes. And I still like to make my comments. Oh, good. Thank you. I wanted to thank the city staff. This is something that I didn't want to just take a quick vote on, given the amount of work that's gone into this and John Thomas has alluded to it. This is long in the process and city staff in the Planning Commission are to be thanked for their diligence in developing this ordinance and adhering to the spirit of the original Council agenda item, which was I don't know how long ago, probably two years now. I'd also like to thank you, John Thomas, and other advocates for your input and support along the way. It takes that kind of community stamina to hang with us when this kind of public policy is developed and how long it does take for built out cities such as Long Beach. Adaptive reuse can be an important tool for revitalizing business corridors and residential buildings, thereby stabilizing communities. I think Mr. Thomas was clear in his testimony. It's especially true today in post redevelopment environment where older buildings, if tended to, if, if revitalized, can contribute to improving blighted areas. And that's what we would look forward to. Underutilized sections of a block can be reactivated and serve as anchors for new business activity, creating pedestrian traffic and sales tax revenue. Adaptive reuse is also an economic multiplier that creates jobs again in a post redevelopment

environment. These are the opportunities we have to look for in other ways, and I think we do that here with this ordinance. A recurring theme and adaptive reuse or any type of development, for that matter, is the need for a permit process to be efficient and predictable. But adaptive reuse regulations also need to be flexible when it comes to applying today's building codes to 50 year or plus 50 plus year buildings. We're not talking about reducing safety requirements, and I want to assure those of you that might have concerns about that. But there are codes that can be overly burdensome and end up chasing good developers away from a project. I believe this ordinance achieves these goals and the timing could not be better for the real estate and construction industries. We in Long Beach have an impressive collection of older and historic buildings to prove to rival any other city in Southern California. I know we're all very proud of that. And now we have the tools to cultivate these treasures and invest in their future. Thank you. Thank you. All right. The same motion and same second on there was on the audience. Speak for matter. Make it quick, Mr. Duncan. I already asked twice. Republican. I think you know a difference, too. I think that the preservation organization is a vast waste of money. Millions of dollars squandered. We should advance and progress with modern buildings. The old buildings look ugly. And that's why they ought to be torn down that are because they are ill constructed or have rats in them or something like that. A parking lot would provide more revenue and be more business oriented. And a new building. A new building, not an old building done over again, but a new building will provide more jobs for people's interaction and would be even look better. Thank you. Mr.. Then to the point as usual. Members cast your votes on the ordinance. Please. Motion carries nine votes. Okay. We open at the public comment. We have seven members of the public. Please come up here. Identify yourself. You'll see a green light when the yellow light comes on. It means you have about 30 seconds left. Please stay within the 3 minutes. The report from Public Works with the recommendation to authorize stadium exit, a funding agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide funding and widening of Atlantic Avenue and Willow Street. So moved that. There's been a motion and a second. Any public comment on the item saying none. Please go out and cast your votes. Councilmember Andrews. Thank you very much, Vice Mayor. You know, the project is definitely, you know, welcome to because this is a particular area in one of the most used intersections in the central area, you know, and in both the left and right lane terms will alleviate a huge, you know, difference in our community and commuting, you know, as well as, you know, helping to alleviate a lot of the traffic congestion there. So I would like to thank everyone

who involved in and making this happen. So I'd like to move to approve this item. You get in a motion to approve the item by Councilmember Andrews. There's a second and there's no public comment. So we're going to go ahead and take a vote. Right up. Councilman Burgess. Motion carries nine votes. Yes. Okay. An exciting place to recommendation. Declare an ordinance, and many of them is municipal code relating to electronic cigarets and similar devices read and adopted as read. And report from the Office of Vice Mayor Robert Garcia with the recommendation to designate the park at Alamitos and Seventh Street as Robert Gunpowder Park and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. GREAT. Mr. Vice Mayor. Thank you. You're welcome. There. Over the last few years, we've been working hard on the creation of a new greenspace and park over at 17 Alamitos. And it's been referred to by the community as well as those who have been working on the site is Armory Park. And the Armory Park site is a has a long history here in Long Beach. And I want to start by talking a little bit about that and kind of what led us to this point that I do think this is a special night for for Long Beach and for the legacy of someone who has contributed so much to Long Beach. And there are very few people in in the history of our young city who have done more for not just arts and culture, but for the world of medicine than Robert than Dr. Robert COMBINER Bueno is risky, but ten years ago I began working with the Craftsman Historic Group as well as neighbor, different neighbors in the community to discuss the possibility of shutting down a parcel of Alamitos at seventh. And Alamitos, where we're Martin Luther King Boulevard also meets years later. They came up with a plan that then became became really a city plan, which we adopted. We went out, we got funds with the state and others and were able to get enough money from the from the state, from other transit funds to put together enough money to essentially take the parcel that is currently there at the street and close it down and create a parcel, a green space for the city. When this groundbreaking happens later this year, not only will we be eliminating the most dangerous intersection in the city of Long Beach, but we will be creating a new green space adjacent to the Museum of Latin American Art, adjacent to PM, and also creating green space in a community that has very little access to recreation and green space. In fact, it is one of the most dense neighborhoods in the city. There are still challenges there. And the fact that there isn't a lot of room in place for for young people to play has always been a challenge for for the neighborhood. So what this will do is we're really taking what was a dangerous intersection and creating a new park. The park will include a small skate park. It will include a top lot for families. It will include open greenspace. It will include opportunities for outdoor art and fes

tivals, as well as areas for people to have a pedestrian walkway and to enjoy this kind of small green area in a really urban urban setting. Also, about a eight or nine months ago, we began a process to come up with a name for the parcel. So we had a series of meetings, including a community naming meeting and encourage the community to give their input on what to name the park. The conclusion of that discussion was we that the community and working with our office and other partners really felt that the best way to to honor the incredible legacy of the the the main benefactor to this neighborhood an area would be to name the park after Robert Combiner. And as we all know, Dr. Combiner not only facilitated the growth of one of the largest HMOs in the country and started his practice here in Long Beach, but also created and established through his job. Atrocity, the Museum of Latin American Art, as well as the the Peace Museum, which is right just adjacent to the site as well. Pacific Islander Collection. That's there. Five years ago, Dr. Gunn Binder passed away, but his dedication to Long Beach has been consistent. He has invested when you think about the investment that Dr. Gunn Byner has made to the arts in Long Beach, the way he put Latin American art into the national discussion and made Long Beach the center of that is something that's admirable. This will be the first major public space in the city and in the country named after Dr. Graham Byner. In this way, and I think it's a moment of of celebration for certainly his family, the museum and all of those that have been involved and have been touched by his generosity. And I want to end by saying that I think that Dr. Combiner is certainly best known for his philanthropic contributions. But we should never forget the thousands of people that he helped in Long Beach through his medical practice, through reaching out to low income communities, through the free clinics, through him providing oftentimes free health care to all of those residents in these in these communities. And so his contributions really stem from not just his philanthropic work, but the work he did to make a Long Beach a healthier place and his vision of of a healthier Long Beach. And so the idea of creating and naming a park, which is the important piece of having a healthy community. After Dr. Gunn Byner, I think makes a lot of sense. So. So with that, I'm going to go

ahead and make the motion to record, to name the the park at Alamitos and seventh Robert Gunn Binder Park, and refer the item to both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhoods Council Committee. Okay. Councilmember Lipski. Yes. Mr. Garcia Was there any consideration of having the Robert and Josephine campaigner Park? Because Josephine was an extremely important asset not only to his work, but set up numerous charitable organizations as a result of their partnership together. And I think the family certainly would be very honored i

f both the father and the mother were included in that. So is there any way we could explore that opportunity? Well, you know, the this actual naming went through a pretty extensive community process, and this is the name that they decided on. I think there certainly will be ways at the site to honor to honor her. And I and I understand what you're saying, but this is what went through the community process. So it's one of what I'm presenting to the council. Okay. Well, hopefully we'll get the community to to go to the Parks and Rec Commission, because it would be a gross oversight to keep her out of the naming of that park. She's very responsible for his success. Good motion. And the second any member of the public was just council on this item, please come forward. Larry. Good you Kirk as the address. I support 100% with the councilman accountable for the fifth District bishops, he said. I think it was an oversight. I was not involved in that process whatsoever. But I think obtuse would be the word to describe this council's actions. If you said if you did not, in fact, remand this back to the process. And had them consider that and then bring that forward. There's nothing to lose that will be there in perpetuity. You don't put it on as a Band-Aid or something or afterthought. And it really I don't know who was responsible for and how this often got, you know, pushed through. There have been a number of dubious things relative to naming people, naming things after people and so forth that haven't been well-thought out. But you have an opportunity to to do what I think most people, decent people would expect. And since the barn isn't on fire, remand it back from whence it came, from where it came, and have them revisit that, then bring it forward. Thank you. Thank you. Any further any further comments? Okay. I just want to say I knew Dr. Gunn by her personally, and I have a great deal of respect for his work in this city and his legacy. And so I appreciate the the honor he made me receive. Okay, members, we have motion to second. Cast your votes on item seven. Motion carry symbols. Yes, I make look read the. Report from financial management with the recommendation to adopt a resolution approving the annual and Five-Year Reports for the Transportation Improvement. Three The Parks and Recreation Facilities Fee, Foreign Impact Fee and the police facilities impact. Okay. Item six, click or read item six. This is a report from the city manager with the recommendation to authorize the city manager execute documents with Global Green for professional technical assistance to conduct a sustainable neighborhood assessment for the historic Virginia Village Market Street Neighborhood District eight. Straws. Yes, Mr. Mayor, thank you very much. I pulled this item because I think it is worthy of our hearing here in the public. This is a endeavor that is very important to North Lawn Beach communities, particularly those neighborhoods surrounding the Market Ave

nue corridor. I wanted to let staff report exactly on what this Global Green Initiative is actually all about. And so I turn it over to the city manager. Mayor. Councilmember Andrews This is a project that's very near and dear to Councilmember Austin's heart. And I'm going to turn it over to our sustainability manager, Larry Rich, to tell us what's happening. Thank you, Mr. West. Good evening, Mayor, and members of the Council. One of the things that we do in the Office of Sustainability is always looking for grant opportunities to pursue either for funding or, in this case, technical assistance. And so and this particular grant opportunity, the organization Global Green reached out to us and invited us to apply for a program that they're doing that's called the Sustainable Neighborhood Assessment. This is the third year of their program. In the past two years, they've selected in each of the years, seven or eight other cities around the country. This year they were looking for another seven or eight cities. And so Long Beach applied. We in working with the Development Services Department and looking into previous planning efforts, we selected a neighborhood in in the eighth District in the vicinity of Market Street and the Virginia Village right there at Market and Language Boulevard. And so what this is all about is we previously interacted with Global Green to create our green building policy for both municipal development and private development. And in that policy, we use a tool called the Lead Checklist LEED being leadership in energy and environmental design. So at this point in the city of Long Beach, we've got more than 30 LEED certified buildings, some of which are city owned facilities such as Fire Station 12 or the gas

and oil building that was recently completed. There's a there's a different product that we're not as familiar with that's called LEED for Neighborhood Development. So over the course of this grant technical assistance, we will be doing a assessment of this neighborhood around Market Street with a mind to what sort of strengths the neighborhood has, what sort of green opportunities exist. And we will be provided with a report and assessment at the end of the process that will make recommendations to the city about how it might proceed with development projects in that neighborhood to introduce green elements such as pedestrian friendliness, stormwater improvements, open space linkages and so on. The technical assistance involves an intensive three day site visit by the Global Green Experts, where we'll do. A city team will be assembled to work with the Global Green team. We'll do a walk the neighborhood to get a feel for what's going on, on the ground, review the existing plans that have been completed for the area, run through the the lead for neighborhood development checklist to review opportunities there, hold a couple or a stakeholder meeting and also a an evening community input meeting and then tie all that infor

mation together in what I've seen done for the other cities that have completed this process, a 20 to 25 page report that then comes back to the city and it'll be on us to implement recommendations that are made in that report. So that's a kind of a quick overview of what we're talking about for this neighborhood. We're excited in the Office of Sustainability because, as I said, we don't necessarily have experience with the lead for neighborhood development tool. So it'll be a good learning experience for city staff and hopefully we'll pick up some things through this process that will be applicable to neighborhoods across the city. That's the end of my report and I'm ready for any questions. Well, I'll just give you a comment and say, you know, I'm looking forward to this. I know many of our residents are looking forward to it. And as you say, stakeholders as well in the area. I think this project will this assessment will help tie in Virginia Village. Which has already seen significant city investment. On that with the Forest Wetlands Project is coming to Earth as well. And so Market Street is a is a is a priority for this. My office and you can count on my full participation in my office is full participation in this assessment process can make it successful. Thank you very much for your hard work. I want to move the item. Mr.. So move the second. Move and second seconded. Any member of the public will suggest council item 639 members cast your vote. So item six. This motion carries eight votes. With the item 18. Support from the Office of Mayor Bob Foster with the recommendation suspend the suspend the Council meeting of April eight due to the. Thank you, Mayor. This hearing involves the financial management department. The recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the master fee and charges schedule. Mr. West. Yes. Vice Mayor, members of the Council. Leah Erickson, our budget manager, will provide the staff report. Good evening, Mayor and council members. Today's city council's approval is being requested for the second quarter changes to the master fee and charge schedule. This schedule is updated at least twice a year to meet City Council's policy on user fees, which calls for full cost recovery whenever appropriate. The last time City Council amended the fee schedule was on September 3rd of 2013 as part of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Attachment A to the report includes seven departments with fee changes. And these fees include items such as in the clerk's office, increasing the fee for providing express passport services by a dollar to reflect the United States Postal Service's fee increase. It also includes fees for the Belmont Pool, the new outdoor pool. And these fees were based on a comparative analysis of other outdoor public pools. And it was meant to update and standardize the fees and related to the use of that pool. They should be noted, those

those fees will be reviewed with the opening of the permanent Belmont Pool, and they are going to be retroactive for January 1st, 2014. In the police department, there's a number of general fees that are just being rounded to minimize use of change. So they're being rounded to the nearest whole dollar. And in, for instance, another example would be public works, charging a fee to cover the cost of printing no parking signs that are used in temporary construction zones. So like I said, seven departments do have fee changes as part of this this report and myself and members, representatives from those departments are here, if you have any specific questions. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to move on to any sort of public comment on the hearing. Seeing none. I'm going to go and close the hearing and take it behind over here to the council. Councilor Morgenthau. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I just had a couple of questions for staff. One is, I think there's something in here. Why must the HIV AIDS health education classes start 30 minutes later than the closing time?

To. Council Councilmember Lowenthal we will have Dr. Bitch Kushner from Health and Human Services here who can answer that question. Councilwoman Lowenthal. The question was why the classes start a half hour. Later. Later than. Than the closing time of. The health. Department? Yes. Probably. It's more of a. Function of availability for the clients that are ordered. To take the course. That's the only reason I could give. Okay, that's. That's fine. I just thought that was peculiar. Peculiar? Sorry. The second question I had is under the news rack removal. And Dr. Kushner, I don't think that's your expertise, but if the owner fails to cure the violation within the stated number of business days, the news rack shall be removed and stored in a designated place. So Long Beach Municipal Code states that the owner shall pay the expenses of removal and storage of the newsroom. I'm just curious, do we have do we still have difficulty with the news rack removal? I know we did some time back. And I know you're proposing an \$85 retrieval fee per rack, but is that based on the administrative work that it requires or a difficulty in compliance? Honorable, lone, tall. The cost is to recover the actual physical work that an employee has to go out to remove the rack, put it on a truck, and take it back to the yard and store it. So that's our retrieval. That's all retrieval. I mistook that about the. Administrative. Fee. Perfect. Thank you. You think you can spiritual escape? Yes. Think I'm the Marine face. I would not be more prudent to wait till we've had the audit on him. On. The Marine face before we. You've got indication here about. And see what it says. Page. Yeah. Cover administrative processing costs are proposed by the Marine Bureau. 10% increase for temporary slip late fees. I thought that we were going to have a complete audit of those fees. And wouldn't it be more appropriate to wait to the audits

done before any change of any fee related to that? Councilman George Patton Director Parks, Recreation, Marine. I think the fees that we've got identified here for dry, dry boat storage and they aren't related to the audit. The audit, I think, deals more with what was being charged to the Marina Fund in terms of maintenance. Well, the temporary slip they would not be related to someone is using. That's a late fee. I understand that they charge, but that's cumulative on top of the other fees. I'm just asking if we're going to have an audit of that at that time. It might be appropriate to come back with all the increases suggested increases, because I would think the auditor would audit anything related to that. I don't believe that was in the scope of the audit. The auditors not here. So. We're going to have a response to that. I know that the order is not here. Well, I think that wasn't part of the audit scope. The scope was to look at the maintenance charges that was charged to the Marina Fund, not so much the slip fees and whether or not they were appropriate or the increases in slip fees. Container ships could do anything additional. That's why I think you got somebody. O'Donnell. Just two questions. Does this does this change the fee structure to the launch ramps at all? DAVIES, etc.? I don't believe so. Okay. And what about residential restricted parking permits like those around the colleges. For permanent. Purpose of. Residential preferential parking? Right. Typically, I believe at 30, maybe 65 now. Do they go up to 65? I'm trying. To. Councilmember O'Donnell, there are no changes to the parking fees. Great. So parking in lawn traps are left out. Thank you. So let you finish this, Mr. Vice Mayor. Where are we with the emotion? No. The hearing? No. Is there emotion? All right. Any other questions will entertain emotion. Moved in second move against memberships seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. Any public comment? All right. Eight questions. CNN members cast your votes in hearing our number one. Motion carry seven votes. Yes. Thank you. Members. I probably need to comment on this because I didn't even know it was up. But you'll notice that the nameplate in front of me, says Admiral Bob Foster, Starfleet Command, which has been my lifelong dream. But they film Star Trek the movie here about four or five years ago. And and the know they made some improvements to this room. And if you watch the movie it outside the windows of San Francisco but it's in this room but they sounds. Like a campaign. They went out they found. Out that I was somewhat of a Trekkie. And the producer said, if I would have known that, I would have made the admiral who did the court martial. I would have said Admiral Bob Foster. I said, that would have been really great. So before they left, they gave me a nameplate that said Starfleet Command. So people have been calling me Admiral tonight, and I just kind of ignored it and I thought, What the heck is that going on? So anyway,

that way explanation. Are you really are tricky. I love the look like the old Star Trek, right? And that's good. And I really enjoy the old star had some great themes in there. But anyway, that's neither here nor there. We're not going to solve that tonight. All right. We have public comment. I think that's correct. Greg in public comment. John Music Mrazek. I hope happiness. Right? The report

from the police department with the recommendation to receive and receive the application of state side crafts for an original ABC license at 42428 Atlantic Avenue and determined that the application serves the public convenience and necessity. And submit a public notice of protest to ABC. And direct the city manager to withdraw the protest if a conditional use permit is granted. This is in District eight. Councilmember Alston. Thank you very much. I am going to move this item on so moved second and just with a condition that that I do support the the recommendation to uphold the protests. But this is a business that we are looking forward to seeing in the Bixby Knolls area on Atlantic as part of the Renaissance that is occurring. I have met with the owner, Miss Arnoldo, and I'm very impressed with the business model that will be coming forth. But because this is coming before the conditional use permit process, we have to uphold the protest. And but I do look forward to working with her as well as other local residents, to find a balance for for good business in Bixby Knolls and quality of life for our residents. So I would ask for your support. And there's a motion and a second. Any public comment on the item saying that please cast your votes on the. Yes. Motion carries eight votes. Thank you. Automated reports from the office council member James Johnson and council member Steven Neale with a recommendation to adopt a resolution supporting April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. I maintain this report from financial management with the recommendation to receive and file the fiscal year 2014 first quarter budget performance report. Second. There's been a motion. Any second concern for Austin? Yes. I guess this question is for city staff. I reviewed the the fiscal year reports for 13, for 12 and for 11. And they seem to all have a lot more information than this one does. Is there any specific reason why the particulars for fund balances, percentage of funds spent out of those funds and revenues aren't reported . I'll turn this over to our budget manager, Lia Erickson. Good evening, Councilmember. Basically because we're projecting that everything is on track. We did not decide. We decided not to show all the detail since we're really not projecting any deviation. We do note that revenues and expenditures are on track and that their spending is in line with past years. So it would be. Safe to assume. Based on that comment, that no departments are over budget over 25% at this point. That is that is correct. We are not projecting any departments to b

e overspending their budgets. Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. Thank you. See no other comment from Council on this. Any public comment on the item? Think again, Mr. Vice Mayor, Gary Shelton. You know, every once in a while, the planets align like the. Moon and the sun and the earth and maybe strawberry and. Mars. And it's kind of like that tonight. You see me down here at the microphone, I think a whole lot of times more than I wish I had come down here. So I wanted to just express that I normally won't show my face at nearly every item like this, but there are some times when a lot of things just sort of land on the same night that piqued my interest are and this is one and I really appreciate council member Austin's notice that that it was very very short report and the staff's answer to that but the main reason I'm down here tonight is that every quarter when I'm able to when it looks like the budget is on track, I come down to remind the council that when Assemblywoman Lowenthal was in the seat at District number one, the housing trust fund was created. And that was I have it in my texting. I'm not going to reread it something like 12 years ago. And there was a little bitty half of a phrase in there that said when the housing trust fund, which was designed to provide opportunity for housing for extremely low income members of our residents in our city, as well as moderate or and over moderate income residents of the city that could provide housing opportunities. There's been no additional funds put into that for the past nine years, and it sits right now at \$166,100, which isn't quite useful for anything. Staff has identified that last \$266,000 to be used for rehabbing downtrodden mobile homes, which I guess is all right. But the phrase in the ordinance was, if available, and the way money becomes available for the housing trust fund is if the transient occupancy tax fund overperform and then money that's put into the general fund for that isn't used for something else. First we discovered that when the first time that that actually was an occurrence and there was money that appeared to be available, it was used instead for paying police department overtime wages, which was going to argue with that last year. In December, the year end report for the October year end showed that we were some, well, \$545,000 overbudget at the time, and that was rolled over. It indicates that there was actually a purpose for the roll over now of of even more money than that which was for the CalPERS fluctuation reserve. I guess so. But I'm just here to remind you that one of these days there will be money available for that housing trust fund unless you, on any given Tuesday night, decide to take that if available out of the ordinance and make the housing trust fund really supply money for

housing the way it was designed to. Thank you. Thank you. Any other public comment on the item since there is a motion on the floor? Please cast your votes. As a council memb

er, Johnson. Motion carries some votes. We're going to move on now to a beloved item 1990. Item 19 is a report from Health and Human Services with the recommendation to execute a First Amendment to an agreement between the state of California and the city of Long Beach for the provision of HIV, AIDS, health care services. And 11 is recommendation draft resolution certifying the results of the primary now, meaning election to be moved second. And second. In any member, the public would just council item 11 say none. But it's good you. Larry GOODHEW Clarke as he addressed the four related items here. And I'm certainly not going to speak on each one of them, but I would take I want to take 3 minutes, but just and combine it all. But I do want to take if you'll allow me about 40 seconds to follow up and a relative to that great deal, the the the newest millionaire. And there's something very sweet about it. Remember, the guys came to they came to this country with \$0 and were really poverty. They were living on food stamps. The mother had severe cancer and so forth. Fast forward to today that they signed it. Zuckerberg had the guy over to his house for lunch and they had been working on the deal for a few months into that, running up for that. They decided to sign the deal and they picked up the phone and they called their respective legal teams and said, meet us over here, will sign the paperwork. And the guy said, Listen, I've got a better place to sign that. And Zuckerberg said, Fine, here we go. They hopped in the car, went about 20, 20 minutes, 20 miles away, and it was a vacant building. And that was the only obstacle. Is there any relevance to. Yes, it's just a sweet thing to keep in mind. All of the vacant buildings, the Social Security office where he used to get food stamps and like Martin Luther King, he took the contract that that sealed the deal, signed it to the grill and the door and signed it. So that it's just a sweet thing on this. I'm going to make this suggestion. If the city clerk and the city attorney can fashion what I'm about to say into something that is acceptable. Now I know the state the city declares a state of emergency many times. I'm going to suggest that the city, this council. After listening to the city fashioning and having the city attorney examine it together with the clerk. Declare a state of emergency. Postpone. The election for one year, during which time the city will hire a retired US federal judge. Obviously not from the ninth Circuit. To help bring this, we put the city back on a sound footing. And a year from now. Go back to the public. And that's based upon the fact that every day I hear from more and more people and. Both sides of the aisle. The overwhelming sentiment is the two choices we have in terms of the mayoral election, and that's all I'm talking about, the mayoral election. The two choices are simply putrid, period. And I find it astonishing. That within what was once a great city, we can't fin

d two people again. Regardless of what side of the aisle we got. It was a good year. Time's expired. Thank you. I think we know your sentiments on this. Thank you. I'm quite sure you do. We know that you are quite done. All right. Members, we have a motion in the second on item. Item 11, please cast your votes. There are four resolutions. Associated with that in a letter that so moved on. All of them. Yeah. Let's do it. All right. Okay. Mr. City Attorney, can we move? Yes. So moved. Charlie. Okay. All right. Yes, ma'am. Mr. Vice Mayor. Thank you. I actually just wanted to acknowledge I think we have a pure in the audience to watch this. We have our new incoming school board member, Megan Curran, who was here. And we also have our councilmember elect, Robert Arango, who is here as well. And so I just wanted to point out that their. Congratulations to you both. Congratulations. Councilmember Lowenthal and I wanted to extend my congratulations as well to both of them and looking forward to working with you both. Thank you. Good luck. Nice job. All right, members, cast your votes on all four. Motion carry symbol. Yes. Thank you. We'll now go to new business. Mr. Andrews? Item 12 item calls a recommendation to adopt plans and specifications for the Naples Island permanent seawall repairs. So moved a motion and a second. Any public comment on the item? Mr. Goodhue. An up. Very good. You click as the address. I support the concept in chief and I've studied the plan for doing it and moving forward in this first phase. And I think it makes it eminent sense. And I think also the mitigation plan for this first section makes sense. I'm not sure about the mitigation for the balance of the program, but at least for this sense that makes and for this first phase, it makes sense where the problem comes up. Excuse me. 1/2 and. Where the problem. Surfaces is in the the funding of it. And I support using tidelands funds. But I think the city is going to find itself in a position of not being able to use those tidelands funds pending the given the specter of the pending indictment and arrest the Vice mayor.

Commissioner. Coastal Commissioner Garcia. There are some details handed out here relative to that, and next week I'll go further into it. But I think the city needs to examine methods of financing at it other than the Tidelands Agency, because I think the requisite authorities that have the ability to do so are going to put the foot on the neck until they clean up the corruption that is set forth in not only here, but this comes on the heels, of course, as you know, the chief counsel for the Department of Boating Waterways caught the city trying to illegally use money to benefit friends of Bob Foster in the Long Beach Yacht Club. That does not instill confidence. So I think it's foolish to move forward counting on the Tidelands funds until they get a master in here to clean up the shop. I think they've come to realize now that the potential dollars that we're ta

lking about here are approaches, approaches that which has resulted in the increase in the incarceration of the people in Bell. The instant issue here that brings it into focus is to S and the Marine stadium that was put forward that saying it was an epicenter of crime. The police reports clearly that are in your hands now showing that there's no crime. The building is secured at night with iron curtains, £200 each. All of both of which are chained with chain and steel at night. There is no crime. It was a ruse to make a gift to \$300,000 to a few select people. That is going to hold up, I believe, the use of tidelands funds. Thank you. Vice Chair Councilors if I can, to point out as a city manager, we have no idea what. Mr. Good he is talking about. Any of the allegations just made are just made up. We have no idea. We never heard about this. So I just want to make that very, very clear that we have no idea what he's talking about. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Break the chains. Good evening, Council and vice mayor. I appreciate you letting me speak today. Maureen Poe from 144 7:00 Naples. Since 1939, the present Naples sea walls have been standing and they've stood the test of time. But more than 18 years ago, the city had prudently paid attention to the cries from homeowners in the Naples Improvement Association, and they had done several studies. One of them was the Cash and Associates, and one of them was the Moffatt and Nickel Report. And when I was president of the Nhia, they came to a meeting and they told people that we have walls that are deteriorating and we have to do something about them quickly. And they had an estimate that it would cost about 78 million to do the entire island. And with neighborhood volunteers, we came together and formed a seawall committee and about 20 people have consistently, once a month for 18 years every month, come together to provide input and to work with the city. And public works has been very receptive and responsive to our requests. And talking about these public seawalls, the city council is always provided us with continual funding during that time period to work on road repair. And there was a study done by the State Lands Commission and the city. There was a study prepared by transit systems and that particular one, the gentleman who was doing it, could even pull the wall pieces out by hand. So it was at that point it was in imminent danger of failure. And so six phases of a project were established at that time and moved ahead. Tetra Tech developed the phases in pieces and then the Coastal Commission looked at it. And through the help of Councilman DeLong and through continued help of our vice mayor here, he worked on the committee on the commission, the Coastal Commission, and helped to formulate the ways that we could get a project through that would be on the water side, because we were looking at the birds that nested the created creatures in the water. We looked at the public access and m

ake sure that public access was being addressed. And so the plan that has been finally come up and it's taken more than eight years to pull it together, is now before you. And we know that we don't want to spend any more money on studies, and we know that this is a good use of the Thailande fund for public access to our waterways and the Coastal Commission blessed it. And we'd like you to bless it tonight. Thank you. Thank you, Maureen, for all your work and the other public comments. Sea none believe there's a motion on the floor for item 12. Please go and cast your votes. Motion carries them both. Yes. Item 13 Its recommendation to adopt plans and specifications that authorize the city manager to contract with Hrb Inc. for pipeline replacement. It's not here. We're done. Okay. We're going to move on to the regular agenda, please. Item 11. Item. Item 11 is a report from the office councilmember Steven Neal in councilman Alaskan with the recommendation for recommendation receive and file a report on the status of alcohol nuisance of the alcohol nuisance abatement ordinance. And Mr. Councilman Neal. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. In 2012, Councilmember Austin and I embarked upon an initiative to address public safety, health and safety issues in North Long Beach. And I wanted to come back and give us a brief report. I also want to thank this body for allowing us to go forward with that project. Our Masters of Social Work

intern Michelle Diggs from Cal State Long Beach is going to be reporting out on the North Long Beach Liquor Store Modernization Project. Michelle has done excellent work on this project and also other assignments that she has had in the ninth District. And again, if you would, indulge us for a few minutes. Councilmember Neill, before we start, we do want to bring up a presentation that Michelle is going to be providing. So if we could get item number 11 brought up on the screen, that would be helpful. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to Michelle. Thank you. Okay. Hello. My name is Michelle Dix and I'm a graduate student in social work and my graduate placement has been in the office of Council Member Steven Neal for the past nine months. I was brought on to work on systems change work and have had the opportunity to work specifically on the outreach related to the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. I've been asked by Council member Neal to provide the public with an update on the status of the work that has been done by Development Services and the Office of Council Member Steven Neal. To begin. Here is some brief background on the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. The ordinance was sponsored by council members Neal and Austin in July 2012 and eventually adopted by City Council on August six, 2013. The spirit of the ordinance was to address long standing nuisance issues related to alcohol outlets and contain performance standards for legal nonconforming liquor stores. The resolution to begin implementation in North Long

Beach began January ten, 2014. Prior to implementation on January 10th, a significant amount of outreach was conducted. Two letters were sent to each business and property owner, which included a description of the new requirements and the deadline for compliance. It also included information on the Corridor Beautification Program, which provides a \$2,000 grant for exterior improvements. Eight businesses apply for this grant. Additionally, Development Services staff visited each store on two or more occasions. After the January 10th deadline, even more outreach was conducted, which included site visits, letters and phone calls. And there was a significant level of multi department coordination between council offices, planning code enforcement and Business License Bureau, all working together to implement this ordinance. Currently there are 26 legal non-conforming liquor stores in the program in the initial implementation area of North Long Beach. To date, all liquor stores have made some improvements, and many have achieved full compliance with an ALE requirement. Under the ordinance, there are a number of general anti nuisance and operating standards that we require any good business operator to follow. We require that liquor stores. Do not result in any adverse effects, jeopardize or endanger health, peace or safety are operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable local, state or federal. Laws. Are operated and maintained in a neat, quiet and orderly condition so as not to be detrimental to surrounding properties and occupants and do not result in repeated nuisance activities. More specifically, the audit required. The ordinance requires the operator to provide exterior lighting and security measures, including security cameras, to the satisfaction of the chief of police. No more than 10% of the square footage of the windows and transparent doors of the premises shall be covered or obstructed. We require the removal of all existing, publicly accessible exterior payphones to detract loitering. Any graffiti found on a premises must be removed within 24 hours. Operators must display the building address on all sides of the building, facing a public right of way, including alleys. As of January 2014, of the 26 remaining liquor stores in North Long Beach, 11 stores are on track to fully meet the new requirements. 12 stores are nearly compliant and will reach total compliance in the near future, and there are three stores whom have yet to meet the requirements. For stores that are not yet fully compliant but are taking steps in the right direction. Staff will continue to work with operators to bring them into full compliance. Staff will continue to conduct more outreach to revisit any code enforcement issues. Stores that do not achieve full compliance with the operating standards may lose the ability to continue sale of alcohol. This is an image of the El Camino market prior to the new standards. The issues were no cameras or security

system deteriorating paint signs and coolers in the window and bad lighting. This is an image of the same market after implementing the new standards. The store now has new paint, new security system, including cameras and new recessed lighting. They also removed illegal signs, advertising and colors. This is an image of a liquor mill market prior to the new standards. The nuisances included excessive signage, coolers in windows, no security system and mixed match paint. Since the Angel implementation, the liquor store has cleared its windows, remove signs and coolers, adding new exterior paint and a new security system. Clear windows are particularly important as

residents feel safer in and around the premises, and business owners have more visibility, which contributes to less criminal and nuisance activity. This is an image of K and J liquor in-market prior to the new standards. The nuisances included deteriorating. Paint, a non-conforming nonconforming phone. No security cameras, misplaced coolers and excessive signs in the window. This is an image of the same operation after implementation of new standards. The pay phone has been removed, which has stood as a magnet for attracting criminal behavior and drug dealing. They also have a new. They also have a newly painted exterior security cameras and have removed excessive signs and coolers. The City of Long Beach will continue to work with business and property owners who have not. Fully complied with. The annual stores that display. A pattern of chronic noncompliance will be subject to a due process hearing in front of the site plan, review board and possible revocation of their ability to sell liquor at the subject location. To report any nuisance activity of liquor stores, please call code enforcement at 5625702633. The Office of Council Member Neal has published this report for the public. A copy of this report is available in the lobby and can be found at WDW that inside District nine dot com. Thank you. Thank you. And I turn this over now to Councilmember Neal. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I'd really like to thank the office. First of all, I'd like to thank this body, first of all, for going ahead and giving us the votes to move forward. Of course, my colleague and dear friend, Councilmember Austin, the Office of Department of Development Services, the Coalition for Healthy North Long Beach, and the City of Long Beach Police Department. And really, I like to really thank with shail for her hard work on this project. She's been a tremendous asset to our staff over the last nine months, and I wish her much success on all of. Our future. Endeavors in which I really appreciate the work that you've contributed to the district. Thank you very much. So with that, I would like to move that we receive and filed this report. Cancer Boston. Thank you. And I'll be short because I know we have had a long meeting thus far, but I think it merits a congratulations to our council member, Neil, his staff, t

he development services staff, the community who work so hard to make this initial ordinance come to life and implement it and make it work. This obviously will contribute to removing blight, nuisance abatement or reducing loitering criminal activity around liquor stores. It's going to result in a better quality of life for our neighborhoods and safer neighborhoods overall. And I'm just happy to have been along for the ride. You know, this is something that is has been very important to both Councilmember Neil and myself, recognizing that we're going to transform our communities. We have to start with these liquor stores is not a panacea for crime. It's not a panacea for for illegal activity. But it is a giant step forward toward progress. And so I'm happy that we have made this progress. I'm happy that we now have 11 compliant stores, 12 near compliant stores and three more stores that really need our attention really soon. And I guess that necessitates a question or we raise the question. You know what, I understand the three stores are not compliant. When will they when are we going to react to to to to get them there? We would like to get those 12 remaining stores fully compliant. In the meantime, we continue to do outreach to those three existing stores. But once those 12 stores are fully compliant, we intend to bring the hammer down on those three and begin the revocation process. That in itself is is going to be slightly lengthy. So we want to pay attention to it fully and try to resolve that quickly. The whole point of the issue now is that it is a benefit if we go through the revocation process, they are required to go into a copy which is much more controlling than what their current situation is. So we tried the the carrot approach and if they continue to not comply, it's time for us to move on. Well, job well done. And last but not least, I want to thank those liquor stores that stepped up to the plate and now compliant with the Angel Ale. I mean, that's big as well. Thank you very much for everybody. Okay. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? CNN members, please go and cast your votes. Motion carries seven votes. Yes. Okay. Item 12 item calls a recommendation to adopt plans and specifications for the Naples Island permanent seawall repairs. Item eight report from City Manager and Police Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept and transfer fee title to 300 East Willow Street, also known as Schroeder Hall from the United States of America District five. It was with great pleasure. I'd like to make the motion to our second city managers to. Q and if we can, Mr. West, you and I talk today. Apparently, we've had a problem over there with some thievery of copper wire. And so I'm hoping that there can be some budgeting for some security because there's obviously remaining facilities we don't want vandalized because it's a very important structure. And I want to thank the city manager and c

ity staff. This has been a long, long process, but I think it's one that's going to serve the city of Long Beach very well. It's going to save the city tremendous amount of money because we are going to have an east side police station where we don't have to pay rent. And I think it's going to be a valuable asset for the community. I want to thank again Mr. Andrews and others who worked on helping resolve the facilitation of the requirement that the Federal Government put on us in terms of accommodating homeless services programs in the city of Long Beach. And so again, I would ask for support of this motion. The motion. And second, Mr. Andrews. And I also really, you know what the community engagement in education, bringing people together. We came up with a plan to let the MHRA make the district their home and we're providing service to the people in need. And we will have a world class coffee shop that will service surrounding community and we will be creating jobs. And I've never been about what we can't do, but it's about what we can do. So through prayers and guidance, we can make, you know, Long Beach a better place to live and play. And thank you. Thank you are a member of the public was just counsel item eight senior members cast your vote tonight an eight. What? Motion carries eight zero. Item nine Quick Read. And well-paid workforce, it is essential that we look to our own procurement process as one path to move our local economy forward. Thus for us, this. Evening is an ask that we. Look to create a policy that ensures that major. City CIP. Projects include specific provisions for local. Hires, meaning mostly not out of state. And include. A training and or apprenticeship. Component to ensure our return is not only a new or improved physical asset. I.e. a new building. But also an enhanced workforce in effect creating a doubleheader with our public dollars. Other communities have such. Policies. And we too should look to create a policy and language. This has the potential to be the policy that keeps giving, quite frankly. So I'll make my motion here. The motion is to direct the city manager to report back to the City Council within 90 days on the development and implementation of a local workforce training and hire policy. This should be done again within 90 days. And you know, the city management can go look at other communities, see what they've done along these lines with regard to the policies they've adopted. You can look at examples. You can read review the dollar threshold. What dollar threshold might be put in such a policy, and some of the other points that the such a policy might include. So with that, I've made that motion. Mr. Mayor. Canada's a motion and a second Councilmember Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I am proud to join with my colleague, Councilmember O'Donnell, in supporting this item. You know, since the beginning of the Great Recession, Long Beach has lagged, unfortunately, behind the county and the state in

unemployment rates. Currently, we have an 8.8% unemployment rate compared to 8.2 for L.A. County, any statewide rate of 7.1 in California. And while we're spending millions of dollars to improve our infrastructure, we should support Long Beach residents, which we all support. Long Beach residents should be benefiting from those jobs that are created here. It's up to our city council to set the policy, and we have an opportunity to say we want our tax dollars spent wisely and benefit our residents of Long Beach who pay these taxes. We need to make good jobs a priority for our city, and this is a good step in the right direction. So I thank you for bringing this forward and asking and allowing me to sign on the support. Okay. Thank you. And the third cosigner, Councilmember Lena Gonzalez. I also want to thank you, Councilmember O'Donnell and Councilmember Austin as well. Yes, I echoed the sentiments about that. I think this this policy and just this is a great starting point. Point as far as discussing local hire and and making sure that we're mindful in this policy. And so I look forward to seeing the research that comes back and look forward to working with city staff in our and our members out here in the audience as well. Thank you, Councilor Tauranga. Thank you for bringing this forward. It's a very important discussion that we're having here, because as the economy moves forward, we need to look at our employment market and people who can look for jobs. And certainly we have opportunities here. But I also want to discuss the opportunity for others, some of our stakeholders in the city who might want to also participate in this. It's a policy, and I think that we need to look at involving other individuals in this. I would I would suggest that we also involve the Legal Aid Foundation. They have experience and expertise in this area that perhaps we can provide. They could provide us with someone, staff and us as a counsel with some assistance in in redrafting such a policy. So if there's no opposition, I would like to make a friendly amendment to that motion. Well, I don't know that we should specifically include or exclude any group. There'll be a variety of conversations with regard to the development of this policy. I'm open to city management talking with Legal Aid or any group, quite frankly. Okay. Okay. Councilor Richardson. Thank you. So certainly thank you so much for bringing

this forward. I think it's a great idea to begin by, you know, reaching out and seeing what we can do to spend our tax dollars wisely, as Councilmember Austin mentioned. I have a few questions about the process and what you guys might have in mind, Councilmember O'Donnell, or what your approach might be. City Manager West. So based on this recommendation, it seems pretty general to me. And I remember there was a motion associated with the downtown plan a few years back that was very similar. You know, the motion was, Hey, why don't you come back with some re

commendations, Mr. City Manager, on how to address local a local citywide local hire policy. And then a memo came back and the memo said that it wouldn't be employment, be able to be implemented here in the city of Long Beach. But this recommendation is very similar, and I want to ensure that this recommendation doesn't end up in the land loss legislation. I want to make sure that this is real and that there's a strategy. So I guess I guess the first question is. Ms. City Manager, how would you approach something like this? I couldn't answer that at this time. This is the first we're hearing about this. We if we did, the previous thing that you're talking about was just specifically identified for the downtown. I know that the council has asked for information on plays in the past. We have had reports on that. Last year we could resurface that. But again, I'm just interested in hearing what the council direction is so that we can go forward and heed that direction. Sure. So if we were to craft a policy, a citywide policy, would departments like the Port of Long Beach or the water department that that are independent authorities? Would those be governed by something like this? I might have to turn that over to the city attorney. Mayor or members of the council. Councilman Richardson. The answer to that would be no. They would need to take a separate. Action of their board as they have independent jurisdiction under the charter. Actually, I think and these are the kinds of questions we want to explore, and this is why we're kicking it into the city manager's hands. And again, I don't know that Mr. City necessarily agree to that, because what if you made it an ordinance, then it might be applicable to those to those other organizations. I believe we have some other ordinances that are applicable, so we don't have to answer that question tonight as much as that's a very legitimate question. And those are the kind of questions we want to explore by sending it over to the city management team so that they can develop a potential policy and absolute responses when we send it over. I just want to I think he wants some direction, and I appreciate you folks bringing this on. But, you know, before we vote on it, I just want to be able to ensure that what we're voting on is real. What we what happened with the city met with the downtown plan. I remember it was a motion to pull out that out of the downtown plan and craft a citywide policy. So I just want to have have some clarity on what's the difference between this and that to ensure that this is a real effort. In addition, I'm sure that there will be a process to negotiate with, you know, stakeholders as as Councilmember Yanga mentioned. I would imagine the LLC Building Trades Council will be a part of that. I would imagine a number of the trades we're here would be a part of that. So I guess I'd like to better understand what that negotiation process would look like and that and understand that this mo

tion gives the city manager the ability to go out, identify those stakeholders who are mentioned, and begin to negotiate and craft a policy. Then the the portion that talks about local workforce training, I think that's really important. I think that's the most impressive part of this of this recommendation. In terms of my predecessor, Councilmember Neal worked with a number of folks to try to integrate clergy and to do an outreach to Pacific Gateway and try to place folks into apprenticeships . I'd love for for something like this, if we're going to have this direction to really look at that pipeline, how folks, kids from North Long Beach or Central Long Beach or whatever can actually land apprenticeships and do work building our city. And that would be a that's a great vision. And I just want to ensure that while we have the opportunity to talk about it, we're very clear about what it is that we want to do. So again, thank you so much. And I think veterans is another piece we can we can look at integrating. So thank you so much for that. And I just wanted to be able to to give that that direction. Thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. You know, I want to. Thank my colleagues for really also bringing this to the floor, because this is a great policy for Long Beach to uphold. You know, the lack of jobs that hurts our city and our nation. You know, it's a part of the economic recovery. You know, we need more policies in place to get people back to work so they can put food on the table and so they can recover as well. So, you know, we only. I get his our. Neighbors and and our neighbors. Need our work. So this is the thing I'm really looking forward to seeing that does come to fruition. Thank you again. Thank you. Vice Mayor, I want to. Thank you,

Mr. Mayor. And I, too, would like to thank my colleagues for bringing this forward. But I also wanted to celebrate Councilmember Andrews, regardless of what project it is, every project that would come up, he would always ask for and make an amendment when appropriate for local hire. So you may have felt like a broken record, but it seems like the council has heard you. Sir, thank you for being that consistent voice for local hire, which I know we could always count on Councilmember Andrews for raising that issue. My question when you come back, Mr. City Manager City Manager West, is if you could let us know what the dollar threshold is and what is or is not counted in that figure. That would be important when we consider what other cities have done. I think it was mentioned in the item that other cities have similar policies or counties or government agencies and be helpful to know what their threshold is. Yes. Thank you. And then the other piece, Mr. City Attorney, I know that you were leaning forward to answer. I personally would like to know for our enterprise funds, whether it's the port or water or gas and oil. If it were an ordinance, would it capture those agencies as well. In

certain. Departments? It may get to those. As Councilmember O'Donnell pointed out, the the exception would be if you're using tidelands funds or restricted funds, there may be issues with the local hire requirement, but we. Need to address that and look at that while we're developing a policy. They can. They've done it on the Joe Desmond Bridge, for example. So those can work. We just have to be able to word it carefully. So that it would be fit within the ordinance. Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to open this up now to public comment. So please come forward and we'll start with the mayor of Carson City, Jim dear. Thank you, Mayor Garcia, and distinguished. Members of the City Council. I'm glad to see that you're made up of a dynamic group. My established friends and my new friends. I'm here to testify before you as to our experience as your next door neighbor. The city of. Carson was the first. City after Los Angeles started a public I project labor agreement. Policy where some of the projects we instituted. An ordinance to create the place for all public funded projects that have any public money in them in the city of Carson. And our experience is it's been extremely successful. You might have read in the Beach Business Journal, the economy in Carson is now starting to take off like a rocket. We expect that to happen in Long Beach as well. What's good for our neighbors? Good for us. And I know that when you look at this report that would be coming back, I'm I'm sure you're going to ask your a great staff here in the city of Long Beach to bring back a report that will give you the adequate data and the information you need to make a wise decision. So I encourage you tonight to order your staff, direct your staff to do just that. Bring that report back to you within 90 days. And I must say that. Our project. Labor agreements in. Carson have created not just jobs for our residents in our city, but people that are looking for careers. And project labor agreements have projects that are coming in. Underfunded. I mean, under budget, fully funded, under budget and on time. And it creates a curse for people in Carson, as well as people living in Long Beach, working in Carson. So as you contemplate whether or not you should do this, think about it as a long term strategy for your community. You're creating jobs that are well-paying. You're creating careers for your residents. And you're creating a good future for your city. I just want to encourage you. To go forward. With the recommendation. And if you have any questions for me, I'm very easily reached by any of you. If you have any questions tonight, let me know. But otherwise, thank you very much. God bless you. Take me right here. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Newly elected mayor and newly elected council and veteran councils, city staff and public, that's here today. I urge the city council to look at doing this. President for yourself, for the record. I'll get. Yes, Tom, if I represent. I

nternational Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 urged the City Council to look into a city wide project labor agreement. And across your proprietary departments, local hire a strategic local hire policy and the veterans component to it. I know a lot of project labor agreements that have had thresholds of local hire, disadvantaged youth, taking advantage of project labor agreement and veterans taking advantage of a play project. A lot of successes have come to it, and I'm sure when, you know, you start to negotiate it, you're going to see where the successes have come. City of L.A., Port of L.A., your port, the Middle Harbor, the Gerald Desmond Bridge, the airport and local cities surrounding Long Beach. So we urge you to look at doing this city wide Bill. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Cast members. My name's Frederick Piedmont Brown. People call me Piedmont. I live at 1891, Britton Drive, right across the street from many Grand Elementary School, and this is quite a little bit of my background. I came to this town 35 years ago. I knew no one and I

worked on the Wells Fargo Bank here. I did the convention center. I'm going to date myself now, the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Badger at Avenue Bridge. And then about 17 years ago, I put my name on a ballot, and now I'm the president of the largest local ironworkers in North America thanks to Long Beach, to catapult me into a position where I am now and this local hire really works. We have a program for our veterans and for our female ironworkers also. So I congratulate you guys in looking at this, and I hope you move forward in the right direction. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Mr. Mayor. Council members. Members of the city staff. My name is Mike Covic, and I also represent the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I am the director of Veterans Affairs. I have behind me 32 years of honorable and faithful. Service to this country in the United States Marine Corps. I'm the former sergeant major of the first Marine Division where I led 28,000 Marines and sailors. My plea to you is I am in direct support of the citywide project labor agreement. Not only do we specifically talk about what it promotes in terms of local hires, but let's take a strong look at our military. Our military is downsizing. In its downsizing fast. Your sons and daughters, our sons and. Daughters of this community. Are rapidly returning back. Nothing more discouraging for them to come back home and not be able to find employment. We at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, we are keeping pace and trying and attempting to. Lead the way. 50% I repeat, 50% of our apprenticeship classes are. Currently being filled and we are moving forward to having them filled by. Veterans. Who are in fact, actually your local hires end up helping to put language into those project labor agreements to support that. Are a. Percentage of those people. Hired from. Local are veterans

from our community. I know and understand all too well the dilemmas that America's heroes actually face on a daily basis. Moreover, more importantly, if we don't have the employment to support these men and women, it aggravates something else. And that's veteran homelessness. I just had the pleasure of attending the Unite for Veterans, and our first lady, Michelle Obama, actually intelligently spoke very, very direct and very eloquently on the fact Los Angeles County is home to some 12,000 homeless veterans. Currently, we can help exasperate and help mitigate this problem by actually encouraging and actually enforcing a citywide plea, because not only us in the building trades, but there are many of our other brothers and sister unions that are out there encouraging. Veteran hires as well to. In terms of their apprenticeship programs. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you. And for your service, sir. Thank Speaker. Good evening. Good evening, Honorable Mayor. Ah, well, City Council. My name is Chris Hannon, the Los Angeles Orange County's Building Construction Trades Council. First of all, I'd like to start by thanking Councilmember O'Donnell. Councilmember Austin Councilmember Gonzalez for thinking of the Long Beach residents as a component in constructing your capital projects here in Long Beach, a career in the building trades, joining the joint labor management apprenticeship programs. 100% best thing. I've ever done with my life. It's available to Long Beach residents as well. The Building Trades fully supports directing the city manager to report back. On a local hire. Policy on a local workforce training policy and to remember to demand the best for Long Beach residents when you're looking at local workforce training demand. Joint Labor Management Apprenticeship Committee. This evening I have members and representatives here from IBEW Local 11 laborers, local 1309 Plumbers, U.A. Local 78 Operating Engineers, Local 12 Ironworkers, Local 433 and Sheet Metal Workers, Local 105 And in an effort to save a little time. You know, we're here for the same thing. You know, we encourage this and we're 100% behind you. Thank you. And gentlemen, I just want to say, I know you represent a lot of men and women, but I wanted to say also tonight that I just want to thank you. I think we've had a great experience in Long Beach with project labor agreements. If you look at projects that are either happening right now or there have been completed. You guys have done a phenomenal job of ensuring that those projects were done in a responsible way. And so I think this council has had a great relationship with all of you, and I think the projects have, in most cases, come under budget and on time. And so thank you all for that. Thank you. They're built to last as well. Absolutely. Can I speak? Next Speaker. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council members and city staff. My name is Rick Foss. I'm with the sheet metal workers. Local one of five. First of all, I want

to commend you on making the motion to adopt this and move this forward for the city and city manager. To review and. Report back. But I also want to take a step further. We have an apprenticeship training program in the city of industry. I've had communication with a couple of city

council members in the past and things didn't seem to work out. But I want to propose to you if in this 90 days, if city councils and the mayor is interested or the city manager would like to tour that facility and see that kind of training, what it takes to get in that opportunities available, be in contact with a few of you if you'd like to take that opportunity to research a little further rather than just how it works. Also, let's look at part of the training, and that's one of the opportunities that each city council member can take the opportunity to view this or visit OC. And with that, I'm going to conclude. Thank you. Yes, sir. Good evening. I'm Wiley Baker, Jobs First Alliance. Congratulations to everyone. Completely different look tonight. Welcome. I'm here to support the project labor agreement approach. I've worked with many of these and many projects. I worked with public sector, the ports on their players, as well as the private sector, BNSF Railway, Occidental Petroleum and their facilities. So, you know, we know these work. The best thing about it to me is, of course, that. By doing it. You give the challenge to the contractors and labor unions to find the qualified people for you and identify those people, get them in and train them. It's really not that. Easy to gather that all together, get them tested and get them through the process. So I think that's a great benefit of having this, that you really can turn this over and it happens and you get audited. And interestingly, the 30% goals turn out to be 40 and 50% many times. So I think that's a great part of it. The local hire in the veteran part, in the long term unemployed, it all makes a lot of sense. I know mention of the Gerald Desmond Bridge. The challenge there I think partly was federal funding because in federal funding they don't allow that type of agreement. So they had to carve out the federal part. But the state and local part is there. And I'm sure if there's any. Challenges or. Issues with the State Lands Commission, it's something that we can all get our arms around and deal with with them and resolve any issues, I'm sure, going forward. Thank you very much. I appreciate you taking your time for this. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and City Council. My name is Damon Skinner. I live at 800 East Cartagena Street, Long Beach. I come before you as a lifelong Long Beach resident and a construction worker. I was severely impacted. By the economic downturn. And I commend. Councilmember O'Donnell at bringing this forward and all the support he has received from the council. And I have nothing but support, and I can bring a lot of support from. My family for it

ms that bring jobs to Long Beach and good paying jobs at that. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks, Speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Suzanne Brown. I'm a senior attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles in the Long Beach office. I don't want to sincerely thank the council members who brought this item before us tonight. It's a very exciting opportunity to hear this talk in Long Beach. I want to thank Councilmember Urunga for offering legal AIDS assistance. We have significant expertise in creating local low income housing requirements. We would welcome the opportunity to come to the table with other community partners on this. I want to recognize Councilmember Richardson for bringing up the fact that we have been talking about this for many years. And so it is great that finally we have something concrete moving forward. One thing that I just want to mention is that the other sort of critical piece of this discussion moving forward is an economic development policy for our residents, is that we not only have a local hiring component, but we have a low income or disadvantaged resident component as a targeting in the play. That's how we can really be sure that we are not just getting jobs to Long Beach residents, but that some of them will also go to those most in need. So I look forward to helping craft that language with the city. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and all the city council people. My name is Jack Smith. I live at 50 Elm Avenue. That's in the East Village in the second District. We've been here before. A number of times in trying to get local hires. I was a bit confused by the references constantly made. The previously. This evening with the. Speakers to play. I did not hear Mr. Councilwoman O'Donnell use that term. I think the questions of what are the. Threshold at which a. Local hire would apply is very important in this, and a play would not. Always apply to. A number of jobs in the city. Also, the devil is in the details with the instigation of Councilman Andrews and hard work by then Councilman Garcia. We got a local preference ordinance passed for housing. Loopholes. Loopholes prevented a number of Long Beach residents from taking advantage of the housing that the city taxpayers of Long Beach built. People from outside Long Beach moved in despite the. Efforts of that local. Preference for housing. So local preference for hiring. Every single rule has to be looked at. What's the loophole? And it has to be considered and try to close as many of those. Loopholes as possible. Thank you. Thank you. Next week, please. Very good. You have a courtesy to fully support the local hires. And let me suggest

that we make sure that when we begin to resuscitate the marina rebuild plan, that we hire only local people to do that instead of flying people in and paying the price for it from out of out of state. Up in Washington, we've got a big disaster to clean up. It's going to take a lot of m

anpower. But we should be able to find the requisite talent here in the city of Long Beach to do that. We've got the budget. We've supposedly have the money for it. So money would not be an issue. And I've got to believe that we've got talent in the city of Long Beach to do that without flying them in from out of state. Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to go now. Club when more. Come, please come forward. I am Francis, Emily Dawson Harris and I reside in District one. And I want to commend Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Councilman Patrick O'Donnell, as well as Councilman Al Austin for this phenomenal jeopardized item. It's exciting and it's much needed. Wholeheartedly support the local workforce training and local hiring policy. When I'm out and about and I'm out and about on the basis of down the sidewalk on the metro line, and I'm everywhere, everywhere, all through the city. Although I live in District one, I consider myself a resident of several of your districts because I have a church home and one and friends and another and my wife. But I wanted to say, there's a tremendous need to have jobs available for people with disabilities. There are people with disabilities that do work. I don't know what percentage you're going to have in this policy to have such people that are disabled, that are able to work and look forward to working and should be given the opportunity to do so. Also, I speak to quite a number of young people. It's so heartbreaking that they're working two and three or four jobs, trying to go to college, trying to get an education, trying to move forward. So I don't know if this policy, if you can set aside a specific number for hiring for persons that are struggling and perhaps in the jobs that are there, I mean, working at McDonald's and this and that, it's not cutting it when you've got an allowance on your back. Sound of part of this you can look into having the availability to have jobs for people that are maybe only able to work part time, but it'll be a tremendous blessing from it. Thank you. Thank you. And with that, I'm going to close the public comment portion. And I do have a couple more council comments before we go to a vote. Councilmember Price. I am supportive of us requesting a report regarding this particular item. I do request that that staff prepare a report that's very objective in terms of the threshold standard that we're talking about. The language that was used was major projects. It's very important. I think, that we have a threshold that we can feel comfortable is a threshold that's reasonable and not a detriment to businesses who want to operate in the city. I think the aspects of this potential policy regarding local labor and training are absolutely positive and beneficial to our residents and our workers. I've actually had the opportunity to tour a lot of the facilities where our laborers are trained, and I think they do excellent work, very quality, high level work. I think that's great. But at th

e same time, I want to make sure that we set forth we don't set forth policies that hinder people from wanting to do business in the city. We have a missed opportunity if we're setting forth policies that would impact the hire ability and the the ability of a business to receive a benefit from doing business in this city. So that's very important. And when we're looking at comparisons with what other cities have done, I think it's very important that this report should include both the positives and the potential detriments to impacted stakeholders, including businesses and contractors who would be involved in those bids. So with that, thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Mongo. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. And for those of you who briefed so many of us in advance on the important issues facing the community and the opportunities, I echo some of the words that Councilmember Price stated with regard to ensuring that it's a threshold that's reasonable. And I hope that all of our communities will get educated on what prevailing wage is, so that when this item comes back to the council, that we're all on the same page in terms of what it means. Great. Thank you. Seeing no other council comment, I believe there is a motion already on the floor by Councilmember O'Donnell. And so with that, that the call for the vote, please cast your votes. The motion carries nine votes. And I keep trying to vote and I. Keep forgetting that I. Exactly. Thank you. And thank you all for for coming out on the item. Now we're going to go back to our regularly scheduled agenda. We had two big items to start. And so we're going to take this. Take this back and I believe we are at public comment. Motion carries eight votes. An exciting new business report from the Office of Mayor Robert Garcia, with the recommendation received for the new list of city council standing committees, authorities and memberships. There's just one change to it. Small change under the gateway cog. Councilmember O'Donnell will be the mayor's alternate.

And with that submitted, can I get a motion? Some of it has been in motion any second. And we'll start with Councilmember Price. This is not our new business, is it? No, no. Oh, this is for your new business. Okay, so. So take us both off. Take off. Thinking as both offer me. Your new business. Okay. Great concern for your ranga. Did you have something for that? For the item or your new business time. Please? Yeah. I want to express my appreciation to the mayor for considering me for this work, but I will defer to Council member Patrick O'Donnell and that in that change. Great. Thank you. Is there any public comment on the item? Senior public comment than members. Please cast your votes. Motion carries eight votes. Thank you and congratulations to everyone. Moving on to the next item of new business. More new business. Item 32 is a recommendation from the city clerk to adopt California format or six Lucille All Council member appoint

ments as required by FEC Regulation 1870 5.5. Item ten Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works. Recommendation to authorize City Manager to accept a donation of 30,000 from Friends of Bixby Park to be utilized for enhancements to Bixby Park and increase appropriations in the Capital Project Fund in the Department of Public Works by 30,000 District two. And I'm not sure this I'm going to turn this over to Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to thank you for allowing me to pull this item. Concerning Bixby Park, unfortunately, our friends of Bixby Park are gone. So I wanted to publicly thank them for all of their passion, dedication and advocacy on behalf of this park over the last several years. The Navy memorial grant being just one benefit they brought to the park that resulted in the installation of historic light fixtures that have made the park safer. And in addition, the Friends of Bixby Park has initiated a monthly park cleanup, a gardening club, events for children and adults such as First Saturdays, Music in the Park, and most recently worked with Parks and Rec and my office to host a Bixby Park improvement day on Saturday, September 6th. Their active engagement as a group of residents and business owners makes all of us in city government more effective and responsive, and they provide a tremendous partnership to us in the city in order to make Bixby Park much more user friendly, safe and inviting. So I'd like to thank them even though they're not here in the audience. Just let it be on the record that we recognize them. Thank you. And with that, I'd like to move the item here. There's been a motion in a second by Councilmember Austin. Any public comment on item ten? See? None. Please cast your votes. Motion carries eight zero. Item 12. Thank you, Mr. City Attorney. I have a procedural question, Charlie, on the language access item, the budget oversight committees recommendation was received in file. Am I able to make an amendment to that. As part of that? As part of the budget process and the approval process? The action by the B or C was to receive and file. However your your recommended change would not be from the B or C would be from you as an individual council person for the budget for consideration by the body as a whole. So no, you can't change the recommendation of the B or C, but you can make your own motion to amend the budget concerning that item. Okay. I appreciate that. And Mr. City Attorney, just for clarification, I think that would happen that that would happen could happen later at a later later item or in the same item later, later, I believe, when we actually passed the rest of the budget. Is that correct? That's correct. So you can we can pass the B or C and then address language access at a later item. And with so from these items, if it's not under item 1.11, which item would that be? When you get to item 1.14, adopt amending the proposed recommendation to adopt the motion, amending

the fiscal year budget and or item six where you are adopting the appropriations ordinance. Either one of those items, you could make a motion to amend everything else that's already been approved at that time. Okay, so either an item 1.14 or 1.16, we can make that amendment. And Mr. GROSS points out he's correct. You could also at this point make an amendment to the box recommendations by yourself or one of the other council members could discuss it. But the box recommendation sits as submitted. Right? You are a former councilman, so I would amend it. I'm sorry I misunderstood you. No, that's okay. Then I was not articulate when I asked that question. So that was the question, which is we can make the Bossie recommendations and make an amendment to one of them for the council's consideration. Okay. I also have a couple of people that have queued up. Okay. So just for clarification, Vice Mayor, you well, we have the motion we have as before for the Budget Oversight Committee. Was there a motion that was made on this yet? No, there has not been a motion made. There are a few items from the Budget Oversight Committee that I that we'd like to bring forward to this council. Great. And then. So if councilmembers want to speak before then, we're out. What I was hoping is perhaps you could review all the items on the

Budget Oversight Committee, what the recommendations are, and then I'll. I'll open it up for the the members that want to speak on the item. Is that possible? Yes. At the other end of the spectrum. I apologize. For. The shuffling around. As you can see, as paperless as we try to be, we have mounds of paper and and it's little difficult to find things. So if I can, Mr. Mayor, go over the B or C recommended items we have recommended to the boss. He recommends the mayor's proposed budget recommendations and also recommends the following for from the Infrastructure Systems Replacement and Technology Reserve. There is \$1,000,000 in that. In that account that has been designated. The BOC recommends to reprogram this for infrastructure divide by \$9, and any exceptions to infrastructure can be proposed by individual council members to the City Council for approval on a case by case basis, which is how it has been done before. And so if I can go through the list of the divide by \$9, I will do that. So the first item is \$1,000,000 from infrastructure systems replacement and technology reserve. The second item is \$1 million from supplemental funds for streets. The third item is \$1 million from the supplemental funds for sidewalks. The fourth item is \$800,000 funds set aside for stormwater compliance. We have an assurance from staff that the \$200,000 that we need to meet our obligations for the next fiscal year, we have and we have that available. And so this would be over that. And so we're recommending the \$800,000 be reprogramed and there's a remaining amount of \$50,000 from the VAC fund, 250 of the 300 the mayor had recommended in his proposed bud

get. That leaves 50,000. So we're recommending that all these items totaling 3.83 \$3,850,000 be reprogramed for infrastructure divide by \$9. That was the first item the city prosecutor had come forward and made a recommendation for \$58,280, \$37,500 for the truancy intervention program, and \$20,780 for high speed copying and scanning equipment. The BAEZ'S recommendation is to have this these resources available to the city prosecutor, however, make them available through his year end surplus and have a reassignment of his year end surplus to pay for this \$58,280. Those are the items coming out of the EEOC. And then also just for clarification and then I have a couple of members questions. It's my understanding of the vice mayor that the the infrastructure dollars are being divided for council specific projects include could be street sidewalk infrastructure could it be park infrastructure could go to various types of project needs in in the district, is that correct ? Yes. Okay. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. So in the box recommendation, I know that you took up language access. Were you planning to speak on that item later? Yes. So according to the city attorney's recommendation, we would we made a recommendation. You're right. We made a recommendation to receive and file. And so we'll make an amended recommendation to add \$100,000. And we can do it at this time with the box recommendation. So I'll go ahead and make that motion now or make that statement now. So that so you're amending your your so I'll second that. And I would just add that staff took the additional step in their report to the EEOC. I thought they were very clear about the motion that was made in the direction that was sent to the EEOC. I think that, Vice Mayor, you were very clear on it and you reinforced those specific deliverables that were in my motion. And furthermore, it articulated how an additional additional funds would be spent. So I want to ensure that, you know, with this recommendation that staff is going to follow what the recommendation recommendation was to allocate that additional funds to additional web pages and voicemails. Right. So the discretion would still be with staff. Correct. And they did do a great job, as you noted, in reassigning as you had instructed and hoped for from the last council meeting, reassigning some of the line items to make a more efficient strike at those those outcomes. So sure. So I will second that. But the other thing I wanted to chime in on, I think it's incredible that, you know, a number of council members expressed interest in more divide by nine funds to meet needs, infrastructure needs of their district. I notice that it says that on a case by case basis, program dollars would come back to city council. How is that different than what we do today? That's not that's how we do it today. Okay. So I remember when we initially funded the BSA program we carved out, and I know it can be tricky at times to ensure that infrastr

ucture dollars are spent on infrastructure, but the Council at that point did take a step and say and they allocated a small portion to in case a circumstance like a Be Safe Park program and things like that did come up and we handled it all in one fell swoop instead of wasting time, bringing case by case by case to the city council. So the funding for it was in Parks and Rec infrastructure. They allocated a portion of it to additional park programs that year should the council members choose to utilize it. So the question is, have that come up in your discussions and and maybe I'll just put it out

there just for general consensus. How does the Council generally feel about if we were to say, you know, we want to reserve 20%, 10% in case a council member chooses to support a park program like the Great Be Safe program that's gone two years, two years citywide. What what do you what do you think? Yeah. So our history has not been a designated percentage of that amount. I think in the past when it's come forward, council members bring that forward. It serves a couple of purposes. One, really to illuminate us on the different uses. I think we certainly learn from each other in the creative ways that you've been able to use infrastructure dollars to really support safety, but also it has infrastructure aspect to it as well. So hearing it and making that recommendation to the full council I think is instructive. It's not so much to diminish the individual council members discretion, but really to be more instructive on how these dollars are used. But in the past, my my recollection is that it had not been set aside. Mr. WEST Mayor, Vice Mayor, the count the last time we did this, the divide by around on the council specifically set aside for the be safe for the. Safe. Programs list was used for the be safe program that that was that just could go forward and wouldn't have to come back to the council. The make clarification the last time we did this I believe it was a \$200,000 each to each council district. And the and I actually made the motion half of it went toward programs. If the council member desired to do so and so be safe was part of that. But we also did other things in our district recreation related to to with that with those funds and so with. Who we are. Just give it one sec. So actually I don't remember the exact phrasing of the motion, but I think the motion allowed for some of the infrastructure part dollars to be programmatic. An example example is, you know, some of it were still materials and supplies that went to the parks like a soccer ball or replace a thing at the park that really need to be replaced that isn't necessarily bolted down in infrastructure, but they do support the programs that are there in the material, you know, material costs. And just another thing, note, in Council District nine, even though we have the ability to spend 50% of that 200,000, we only spent maybe 15,000 of it to support programs. We didn't spend cl

ose to that much. Right? So it was more so having the flexibility to make that decision. So let me let me take this back to Vice Mayor Lowenthal, and I have some additional comments after after this. And then if staff wants to do an A clarification, they can. Vice Mayor. I appreciate Mr. West's clarification. You're absolutely right. For be safe. There was that specific carve out. And if that's the interest of the council, certainly you can you can make that determination in your own district. I mean, these are not very high dollar amounts there. Well, so let me maybe I can bring some clarity to this. And if we're on the same page, so what we have in front of us is discretionary infrastructure, dollars for for infrastructure and or parks per district. Within that, there could be some discretionary part programmatic dollars that you could use for park programing, as you know, as that is being worked and discussed with with the parks the Parks Department as an end to move US dollars forward. We in the last time we we broke up the programmatic dollars I believe the the programmatic dollars didn't exceed a certain amount. So they were ensuring that infrastructure was being done. I think the last round I think it was \$100,000. That's not correct. So I don't know for do we want to just leave, put a number one, two up to \$100,000 on the programmatic side by summer. Per district. Per district, yes. Okay. So that's that's what we have. So that will allow everyone to add additional park programs. They'll be safe if those are if that's the need. Okay. And Mr. West, do you recall or the our finance bureau, how much of of infrastructure dollars were actually programed for for park programing? I'm going to give that to George Chapman. Vice mayor, members of the city council two years ago was \$100,000. And some of that money did roll over last year. It was for Be Safe and it was 200,000 total for the programs. So it wasn't 100,000 per district? I believe it was. It was it was the district's discretion to use that up to that amount. But each. District did not, for instance, the council district to use \$17,000, 17. Five. The maximum was 100,000 yet. And in fact, you didn't have to use any of it for programmatic dollars. You can put all of it just to streets and sidewalks, if you if I recall. And that's at the discretion of the council. Correct? Were there any other. I have some additional questions or comment from counsel or should we go through those right now? Yes. Okay. So we have what we have. Those were all the book recommendations, correct? Vice Mayor? No, we have the language access. Okay. And we still have the language access. We have language access. And then we have a recommendation that I think we'll take up with 1.14 on shifting Park Ranger Course Center. Okay. Did you want to finish up all the recommendations for for B or C? I'm sorry. And then we'll get to these comments. We can do that. Okay. Could continue. We can certainly do that. So we disp

ensed with items comprising \$3,850,000 for our infrastructure divide by \$9. This as recommended by Bossi and also the city prosecutors request of \$58,280 under language access. What we would like to do if we look at staff's. Recommendation. Exhibit A? Exhibit A, thank you. No, I have it. And I don't know if everyone has a staff has a chart. Thank you. I think it plays it out. So we'd like to go ahead and revise the PSC recommendation from Receive and File. And that was a received file of \$149,704. And we'd like to go ahead and revise it in this way with the total being an additional \$100,000 to the staff recommendation. And so what we'd like to recommend is to approve \$97,000 of the staff's recommendation, holding back 52,000, itemized for recorded telephonic messages, and then taking the 52 that's held back from the staff recommendation, along with adding \$100,000 from the. Bear with me 1/2. I want to call the fund by its correct name. My left side. Here we are. Artificial turf conversion. Take \$100,000 from the artificial turf conversion, which currently is \$1,369,000, and assign that to language access. And so this will allow set aside to allow staff to determine the allocation of \$150,000 for phone line translation and moving toward a single line access where there's no wrong door. As Councilmember Mongo had put it earlier, instead of 91 lines, let's move toward a single line. And then based on the staff's assessment of needs, so this is still the \$149,000 IT staff recommended with an additional \$100,000 from the Artificial Turf Conversion Fund, which staff has assured us that the turf conversion will take place even with \$100,000 less. And that's our recommendation. Okay. And those are all the bills we went through, all the PSC. And the Ranger item. They're not a B or C item, but they would be an amendment that Councilmember Mongo and I would like to make to the 1.14 item. Would you want to wait a 1.1 for or. I can mention it now. Okay. So Park Rangers has been an item that members of the community has raised with us. I think there is consensus among our council toward public safety. I've mentioned this before. We find that it's a little odd that they report to Parks, Recreation and Marine, even though they are park rangers. And we'd like to recommend that we transfer the existing cost center to Chief McDonald to the police department. And then at that time, I think the Chief will have flexibility to to incorporate the park rangers into the police program, have a better ability to assess what additional needs might exist in the parks, but also have a coordinated effort with Mr. Sharpton's pilot program for park security. Right. Excellent. Thank you. Okay. So those are the recommendations. I have a couple council comments on this item. And just as a reminder, there will be other there's a few other items are there there are opportunities for a larger council discussion, if so, need be. Councilmember Price. Thank you. I appreciate the recommen

dations that I was just handed from the PSC and appreciate the work that went into formulating these recommendations. I will say I speak for myself when I say I'm not ready to vote on this item. And the reason for that is, as I have indicated in the past, it would be my intent to see if some one time dollars can be allocated to public safety, specifically to address the issue of residential burglaries and beefing up that detail and working with residents to develop a strategic, comprehensive plan for how we can tackle those as a city. I have talked with the chief about it and I know that there will be a presentation to the Public Safety Committee on Friday regarding, you know, how money would be used in regards to that particular goal. Where would that money be spent? What type of impact do we believe it would make for the city? As I've indicated on many occasions, the issue of crime as it is, is an issue citywide. The issue of residential burglaries is an issue citywide. And although it doesn't qualify under some definitions as a violent crime, residential burglaries are in fact violent and can be very violent. And so I would like to see some recommendations in terms of our use of one time dollars towards over time to address the specific issue of residential burglaries. I also heard the recommendation regarding the park ranger program. I think that it makes a lot of sense to have the park rangers report to the police chief and come originate from that department. I am in favor of exploring the possibility of having a park ranger program or enhancing our park ranger program. I am looking forward to learning what some of our options might be in that regard, and that's why I think it's premature at this time, at least speaking for myself to adopt the BRC recommendations, because they don't as presented now include any allocation of funding for public any additional allocation of funding for public safety. So thank. You. Thank you. Councilmember Mongo. So two comments, one comment in conjunction with my colleague who isn't here at this time. Earlier in the body, there was a discussion about the infrastructure funds and the. Insistence that they are maintained as infrastructure funds. I think if you had any or Councilmember Lowenthal had any other comments, but he was specific that his

intent in making that recommendation and being the second on that recommendation was that they would stay for infrastructure and that any non infrastructure item would be brought back to the full council. Because it's important that at our this was me speaking at our retreat, we talked about infrastructure as a citywide issue that impacts every single constituent business owner and visitor . And so we need to ensure that each and every decision to pull from infrastructure funds is itemized and will fit, while 100,000 each doesn't sound like much. That's \$1,000,000 rounds up to \$1,000,000. So we need to be very careful about that. And then specifically, I'm in agreemen

t with Councilmember Price and we do need to look at public safety. I think one of the reasons that I made the recommendation to move the park rangers over to PD is also that we are setting aside \$2.2 million of discretionary funds for the chief to be able to evaluate and assess and potentially ramp up in the hotspot areas or more appropriately, depending on the level of hotspot, apply overtime of police hours for that and or residential burglaries. Great. Thank you, Councilmember you Ringa. Thank you, Mayor. Knowing that one size does not fit all. I'm wondering if when these discretionary funds are allocated, some areas are larger than others. Districts are larger. More are issues with infrastructure, more sidewalks, more streets than other areas. Is there a process by which if all the money tonight expended in some districts, or if I choose not to expend all that all the money in one year, is there a carry over that? Is that possible? So there's the process right now. And please correct me if I'm wrong on this. Is it depending what part of money we're looking at, so our general infrastructure dollars that we have. So we have a system where a percentage of the funds that we have within the budget, not separate of this fund, but the general money that's in the budget right now. There is a piece of that is done by by needs, a percentage of it actually done by citywide need. And then there's a piece of it that gets broken up so that each district has a floor of money, but then the need goes citywide. And so that is divided up in the budget. Currently, that's been a policy. Is that correct, Mr. West? Correct. We have money in the budget for streets and sidewalks for that prop C, measure R, prop A, but the one time money would not be helped. Those standards and any I believe any additional money that would not spent would just be rolled over like we do all the time into the budget. This is something we work with the Bossie the the latest policy the bossy was to at least if not expend the money allocate that money within the 12 month period. So it's allocated because many times it can't be spent within that 12 month period depending on the project, but certainly to allocate it so you know where it's going. Councilor Austin. Thank you very much. I wanted to just address a couple of of the comments that were made here. Councilmember Price mentioned the theme, the need to invest more into public safety on top of the the allocation that we've already recommended in this budget. And I do support that. I'm not too sure that I support, you know, putting police officers unnecessarily in parks. I would I would I think we have a unique opportunity. And if we want to invest more, we need to be smarter with our resources and look at possibly putting cameras in our parks. That technology, I think, will go a long way to addressing public safety concerns of many of our residents. And so if there is a one time use I'd like to see put into it in addition to what we

want to do, I'd like to see it go in that direction and identify some of our troubled parks and and address need specific and to the city. Councilmember Mango's point regarding infrastructure. When we decided as a council a year and a half ago to appropriate \$200,000 per council district and then give Council members the discretion to use infrastructure dollars for park programs. We said that we were investing in human infrastructure as well. Are our children in some areas of the cities that does not have don't have the same opportunities as others to engage in youth sports because their park resources aren't there. And so we have to give the Parks and Recreation Department an understanding that every district is different. Not all of our districts are. This is not a cookie cutter approach necessarily understanding that that that we have to give our parks and recreation department some some resources to do after summer programs. I think that went a long way toward addressing some of our public safety concerns, to be quite honest with you. In some areas of our city and work, I can tell you Wonder's in my district it's something that that our youth obviously support of but for many of our residents as well because they saw the benefit. We also programed a peace basketball program which targeted 18 to 25 year olds. That's a demographic that's actually left out in terms of a lot of programing. And it went a long way. And this this hundred thousand dollars was actually rolled over two years. And I think we spent maybe \$60,000 in total doing summer programs at two parks as well as as that. And so the the investment was minimal

and we got a big return for it. And so I understand the point regarding infrastructure. It's a priority for me as well because, you know, I have one of the larger geographic districts this this this particular budget may or may not be as equitable as it could be, but it's something that I'm willing to support if we put it to the vote tonight. Thank you. Councilmember Gonzalez. Yes. So I want to say to that thank you to the BBC for putting this together because I think it's great. I know personally the infrastructure dollars have been well used in the First District, so much so that my predecessor has spent all of our money. So I have to. We added security cameras at Drake Park. I'm looking forward to adding them at Washington neighborhood, the Be Safe program and two parks, which is wonderful. So I really see the value in the 3.8 million being divided by nine. And I know that the I think we're going to talk a little bit more about the park plan versus just the park ranger. I don't know if Vice Mayor Lowenthal was going to go into that a little bit more, just so we can get some clarity as to what that entailed. Exactly, because. The park plan. Mr. Chapman, is here, I believe, you know. Yes. He'll be. Here soon. He'll be retrieved. So while he's coming, there were two programs that our director of parks had proposed.

One was more like an ambassador program and this pilot project. Mr. Chaplin, if I can have you describe it, what the security proposal is and how they would be different from what our current staffing is now. Yes, I'm sorry. I was out of the room for a second, but the Park Patrol, it's a pilot project that we're currently instituting at Bixby Park. And these are young adults who have been working for our department, probably on an average of five or six years 23, 24, 25 year olds. They were chosen because they are assertive. They're not shy about engaging with people. So their job is to engage with residents, with patrons of the park, inform them about park programs in a positive way, and also look for behaviors. They were trained by the police department to look for specific behaviors that are unlawful and report those to the police. They can either engage people such as if they find someone smoking, they will walk up to that person and tell them that smoking is not allowed in the park. It's illegal to smoke in a park. Most times people will cease that behavior. If not, then the park patrol folks or staff are trained to call PD and the police department come out and stop that behavior, whether it's an arrest or a citation. So well-trained. We have a follow up, another follow up session with the police department for more training. But in essence, they're trained to engage. How many individuals do you have again? We had about 12 to 13 people that were trained by the police department. So we're rotating and they are at the parks right now. They're at Bixby Park and should be seven days a week weekdays from 430 to about nine or eight 4430 to 830, and then weekends from 10 to 6 every day. Mr. Mayor, can we have Chief Learner describe the relationship between the security group? I want to call them security detail, but they're not part of our patrol. And how it's working with PD. Absolutely. Deputy Chief. Yes, mayor. Vice Mayor. Thank you for the question. We based the program based on our downtown guides. As you know, with the DPA, the downtown. Guides has. Been an outstanding program for us. They're our eyes and ears, and they've been very successful in dealing with. Not only crime issues, but specifically. Quality of life issues. And if you look at the challenges that we face both at Bixby Park and a lot of the parks that we get complaints from our constituency, from the majority of them are quality of life issues. So we are working with Parks and Rec. We developed this program, as Mr. Champion said, we train them. We're going to continue to. Train with them. Communication and coordination is the key. And I think although the program hasn't been around very long, I think thus far it's been very successful and I'm really looking forward. To seeing how. Successful it is and maybe move it to other parks in the city and in vice. Mayor, if I may add, these are staff people that are walking the park 8 hours a day on a Saturday and 8

hours a day on a Sunday. They are literally getting to know all the patrons, the regular patrons that come in. And again, like I said, they're informing them about recreation programs, about programs in the city. If it's a homeless person, they refer to the homeless coordinator for services and they are recognizing some of the trouble area, like the drinking and where that drinking is coming from, which potentially which liquor store. And we're working with the police department to address those kind of things. So it's really I think it's so far successful. Thank you. Those are the questions I had. Appreciate it. Thank you. Okay. And then I have Constable Mongeau up next. So I just want to make a couple of quick comments. Coming before this council in several weeks will be a street infrastructure plan brought to us by our parks and our public works director. And one of the things that the plan will show is which. Historical districts have had the amount of money necessary to

invest in infrastructure, and those districts will be allocated less funding than districts who have taken care of themselves, which theoretically would have less need. And so one of the challenges we have here, when we start taking infrastructure, money and spending it on program, is that then it creates a false need in certain districts where they then would theoretically get a larger share of the annual 18 million of ongoing funds. So whether the 18 millions emergency funds, measure C funds, all of that, there's 8 million citywide and with the streets plan, it will be proposed based on need. And the districts that are going to have the highest need are the districts that have been less invested in. And I'm not saying that your districts are less invested in. I'm saying that there are five of us who are inheriting districts along with a lot of other components. Summer programs are a high priority for me. I was a sports director at the Long Beach YMCA for many years. I feel that these programs are the best thing to keep people out of the back of our black and whites. And so I'm invested in those things. I just feel that 25% of our one times is probably too high to set aside for programing by district. That's my comment on that. And I have the most streets and sidewalks, so I definitely identify with you. You're right up there with me and we're both in a tough position that we're both going to have a lot of need coming in this next round. So. With relation to Mrs. Price. Do we want to make a friendly announcement regarding the. Okay. So earlier today we made a recommendation from the BSE that states that should the city prosecutor's office come in with some savings, that they would be able to set that money aside for up to \$50,000 in expenditures for their need. So what I think Councilmember Price and I would like to do is if the Long Beach PD is going to be able to come in under budget, the under budget amount would be approximately 2% to fund what he would need fo

r the \$350,000 residential. Gwen, help me out here. Sure. Residential burglaries. Detail and strategic plan. So should that money come in at year end? Closing in September. And we'd like to first reserve up to \$350,000 for this program as a friendly amendment. Would that be something you'd accept? Could we go ahead and wait for item 1.1 for. Yes, and take it up at that time. And just also, as a as a side note, I think that Councilmember Austin, the amount I know that we that right now the amount is \$100,000, but the amount spent is actually usually no more than about \$25,000. And so they're very comfortable bringing that 100,000 down to, you know, 25, 50, let's say 50,000, which is half the amount, I think that takes care of some of the concerns and will certainly cover the BSA program in some of those neighborhood park districts that need the money. So there's no disagreement with that. We'll move on to Councilmember Andrews. Yes, thank you, Amir. You know, I'm really I want first of all, I'd like to think the B or C, you know, for working very, very hard with this budget. And I'm really I'm overly excited about, you know, park rangers because the fact that by having those park rangers, I don't know of any individual ever go out of those parks. And a lot of people are crying about the, you know, the danger and some of the problems that we have in our parks. And I think with these park rangers, they are which Mr. Champion has really put a good program together. This would be great because these individuals, they do not engage. And from that seen into the police, I don't really think we need to have policemen, you know, in the parks themselves. But I think this new program, Mrs. Champion, is speaking about these individuals who are being trained by the police so they will know how to get things done. I think this is a great idea and I would totally support something of this type. And I, I really see that this is going to help our parks for our safety. And when we talk about, you know, home invasion, which is probably one of the number one crimes we have today, this would relieve a lot of our policemen from being in the parks. At least they can work on the situation where we're having most of our problems and that's home invasion. So I think these things will work out themselves if we do it in the right way. And I want to thank Mr. Jabu and the police department for working together to make these things work. Thank you. Okay, let's get to a vote on this item. I think I may have another comment. Are you still up upcountry, Richardson? Okay, go ahead. Thanks. So just wanted to chime in again on. Thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez, for asking more clarity on the ambassador's program. I was unclear as well on what it was. So so my my question is, how much does that how much does that cost? A year to run the Park Ambassadors program. For permanent council councilmember members of the City Council. It's part security. It costs about \$58,000 year round. No

w, there's there's another model where we can scale it back during the winter months. Yeah. And just do you know, weekends in the winter months and full time during the summer months. And that's about 36,000%. And so that that pilot was funded in this past year. Well, it wasn't funded. It

was we have a vacancy. And the one site, a supervisor vacancy. So we're using money from that vacancy right now. Great. I'd like to ask that. So the the business district not hurt. I heard someone mention I think it was Deputy Chief Luna mentioned the guides downtown, the business district in uptown that Highland Park is actually a part of their launching in ambassador program in a month. That's essentially what you just described. And considering Highland Park is a member of that district. I wonder if there's a way that you can partner to leverage the dollars that help in part with the assessment dollars to see if they can work together on on this ambassador program this year. That that's something that we can look into. But I think we certainly can look into it. Great. Thank you. That's all I have. Okay. And then last comment and we're going to go to a vote. Councilman Mango. So earlier, I believe it was, Councilmember Durango made a comment related to not being able to allocate all the funds of the one time by the end of the year. What happens to those? I'd like to make a friendly amendment that any funding from 514 that isn't allocated by September 30th be allowed to roll over so that the new council members that have those concerns are been able to be met. Okay. Make that motion. We're okay with that. That that does cause issues for us financially to roll money over like that. Can we. Councilmember Mungo, can you restate that? So Councilmember at Durango earlier we were discussing that there were funds divide by nine from last year that may have been allocated for something that's either not doable or when we do find out what of that is doable, then it may not come in at that price. So let's say, for instance, a council member inherits \$100,000 project which is allocated to a particular street, and that street's not available to be done. But when it is completed, it's only 75,000. So that 25 would roll over and still be allowable for the councilmember in any of those areas. So any one time not finished by September 30th yet becomes available, would then carryover? Is that what we need? Okay. Under that scenario, I retract what I just said. That would be no issues at all. Okay. Okay. And Councilman Price. He motioned in, seconded. Yep. Got to replace. That. Thank you. Yes. I would like to make an amendment to the motion to reduce the PSC recommendation of 3,850,000 by 300,000 for that remaining 300,000 to go to the Long Beach Police Department for overtime for residential burglary detail. Second. There's been a motion and a second. So in essence is a substitute, correct? Because we already have a motion. And so. There's a motion on the floor and this is a su

bstitute. Unless this is considered a friendly amount. I believe would be used to do this would be a substitute. So so unless. The author of the original. Desires is to be a friendly amendment. Right now right now we have a substitute on the floor. So and I'll review what the actual what the motion is in a minute. So Vice Mayor Lowenthal and then I want to review what the substitute is and where the vote is. Vice Mayor I might actually like to make a substitute substitute motion. So we had extensive conversation about councilmembers interest in infrastructure divide by \$9. I don't believe it's this council, the majority of this council's interest to reduce that by 350,000. Prior to your coming in, Councilmember O'Donnell, Councilmember Mungo had made a recommendation which we will take up in item 1.14 to allow the Chief to utilize his year end surplus when his budget to actuals are calculated, his year end surplus to be designated for residential burglary. And I do believe that that is a better way to go. And so my substitute substitute would be to revert back to the language of the original motion and work in Councilmember Mungo's recommendation at this point to allow the chief of police to utilize his surplus for for the purpose of residential burglary. Okay. Okay. That's been seconded that that's the motion on the floor. I have one last council comment and then we're going to move to I think we have one comment and then the vote. Councilor O'Donnell. So what you're saying is if they have a surplus, they would be able to use this money. We're not sure if they will have a surplus. Correct. Let me amend it for the. You're absolutely right. So they may not have a surplus. The other alternative is for the chief to utilize some of his existing resources and then wait until January when we do our year end totals for, ah, one time oil revenues. That's your. Motion. That's my motion, right. Yep. And what I'm saying is he doesn't, he doesn't know if he'll have a surplus. In his own budget, but we I will, I'm willing to add to that to go ahead and have this council consider during our January year and total of our one time dollars under oil that those revenues be designated as the 350,000 be designated for residential burglaries. I guess my my my concern is residential burglaries a problem today? And my concern is that we get funding to it today and not that the chief hopes he has funding for it in the future. So we differ. I mean. Right. And that's why he would have the opportunity to frontload his need today with the 2.2 million under police over time and then backfill that in January when those resources do come in, which we do project to have some surplus. But we have the opportunity to fund it right now and address this issue right now.

Today, because I have neighbors who are calling me and I am quite concerned about the uptick in residential burglaries. I want to address it in mind. If I might ask the city manager to allow the chief of police

to come up to answer just one question for me, I'd like to know from him what his projections are. My understanding from speaking with our finance folks is that they would come. Under. My only concern with us now we're budgeting. You know, you're kind of guessing that you're going to have. A see if I could make just. One, I just holler. I'd like to deal with actuals and what's going on today, not what might happen. And now the vice mayor has made a question of the chief. And so if the chief wants to respond and then we're going to go and go to a vote, a public comment and a vote. Yeah. Just to just to be able to address that. As of right. Now, we're projected to come in to about come. In under about 400,000. But as you know, 400,000 and the size of our budget, that that could change tomorrow with. One unusual occurrence. So to to be able. To to count on that, I think is. Is a push. What about. Okay, Councilmember Austin? Yes. Thank you, Chief. No one is more and more supportive of public safety than myself. And I recognize the need to to address. Initial burglary. I'm not sure we do it with one time funds and with overtime. We haven't heard a plan in terms of how we address this one. With all due respect, when Chief McDonnell was here, given the PD budget overview, I mean, he just told you he's on he's over budget right now and he's expecting or projecting a surplus. But I heard that he had a he had what he needed to do with this and understanding that. And I'll just be very, very frank with you. I have a concern with with the budgeting and running our police department on overtime, purely overtime in every profession out there. When we we we people get stressed out if they're overworked and we're adding this means we're adding two more hours of overtime to a police officer, you know, beat overtime. You know, I'm concerned that they're going to be stressed and make bad decisions and that's that's what any profession if you over overdo the overtime. And so I think we've we've we've actually been very generous and we've given our police department what they need in this this budget right now. And so I would actually have to speak against this this motion. It is not speaking against public safety. It is speaking against the use of \$350,000 that that, I believe, can be made up during our mid-year adjustment. Okay. I'm going to go to Councilmember O'Donovan, going to public comment. I can talk. Thank you. Just a question. Would you be open to say right now we use the infrastructure money, then they come up with a surplus in January that we then divert that money back to to infrastructure and use the surplus money for the the services provided in the interim. Would you be open to that? COUNCILMEMBER Mayor, we were just talking about that myself in the budget manager that perhaps rather than dip into the infrastructure at this time, we do believe that in January when we come up with the uplands oil money, there will be \$350,000 excess there. If the cou

ncil could make a decision now to allocate that, that's the first expectation on that money would be \$350,000 that we've got. That's the nature of the substitute substitute motion. And and then we could just tell the chief to begin this October 1st started acknowledging that he's going to get \$350,000 from the uplands oil in January. Okay. So so the substitute substitute is, as mentioned by Vice Marie Lowenthal with the first 350,000 that we are going to get out of the out of the uplands oil that will go to the residents. Okay. Just just to clarify, though, so this means that the chief has the ability and the dollars to institute a very proactive program to address residential crime burglary across the city. We're talking about Dodge. So I want to ensure that there's going to be have the dollars. In the chief is consistent. With that desire. He can start October 1st. And if you're ready, he can he can tell you exactly what he's going to do. I don't need to know exactly. I just want to know that that's what we're going to do. That's the October 1st. Got it. Thank you. Thank you. Now, I'm going to go to any public comment on this. This particular item, I think there was somebody that was up here on the set, please come forward. Good evening, everyone. My name is Jan Victor Anderson and I'm with ECI Communities for Environmental Justice and also part of the Language Access Coalition. So thank you again tonight for discussing extensively this amazing budget that will make the city run amazing. Right? We truly appreciate biking here. Lowenthal added \$100,000 to the language access policy. But that's not all we need. We need another 110,000 to fund a third of the original policy. So that's 100. Since there's a lot of numbers, I'm gonna repeat it. That's 110,000 extra that we need to fund just a third of the original policy that we asked for. Way back when, when it was approved. And so we need your leadership tonight to allocate that extra

110,000, because the community cannot wait. These are these are doors that are being closed to them, like you're talking about this open door because they can access the resources. And we need you, as our city council member, is to take action and represent the community so that they can not only access resources in our city, but also to fund their health and their well-being to be able to live in this city. That's that. And that should represent all of us. Thank you so much for your time and. Good luck with the budget. Thank you. There's a motion on the floor that's been made. Member Please cast your votes. Substitute. Substitute? Correct. Thank you. Motion passes nine zero. Okay. Next item, which I believe is 112 Vice Mayor. Item 14 Report from Health and Human Services Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents with the State of California Department of Public Health in the amount of 4,540,000 for the Women, Infant and Children Nutrition Supplemental Program Citywide. There's been a motion an

d a second count from customer your income. Thank you. And I just want to note that commend the Department of Health Human Services for bringing this forward and to the city manager for bringing this forward for us toward the documentation. I think it's an excellent program. It offers a 20,000, 26,000 families in Long Beach to receive these much needed services to increase access to healthier food that would otherwise be lacking. So I want to commend them for that. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Andrew. Yes, thank you, Mayor. And I also would like to echo that premise, Councilman, your anger, because I think programs, one of the most important programs offered in our city, and we have a few locations in our sixth district, you know, which are very, very busy. But all I'd just like to say that these programs do save lives and am very, very, you know, happy to support anything that they're concerned to do in any district in the city of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Austin. Yeah. I'd also like to just congratulate the Department of Health and Human Services on receiving this grant. It's a sizable grant, \$4.5 million. It's going to touch a lot of lives. But more importantly, I think it's our conscious right now that there are a lot of families in poverty in our city that that are in need. And so this will go a long way to address that. Thanks. Thank you. Public comment on the item. Say nonmembers, please cast your votes. Motion carries nine zero. Next item. Item 14. I'm sorry. Item 15 Report from Long Beach Airport Financial Management and Public Works Recommendation to Award Contract to Kleinfeld or West for airport consulting services in the amount not to exceed 1,000,005 District five. Okay. So council members, if. If I may, item 1.1, I move to recommend to adopt resolution approving the fiscal year 15 budget for the Long Beach Harbor Department as adopted by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on July 14, 2014. Also on each item, if we could ask for any public comment between the items. Yes, I will do that. And there's been a motion and a second by Councilmember Austin. Are there any members of the public that wish to address us on that item? Okay. But if you want to just walk us through all these and that's that's. When we can do that. Thank you. I appreciate that. All those in favor. I. I. I. Do you want a recording? So I think we'll do recorded. I think we'll do on budget. I think we'll just do recording. This recorded both. Councilmember O'Donnell. Councilmember Andrews. Motion carries seven zero. Thank you. Hearing item one point to make the motion to recommend to declare an emergency to exist. Sir. Second case. Been in motion in a second. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address Council on item 1.2? Item 21 Report from Long Beach Airport Financial Management and Public Works recommendation to award the contract to Griffith Company for a total contract amount not to exceed 300 I'm sorry, 3,230,000 a

nd increase appropriations in the Airport Enterprise Fund by 3,365,000. District five. Of. Which has been in motion by council members seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell. Any public comment on the item? Seeing none. I'm sorry. From Boston. This is a pretty sizable amount of money. I would just love to get some background from a staff report. Absolutely. Mr. West. Certainly. Our deputy city manager, Reggie Harrison, and Carolyn Lowe and Jeff Sedlak. From all from the airport can answer. That. Mayor and members of the city council. There it is. On. So you're you're correct, Councilmember Orson, this is a considerable amount of money for these two taxiways that were built in the 1920s and thirties, and they're in need of substantial repair at this time. A part of the costs for this project also goes into the manner in which we're going to repair the project to be environmentally friendly, to be sustainable. So we're going to actually use a lot of the material that's currently on the site to be a part of the rebuild of this of these two taxiways as well. So the FAA has worked with the airport staff and has granted us amounts to cover that, to cover that cost, as well as

a small amount of PFC charges, passenger facility charges that will also be as a part of this project. But FAA has been very much working with our staff, with our engineering staff and operations staff to oversee this project. And they really feel good about moving forward with this. So will our airport operations be disrupted in any way? Well, the construction is underway. So these taxiways are primarily used by the general aviation community. There will be minimal disruptions there. We anticipate that throughout this process we will schedule the work they're done in a manner in which the community can continue to enjoy these taxiways and there'll be no impact to the commercial airlines. Well, Mr. Harrison, I just want to say, you know, you sound like you really know what you're talking about and you're doing a great job as the interim airport director. I think it speaks volumes about Mr. West, our city manager, and the depth of his his management bench. Thank you very much for that report. Thank you. Seeing no other actually counts on Councilwoman Mongo. I just want to thank all of the airport staff who have taken me on tours of the airport to see exactly what's going on and how it will be happening. It's very important that we take all things into consideration. And I think you have been exceptionally informed and professional. Thank you. Thank you. We've done public comment members. There's a motion on the floor. All those in favor of the motion. Please raise your hand. Motion carries unanimous. Next item. Thank you. Item 22, report from police. Recommendation to receive and file the application of rounding third sports bar for a premise to premise and person to person. Transfer of an Alcoholic Beverage Control license at 4133 4135. East Anaheim Street District four. Okay. Thank

you. Let's give them a round of applause. And three, a round of applause for her incredible work. Now we're moving on to the regular agenda I had mentioned earlier. Are we going to move up number nine and then continue on? So item number nine is up first, Councilmember Andrews. Thank you, Mayor. As you guys noticed, this has been denied. So this is one of the every night. But again, this is another important and very, very exciting award that we're going to, the proclamation we're giving out tonight. And this is for a young lady by the name of Jenni Rivera. I know every one of you individuals. I knew her. And like you say, she has been a icon to the city of Long Beach. You know, it's a great honor to bring this item. Councilman Landers, I think the item needs to be read first. Okay. Let's try and have Adam read it. Item number nine is communication from Councilman Andrew. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilwoman Price and Councilmember your UNGA recommendation to refer to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider naming the public right away. Park located on Wallet Avenue at 12th Street. Jenni Rivera Memorial Park. Yes. First of all, I'd just like to make this motion. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Right now, I'd like to add this before we get started. I just would like everyone to know that this is a great honor to bring this item forward tonight and to have had pleasure to know Ginny, as well as working with her family and on this item. Jenny was an amazing young lady and really gave her all. I don't think people really knew how much she gave back to the community. I'm donating Children Hospital to send in trucks full of gifts and clothing to Long Beach Mother and Children's that was victims of the domestic violence. And Jenny kept giving. I first met Jenny in July of 211 when I honored her with the start of probably, you know, offensive pain. Jenny was proud and she was truly a proud jackrabbit and proud to be from the city of Long Beach. This Long Beach Girl was truly an inspiration to us and all of her stars and the Walk of Fame and mind me of keeping reaching out for our dream, no matter where it comes from and what circumstances it might around you. To this day, millions of people mourn the tragedy and the loss of Mrs. Rivera's life. On December the ninth, 2012, by honoring Jenni Rivera with the Memorial Park, the city of Long Beach will be paying a tribute to the great citizens of her city and a remarkable entertainer, inspirational leader and amazing ambassador for all and the city of Long Beach. Now, I would like to show a short video in her memory. I will speak. Can I please call an assistant up here to the podium for you? Are they. Here? I think we'll get to the video first. We wait till after the video, please. She meant to the Latinos over. And. The style of music that she makes is so beautiful. When you listen to it, it makes you feel like it's. A better place in this world. I believe that when

God. Gives you a lot, it's our responsibility to give back. I want the fans to know that with what they give me, I am able to give here and. And they love him so very much. Thank you, guys. My fans always tell me that when I visit them, it means so much. But what they don't know is that it means more to me. She really. Was a strength. Of humankind. She was a force of nature. She used to show up to hospitals, how people that are in their death beds and give them a boost. I said to them.

Your body stay here, but I commit the illness in your general desire. Our relatability on this ill son. And you actually never seem to smile. They haven't seen you haven't seen her smile smiled at all. We made her smile. You know, there's always somebody going through more than you're going through. I needed them to see that. I had hope for them and I had faith for them as well. We were all in on this together. They are courage. People who didn't know Jenny River to go back and discover. What she. Was all about. Because you'll just discover what we're all missing so much. And that's how talented she was. I think people related to her music and her as a performer. Because her songs were about real stories and she went to in her life and what the everyday woman goes through. I don't understand any of the words she's saying, but at the same time it feels so good. That it captures your voice, is soothing to your ears. This young lady here has done things for our community. For your community? What matter? To let everyone know. Don't ever, ever give up on your hopes and dreams. And I want to thank you again for coming in today. So now I will take the time to honor this very, very special, such an Rivera. You had to get that. Okay, you guys. Yeah. All right, baby. Jenny and I love you back. I was the nerd that played. In the marching band. On this same. Field and haven't been here since, and it feels really good to be able to come back. And I would play my music then and I came back. Because of my music. And that feels really good. Thanks to all of you who have considered little old me from Long Beach, California. For a start here at Poly High School. And thanks for remembering that I came out of here. I don't forget it. I'm still a poly jackrabbit. Very emotional day. It's beautiful to go back. In a in a. Time machine to the past. And I remember everything I went through as a child and and the beautiful squad I came to where there was where they taught us that you are to learn and go forth and serve multiple. Sites and your look at the. Though. No. Too bad that I split my. So the London. Money for anything you give away. Like I love flowers. Oh. Yeah. Withholding control. Better than anyone doing. Boy. Yang's not used. You come. You can come. Kay. Thank you. And as part of that, I do believe that we are going to have someone from the family that's going to come on up and say a few words as part of the councilmembers presentation. I think Rosie's coming up. Please come f

orward. Hello. It's an honor to meet you here and all these councilmen. Thank you so much. My sister received many awards in her life. Many nominations sold millions and millions and albums. And her music took her around the world. But she never forgot. She was just a girl from Long Beach. Due to a young pregnancy, she had to leave poly high school. But she mentioned that she'd come back one day and just seeing her smile. That's one of the most beautiful, genuine smiles I've ever seen. The honor that she received by poly high school was a true joy, and I'm thankful to Long Beach for doing that while she was here. And now that this park has been named after her is a huge honor. And like I said, she traveled the world. But to know that her her town has honored her is better than any Grammy or better than any award. I wanted to thank Long Beach and let you know that the family is ecstatic and we want to be completely involved in whatever we can. I have told the children they cannot be here today, but they will be there. The if if it's named after her, they will be there and they like to plant trees and do fundraisers, maybe have a community day just to be able to continue to support our community and not just have it named after her and be empty, but really do something for the community. We, our whole family will be completely involved to honor her and honor the city that made her. She became a great star, but it was Long Beach that built Jenni Rivera. So thank you very much. Thank you very much. Thank you very much for those words. And obviously, on behalf of on behalf of the city of Long Beach and to the whole family. Our hearts go out to the entire family and all the other friends. I do have a couple of councilmembers. I want to make some comments and there is a motion on the floor already. So Councilmember Arango. I want to, first of all, thank my colleague, the Andrews, for bringing this forward, because there's not that many opportunities that we haven't seen on which to name parks or important people. And certainly the iconic figure that Jenny Oropeza worked in, or better yet, if you read it, was that's another person that generated better words to this community. It really speaks volumes about what contributions she made not only here in Long Beach, but to the world of music as well. And her name will live not only in her music, but also in this park. And so I'm looking forward to that celebration. And we have this pilot program, this this kid with our mutual greatest prosthetic equinox voters easily register women to promote the McCain memorial that Jenni Rivera. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I also want to thank Councilmember. De Andrews for bringing this forward. I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Rivera at Poly High School as well. And what I got from that was that she was a real person. She kind of told you from the heart what she was feeling. And

she was very passionate as a mother, as an artist, as a Latina, but mostly as a

Long Beach resident. And I always remember that. And so I think the Andrews, for bringing this forward. I know that she was also such a huge loss to the community, but a tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence. What I failed to mention earlier, you know, when we had the domestic violence presentation, is that all of her work, she was a spokesperson. For the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in Los Angeles, and she also founded a charitable organization, the Jenni Rivera Love Foundation, and all of those dedicated to women, children, especially here in Long Beach. So all of that put together is reason enough to certainly name a park after her. So thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilwoman Price. Thank you. Thank you to Councilmember Andrews for bringing this item forward and for asking us to cosign it with you. It's rare for us to be able to name a park or an area of the city after someone who is young. And it's always very tragic when that happens. But in this situation, the vibrancy and the energy and the youth that she brought forth is a great representation. And to have that in the city of Long Beach, I think, inspires just the energy that she brought to the table, which was a lot of energy, a lot of service, a lot of goodwill and a genuine pride in this community. So thank you for bringing this forward. And I'm proud that we are doing this tonight. Thank you. And Councilmember Austin. Yes. I'd like to also join with my colleagues in thanking Councilmember Andrews for bringing this forward. This Rivera was an international star, but also an ambassador for the city of Long Beach. She represented our city across the around the world. And a little known fact is that, you know, she she recorded most of her music right here in Long Beach in eighth District, right here on Market Street, where the family still actually has a recording studio. And they sell a lot of her her music and family music there and opportunity to meet her father and her brothers about a year and a half ago. And, you know, like I said, I think this is an honor befitting of her her her great, great career and her representation of the city. So thank you again. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. Thank you. I just want to wanted to chime in and again, on the on the Andrews night, just say great job and what a beautiful tribute your staff put together in that video. And and also, I wanted to just say that, I mean, tonight we've heard about domestic violence. Tonight we've seen college educated women who are a great example. And we're rounding that out with another great example of really maintaining a commitment to the community. And so Jenni Rivera was a great example. I think she is exactly the type of people that we should name our parks after folks that that our young folks can who will play at this park will be able to aspire and look to as an example. So that said, I look forward to the Housing Neighborhoods Committee, you know, going

ahead and improving that so that we can move forward. Thank you so much. Thank you. With any public comment on the item. When is not. Good evening. Okay. I mean, I embrace certain values, so the streets are safe. My name is this in? I'm from the sixth district. Is a promoter and promoter. And I'm a promoter of voting at this contract. You talk about I say, let me circle the Andrews bore awareness opportunity competition is to momentum to quintal a company. That first of all, I'd like to thank my Councilmember member Andrews, for giving us this opportunity and to be part of the community to study. Compartilhar see this, get the angle to comment. On me familiar. But I'd like to share some ideas with you that I've shared with my family. Jessica a lovely star, Jenni Rivera for years now that I contribute to a community. That I know that the artist Jenni Rivera was and is a great contributor in our community. But I mean, we are. K k number four we don't on control para podemos identificados conejo. But I would have liked for the name to be a bit more general for all of us could identify with her. But I have to say. Keppel yara mucho a los grupos. L.A. hit their. E I as Newcrest debuted in film sticker I as victims are willing to pay them a sticker. For example, I know she supported a lot of groups like LGBT T and the victims of domestic violence. Immigrant style. Gasoline umbrella park. For a helpless la senora. Or I parker tolerance here. And for example, I would have liked the park to have been named the Great Lady or Tolerance Park. Damien Bonner, Una placa con. We know that there are contenders Historia. And also put up a commemorative plaque that tells her story. Honorable or a tree. It's a song part is a mysterious but contributed commercial. But sonic beware. The intro witnesses you get them being reckoned. Moscow, Canada, La Comunidad de los Angeles. Les Gusta La La La Musica. The Wonder. And those are just some of my ideas that I would like to contribute as part of a person that lives in the sixth District. And I would also like to acknowledge that not all of the Long Beach residents like Banda Music. LLC, Inter Punto LLC and the Punto is the kind of market Castro Ricardo in Atlantic Helicopters.

Katsuyama Peace. Park. It's time we the squid out. Of your window now. And the next point I'd like to make is that our park that's on Atlantic and 14th, that is called Peace Park is not well taken care of and it's been abandoned. This unfortunate mantra is the park lobby. Then all of a persona, skills and drogas. Okay, wind in progress. And unfortunately this park is either people are living or going there that use and sell drugs. In those years, this koala, let's call up poly and let's do this to the end. This is done exploited those. I city poly personas the lunacy. Weirdness and then on school days or students that go to poorly are exposed to these people Monday through Friday. You should those this list be the poor perverted bogan must have been

children as a bargain item in his but okay let's see the asker. Your list blew the trial less dominant consideration. So I'd like to ask that you please pay more attention to that park. And I hope that you can pay attention and consider the ideas that I brought to you which are massive. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. But again. When I noticed. As the council members. Good evening, council members. And the rest of it will not settle the streets. My name is Andres and I live in the 66th District. Is the crooked the main one of his family independently. If they gave for normally and are getting phone numbers on a mutual limit. And according to my independent point of view, I think it's a bad idea to name this park. Jenni Rivera I know she's helped Long Beach a lot. The settlement is improvement in all of we're not. Unfortunately, we always imitate what's bad and not what's good. Yeah, you know, mutuality, little or nothing can add up. She helped the city of Long Beach a lot and many people, but. I'm mentally there because at the end of the day is when a person get in to say Alzheimer's. I said, I'll call you. And unfortunately, the idea that people have of her is that she induces peop other people to be alcoholics. And it is another way to suppress that commando. On the stage. She's always drinking. Normally there but a person. And so it would be a bad idea for the rest of the people. This event. Nothing, nothing better but almost every other your mother. But again, it's not, say, police park or lumberjack beach, the Parks Department Park. And I don't know, I'm nobody. But I would like to see the park named something like Long Beach Police Park or Long Beach Fire Department Park. In Park City. I'm not saying the. Park of the Unknown hero. I don't know. If there was a minor unit, little jet then over the airport. And there's also an athlete from the New York Jets. I can't remember the name right now, but he gives a lot. He still may do a little commentary asking for the arrested okay capital and forget about it because there was some but I almost forget this was emperor. I'll call. Overseas. And I would recommend if it's possible that you watch the parks better because some of them are used for alcohol and some for drugs. Thank you. Thank you. Any other public comment on the item? CNN there is a motion on the floor. Members with Gordon Carter votes. Yeah. You. Motion carries eight zero. Thank you very much. We're going to go ahead now. Go back to the first hearing, Madam Clerk. Yes. We haven't taken concert calendar, have we. And now we will do hearing. I think. You can. Say yes. Hearing number one. Item 16 is a communication from Vice Mayor Sudhir Lowenthal, Councilwoman Susie Price and Councilman Andrews with three recommendation one to request that all youth under the age of 17 be admitted to Belmont Pool and other city pools for \$1. Second requires city manager to report back on the cost to expand the summer fund program.

And third, explore with the Long Beach Transit the possibility of a special bus or busses dedicated solely to taking people to and from Belmont Pool. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a few comments, but would also first like to make a motion to approve this item. Thank you. The Belmont Pool has been a city asset and symbol of our great cities regional aquatic stretch stature for more than 45 years, hosting local, regional and even Olympic competitions. With the closure of the plaza earlier this year, the temporary pool continues. This tradition of supporting community aquatics and the new pool will most assuredly reintroduce Long Beach to the national and international swimming community. However, to reinforce the pool's image, the Belmont Pools image, as a citywide asset that all of our residents feel connected to and proud of, we believe the city should make it easier for our youth to swim at Belmont and every pool, for that matter. As the so-called aquatic capital of America and a city committed to being a healthy community and certainly our brothers keepers, it is in our best interest to encourage our young residents to become lifelong swimmers no matter their economic, cultural or geographic status. And for these reasons, council members, I urge an eye vote from you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Vice Mayor Lowenthal, for bringing this forward. I have said repeatedly in the Belmont Pool discussions that I started participating in in June and have been very actively involved

in until today, that I want the Belmont Pool and of course, any other facility we have in the center but in the city, but especially the Belmont Pool, to be a facility that every child in the city feels is theirs, regardless of it being in the third district, I want every child and family in this city to feel that this pool is their city pool and that they are welcome here and that there is no encumbrance to them being able to use the pool such as a financial one. So I think this is a wonderful item and I encourage my council colleagues to support it as well. Q Councilmember Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I want to thank our Councilwoman Lowenthal for bringing me in on this also, because as we find out, a lot of in our cities, a lot of times the dollar doesn't sound like a lot. But when you have a family for a dollar an awful lot and I know, you know a Kings Park, we have a problem, you know, just with the kids being able to afford to go to the pool there. So, you know, like I said, I think that this is one of the great things because it provides fun and challenging ways our children stay fit. You know, one is swimming is probably one of the most athletic, you know, challenges that you'll go through. So I always my favorite saying is my kids, they are tired, kid is a good kid. And that will definitely keep them in good shape and keep him out of trouble. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. I want to than

k you for bringing forward this motion. I think involving our youth in our community and specifically in swimming at a young age is a great resource for our community. And I support this idea. Thank you. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Bush and Kerry eight term. Thank you. An extended plea. Item 17 is communication from Councilman Austin Chair State Legislations Committee Recommendation to request City Council to support Proposition one. The Water Quality Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. 21 is a report from the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Marine with a recommendation to authorize the city manager to. Oops. Wait a minute. 21. Sorry, I went a little late. To report from the city manager with the recommendation to receive and file the fiscal year 2015 budget for the Long Beach Downtown Parking and business improvement area. So moved its motion in a second share any public comment and item 21 was seen and members, please cast your vote. Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to I know that Craig Cogen is here in the audience from the downtown Long Beach Associates, along with his chairperson. Yes, up. Yes. I can't even see that for. I think that's Hilda said. Sorry it's late, but I want to thank you both for being here. You stayed here the entire meeting. The Dolby is a great partner in the downtown and I appreciate your efforts to host community forums on various topics of importance to our residents and businesses. And thank you for being here. Thank you, Councilman Gonzalez. I also wanted to say thank you for being here and sitting with us. I see that your economic development plan is, you know, bolstering and it's getting better. And we're really excited about that. And I also have to say, thank you so much. Your homeless outreach program has just progressed and partnering with you in so many different aspects. So thank you very much, both of you, for all that you do for our downtown. Thank you. There's a motion on the floor. Members, please cast your votes. Motion carries nine votes. 22. 22 is a report from the city manager of the recommendation authorizing an agreement with Long Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for an amount of \$3.9 million for fiscal year 2015. Thank you, Mayor. I'm 25. It's communication from the city manager and financial management with the recommendation to execute all documents necessary to implement a 15 year sales tax incentive agreement with Hunan Toyota of Long Beach. Mr. West. Mayor Council were pleased. To present this item tonight. For whom? And Toyoda Mike Conaway will walk us through it. Mayor Garcia, members of the city council, this item brings forward the first sales tax incentive agreement from the Department of Economic and Property Development. Human Toyota, formerly Beech. Toyota intends to relocate its car sales operations from 4401 Pacific Coast Highway to 3399 Willow Street at Redondo Avenue, human to Saudi, intends to significantly expand and renovate the new site at

a cost of \$4.2 million, not including acquisition cost. Beach Toyota, which human acquired in 2008, enjoyed a sales tax incentive agreement that was originally entered into in 1996 and which expired in September 2013. Mr. Nathani requested that the expired sales tax sharing agreement be renewed and the sales tax basis of that agreement was \$135,000, above which sales tax revenues were shared equally. To facilitate discussion, Mr. Nathani agreed to double the sales tax base to \$270,000 and requesting to equally share sales tax revenue above that amount until the earlier of reimbursement of the \$4.2 million renovation costs for 15 years. Kizer Marsden reviewed the request and concluded that based on prior sales and conservative projections or the 15 year period,

the facility should generate nearly \$12 million in local sales tax to the city, of which approximately 4 million will be shared, with whom Toyota and approximately 8 million will be retained by the city. This amount is nearly 4 million more than the sales tax base staff believes. The sales tax incentive agreement is a persuasive economic development tool and is widely used by other cities. Staff recommends that City Council authorize the proposed sales tax incentive agreement and Mr. Human Assadi is in the audience this evening and is available to respond to counsel if requested. And additionally, I'm available to answer your questions. May. Move. Again. Okay. There's been a motion and a second. Councilmember Price, I mean Councilmember Mongo. Thank you. This is going to be the first of many sales tax agreements that are going to come before this council. I'm really excited that we're going to attack increasing our sales base here in Long Beach so that we can afford the important things that we need streets, sidewalks, trees, public safety and all of those things cost money. And to do that, we need Long Beach residents to purchase their cars, purchase their groceries, purchase their gas inside the city limits of Long Beach. We're really proud that Hooman has chosen to stay in Long Beach. We know there are a lot of potential areas he could have moved to and we are thankful to have you as a partner and we look forward to doing more deals like this in the future. So bring us some more business. Thank you. Thank you. Scott Trumbo. O'DONNELL Yes, thank you. And I just want to congratulate Mr. Herrmann. He's a good man. He does well for our city. He's a volume dealer. That means he sells a lot of cars and that tax comes back, back into our coffers and pays for our streets, sidewalks, libraries, etc.. And I thank him for his commitment to our city. You just mentioned it. He could have gone to a number of other cities, but he chose to stay in Long Beach, cost him a little bit of money to do it, and it took him a couple of years to do it. Not not on the fault of the city, just in tact on matters with regard to how dealerships are located. But he was very committed to moving inside the city limits o

f Long Beach, and we look forward to more good stuff from him. So thank you. Thank you. Councilor Andrews? Yes? It's Mr. Herman here. I'd like to congratulate him, but I've never seen him before. Oh, you don't have to sit that far in the back, young man. Okay. Congratulations. And thank you for coming to our city. Yes. Councilor Rice. Thank you. I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that one of the items on our agenda tonight is going to be talking about economic development and sales use, sales and tax to use. And there is a report in here that I'm sure we'll talk about later, but it was developed by John GROSS and Mike Conway. And they do talk about the importance of the city of Long Beach, focusing on three premier areas of sales and one of those is auto sales for new vehicles. So this is really a great thing for us to continue to incentivize and work with businesses to bring in this particular industry to the city of Long Beach. And I want to thank staff for their report, and I think it ties in with this agenda item. So thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? Say no seeing, no public comment. There's Councilman Richardson. Thanks. I just want to get in and say congratulations and looking forward to seeing you grow and expand. And I've seen your commute commercials for a while. So this is this is pretty awesome. Congratulations. Thank you. With that, there's emotion on the floor. Please cast your vote. Councilmember Andrews. Motion carries nine votes. Yes. Excellent. Now we're moving on to item number 20, Mr. Clark. Item 20 is a report from Parks, Recreation, Marine and the city manager's office with the recommendation to authorize city manager to proceed with revised requirements for the proposed Belmont Shore Beach and Aquatic Center for additional estimated cost for estimated cost of \$1.3 million. Item 24. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine Recommendation to Authorize City Manager to. Quiet down in the in the audience, please. Thank you so much. Recommendation to authorize city manager to execute a right of entry permit and execute a joint use agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District to rehabilitate the baseball and soccer field over overlay at Howden Park District nine. Okay, Councilman Richardson. I'm going to I'd like to move this item. I just want to say that. Thank you. I just want to say quickly that a lot of work and staff time has gone on behalf of Parks and Recreation to work with our school district so that we can better understand and realize that Jordan High School and Highland Park are really one complex serving the needs of our community. I'd like to and I don't know if we need to do a drink. I mean, you want to give some remarks. Just that again, we appreciate the relationship with the school district. This will help both us and the school district. They will get the field up until 6:00, then we get to use it. They are investing money into the field of a long term relationship. We also have

a joint use agreement with their pool. So it's a symbiotic relationship that we really do appreciate. They're going to be working on fixing the infield, new infield and the fencing. It's just going to look dynamic once they're finished with it. Okay. And with someone from Long Beach Unified, want to just chime in? Hi. I'm Tova Corman. I'm the executive director of Facilities Planning and Development at Long Beach Unified. I just wanted to say thank you for taking this under consideration. In addition to the field improvements, we are going to be putting in new dugouts, very protected dugouts. The school district is also doing a lot of improvements. \$160 million worth of work, an outdoor pool, new gymnasium. And we're adding an additional gymnasium. And we would love to consider. Joint use in the future with the city. And I think that's our goal for this area as well as just for the district as a whole. So we thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them. Okay. Thank you. Any other public speakers on the item? Yep. School board member. Please come forward. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Council members, executive staff and community. My name is Megan Kerr. I'm the member of the. Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education who represents this area. So welcome to the neighborhood. I want to thank Tova Corman. We did have a district staff member here who got ill about an hour ago and she had been here and Tova throw up, threw on a suit and got in her car so that she could be here to answer. Any questions. On their day. Off. We didn't have school today. I speak tonight in strong. Support of this item. As it will not only provide a necessary regulation field for our. Jordan High baseball team, but because it will also provide. Updated and renovated recreation space for our North Miami Beach community. The renovation of. Jordan High School is the largest Measure K project and will provide students. With the most technologically advanced learning space in the district. By partnering with the city. In this way, we can assure that our students will also have access to high quality athletic facilities as well. During baseball season, the district will provide the maintenance of the space and the community will still have access to this space in the evenings and weekends. I support the terms as stated in the agenda, as they represent the most cost effective solution, as well as allowing us to qualify for potential state funding for the project. This is a great example of working together for the benefit of the whole community. And I look. Forward to additional joint use opportunities. I respectfully ask for your support of this item as presented on the agenda. Thank you. Thank you. School Board Member CR And any other public comment on the item? Carson Richardson You mean that you made the motion early, right? Okay. So no one. I see no other comments. All in favor, please raise your hand. Motion carries unan

imously item. We're going back now item 15. Item 15 Communication from Council Member Austin Councilmember O'Donnell. Councilmember Durango Recommendation to request city manager to include to schedule within 45 days an airport airport noise ordinance study session to educate the entire council as to the history, importance and background. M26 is a report from Public Works with the recommendation. Authorize a contract with CG construction company an amount not to exceed \$18 million. An emotion. I can't remember. Andrews Was there a second? Item 26. Their second. It's her second. Second. Thank you. The CDC. Thank you. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. So with these bus shelters, I have a number of questions about this process. Five years ago when we began. Well, when we began this process of contracting out, that's. Item 27. Or so. This is the J.C. Taco I'm sorry, KBS taco item is 27. That's why I didn't second the motion. We'll dispense with tricks soon enough. So, members, please cast your vote on item 26, which is for concrete repairs and related improvements. And I'm a yes. Thank you. Motion carries a vote. Yes. Item 27. Councilmember Richardson. Item 20 is communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilman Andrews and Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to require city manager to write a report within 60 days identifying the fiscal impact associated with installing a looping system. There's been a motion and a second councilmember price. Thank you. I would like to thank Bram, and I don't know if I'm pronouncing his last name right, but Khokhar for introducing the hearing loop system to me through a letter that was sent to my office in September. Additionally, in May of 2014, Richard Hernandez, chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities, recommended to then-Mayor Foster and the City Council members the installation of the hearing loop system within city facilities. This system would allow people with hearing loss to fully participate in civil civic activities and to contribute to the productivity of this great city. And I think we need to explore the financial impact of installing such a system throughout our city facilities. I think you. Thank you, Councilmember Price. And since we have our public speaker cued up, Councilmember Andreescu,

would that be okay? Go ahead, please. Please state your name. MAXINE Barton. I'm with the Hearing Loss Association of America Long Beach, Lakewood chapter. And I want to thank the councilwoman, Susie Price defenders and Rex Richardson. For. Bringing this back on to the agenda. This matter has been going on since the last city council. I've given each of the members a packet. Giving the history and. What's transpired thus far. And my only comment and I would like to add, since you're considering a new civic center, that all of the developers, when they submit their bids or proposals, include looping within certain areas of the building. So that the general public that frequents tho

se areas are able to hear. It's great that you have the captioning. But with regard to the captioning, there's a seven minute delay so that people with hearing loss can not only always follow it. Right now, there are 48 million people in the United States with a hearing loss. One in seven adults, one in five teens, and three and five returning veterans within. By 2003, that 48 million will have doubled in order to have proper representation. We need to have. Facilities that allow this unseen disability. To go forward and let the general public participate in all of your events. And. City affairs. So I thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. And I've listed at the bottom of my packet for the city manager. And did you get a copy of my packet? Good. Yet it I've listed references. U.S. here now USA has it has twice presented a proposal to the city council and I've listed. Brown Kakar. Who is the state looping chairman of the State of California. If you go anywhere in Europe, you were looped. If you go to three, the city council where looped looping as. The technology of the future very. Inexpensive and it certainly. Is. An improvement over. What is provided now under the ADA. By the city for people with hearing loss. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Andrews. Yes. Thank you, Vice Mayor. First of all, I think Councilwoman Price for bringing forward this with this item being cosigner and hearing loss is a tremendous barrier to effective communication. I'm very supportive of seeing how we can acquire looping systems in our city public facilities to assist our residents that are hearing impaired. And I want to thank you again, Mrs. Price, for being a part of this. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. Councilmember Price. I think this is definitely in line with the work that we're doing around becoming better advocates for language access in our city. I'm going to support this item and I'm proud to sign on. My belief is that everyone has access to should have access to our government. And this would be theoretically, I'd love to see what the costs would be to implement. I would imagine it's going to be a lot of senior citizens, a lot of caregivers, a lot of disabled folks that might take advantage of this. So thank you. Thank you. Are there any other members of the public that wish to address council? Thank you for the opportunity. My name is Warren Willard. My partner, Rick ARCHBOLD, and I operate a business called Hearing Now USA, and we install hearing loops all throughout Southern California. I wanted to give you an opportunity to ask any questions, specific questions you might have about hearing loop technology. But primarily, I wanted to let you know that Long Beach has an excellent opportunity to become a leader in Southern California municipalities and providing quality hearing to those that have hearing impairment. We call it Silent or the invisible disability. And it's rampant. It's all around us. I've suffered with hearing disability for a number of y

ears. I retired from another business and decided this would be my mission. We are also the firm that loop the first facility in Long Beach, DRC offices. So I want to thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with the city in any way possible to help make this happen. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Tengku Imam, you know, like mayor and council members, I'm glad that you have taken up this issue, but I won't repeat what I had been already given. I tell that the City of Cerritos had already located, and there are as many as 17 more cities in California. In California. They have looped. Their council chambers. And also, I find there are 36 other cities in the whole USA. They also love their council chambers. And there's not only that in Europe you have to do that happening. And I'd like to inform. That some of the cities, what they are using about the funding that capital city received, community grant and a home grant from the U.S. Department of Housing. And they have been using those funds that qualify for community enhancement projects. And this project qualifies under the category creating decent living environment by removing existing barriers to help improve accessibility to persons with disability in accordance with in accordance with the ADA. I think Golden City absolutely had already senior center salmon growing in the senior center. They're also going to loop their library and they are performing arts center. So if they left it on and on, that's what it did. I have got some at the door of a hearing association. We don't sponsor any

vendors. We can I can only give you a list of some of the member and some of the information about this technology. If they want to pursue I have those papers so they can go there. And I also I also gave the names of the cities who have it. And Turkey can always contact them for that information. They can also contact the city engineering city of Cerritos. They will provide a lot of help on this one. By the way, my name is Veronica Carr. I live in the city of Cerritos. Of course, I have been advocating the cause because I am I have been suffering and I have been just feeling isolated. I thought that we should help this community. Thank you. In the papers for the city. And so, Mr. Cathcart, I. Would like to. May I ask you to give that to the City Clerk? To your left. We already give you, dear. Pass. Yeah, sure. Now I don't. Any question if standing there, I mean. Is it the same packet that that. No, it's not. Okay, we may not have it. Yeah, our thing. Okay, that's fine. I mean, I have got the names of the city. You have something else you need to worry about. The papers. For the. Um. Yeah, I mean, they're talking all about the technology if they want to review it. But this is definitely a new technology. This is the only one which is helping us like this one. It's a wonderful building, but because of this reverberation, we were virtually lost. We were not knowing where the sound is coming fro

m, which way we should look. We were only reading this and then barely I could hear and the council member asked him talking something. Okay, that's fine. But time he has to look down his paper. So we were lost. What is happening? I well, I would suggest council should take up the funding because really it's about the quality of life for the resident. It's about it. It's about giving the equal opportunity to the minority they have not able to do is happening. So. Thank you. Your time. Your time is up. Political process. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Corker. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I just want to commend Councilmember Price Andrews and Richardson for bringing this forward. I want to thank the speakers who have come out and speak in support of this looping system in our public facilities. You know, whatever it takes to to to open up access to to residents to participate in government. I support I can imagine on a personal note that this looping system might even help a council member or two. So thank you very much for for bringing this item forward, and I plan on supporting it. Thank you. Seeing no further public comment or member comment members, please cast your vote at Miss. Motion carry eight zero. Item 21. Item 21 is a communication from Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Lowenthal Chair, Budget Oversight Committee Recommendation to approve the revised Financial Policy on Fiscal Impact Statements. Item 23 is a report from the City Manager recommendation to execute an amended and restated lease with legacy partners. One. Long Beach Ocean Gate for the use of city owned property located under the Queensway Bridge along West Seas Highway District two. Okay. Vice Admiral Lowenthal. I. Item 22. 23. No. 22. I'll make the motion. Okay. Vice Mayor Lowenthal, there's a second by Councilmember Andrews public comment. Mr. Good who come forward. Very good. Hugh Clark, as he addressed if my reading of the attached information for the council is correct. Included in his expenditures. There's a half a million dollars for chairs. I don't know if anybody's priced that out. I don't know what you're buying them for the Kardashians or who you're buying them from. But a half a million dollars of chairs there. This is the item 23. We're on item 22. I'm sorry. I thought you were on 23. Okay. Thank you. We have a vote now. The motion that made. Please cast those. Bush and Kerry, seven zero. Okay. We're now actually going to hear item 38 because there's members of the public that are here for it. And so there's been a request from a council member to move that up. So Will we will move item 38 next. I remember 19 report from city manager recommendation to receive report and provide direction to staff on the options, addressing bio technical and various other alternatives for the bluff, erosion and Enhancement. Phase two Project District three. Thank you. I'm going to turn this over to our city staff. Mr. Mayor, council members, this has been be

fore the city council several times. This is a project that actually started in the year 2000. I'm going to give it to our assistant city manager, Tom Modica, to walk us through where we are now, what we were asked to do by the City Council and what recommendations are tonight to proceed to complete the Bluff Project. Mr. MODICA Thank you, Mr. City Manager and Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. Tonight we have a fairly detailed presentation about this project. As the manager mentioned, it does go back a long way. I want to provide a lot of history. I want to provide some context about what had happened in the last year or so. Some of you were on the council during that time and some were not. And tonight, we're asking you for some direction as well. We've done

a tremendous amount of study on this on this issue. And tonight, we're asking for some direction. So to go back, getting the slides up here. Okay. So I'm project background. November 2000 is when this all started and Tetra Tech completed a master plan for development for our overall BLOCK Erosion Enhancement Project. So we went out to the community. We did targeted outreach, met with a number of groups. And the real purpose of that master plan was to identify a number of things. But failure was one of them. Erosion that was undermining some of our sidewalks and public access, public safety hazard from potential collapse of the bluff, dying and sparse vegetation, vegetation. And then also some of the seismic concerns that we have of the bluff and the possibility that a major seismic event would result in the collapse of our historic bluff. And so a number of geotechnical studies were done both in 2000 and then throughout a number of other years. 2000, 2000, three took a little bit of a hiatus as it was a master plan. But when it started to come to the funding options, we did additional study in 2009 and in 2010. And so there were a number of projects that were recommended in that master plan, some of which were engineered solutions, like what we're talking about in terms of stone walls and shotcrete. But others were not. There was the 12th place erosion improvements in 2007 and 2008. The fifth place and seventh place erosion improvements in 2010 and 2011. We had phase one of stone walls and sculpted shotcrete in 2011. We also then had started phase two from 20th place to Redondo with sonar and sculpted shotcrete in 2014. And then we also had the Bixby Park Bluff improvements, which is now a completed project and is getting pretty rave reviews from the community and from others. And so that one was part of that master plan as well. And so for phase one and phase two, phase one was approved by the City Council on November 16th, 2010, and that included so nailing and shotcrete on a specific part of the bluff. And that was completed in 2011. Phase two was approved for construction by the Council on July 19, 2000, July nine, 2013, with a contract awarded to Drill TEC. And we really only

are looking at those engineered options for the areas where our city engineers really set are. And that's a critical area for an engineered solution. It turned out to be only about 45% of the bluffs. So it's not the entire bluff phase. But that project not only dealt with seismic stability and bluff, erosion and stabilization, but also included the replacement of the sidewalk railing, major landscaping and the full replacement of the irrigation system. So what you have here is a site map. You can see far to your right on that where it says phase one complete. That was the phase one that was done in 2011. And then the other three phases here that are part of phase two. And so on April 29th, 2014, the City Council voted to pause the project and request some additional information and directed staff to conduct an engineering analysis, which we did through a peer review. We brought on three different biotech or geotechnical firms to basically look at the assumptions that are our first geotechnical engineering firm made to determine had we made the right decision in choosing, shotcrete and saw nails as the appropriate and engineering solution. And essentially that peer review did find that that was an appropriate solution. However, there was some other feasible bio technical alternatives for selling out areas that had not received shotcrete. And so on July 1st, 2014, the Council directed staff to review and evaluate those bio technical options and also to complete the park construction project. And so really focusing on those unfinished areas of the bluff and then continuing with the construction. So I'm pleased to provide an update on the construction. It's actually looking very nice out there. This project has taken a while, but we have seen tremendous improvement out in the park. 3700 new feet of sidewalk and historic railing have been fully installed in Bluff Park. That railing is galvanized steel guaranteed to last 25 years and is really an attractive feature out there along the entire walk. Now, for 3700 feet, we're going to have either existing or improved landscaping as we get a number of people who enjoy that that park. And the irrigation system has been completely replaced and receding. We'll fully to fully restore our bluff park is scheduled to begin very shortly. The irrigation system was in terrible condition, requiring constant repairs and due to line failures. We've installed more than 4000 feet of four inch main line and 8000 feet of three quarter inch to three inch lateral lines. And recycled water is will be used for irrigation in the park. So when you see the sprinklers on, please know that that's reclaimed recycled water. So here's a picture of our new sprinkler system functioning. And as you can see on the right, the grass is already starting to come back, will be doing additional seeding and trying to get even more to come back. But we are making good progress turning that back into a nice community asset. On the right

you'll see that the concrete as directed by a council it was and we want to be pleased it wasn't stained. Some of it in some areas was either gray or it had a first coat. And so we've completed the standing of that. So that's beginning to look much more natural and what we're expecting for plant coverage, one that was clearly heard by staff when the council considered this back in April, was that there was concern that there wasn't going to be plant coverage when when we talked about that project, there really wasn't much established or what had established that died. So we went out to the community and talked with the community about what that plant coverage should be. We are designing this project for up to 75% plant coverage and hopefully even more than that, if we can get up to 100%, we'd love to certainly do that. The current plan is to use native plants. non-Natives actually give you a little bit more coverage, but they don't add any ecological value. And the public input that we heard was to go with native native plants and then use an adaptive management strategy to try to maximize plant success. I'm happy to report the majority of the planning on the bluff has been completed and the plants are thriving and that we went through a process already to enhance our landscaping plan to be more drought tolerant, colorful plants, and then create that increase that plant coverage area. So looking at some of the plants, you know, this is a sample of the selection we have Island Morning Glory shall we? Island Snapdragon Caribbean Island Mallow on the bottom beach Evening Primrose Sea Pink and Beach Strawberry. As you can see in the next one on the top of the of the entire bluff, we have an opportunity to do landscaping there. And the point of that landscaping is also to have it flow over and to help cover the shock route from the top. And we have two other areas for planting, one in the middle of the bluff and one at the toe of the bluff. But here you see a number of plants big evening, primrose sea, pink beach, strawberry blue eyed grass, coastal poppy and maritime. Santos And in the next slide, you'll see the planter pockets. This is all of phase two has new planter pockets designed to have plants actually in the shot create itself. We've seen this work in other areas very well. If there is appropriate, if it's done appropriately. And so clockwise from upper left corner we have showy island snapdragons and Katherine's lay splatter pod and island. Morning Morning Glory. So I want to give an example of what that would look like. This is Island Morning Glory in a different setting. But the point of of using a landscape architect and going out to the community is to pick a palette that will actually work and establish and also provide a lot of coverage like what you see here. So looking at the total look design, these are the plants that are going to be at the toe. You'll see we've done some planting already. And the idea is that these are going to gr

ow over time to really help cover the foot of the bluff or the toe of the bluff. So these are lemon lemonade, Berry, Catalina Island Marrow and Holly Leaf cherry. So I want to give some examples of what Shark Creek can look like and when it's during constructed and after construction. You'll see in this example, you'll see on the left the during construction and after construction. In this example, it's fully covered. Going to the next slide. This is an example from Dana Point where it originally looked very bare. And as you can see with the native planting on the right, we've got very full coverage. It's very actually difficult to see that Chuck Reed is even there in that example. And on the next page, this is from Agoura Hills, you'll see construction on this on the left. And then after construction, again, very difficult blends in. And that's really the point is to use it as stabilization, but also have it blend in. So talking about the. Current conditions, you'll see we've begun plantings. We've got plantings in the. Planter pockets at the toe and and at the top. And so the really. Who were coming to ask you tonight that's the update to where we are with the project. We do want some additional direction on the in the two areas to be completed. So that's phase two, area one and phase two, area two. And you'll see them on that slide. And so what we're asking for is we've brought you four different options as we've gone through our study process. And I'll talk a little bit about that. And we're seeking some direction options before the council include two one complete the original project. We looked at two bio technical options. One is steel mesh and the other is cellular confinement. And then we looked at a major regrading alternative as well. So going through each option. Option one complete the original project we had three independent geotechnical engineers confirm that soil nails and shot create are an appropriate solution for the project they are used elsewhere. What's important to note is that these bluffs in the areas we chose are unique in that they are not a gradual slope. They're not 2.5 or 3 to 1. They are about half a foot to one. So what that means is for every half foot avert of horizontal, you're dropping a foot in vertical. And so that's a very steep slope and that really is recommended for an engineered solution. Shot Create is also a very cost effective option. It has at least a 75 year effective life lifespan and requires pretty

minimal annual maintenance. And the whole point is that the vegetation will cover the concrete as it grows and fully establishes itself and expected to achieve that and no greater bluff coverage than in other areas. And so one thing I'd like to show is a rendering and this is what we're expecting Shark Creek to look like afterward. This is this is the designs and this is the goal with the 75% coverage and more, if we can get it. So we also looked at bio technical options. The June 23rd peer review rep

ort indicated that some bio technical techniques have been used. They are mostly used in inland areas rather than in coastal areas, but they can be adapted to coastal areas and they can also tie into the soil and also provide that structural solution that you need , but also may have some esthetic qualities as well. And so the bio technical techniques can be applied to the site, especially in areas that are that ratio of 1 to 1 or flatter. And so we went through a bio technical review process. We researched those erosion control methods applied throughout California. We interviewed experts with knowledge of those bio technical methods and experience in implementing them, and also brought on some consulting expertise in that area as well. So we looked at a number of different criteria. We looked at having, you know, the durability and seismic stability. We looked at erosion control, we looked at vegetation and planting quality, including the irrigation construction and maintenance costs, the implementation time and the regulatory permit requirements. And as we went through that selection process, a number of bio technical methods were screened out because they didn't meet some of those criteria. And so with bio technical option one, what that would be was a high tensile steel wire mesh that would be layered down and anchored to the soil an ounce. The slope would be hydro seeded with grasses and flowers and cut outs would be made in the mesh to allow for small shrubs to be planted . We expect that to be about a 15 year effective lifespan, but requires a lot of maintenance to keep it up. It has about an inch of topsoil on it, and so that topsoil tends to move around and the plants can't really root as well as in other models. And so we do expect there to be a plant failure rate that will be somewhat high and you'll have to get out there and do significant annual maintenance to replace those plants. This is what it will look like. You'll see from the side, you'll see the soil nails, you'll see the taco mesh that's on top of it. It's not a regraded option, if you'll see, it has that fairly steep slope and then you'll have large shrubs and medium to low shrubs at the toe. On the next slide, you'll see what it looks. Up, up, close. This is the technology. This is the telco mesh. And then what did it look like? This is a rendering of what will look like during construction. And then the next slide will be what it looks like after plant establishment and construction. And you'll notice on the lower left hand side, you can actually see that there's some of the tech mesh. That wire mesh is still visible even when it's constructed because it only has an inch of topsoil. It's expected to slip off in some areas. So you will see some of that a mesh under bio technical option one. And then this is a final example of what it could look like in a different area. This is a bio technical option that's used along a highway. So biotech me option two is one that

we're soil would be imported to create a more uniform slope of 1.4 to 1. We don't expect that would impact the park or the beach. We would have steel mesh laid down very similar to option one. And biodegradable or synthetic vegetative cells would be placed on top and anchored to the mesh. And then that gets filled with about 4 to 8 inches of soil. So there would definitely be a lot more soil for plants to take hold too. And with that, you can get a wide variety and larger plants to be planted. We expect that to have a longer life, about a 25 year effective lifespan and not as much maintenance because the soil is going to hold a little bit better to the slope. You'll see in the cross-section that it is more of a uniform slope. It still has the soil. Now there is some soil fill that has to be done, but it is a more uniform uniform slope. On bio technical option two This is what it look like during construction. You can see the mesh is laid down and then it's filled with that 4 to 8 inches of soil. And then that's what it will look like after construction. That's an artist's rendering of what we expect it could look like once it's fully constructed. And the plants that established construction method, this is the wire mesh and then the the netting up on top that that covers it. And then this is just an example of of what it looks like in a different area. We're not we're not recommending this for our area. Obviously, this wouldn't be a suitable vegetative area on our bluffs. But it is an example of what what option two is look like in another area. So we were asked as we went out in this community process to really look at a different option, a regrading alternative. It is something that we had looked at previously. We had looked at that in 2000. We're asked to provide a little bit more information and

take a look. And so we did that as a part of this review. The current slope conditions really are too steep to have just a planting option without some sort of engineering solution. We've seen some other bluffs. Redondo Beach, for example, has a two and a half foot to one slope. That's a very gradual slope. Our bluffs in some areas are about half a foot or 0.6 to 1. So a very different environment. And so in order to create this kind of regrading alternative, we'd have to import soil and compacted and create a very uniform 2 to 1 slope that wouldn't encroach either toe feet onto the beach or 20 feet into Bluff Park or a combination thereof. And that really is the minimum necessary without having an engineered stabilization solution. So some of the impacts of that is that you would have a staircase at 20th place. You're going to have to reconstruct that stair staircase in order to more conform to the slope of the bluff. You would still have to have concrete. Even with that regrading option, you would have to have a retaining wall, you'd have to have additional concrete or shotcrete on the sides. Essentially, you're going to have a very steep

slope and you're going to have a gradual slope that comes out to the beach and then returns back over. And so there are opportunities for that soil to slough off on the sides. And so that needs to be engineered, otherwise your solution won't work. So you're either going to have to have a drainage trench, a concrete shotcrete, create. There's there's a number of other options, but they'll have to be an engineered solution on the sides. You do get a wide variety of larger plants. It's it's a more it's a natural environment so that you can plant on it and you have additional soil. There is a high risk of trespassing, though, without an additional fence. And what we've seen in Redondo Beach, as you can see on the next page, is they do have that two and a half slope to one. And that's what it looks like in Redondo Beach. But you can see there is a fence that is erected in the middle so that people stay off the bluff. And that's a current problem that we have as people tend to traverse our bluff and cause more erosion, the impacts of that regrading. You would have to import a bunch of soil and it would require approximately 2100 truck trips in order to bring in that amount of soil to achieve that solution just in those two areas. We talked about that construction of a wall or trench. So you you're going to to mitigate the horizontal erosion. You're definitely still going to have some concrete on the beach. And depending on the exact solution, you're going to have to go back to local coastal development permit or an amendment to the local coastal plan. So this is an idea that we looked at in 2000 and after looking at it again today, you know, we we did want to pay some attention to it. We wanted to look at it. But it is not one that staff would recommend. Wrapping up, I want to talk a little bit about the cost estimates and the fiscal impact. There are a wide variety of cost estimates for these different options. The completion of the original project is the most cost effective at \$1.3 million for both areas. The bio technical options range for 4.3 million. For a bio technical option 1 to 7.75 million for bio technical option two. And then the regrading option is expected to cost 5.4 million. And these are in addition to what we currently have budgeted, we currently have a \$5.8 million project budgeted for the bluff. That budget is essentially exhausted and this would be on top. So all four of these options are going to require additional tidelands funds or general funds in order to cost to provide those solutions. Each one of those has a maintenance estimate associated with it. Then the completion of the original project was shot. Create is the lowest maintenance option in about 11,000. The bio technical option one is the most expensive at 26,000, and then bio technical option two for cellular confinement and regrading or both estimated about 19,000. So I want to talk a little bit about the fiscal impact. As of today, oil is today was sellin

g for about \$50 a barrel. That's very different than where we were two or three months ago when oil was at \$100 a barrel. As you know, staff will be coming back to you by the end of the year as we promise to provide additional information on oil, to look at a longer range plan. Our capital plan, our five year capital plan was based on oil hitting a benchmark of \$100. And so if we're not at that benchmark, we're going to have to reprioritize and look at what funds are available. So due to the anticipated funding shortfall for any of these solutions, we are going to need additional funds appropriated from either existing tidelands projects or if. We're looking at a very expensive project. There's going to, you know, the possibility of general fund because the Tidelands funds are already currently obligated. There's no additional funds that could be programmed without impacting another project. We would say that this project would take priority over other projects in the Tidelands because it's an unfinished construction project. We're in the middle of construction and we need to complete those two areas in order to complete the project. And so we think this is something the Council will need to consider when evaluating the potential options. And so the last

two slides here, timing considerations. Area one has already experienced some noticeable erosion after recent storms. So as I mentioned, it is important for us to get directions that we can move forward with a solution. They do have different time estimates. The completion of the original project is the quickest it can complete within within 2015. So next year we can we have a contractor on board. We are we just need to find the additional funds process, a contract amendment, and they can get started with the work by our technical options. One and two we expect would be done by 2016. They would require an extension of a current permit and then the ability to engineer and design and go out to bid for those. And the regrading alternative will take the longest. We expect that not to be able to be complete until 2018, potentially, as you go through the a pretty elaborate coastal development permit process. So on our last slide here, the four options for you to consider completion of the original project bio technical option, steel mesh power, technical option, cellular confinement and the regrading as you mentioned in our staff report, after spending a lot of time on this and listening to the community and and looking at all the engineering reports, we are recommending completion of the original project. We feel that's the most cost effective option as it has the lowest capital cost. We believe it offers the most protection up to 75 years of protection. It is one of the fastest to implement and we know the neighborhood is very interested in getting this project completed and it can be completed in 2015. It has the lowest maintenance cost at 11,000, provides the seismic stability. It importantly

will match the other areas. We do have short create in other areas and that will match that other area. And we hear very loudly and clearly that there needs to be attention paid to making it look better than what it is today. And we're committed to doing that. If the Council chooses to move forward with that, we're going to pay a lot of attention to making sure the plants establish and cover and eventually well blend in. And so with that that end staff's report, and we are available to answer questions. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. You. I want to thank the Bluff Park residents who are here. And I have a presentation that I've prepared as well. But I would like to hear from public public comment before I do my presentation. But in advance of that, I want to thank Tom and Eric and Andrew for your work on this. The city manager's office has been extremely diligent in following up and providing me with the information that I needed and specifically staff. Really. Reached out to the community at my request with specific community members who wanted to have an opportunity to meet one on one. And I want to thank you for that. That was a special request that you honored for me. And I think hopefully it meant something to the folks you met with and and that even though you're not recommending what they wanted, that they appreciate the time. So with that, I'd like to hear from the public before expressing my my thoughts on this issue. Okay, great. Should we do public comment? If you want to comment, please come forward and line up on the podium. 3 minutes. Please say your name for the record. And please first. First speaker. Good evening. My name is Jim Corbett. I live in Belmont. Shore and we have a wonderful resource. And having a free newspaper delivered every Thursday that we get to see what is going on in our city. So last Thursday afternoon went up and I don't live near the bluff. I drove up and down ocean and one of the things that I noticed driving up Ocean is that you actually can't see the bluff, so you have to drive down Junipero, get out of your car, walk along and actually take a look. So it was really good seeing the presentation from the vantage point of the bike path in our future pedestrian path. One of the things that I notice is what has been completed looks nice and I can actually envision, as Tom presented, how the growth of the plants are going to drape over and we're going to see something really nice. And then you look as you stand in the Middle East Sea, right, is what's going to be completed on the left that you can see the Shot Creek not completed. And that is what was presented in the paper, in the ad. And it's pretty ugly. And then on the extreme left at the museum, you can see dirt. So somewhere in the middle is I see what is going to be projected. So I would like to move the council to complete the original project because I think that is the most affordable and it's going to be the most time effective as far as getting i

t completed. Thank you very much. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. My name is Joe Garver. I live in Belmont Heights and I work on coastal zone management issues. I've worked with the legislative staff and committees on policy, and I more often work with community groups and non nongovernmental organizations on permitting and enforcement issues. I wanted to add a little bit to Tom's history presentation and make some comment about the cost estimates. But first, let me make a couple of observations. Kind of the inconvenient truth. Chocolate is prohibited on coastal

bluffs like this, and it's prohibited for a good reason. That concrete cover prohibits native habitation and it prohibits coastal processes. And those those are important policy considerations and why the prohibition on coastal and coastal armoring was included in the Coastal Act. And I'll make this observation that your local coastal plan recommends regrading and revegetation not only for all your coastal bluffs, but specifically for that area of the bluffs. I'll also mention that the progressive engineers, the new trend in engineering is using ecosystem services. An example may be in the Long Beach or near along Los Angeles River. They are tearing out concrete out of the river so that they can use flood plains for natural flood control, create habitat to, you know, quality of life improvement in disadvantaged neighborhoods, and get the same flood control that they get with concrete. This is the way things are going now. Don't get me out of there. So get to the history book. Listening to the community outreach, which I appreciate, and the level of community support for revegetation. It was only when the staff came back at the 11th hour and told the community that somebody at the Coastal Commission had told somebody of city staff that encroaching on the beach or regrade the slope was prohibited. This is ironic, I agree. It is prohibited regrading and encroaching on the beaches clearly allowed. And now we see that. Yeah, you'll have to go get a permanent like in the staff report, but it's not prohibited. So this was a huge mistake. It led to a comedy of errors. This error was repeated in the peer review report. The experts were told not to consider regrading because it was prohibited. But this is the best and fastest solution and. In the. Expense report and I'm running out of time, but there's a lot of overestimation to the expense report and this can be resolved in this project. Woodchipper, if you follow the pattern of what they did in Redondo Beach and solicit the help of NGOs and experts on these projects and get plants and materials that you can get a discount from people that are experienced in this stuff. The budget in Redondo is a fraction of what we're talking about here. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thanks, Michael, please. Hi. My name is Anne Dulcie and I was invited to speak about my experiences at the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project in Redondo Beach. I did go

on a Cal State Long Beach graduate and I lived in Long Beach, in fact, on Coronado Street, north of Anaheim Street, way back when. And I got a degree in marine biology and I'm a marine biologist, actually married to a geologist who. Got his degree at Long Beach State and works for Signal Hill. But I'm a resident of. Redondo Beach now, and I am passionate about natural systems beyond the ocean. And that led me to get involved in the Beach Plus Restoration Project, where I served as co-chair. And there we assembled a group of agencies. Cities, county officials, non-profits and also the local citizens. And we assembled a plan. Actually, what we did is we managed to get grants. We had no tidelands money. I mean, your budget is just astounding to me. Kind of makes me drool. Yeah, but we we used about under \$100,000 for our project, and we restored the land. We didn't do any amount of vacation. And there are many sections in that area that are very steep. It's flat on top, relatively flat on the bottom, and connected by a very, very steep area. And yes, indeed, that fence goes through. There's big sections in between where you can access the beach and there are some issues. So we've tried to work the plant, but what we did is we utilize. Local native plants to the coastal beach area, not not from inland coastal sage scrub, but the dune plant. And a lot of these plants have deep roots. The annuals tend not to be, but their perennials are deep rooted. They root feed. Yards into the soil. So you don't need to bring in any additional. Fertilizer or. Soil on top. An inch or two is not going to do diddly squat. These plants are designed to live in the harsh conditions of the sandy areas and they handle the salt. Salt bush is an excellent plant with a deep rooting roots, and it grows very well in this bluff, steep bluff situation. And in this area in the summer time, they go dormant. Education is required. We have set up signage to that effect. These plants, as any plants need to be watered for a good year on a regular basis until they become established. And once they're established, they do quite well during a really bad drought like we've had of late. You may want to augment water with them. Our biggest issue with non-natives and that needs to be addressed on an ongoing basis. And we used a nonprofit, LA Conservation Corps to help with that project. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. City Council Riba Birmingham. I live on the Bluff First Street, so as a member of the CERT team, I'm very concerned about safety. I know that we're overdue for the big earthquake and I do not want my house to end up on the beach. I think that the current plan is fine. I think we're well underway way and to stop at this point and do something that's completely different when this one is completely acceptable and seems to be the least impactful to the the Long Beach family budget is the way to go. So I would really urge the City Council to look a

t the work that was done by the staff. I'm glad that the staff has heard people's comments about the native plants and the woman that just spoke had really good points. It can be pretty, it can be safe and it can be affordable. So I would urge the court to please the court, the council, stay the course. Thank you. Thank you, Riva. That's great. The next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. And City Council. My name is Sonya Coffey and I'm a resident of the fourth District. And I'm here tonight representing the Surfrider Foundation. I'm a newly appointed vice chair of the Long Beach chapter. And the chapter as a group here in the city does not support the use of additional short creek for the remaining phases of this project. We do appreciate the staff's presentation and it was helpful to see the imaging of what the project could look like. But we do have some concerns, especially considering the first phase of the project and how the plantings and the irrigation failed in that in that process. And we would be worried with having an additional, additional expanse of concrete here in the city right on our oceanfront, that we would see a similar similar happening, not by any intention of staff or the city maintenance, but it is a concern because the short creek is not anything that promotes or supports a natural habitat. This organization here, we're dedicated to protecting our beaches and the enjoyment of the beaches and ocean for all. And so we would support something that really is more native and more natural. Definitely understanding that there are seismic concerns with the project there, definitely understanding that there are significant costs associated with the bio technical alternatives that were presented. We would ask the City Council considering those to rebuild the project if possible, since the current contractor does not want to work with the Biotechnol alternatives to rebid that project and see if we can get something more cost competitive. Some of the other speakers here presented other options of gaining funding for this projects grant funding the help of different nonprofit groups. Surfrider is here standing, willing and able to help in any way that we can promote a project that is more sustainable to the community as a whole. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Roger Trickey. I come here as an industry. Professional in construction and also a resident of Bluff Park. I live at 44 Paloma. Right. And have a view of the park and the construction project from the front of my home. We've been living with this for over a year. It's really very disturbing to me that we stopped the project. When I heard it was happening and saw the plans for doing it. I was very pleased. I thought it was something that was long overdue. Having walked the park every evening prior to this last year, you know, it was just it was disturbing to me to see the disrepair and, you know, one of the most wonderful parks in the whole city

really just, you know, deteriorating. And it needed that slope stabilization to really fix it. And I was extremely happy to see that happening. I was very disappointed that the council voted to halt the project and even more disturbed here recently to find out that we have really withered away a tremendous amount of money, you know, waiting to get a solution out there. It disturbs me even further to think that would we wait even longer and spend more money? It. I also want to speak to the nature of a bluff. That bluff stands vertical. Because of the nature of it, it is weakly cemented sands. It's basically weak concrete. We're making it stronger so that it doesn't erode it. Sustainability. I practice that in my own profession. I am a lead LEED accredited professional. We have a practice in our construction group that that is very sustainable and I have a good mind to that. And natural solutions come with what nature provides. Nature provided us with a cemented slope there, and I want to reinforce that. The other thing that's kind of disturbing to me is all of these other solutions. Actually, one of them, I believe, does maintain the the vertical nature of the bluff that's there. But the other to the second by our technical and the regrading really destroy the nature of the bluff. I mean that that is truly the. Historic thing that we have out there. It really wouldn't be a bluff if we start changing the grade of it. So I really strongly urge you to put this project back on track, get it finished as soon as possible. And we're going to be a lot happier. And by the way, great job, staff. The presentation tonight was beautiful. Wonderful job. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thanks, Speaker. Good evening, Mayor. City Council. My name is Kelly Hyman. My husband and I are fairly new residents to Long Beach. We live in Bluff Park on Ocean directly across from this project. Before we moved. In or even made. An offer in our house, I saw. The signs for the Bluff Erosion. Project. I did my due diligence, read it all thoroughly, and my husband and I were in full support. I think somebody mentioned seismically. It's great that we're not going to fall off. And so we were thoroughly supportive of it, but very disappointed to see the project halted. This is not something I like to do. Come and speak in front of people in public, but. I feel very strongly about

option one. Let's continue. Let's get it. Back on track. We've been patient because we knew that the project was the right thing for the bluff. And so we've endured, you know, the. Dust, the just the construction noise. I mean, the dust is beyond. I mean, if anybody lives on ocean, you know what I'm talking about. So we are in full support of moving forward with option one. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker. You're welcome to Long Beach. Glad you moved here. Good evening. My name is Isaac Waxhaw. And in front of you, you have a seven page packet. And if, uh. If you don't mind, I'd like to go to pa

ge five, please. That's at the base of the Junipero ramp down to the beach. And this is a footpath that would be devastating. Absolutely devastating to any graded bluff. This is human nature. They love to take shortcuts. And this is this is an example of it. The proposed bio technical area one is only steps away from this. If we don't learn from this, we're going to do it again. The city has been struggling with footpaths like this forever, for decades. There are big signs like this throughout the bluff and people just ignore it. As you could see, they're walking. Right next to the sign. And again, it's human nature. We can't stop it. I believe that the foot tracks are more devastating than rain or wind. It's going to destroy and probably have destroyed the bluff a lot faster than nature did. And so when you vote. Tonight, I urge you to have this page open in front of you because it may come back. Some of the signs were taken off when when the Shark Week came up. And I hate to see these signs coming back up. If we have a graded slope, which actually doesn't look anything like the historical slope that we had there. In fact, you have a picture of that in there, too. So I'd also like to make a quick comment about the Tidelands Fund. I hear from a lot of people that it doesn't matter how much it cost. It doesn't matter how much waste there is because it's not our taxes. It's the Tidelands Fund. I think we need to have a lot more respect for it. Already we could see the fund eroding. I think that oil is just not going to be there forever or not profitable enough forever. And we have a whole load of very beneficial projects waiting on the sideline, and some of them are just not going to come to fruition because of waste. So I urge you, please finish the job we started. It's a great job. It's going to be covered with flora and vines. It's going. To. Thank you, sir. The time's up, unfortunately. Okay. That's fine. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Sasha Witty. And with a3214 East Second Street. Where to start? Regarding the bluff. I began going to community meetings with Parks and Rec and city staff years ago as plans were being made for the bluff improvements. I sat through more meetings at Bixby Parks Rec Room, going over, planting options and providing feedback. Then I can mentally count. There was talk of one or two small areas that would need chocolate. I'm sorry. It was a big pet project of mine when I was. Working in the neighborhood the last. Ten years. No one was particularly excited by this, but we were excited. It was limited in smoke and scope and focused with the Parks and Rec staff and all the natural plans that were to be incorporated to stem erosion and create beauty. Funding was an issue, so we awaited our turn for Tidelands funding. I was one of many that was very excited as the city finally broke ground. Then after a few weeks, I started getting phone calls, concern, phone calls and e

mails asking if I had gone down to see what was happening at the bluff. I could not have been more surprised and shocked when I did make it past the work fences. I am saddened to have spent so much personal time trying to be a part of something positive and then in the end result feeling it didn't much matter. All those discussions that were had between the community and city staff over all those years. My personal desire is that the city honor the original intentions and plans to provide primarily natural landscaping and to avoid these vast expanses of concrete, painted. And sculpted. To try and mimic natural rock. My second desire is that the city consider the importance of communication to a community. If in the end there were changes that were essential and unavoidable, much sadness and drama could have been avoided if the city staff would have come back to the community to go over the changes prior to breaking ground. I would ask for that level of clear communication to all neighborhoods being impacted in the future prior to breaking ground. It is important that all those who do their best to participate in making a positive difference by attending community workshops and planning sessions do not feel that they have wasted their time, but instead feel empowered to participate once again. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Wendy Hahn. I live at three, two, one four East Second Street in Long Beach. I support a natural bluff. I am opposed to a cement bluff. You might ask, how did we get here? And Why am I standing before you tonight? Over the past 25 years, residents of Bluff Park, myself included, bordering

neighborhoods and concerned citizens, worked diligently with our elected council representatives and city staff to design and fund a comprehensive plan for the rehabilitation of the bluff. After dozens of meetings and numerous proposals over those 25 years with city staff and numerous expert consultants hired by the city, we move forward with several pilot planning projects, and after a great deal of compromise, it was with great pride that our community believed the hard work was done and a sound proposal approved. We all took a collective sigh of relief. We now know we should have maintained a watchful and vigilant eye on this most significant city project involving one of our most precious assets, the bluff. The consequences of this lapse in oversight are well known to all here. It was the recent large scale cementing of the bluff. How could this have happened, you say? I cannot say with certainty. The contributing factors are certainly the retirement or departure of city staff that worked on this project for many, many years, coupled with an apparent loss of many of the historical bluff documents, plans and agreements. I am truly amazed at the lack of project management that allowed this to happen. Add to that the concurrent rehabilitation of Bluff Park, a seemingly never ending dusty eyesore. And you have a community that i

s outraged that such a debacle could occur in our front yard. So what do we do now? We know that there are those that believe cementing the bluff is the only viable engineering solution. Cementing the bluff is the cheapest, most expedient solution. And even at cementing the bluff is the most esthetically pleasing solution. In other words, since the cementing. Is so far along and funds have been spent, let the city finish their job. Sorry, folks. I believe nature trumps cement every time. I believe there are affordable environmental alternatives to cementing. In fact, I know there are. I've worked on the Bluff Rehabilitation Project for many years now and have met with numerous experts hired by the city and none ever advocated massive shot creating. This is never come up in the past. I ask you if cementing was the best solution, why was it never presented as an option during all those years of meeting and planning? I opposed cementing the bluff. I support honoring agreements. I believe that a vibrant, healthy, stable and beautiful natural bluff is the one and only solution. I believe that we can and must do this. We all deserve so much better than a cement bluff. The bluff. Our bluff is a precious gem that all of us are charged with protecting and preserving. Thank you so much. We can do this. Let's do it right. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Thank you. My name is Alex Monte. I live in Bluff Park on First Street. And as most of you will agree, we live near one of the uglier bluffs in Southern California or beyond. And it's not for lack of trying. Over the last few years, over the last many years, many techniques have been used shoring walls, Gambians plastic, netting and vegetation, and more recently, soil, nails and shot create. We put in steep slopes and not so steep slopes whose vegetation has been trampled by walkers, a smorgasbord or more precisely, a showroom of bluff remediation techniques for other communities to learn from. In all this. Where is the master plan? What is our entire bluff going to look like 20 years from now? We've seen what it looked like about 100 years ago and the package that Mr. Watson left for you. There is an aerial shot from 1927 that shows what the bluff actually looked like at that point. It's a uniformly vertical wall across its entire length, not unlike the short creek sections that have been recently put up. Not a gently sloping grassy field, not an array of rare flowers, so that some would request in a recent grunion ad but a vertical wall what it had apparently been for the past 100 million years, including when it was an underwater shelf. And since we are in a historic district. Should we not look for historical accuracy? Honorable Council Members, Please do not allow yourself to be influenced by politically well-connected individuals into spending funds that we do not have and will not have with \$50 a barrel oil. Please complete the existing funded project. Thank you. Thank you. Nex

t speaker, please. And before I'm going to cut out the speaker's list, no one else is in line. Mr. Good here. You see, you're the last in line. I will cut off the speaker's list. Please. Good evening, Mayor. City Council. My name is Gordon and Cage. I live at 235 Loma Avenue. I have the dubious honor of presenting former City Councilman Gary DeLong photographs of what was happening along the Bluff Park Bluffs in April. And it was with his amazement at those photos that led to the work stoppage and pause. That led to a peer review, that led to. An identification of alternatives that you're considering this evening. And I'd like to start by saying, please consider any alternative except Short Creek. It's real simple. And I believe it's very important for you to consider this because it's a community park. And honestly, I believe that the folks in Bluff Park have been most significantly impacted. But it is a community resource of urban open space and access to nature

that many people in our city rely on, and we have an opportunity to restore it. How often in this presentation did you talk or hear about restoration? Did anybody hear restoration from our city staff this evening? This is an erosion control project. This is stabilization. But it's not. With all due respect, and I would like to thank the new third district city councilwoman for her time, for her efforts, for her interest in this project. I genuinely thank you. You've made access to you and your staff. Incredible. And. We've had incredibly helpful city staff in this process of information, communication and exchange. Thank you to all of you. It doesn't change the fact that we have a wall of concrete that no one expected and we can fix it. So I'd like to say that Tidelands Funds got us into this mess, and Tidelands funds should be used to get us out. We have the money. It is available. It's set aside for other projects. And last time I checked, we don't have a new leeway sailing center yet. We don't have a new pool yet. We don't have a new pier. No construction has started. This is in the midst of an erosion control project. That should be a restoration and we can do it. I have committed to Susie Price that there are alternative funding sources in the nonprofit world that could be used to augment a possible shortfall of funding for this project. I have friends there sitting in this audience this evening who would be willing to plan and foster a restoration, a community effort that doesn't need shot crit, that doesn't need geotechnical angles and millions of dollars you've heard from and donkey from Redondo Beach. She knows how to do this. Other communities don't have millions of tidelands. Thank you so much. And thank you. Please vote for something other than chocolate. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Alan Ross. I live on First Street in the bluff. In my line of work, we have a common aphorism better is the enemy of good. You do a good job and you think you can tweak it a l

ittle bit and suddenly you wish you hadn't. You folks and your predecessors for 15 years have done a very good job, just the sort of thing that we would hope for from our elected officials. You saw the problem. You gathered the resources. You called in experts. You listen to the experts, and you did what they told you to do. Earlier in the year, there was a question. You put a moratorium in, you called in your experts again, did we do the right thing? And I was here and they said, yes, you did. You did the right thing, perfect for restoring the bluff. Now you just need to have the political will to finish it. You've done everything right. You've done a very good job. And now we're told we can make it a little better. It's a very good job. That you've done for 15. Years. You just need to finish what you started. Don't spend any more money. Don't spend any more time. It's fine. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker Mr. Mayor. Council Persons I'd like to speak in favor of the first option of the plans, the ones that the staff has prepared. I'm sorry I didn't stay where I live. I live 25, 34, East First Street, a block from this bluff. I walk on the top of the bluff. I bike under the bluff. The bluff is part of my neighborhood. So anyway, I would like to speak in favor. Then I was like to speak in favor of my neighbors. You notice how many of us are here? We play together, we socialize together, we work together, we problem solve together. And obviously some of the people who have worked extremely hard at this feel that they have been led down the primrose path because the communications have not been good. So I would suggest that I'm in favor of this and I'm also in favor of the council looking at what really happened here, that the communication got so bad with the neighborhood that it didn't get resolved in the neighborhood, in a neighborhood that hangs together and has meetings together and really works together to try and solve problems so that we don't have this kind of division in the neighborhood. Thank you. Thank you, sir. And our last speaker. Very good. You click as the addressed shot. There's a but but ugly is the only way to put it. Period is about as inappropriate as the design for the City Hall. No imagination of I'd like to have it all flowers, but obviously that's that can't happen. But I've got a couple of suggestions that I've toyed around with. One. Well, I've always felt is wherever possible I would plant poison ivy all over the place. I'm absolutely serious to keep the element out. The trash is what? Well, for in there, period. And I think we put up signs and to the extent we can grow poison ivy, which is nice and green or even poison sumac, put it there. All right. I'm very serious on that. Also, take a section of it and consider using it as a rock wall. Work with those people that go into the rock climbing business. That's not me. I'm not that. But set off a section. It's a natural for it. And rocks are? I believe not. They're not exp

ensive bringing in and they're easily, easily transported in and create a natural. You know, you go out into out into Yellowstone or any other place are tons and tons and tons of rocks people climb all over. Let's take a look at that. And then I would I would surround the poison ivy with window boxes

with nice plantings over. But the attempt to plant them on the actual bluff itself, I, I think is a losing proposition. That's pretty simple. Again, nice and green with poison ivy line with window boxes and a section that would have boulders and work with the the those that are in the business of rock climbing to make it a nice athletic experience. Thanks. Thank you. Thank you for public comment. Thank you. All those that came out and spoke. I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Price. Thank you. And I think we have a presentation, so hopefully it'll get cued up at some point. And while we're waiting for that, I, too, want to thank everybody who came out. I am going to address it in one of the slides that I prepared, that your community is really a unique community in terms of the relationships that you all have with one another except for this issue. This issue has been an extremely contentious issue, and it has literally torn apart this community. And I'm going to tell you right now, we're all human and sometimes we do things we don't realize we're doing it. I've had judges tell me that in court, but sometimes when you're listening to someone and you disagree with them, you know, there's an eye roll or a snicker to your friend. And a lot of that has been going on and it's been going on not just tonight, but for a while now. When this topic comes up and it really curtails meaningful communication. I'm going to talk a little bit about this this process. I came to your bluff part community meeting, I believe it was in April, I think I don't remember it was Gary's last meeting with you guys. And it was a very heated meeting. Very heated. And people were yelling at him. I remember it was shortly after I'd been elected and I remember thinking, I think I may have changed my mind. Who do I talk to about this? But I do remember at one point, you know, someone yelled at him, you know, we pay your salary. You, you, we we deserve to have you be on top of these issues. I just want you guys to know that I calculated the number of hours that I've put into the Bluff Park issue, preparing for tonight just over the last two weeks. And you've paid me a salary of \$6.75 an hour because there's a lot of work. And so I just I say that to you because I want regardless of how the vote turns out tonight, I'd like a little grace from you. And because it is an emotional issue and even tonight, you know, I received an email that was just very upsetting to me because when we spend time with you, I've met with every single person who's asked to meet with me except Isaac. Sorry, I couldn't squeeze it in, but every single person I've met with you as many times as you've want

ed to meet with me. Just because we disagree on an item doesn't mean that I'm a bad person or that you. You know, it just honestly, we just we have to get over that because that's what's been dividing your community. So I'm going to address that in a moment. But all right. So the staff really covered a lot of this, but I just wanted to talk just a little bit about where we've been. So tonight's we've heard their staff recommendation. We got the Kleinfeld analysis in November, the memo from the city manager and in November. As well. Peer review report was in June. We all read that the memo from the city manager in May prior to me taking office and what we have reviewed, what I've reviewed in preparation for tonight. So I'm listing for you every single thing that I've read word for word. I've received over 300 emails from residents just since last week on this issue three that I will tell you right now, of all the issues that we have addressed in the last six months, this has been the issue that I have received the most feedback on. And I don't know why that is. I don't know if there was like an email campaigns going on or an ad and I don't know what was going on, but we received a lot of emails and we did our own survey through the third district. And let me just you know, it's it's astonishing to me that you would attempt to do outreach and then get criticism, because we've had people say, well, is that a true survey technique? It looked like it was weighted. And what kind of a who put that survey together? It is an opportunity and an effort by our office to reach out to people. And what I would like to do is really encourage you guys, I'm going to put some information on here for anyone who's watching at home. We put it we sent a survey out to about a thousand people. We started creating our own email lists in July when I took office. So we have about a thousand emails. We didn't reach out to everyone because we don't have everyone's email address, but we also put it on Facebook. We have about a thousand followers there. We tried to educate the people the best that we could. We sent an email to every association president and the third and asked them to forward the staff report. And we were able to get a lot of great feedback. I got, you know, some criticism from people saying, you know, well, did you have an expert put together the survey? No, I didn't. I'm a councilwoman who's your neighbor. And I'm trying to say, what do you think about this? It's really that simple. It's not a statistical analysis. It's public outreach. I've gone on multiple walks prior to being elected and after being in office with interested folks who wanted to show me and point out areas of the bluff. We've held a community meeting at the field

office to talk about the different alternatives in the staff report. I met with and city staff has also met with bio technical or regrading proponents on multiple occasions beginning in August. Until last weekend who met with pro

ponents of continuing the work since last week. Those folks have really come out. The ones who want the project to continue. I've had in-person and phone conferences with experts in this field who live in our community, not necessarily in Bluff Park, but throughout the community. It's a very contentious issue. The process began in the late nineties and the master plan was issued in 2000. Community meetings were held at that time. In 2009 and ten, full geotechnical investigation was prepared and soil nails and shot crit were recommended. In 2010, Council approved the use of soil nails and Shot Creek. Plans and specifications were approved by council in July of 2013 prior to me taking office. The process went through multiple entities. Coastal was involved. Zoning Administrator, City Council. Phase one was completed in 2011. City Staff and Councilman DeLong walked along the Bluff Bluff at that time and discussed landscaping. Presentation of Phase two was made to the Parks and Rec Commission in 2012, prior to Phase two being completed. That was completed in 2014. Where we are today, we entered into a contract with Drill TEC, which is the company that administered and implemented the shot create in 2013. We stopped the project midway in April of 2014. The company had to demobilize at a cost of roughly \$80,000 and to mobilize. We will have to pay the company in excess of \$150,000. Is that correct, Mr. Modica. Mr. Lopez. We can fact check that. But I think it's roughly in the 150 range. Of the 80,000, you're correct, is the original estimate that we had from our from the DeLay memo. I think we've calculated that, as you put it. And together, I think the the regional mobilization and demobilization together is about \$420,000. So that is the cost of setting the project. So for anyone who doesn't like the outcome of tonight, the one thing you can walk away with is the city spent \$400,000 to study the option I wanted them to study or we wanted them to study. Failure to honor our contract with drill tech will result in financial consequences. The costs will be near the original contract amount, which is over \$4 million. The cost of canceling this contract. We have limited, realistic options. You know, when you take office, one of my colleagues here, I won't say the person's name has said to me multiple times, you don't just you can't hit reset every time there's a new council person in office. And that's true, because when we start a project, when we start a program, when we make changes to our staffing model based on whatever decision was made prior to us, and we come in and we want to unwind that, certainly we can do that. But there are financial and legal consequences to doing that. It's not as simple as just saying, what's the best thing? What do we want to do? Forget all the consequences. Let's just do what we believe. The best thing is there are legal consequences and financial consequences, and this is an example of that situation. We're in a positio

n where we need to be extremely mindful of the costs that we approve. As a council, we are going into deficit years. Our oil revenues are down. Every single dollar we spend has to be justified. Every single dollar. That is our reality as a city. It absolutely is a reality as a city. We've heard arguments. You know, sometimes people think, you know, when you're an elected official, you have no emotions or response to things. That's not true. One of the things I've heard repeatedly is, you know well where her priorities are messed up because she's approving a pool and building the Naples seawalls and not spending the money on this project. Well, you know, personally, I don't believe that that's a very responsible argument, because you can make an argument at any time for whatever it is you feel passionate about. Let's say, for example, in a household, you could make the argument up. There's nothing more important in a household than the home that you live in. We should we should live in the best home that we can. That is absolutely something we should not sacrifice on or education. The education and the amount of money we spend on our children should be the utmost important, highest priority. We should spend our money on education. Well, you can make that passionate plea for just about anything. But the reality of life is you have to look at the totality of the situation and consider it all as a package. Naples Sea walls and the pool are completely unrelated to the bluff. With Naples seawalls, we have some safety concerns. Are we going to delay the Naples seawalls to pursue an alternative that has already that? And I'm going to address it in a moment. Would it make sense for us to do that? It would not. The pool is not being built, and it won't be built until we have money. And I don't know when that's going to be. But it's not like we are going to take money away from the bluff to build the pool. Money for the bluff has been allocated. A lot of money has been allocated for the bluff. When you look at Tidelands projects, a lot

of money has been allocated for bluff restoration and now some are arguing it's not enough money. Our options are continue the shot create project that would result in us not breaching our contract with Drill Tech. We'll be able to come up with the money to do it now. Some of you may be taking that for granted. You know, let's just go with option one. It's not going to cost us any money. That's not true. We still have to come up with the 1.3 million or whatever it is because we hadn't anticipated. The amount of money that we were going to lose as a result of the study. And that's just a reality. And so we're going to have to come up with 1.3 million or somewhere around that number to fund this this project. And I think I think we might be able to do it, but that money is not just sitting there right now. We're going to be able to scrape it together. I think maybe we will have a consistent look along that portion of the block.

That's been something that's been raised by a lot of folks. Is that the shot create, if it's completed, will be more consistent than a patchwork of different applications. We can speed up. Oh, and we can spend any future money that we have on enhancing the vegetation, which I think is a really, really important, valid point. I'll just be the first to say that our city and most municipalities that I've been involved in, having worked for multiple municipalities as a city attorney, maintenance is not always the strong suit of city governments. And that's just the reality, because projects and creating new projects is always the priority. So maintenance is an I'm I'm concern. My biggest concern is what are we going to do about the vegetation and how are we going to make sure that we have thriving plants in that area? What's the city's plan for that? That's that's my biggest concern with this project. The project would finish in 2015. We can implement one of the two bio technical alternatives. That would require us to breach our contract. So we have the financial penalties. We'd have to come up with an additional 3 million to 6 million to complete the project, depending on which of the two alternatives we pick. Construction would begin in 2015, and there are some risks associated with these two options. And I'm going to I'm going to cite from the report and a couple of slides, but the stability is not guaranteed of either of those two projects. The third option is to consider the feasibility study, the cost and feasibility of the regrading option. We'll need to breach our contract. We'll need to figure out how to come up with the additional 4 million. The project wouldn't start until 2016 or 17 and we'd have to be okay extending the toe of the bluff or taking away from the. Beach. To regrade because we absolutely do not want to take away from the park. I mean, that is one thing that I've heard repeatedly, and it's something that's been echoed for years now, for over a decade. What are people saying? And by the way, we had a lot of responses to our survey. I'll tell you that number right now, unless it was already in there, overwhelmingly, people want it to continue with the Shock Creek project. I'll give you that number in just a moment. Over 120, I think, responses we received. Some have said the look of the shot, Crete is ugly. Some have said it is a completely subjective call. It is a completely subjective call. There are people in this room who thinks that it looks better. I see some head shaking, but I will tell you that there are people who have said it looks better and there are people who have said they don't like it. It's a completely subjective call. This is photos of it for those who haven't been out there. This is just from yesterday. One of the biggest arguments that we've heard and that I've talked to experts about is the stability. The shot create is the only application. The only application designed to provide long term stability an

d erosion control that we have received expert analysis on. And this is so that in the event of an earthquake or changes due to sea level rise, we would have some stability there. We do assume some risks with all three of the other options. In fact, on page ten of the Kleinfeld report, it says, Without successful vegetation on the slope, erosion and superficial instability will continue. Hence, bio technical options hold greater risk for future instability than does the designed shot create slope. I think the decision in regards to what the best option is requires a review of the totality of the facts and circumstances that we have and based on the totality of the information that we have. I think the only reasonable and prudent alternative is option one, which is to complete the original project. So I will be supporting staff's recommendation. As I said, you know, this is. You know, how this process unfolded was not the best example of the city's efforts to conduct public outreach. They really I mean, I don't I don't want to criticize anyone that came before me because certainly I'm going to make many mistakes as well. And I don't really think it had to do with the with the the electeds or the staff. It was just the outreach process. I think that some people that I respect a lot who spoke tonight spoke clearly when they talked about how hurtful and painful it is. When you feel

like you've been part of a process and really you feel like you were ignored. That's that's huge. And I want to talk about that because my commitment to each and every one of you is that we will talk about projects before they become a reality. We just last week, my staff and I and the city staff went on a walk through with Naples residents, and we went by every single tree that's being removed and talked about why that tree is being removed. And some trees had been removed prior to our getting there and the residents really wanted to know what was going on. And when we went there and we realized what the seawall plan was, those trees could not remain. And it was clear to everyone because we were all in it together. We were all learning together, side by side, what our limitations were. And that should have happened here. People feel that their concerns were ignored. And this has been a very contentious issue in the Bluff Park community. And I think that some people it's such an emotionally charged issue may have not been very respectful and emails and things. And I would hope that you guys would work together to make that right going forward. One of your residents told me yesterday, I asked her to tell me what it is that she loved about Bluff Park. Should I love Bluff Park for the diversity of residents, the incredible variety of historic architectural styles, the wide open expanse of the big sky. When you stand and look from the bluff, the small town feeling in the midst of a big metropolis, the proximity to wonderful and unique shopping and dining, the feeling of san

d between my toes just steps away from my home and the ability to watch the sunset over the ocean while watching the Pelicans feed in the early evening. That is Bluff Park. And I hope that whether you agree with this decision that we're going to make tonight or that you don't you at least respect the time that we put into it and know that you're you're our office is always open and available to listen to you, and we will always meaningfully consider your options. So with that, I would make a motion to accept staff's recommendation. There's been a motion and second to accept steps. Recommendation. Councilman Mongo. I want to thank you all for being here tonight, but I also want to thank Councilwoman Price for first grossly overestimating her salary over the last two weeks. I have seen Councilwoman Price at community events, charity events, at least a few hours of singing in the boat parade together. Agenda Prep for today calls with colleagues on a myriad of issues, including standing water, lack of drainage, sober living homes, business licenses. And as you may have noticed, there's another 15 items left on the agenda which we haven't gotten to today. Thank you. For those of you who are out from my district who are still waiting patiently and being a part of this important process. The due diligence done on this has been exceptional. Thank you to the city staff for going through every single option. And you have my support tonight. Councilman Andrews. Yes. Thank you very much. I've been certainly listening this also. And I would just like to say for my Councilwoman Price. I know the efforts and energies put into this because she was left with quite a task, you know, and Jerry left. But I think she's done everything that was possible to try to please individuals. And I do not have to be any as long as I know you can't please everyone. But I think that her heart and soul is in everything she does for district. And I would like to commend you on the things that you're doing and keep up the good work. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor. We're going to we're going to go and go to a vote. I want to make a comment and then we're going to go to the vote. I want to just first start by thanking Councilwoman Pryce. I think that was a well-organized and thoughtful presentation. I've seen firsthand the amount of work that the councilwoman is putting into this job. It is she is everywhere, continuously working, meeting with residents, listening. I think her her experience as an attorney is serving the council and the community well. Also, I also want to thank city staff. I think you guys have done a fantastic job from Eric Lopez, Tom Modica. The whole team have done a great a great job on this project. And I want to say also, as someone that was here when the initial project came forward, stopping a project midway is very, very rare. In fact, I don't know that since I've been on the council we had ever done that. And I think that we did it because certainly there was

a councilmember DeLong came forward with some suggestions, there was community concern, but I think it showed the due diligence of staff and the council to go through this process. We made an investment to ensure that we would come up with a solution that would be the right solution for the community. And so I want to thank staff for for doing and going back and doing the research and the additional work that it took because that is a very unique moment that we had, I think, as a city council. But like Councilwoman said, we came back. We're at this moment now and it just reinforces, I think, the work and staff's work up to this point. And so I want to thank you again,

councilwoman and councilman, pressure on make an additional comment. I did. I just wanted to say that the survey that we did, we had 71, I think we had 123 or something to that effect, and 71% favored completing their original project. So okay with that, thank you. And let's go and go to the vote. Motion carries six zero. Thank you. And I want to thank all everyone that came out today. Thank you all for coming down. I know it's it's always difficult to come out to council meetings, but we appreciate your your voice and your input. Madam Clerk, next item. Hearing number one North required report from Public Works Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Find that the area to be vacated is not needed for present or prospective public use and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the remaining portion of this third street, located west of Jackson Avenue. I remember 2010 report from Financial Management. Recommendation to Award a contract to Apple one Employment Services for temporary staffing services for a total annual amount not to exceed 2,750,000 citywide if. Emotion in a second. Any public comment? Not somber. Austin. Just wanted to kind of deal with the issue a little bit. Had a question regarding the the history of using temp services here in city hall. Is this this this annual amount of \$2.5 million. Consistent with what we have done over in past years? It's exactly what we've done. I'll turn it over to Jason McDonald if he has anything more to add. No, nothing else to add in, Councilmember. That's consistent. And actually it represents a cost savings in the from the current contract period, we actually had a reduction of the charges from the temp services agency. So that actually represents a straightforward no no additional expenses from the previous period. And can you just just elaborate on what type of services are these temp services, this contract, what will it will provide for us. That these services are used citywide to fulfill requirements for clerical. Support on a temporary basis by. Providing support for positions temporarily vacant due to promotions, retirements, resignations. And are they paid salaries of normal city employees? The salaries are based on the non-career positions. Okay. Thank you. It se

ems like a pretty, pretty robust amount for for this type of contract. I'll support it, but we'll be watching it in the future. A public comment. Oh, we did that already. I'm sorry. Seeing none. Please cast your votes. Russian k60. 23 Item number 23 Report from Human Resources Recommendation to execute an agreement with Voya for health care specific stop loss reinsurance coverage citywide. Item number 21 Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to Award a contract to Michael Palmeri to provide civic center financial consultant services for a total not to exceed 495,000 district to. Get a motion. Of. Any public comment saying non please cast your vote. Oh I'm actually contributing. I want to make a comment. The only concern I might have with this is that it's a sole proprietorship. What does that mean in regards to this contract? It means that council member, that this is just a single person. This was a bid contract. He was Mr. Palmieri was one of. Eight people who bid. He was he was not the only sole proprietorship. So does that mean that if something were to happen to this individual, we'd be. Well. If something happened to this individual, we would simply go out and select another consultant. I don't think that would be an issue to ask. Thank you. Okay then no public comment. Please cast your vote. Councilwoman Pryce. Bush and Kerry. Six zero. Please. I remember 2010 report from Financial Management. Recommendation to Award a contract to Apple one Employment Services for temporary staffing services for a total annual amount not to exceed 2,750,000 citywide if. Item three is communication from Mayor Robert Garcia recommendation. Recommendation to confirm Charter Commission's appointment. Okay. There's a motion by Councilmember Richardson and seconded by Councilwoman Gonzalez. These are charter appointments. So I'm going to actually begin by turn this over to Councilmember Al Austin. Thank you, Mr. Garcia. The civil service personnel, the Civil Service Committee met earlier today and made the recommendations to accept the Charter Commission appointments reappointment of Marc Christopher to the Planning Commission and the appointment of Gloria Cordero to the Water Commission. I move to adopt the accepted recommendations of the committee. Okay. We're going to we're going to because the chair of the committee usually makes that motion. If we can clear the two motions on the floor. And we're going to have Councilmember Lawson, if you can. Once the clerk clears those motions. So moved and then seconded by Councilman Richardson. I'm going to ask both. Are the nominees just for stand will briefly stand in the audience. I just want to say a few comments. Thank you. This is we have in front of us, of course, our nominee for appointment to the Water Board of Commissioners, Gloria Cordero, and a reappointment for Mr. Marcus Stoffels to the Planning Commission. I wanted to thank you on behalf of the Council both for serving. These are two obviously

very critical charter committees that the city looks to for one or two, really lead our water agency, which is incredibly important. As you know, Gloria. And you and I have had some great conversations about kind of your vision and the way you view that agency and its and its role. And so I look forward to having you serve. And to Mr. Christophe, as you have gained nothing but a lot of support from those that have already watched you on the planning commission, you know, everyone from staff to other commissioners to the community is supportive of the work you've done. And for those of you that don't know, Mark worked here at the city for a very long time as our head engineer here at the city of Long Beach. And so Mark brings great experience from the city and obviously experience as a as a commissioner and his current work in doing a lot of other agency projects around the region. And so thank you both for serving. And if there's any message any. Oh, great. Here I have a comment from Councilwoman Gonzalez. I just want to say congratulations to you both. I know I've worked with both of you, both Mark at the city and then Gloria on many different projects. So congratulations. Okay. And is there any public comment on this item? Seeing none. Please go ahead and cast your votes. Bush and Kerry seven zero. Great. Thank you very much. Now moving on to item number four. Thank you. Thank you. Members. Item 17. Item 17. Communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the City Attorney Settlement Authority. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading Citywide. The city to. Vice mayor, members of the council. Thank you. This this item before you this evening will increase the authority for the city attorney's office to resolve matters from \$5000 to \$50000 to any single person, firm or corporation. It will make it consistent with the city attorney's current authority for matters involving worker's compensation. The \$5,000 limit has been in place since 1970, and we believe in working with the EDI and F committee that we will be providing them semiannual reports on any and all settlements that our office uses under this authority. So I ask for your consideration and support of this item. Thank you, Mr. City. Attorney. The motion was made by Councilmember Urunga and seconded by Councilwoman Mungo. Is there any member of the public that wished to address the Council on Item 17? Seeing None members cast your vote. Motion carries eight zero. Councilman Austin. Motion carries seven zero. Item six recommendation to receive and file report from the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office on the Johns Exposed program. Mr. Roberts, I'm sorry. Councilmember Richardson, thank you. So in conversations with our city prosecutor, Doug Halbert, over the you know, in the in recent months, about a number of our key initiatives that are taking place around

human trafficking, I learned of a very interesting program that he's brought forward and that I would I wanted to provide the opportunity for our city prosecutor to help inform the council about the Johns exposed programs. So that said, I'll turn it over to our city prosecutor. Well, thank you. Quick report on the Johns Exposed program. I sent a memo to the city council in late October explaining how my office is going to join some other prosecuting agencies in publishing the the pictures and the names and the charges of defendants who have been convicted of crimes related to prostitution, the so-called johns. The reason that our office started to do this is along the lines of other discussion tonight, it's generally realized that human trafficking obviously exists because there is a great deal of demand for it. In fact, the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime estimates that the total market value of human trafficking is \$32 billion per year worldwide . In order to help law enforcement and other agencies trying to stem the demand. We've decided to take the step of making it public when people are arrested, charged and actually convicted of the crime of prostitution. The charges for human trafficking are very severe. 15 years in jail for human trafficking. 8 to 6 years for pimping the charges. Most charges, though, most cases don't result in those serious charges. They're misdemeanor prostitution cases, even aiding and abetting a prostitute, which in many times we realize is someone who may be a pimp. That case is handled as a misdemeanor because there's not enough evidence to file felony charges by actually exposing these people and putting their face in their name and open them up. Opening them up to public inspection, I think will hopefully help over a long period of time reduce the number of people who are actively seeking sex for for money. The idea of posting the names, I have to say, did not originate with my office. There were a number of volunteers with the human chain human trafficking task force that came to us. The police department also made some very good suggestions and sometime in early November we started posting them on our website and they are in fact posted on our website right now. We're

going to continue to do it over the course of the year as more and more convictions are secured. And I just wanted to mention this. This is just one of many, many things happening. I do not pretend that this is going to change prostitution in our town overnight. I think this is one of 100 things the city is doing, that the city council is doing, that the police department is doing, that the community is doing that hopefully will show and bring awareness to this problem. When when a person engages in prostitution on the on the buyer side, they are quite often doing business with criminal street gangs. They are quite often putting themselves in harm's way. There are many examples of very serious crimes that result as as these crimes unfold.

So there are serious consequences. One more consequence is the publishing and posting of a name and a case number and a conviction charge and conviction date. The last thing I would add is that we do not make. We do not post information for subjects who are simply arrested or who simply have charges filed. We do it upon the conviction. So we make sure that either a jury has found the person guilty or they have admitted guilt in a court of law. The conviction is a public record. We do not want to invade the privacy of people who are charged, but once they are convicted, we do want to make that known to the public. And if there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them. But I want to thank on behalf of my office the support we've received from the police department, the city council and city staff in our efforts. And we join you in your efforts to reduce human trafficking. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Halbert. There's been a motion and a second by Councilmember Richardson and Councilman Austin. So any member of the public that wishes to address this council on item six. Please come forward and state your name. Thank you. After new council members and a vice mayor. My name is Ginetta McAlpin. I reside in the First District, and because I have a tendency to cut to the chase, because I work with gangs in Long Beach for a long time. I'm going to speak as a resident of Long Beach. Although. Thank you for everything that the task force does. I want to commend you for taking this step forward to attack the demand side of human and domestic trafficking of our minors for prostitution, and to request that your next recommendation include changing the verbiage. From John's to statutory rapist. So that the punishment. Fits the crime. And I thank you all for your support of our children and Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. DENNISTON I'm a little disheartened and perhaps ignorant at the points that were discussed, but I always enjoyed. Mr. Good you and on occasion on occasion he had some few as. Some salient points of interest, if not all the time, through high rise to a point of order. Because I've heard human trafficking mentioned more than five times, and that's what he was talking about, particularly relevant late massage parlors, which plays the dominant role. So perhaps we can give you a chance to discuss human trafficking, in particular the subject at hand. Thank you, Mr. Dunn. Seeing no further public comment. Members, cast your vote. Motion carries seven zero. Item. Item seven. Item number 15 Report from Police Recommendation to receive and file the application of Supermax for an ABC license. 4709 through 4711 East Second Street, District three. I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mayor. I'd like to. I'm going to have a few comments, but I'd like to make a motion to approve this item. Thank you. And I would ask that the conditions we've just filed presented some brand new conditions that were just updated about an hour a

go. And council members should have a copy of that. So these are the new conditions that we would be proposing for this particular item. And I'd like to note that at the request of several constituents that I spoke with, I've added number 16 with the hope and recommendation that ABC will consider this condition as one of the conditions that will remain on this license should the license be issued, and it said upon sale or transfer of the license, the conditions included herein will be subject to review and possible modification of operating hours and specific conditions of alcohol sales. Having said that, I want to thank the Long Beach Police Department for their report. It's my understanding that they're recommending recommending approval of this of this item and recommend recommending that Supermax be granted their Type 47 license. I want to note at the outset that Supermax is a long standing, positive, contributing business partner to the city of Long Beach and specifically to the third District. I want to thank the owners, operators and managers of the business for being responsible corporate citizens and for taking care of our community and specifically the residents and visitors of the shore. I want them to know that we have had a major outpouring of support from people who frequent the restaurant, who appreciate the efforts made by the ownership and management of Supermax to be involved in the community and to contribute in a

positive way. And I also want them to know, as they know from operating in the shore, that there are a lot of concerns in the shore, obviously, about making sure that the shore does not become the type of district where we have too many bars or too many people that are not respecting the incredible balance that we try to maintain there between residents and businesses. So it is very important and I know Supermax understands this, that they adhere to that to the strictest standards in terms of their privilege to be able to sell liquor at that location and that that be a responsible commitment that they undertake. And I know that they will take that commitment seriously and they will pay specific attention to two potential concerns, like overpowering or encouraging irresponsible behavior. So having said that, I have no doubt that Supermax is going to be completely responsible with the license that they receive. They've been in the shore since 1990. They have three locations with type 47 licenses, 14 locations total. The restaurant was established in 1974 and by all accounts is a thriving restaurant that whose primary focus is serving food. They have had minimal de minimis, as what we call it in the legal world, calls for service from the Long Beach Police Department. And we understand that the police department is recommending approval and support of this application based on their investigation, even including their remeasurement today or I think yesterday showing that there were four residents within 100 feet. With a

ll of that, it'll be my recommendation to approve this item and request that ABC impose the conditions that we believe are reasonable based on this business and their placement in the shore. Great. Thank you. There's a motion in a second by Councilmember Richardson. Did you want to comment? Councilman Richardson? Nope. Okay. We'll go to public comment. Any public comment on the item? Saying Yes, please come forward. Two extra time seemed hardly necessary. My name is William Holtz, was born in Long Beach. No disrespect to community hospital, but I was born at Broadway and Cherry at the Hermon Jones Clinic. I moved to Belmont Shore when I entered grad school at Cal State Long Beach in 1968, and have lived in the shore ever since, except for two years when when my wife and I purchased a home up by Eldorado Park. We loved the area. We moved back to the shore because of all the amenities. And also I loved the weather there. I was in my current home when Super Max first opened on Second Street Live and they've always been a good neighbor and acted responsibly. And I've used them to cater many parties for family and friends, and they've always been a good place to go to for affordable meals with guests. One minor drawback for the restaurant is that they couldn't serve real tequila margaritas. And I don't believe that changing their license would allow hard liquor, would have any substantive change in sobriety of their patrons. It's not an action to convert Second Street into Bourbon Street. It's more to recognize that the Shore remain healthy and thriving. Its restaurants play a critical role. Super Max is simply a family oriented Mexican restaurant. Proving this application would not change that. I don't understand the vehemence of some of the opposition to the application. Prohibition ended in 1933. We're still fighting it today. I think the application should be supported because it'll make the good restaurant a better restaurant, and that will only benefit Belmont Shore in Long Beach. Sorry to waste your time because it looks like it's going to pass. Thank you very much. Never a week is never a waste of time. Thank you, Mayor Garcia, for all you do for Long Beach. And thank you, Susan Rice, for all you do for the shore. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. I just ate at your lovely restaurant two nights ago. I know I missed you. I was at a wedding and dancing. Oh, hi, Lisa Ramla. I'm a long time Long Beach resident. I'm on the Belmont Shore Business Association, and I am a resident of the Shore. I am 100% for letting Super Max have the new license, and my restaurant, La Strada, is located directly across the street. In fact, when people say, Where are you located? I always say, We're right across the street from super max. I've heard that I read in the article from some of the naysayers in the Greenwich Gazette that they thought that if this action was granted and they got this license, that other restaurant owners would now want to go get that lice

nse. And me being directly across the street, I have zero interest in getting a liquor license like theirs. I get understand. Because they want to serve margaritas. So I, I hope it goes forward. I the naysayers also, I, you know. Anyway. Go forward. Thank you, Lisa. And next time you're going have to bring some of your lasagna, please, because. Okay, great. I see no other public comment and no other council. We have a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Price with conditions as submitted. Please cast your votes. Motion carries seven zero. Great. Thank you. And and thank you. I look forward to some good food there, but I think that's the place that got me through my college weekends. Let me move on back to the regular agenda. So I think now we're going on to

where do we go here? Give me 1/2. Okay. So we're going to have our hearing continue that I'm hearing, but we need to have public comment. So let's do the hearing first and they're gonna go to public comment. This item requires an oath. Item one report from Financial Management. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of Naples Restaurant located at 190 North Marina Drive for entertainment with dancing by patrons. District three can return this over to Mr. Modica. Thank you. And, Madam Clerk, if you would administer the oath. Please hold up your right hand. You and each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give on the cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council. The staff presentation will be handled by Jason. MacDonald, our purchasing and business services manager. Mr. Mayor, Council Members. Jason McDonald Purchasing Business Services Bureau Manager for the Financial Management Department. Tonight you have in front of you the application for Entertainment with Dancing for Naples Restaurant Group, LLC, DBA, The Boathouse on the Bay 190 Marina Drive in District three. All of the necessary departments have reviewed the application. The application and proposed conditions are contained in the packet that was provided. We are prepared to address any questions or concerns along with the police department regarding the application or those conditions. Our office was made aware of at least one complaint regarding this application. That concludes my presentation where available for questions. Thank you. Thank you. And now, as part of the hearing, we open it up for public comment before we take it behind to the council. See? No public comment. Councilwoman Price. Sorry, sir. I didn't see you back there. Please come forward. Good evening. My name is Mike Leshner. My address is 203 North Marina Drive, Long Beach. I am a yacht owner in the row of boats that are directly opposite the open patio for the Boathouse restaurant. Dating back to

the middle of 2014. We've had some serious noise issues. We addressed those through the proper channels, through noise. The noise department. Noise department sent a letter to the restaurant asking them to perhaps make some revisions to their noise policies and nothing happened. So then we received another letter from the noise department saying, Well, you have to send a petition with six names. So we did. And I can tell you that it's not easy gathering names from six millionaire boat owners on the same petition. But we sent it in and of course, we heard nothing else again. We started to try to figure out why it was happening, that the city was not clamping down and what we thought was an egregious noise problem. And I began to investigate that the ownership of the restaurant and I won't make any broad based conclusions, but certainly one of the owners of the restaurant is the son of a Congressman, one of the owners of the restaurant is the son of a county supervisor. I grew up in the south side of Chicago. I'm not an idiot. I will say this. You are my landlord. I live there because I have a limited work permit. The gentleman who's going to speak after me. Paul is another major yacht owner in the marina. Between the two of us, in the years we have been there, we have spent \$1 million. We tallied it. We have spent \$1 million to have this space. All we ask is the peaceful enjoyment of our area. We are directly across from an open patio with no walls, no roof until 10 p.m. every night. We hear some of the worst music we've ever heard. It is an opportunity for anybody with a saxophone, a Coca-Cola band or everything else to make a racket. And we expect more from the city. We expect more from the marina. And I have given you each a packet which shows the the sign petition, the correspondence with the city. We've made every attempt to deal through all of the channels. And it's just been the strangest, strangest process we've ever seen trying to figure out how to get some peace and quiet, what we ask for. And I'll I'll make this sweet. We're not expecting to see anybody tonight in the entertainment license, and we'd like to see the boathouse do well. I'm a past board member at Pepperdine. I called one of our alums, Matt Carnaby, who's one of the owners, and we had a very nice chat and have tried to amicably make some suggestions of how we can get serve. Time is up. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker. Hello. My name is Paul Franks and I also reside at 203 Marina Drive. We have a liveaboard permit. That is our home. We are less than a thousand feet from this particular patio that they're playing the music on. I don't again, I don't have an issue with them having a permit for entertainment, but I do have an issue with is the amplification this patio. I'm not even sure you could park five cars on it. It's very tiny. There's no reason to have amplification. And from inside my boat most nights. This stuff you can hear, it's booming through. Whether it's

good or bad music, I don't really care. It's the volume of it. There's no need for amplification. You can't be more than 30 feet from the person playing the music on that patio and it's really annoying. I can't do. It's the equivalent of you having a rock band on your front lawn. And before you decide on this, I want you to decide. Would you have a rock band on your front lawn every night? You are my landlords. I pay a very large sum of money every year to house my boat there. And I live aboard that boat along with my wife. And it is an amazing volume. So what I'm asking for is just no amplification. I like the restaurant ether all the time. I think it's a great restaurant, but they don't need to be making that kind of volume. You cannot sleep with it. And many times I go to bed at eight or 9:00 at night. And you can't it's that it's that loud. So, you know, I think you need to ask yourself, would you have a rock band on your front lawn? And if not, you know, you need to think about it. Well, they can play it without amplification. And everybody on that patio can hear every note played. There's absolutely no reason. So what I'm asking for is just a restriction to basically say no amplification of the music. Anyway. That's about all I have to say. Again, you are my landlord and you are responsible for this. And like I said, we pay for that peace and quiet. We live there for a reason because we like living there. And that marina, it's been very quiet and we've lived there for years. And now suddenly every night until 10:00, we have an amazing amount of racket. Anyway, thank you for your attention. Thank you, sir. Mr. Good here. Do I need to be sworn in? This? I do. Larry. Good clerk has the address. I support the concept of having the music, but without the amplification. No good musician needs amplification. Particularly in an area that is essentially almost the same, identical to what is between this podium and you. And I'm going to suggest if there's if there's any. Single and musician or group. They cannot make pleasing music without that amplification. The club should not hire them, period. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Any other public comment on this hearing? Yes, sir. Good evening. My name is Eric Johnson. I lived for for for all of Avenue in Long Beach. I'm one of the partners at the Boathouse. And I just like to say, I appreciate everyone's comments over the last several months. We've tried to work with some of the locals on some of their concerns. I appreciate Councilman Price's recommendations and suggestions on ways that we can work with some of the local residents. We want to be responsible business owners. We think we are. We're certainly open to suggestions and ways to make it better. The entertainment is important to our business. Al Ms.. Bay Landing is a dining and entertainment destination, so we want to work within that, but also be good neighbors. So I appreciate everyone's time and I do appreciate their comments. The enterta

inment license is important to us. I just want to say that. Thank you. Thank you very much, Casey. No other speakers for the hearing. I will now be closing the hearing and taking this back for council deliberation, starting with Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm going to be recommending recommending that we approve this item. I have a few conditions that I've modified that I'd like to address right now and request that staff prepare a modified copy that has the following changes. In terms of the indoor music, I'd like to change the proposed condition that we have currently listed and allow. The actual clause will read entertainment activities indicated on page nine of your entertainment application shall be restricted through to Sunday through Wednesday until 9 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sundays preceding a holiday Monday till 1 a.m.. So, Mr. MacDonald, is that a change that you can make? Yes, Councilmember, we can make those changes. And the second change and and I'm making a motion that we approve this item as I'm modifying it right now. There's a second bike comes from Boston. Thank you. The second modification that I'd like to make is directly in response to the residents who spoke tonight. You know, I do want to just. Say at the outset that I believe that this is a a business that benefits the city and the third district in great ways, that this particular business has been a good partner to the residents and to the community, and I believe they're going to continue to be. And I think that they are going to be very responsive to the concerns that that are raised. But in regards to outdoor entertainment, I want them to have the options that they need in terms of musical entertainment. But I do believe it's reasonable to limit the hours of operation. So I modified the outdoor entertainment clause to read. Outdoor entertainment shall be restricted to no more than three live performing performers and must cease by 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and will be allowed until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. This actually limits the time that they'll be allowed to have outdoor entertainment by requiring them to attend the outdoor entertainment by 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. There are going to be some exceptions to that and the exceptions will be on the following holidays. We'll have an exception. Music Outdoor Can can

continue until 10 p.m. and that'll be on the following holidays. New Year's Eve. New Year's Day. St Patrick's Day. Cinco de Mayo. Memorial Day. 4th of July. Labor Day and Halloween or the Associated Sunday night when the holiday falls on a monday. So on those exceptions, Music Outdoor will be permitted until 10 p.m.. Otherwise, from Sunday through Thursday, music will have to end at 9 p.m.. Mr. McDonald Do you think those are modifications that can be made to the proposed up? Yes. Council member that we would be making modifications to the entertainment permit as applied for. Oh, I apologize for

the entertainment permit. And those are modifications that can be made in some sense as they restrict the operating hours I'm sorry, the entertainment hours for outdoor music. Is that. Correct? Yes, that's that's acceptable for the original conditions. Okay. I want to encourage the business owners to continue to be good partners to the Liveaboard residents and to the members of the community and to continue to work with them. This entertainment permit is premised upon the expectation and the understanding that we're not going to have any major problems associated with these conditions. And should the conditions create a problem in any way, we're obviously going to revisit the conditions and take another look at further restrictions if necessary. So with that, I thank you, Mr. Mayor, of nothing further. Thank you. See no other council comment. There is a motion on the floor. Members, please go out and cast your votes on the motion as submitted by Councilwoman Price. Motion carries seven zero. Thank you. Hearing number two. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Next item. Item 23. Communication from Councilman Austin. Councilman Urunga. Recommendation to direct City Manager to delay any action regarding requests for an international customs facility at the Long Beach Airport until receiving further direction from the city council and until 90 days after the representation on the city council is completed. Okay, thank you. I'm going to turn this over now to Councilmember Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to thank my colleague, Councilmember Urunga, for cosigning on this item. He is a true champion for our neighborhoods here in Long Beach. I want to start out and I want to be very clear that this agenda item does not address the merits of building the customs facility at the Long Beach Airport. Surely we will have that conversation at some point, possibly in the future. However. But I am troubled. For more than two years. JetBlue and Long Beach Airport officials have had early discussions and have been discussing a federal inspection services and a customs facility. We've just learned that there have been a lot of movement. There's been a lot of movement, resources and staff time committed to this issue. With no direction whatsoever from the city council. There are even discussions with the Department of Homeland Security and financial feasibility studies prepared. And objections from the City Council. How much of this effort? More than a year ago. Now we have a formal request from JetBlue for the city to submit an application for customs facility. And it makes sense for us to cool the jets, slow down on this very sensitive issue. Actually, tonight is the first time this issue is even being publicly discussed by the council, let alone we take a vote. So what are we seeking to do here before the city manager takes direction from the City Council on how to proceed with this request? There should be full representation on the City Council. Now, just to put it

in perspective, I don't think we would have moved forward on a Belmont pool project had there been no council representative in the third District most recently. And I'm sure there would have been serious objections with moving forward with the Civic Center project if there were no representative from the Second District or the First District at the time. And we certainly don't want to move forward with a medical marijuana policy that oversaturate the ninth District if the ninth District doesn't have a council representative there either. Many residents who live in a fourth district live directly under the flight path of the airport. And I believe it's undemocratic to move forward with this issue in any way when such a key district does not have a voice or vote on the city council. We must also give time for that representative who will be elected in just over a month to get time to have time to be brought up to speed. There's a lot that comes at you when you're a brand new city council member. And for that fact, I think we held up a lot of business for the city to allow five new city council members to get seated and to get their feet underneath them so that they could get caught up on the issues. I think we all the same consideration for this new new councilmember coming in. For anyone who may disagree with me tonight recommended action. I'm sorry. I simply ask, what is the rush and whose timetable are we working under? The request was made for the city council and the city to move forward. And so we are driving this process. Not any company, not any airline in the spirit of decency and fairness to more than 500,000 residents in our

city who do not have a seat behind this dais tonight, it is only right to delay this action or any action or considering this request for a few months. All three candidates from the fourth District seat have asked the city council in writing to delay this issue until 90 days after this seat is filled. One of these three candidates will soon be our colleague on the council. We even have a letter here from former councilmember in the fourth District and now state assembly member Patrick O'Donnell requesting the same and supporting this agenda item here today as well. As is often the case, I fully expect there will be efforts this evening to offer friendly amendments and substitutes and substitute substitutes. And I just want to be very, very clear. The JetBlue's lobbyists and the JetBlue folks have been very active in contacting our city council members and asking for this timetable to be minimized. Let me state that I consider that any proposal that fails to recognize the need for a voice from the fourth District residents before any action is taken by our city manager or staff would not be viewed as a friendly amendment. It runs counter to the intent to have a democratic process on this issue. This is an issue that can impact thousands of residents throughout our city. And so let's make sure that all the Long Beach

has a voice. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Isom. Yeah. Customer your income. Thank you, Mayor. I want to echo the sentiments of my colleague from the eighth District. This is a too important topic to not have a full council on. So I too, I support the motion by my my council colleague to delay this action until there is a full, full city council on board. Okay. Think it comes from rearing someone to move on. I do have some speakers that we're going to go to. Of course, we have public comment, so we're going to go to have we have some I think there are some questions and speakers first and then we'll get to public comment, then we'll go back to the Council for deliberation. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I may have missed this. Was there a motion? There was not. Whether I believe that I may see a motion plugged in and think he said it, but he plugged into the system. So I'm sorry. I'm not even looking at the system. I apologize. Yes, there was a motion. Yes, we have a motion in a second. Austin uranium. Okay. I do have a few questions. And the first question I have is and most people don't need this, but just just for my own edification. Mr. City Attorney, if if you could just summarize perhaps what the distinction here is between this issue that we're taking up and the conversation that we're having and the concerns that a lot of people have, and rightly so, the concerns that people have about the noise bucket and and whether this actually impacts or any action such as this would impact that. Mayor, members of the council. Just to reiterate what was discussed at the study session on the airport there, the noise ordinance is not technically implicated by where the flights originate from or to. It is a cumulative accumulation of the noise created by the jets landing and taking off. So it is not related to or tied to this item before you this evening. Thank you. And then. For the city manager so that those of us who aren't privy to all of the work that you're doing or even the conversations that council may have had in previous council meetings, if this motion if this item had not been before us, what was the work that you would have done or what is the work you would have done? What's the process you would have taken? Could you describe that for us? Vice Mayor Council Members We would then begin, probably hire a consultant and go through a study to look at the financial feasibility of this, look at the geographic feasibility, look at how it fits operationally, administration. And then probably in about five months, in July or August, we would come back to the city council for the city council to set policy. Okay. Thank you. That's all I have right now, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. And except Councilwoman Mongo. I just wanted to make a statement about how I feel about my responsibility as a council person and how it differs from the letter written by a colleague that I respect and admire greatly. While I am elected by the members of the Fifth Dist

riect, I think that each and every one of us have taken an oath of office to represent each and every person in this city, and that visits the city. And so when people come up to me and ask if I'm their council person, I say, of course, because I, I vote on \$3 billion in budgets annually and the future and contracts related to millions of dollars in vendors, the pensions and benefits of hundreds of police officers, firefighters and public service workers and each and every one of those items is of importance to me. Specifically, I think that we as a council owe both our residents and our businesses a process this weekend while spending an additional amount of time in the fourth District, the place where I get my dry cleaning done, and my favorite frozen yogurt shop, which I spent a bit of time at. Residents often approach me and ask, Can you help with this? Can you help with that? Of course, because we as a council represent each and every one of you. While as a

district representative, I take the lead on certain things related to cups or business licenses. That doesn't mean that my colleagues at any time would not vote for residents if they felt that I was not doing my diligence as a council member for the city. And so one of the challenges I have with the letter is it implies that the Fourth District is not represented, and I want each and every one of you to know that you are represented. I have lived in the flight path in two different locations. I have a multitude of family members who currently live in the flight path, as I've mentioned before. Every few months I remember as a child watching the screens from the windows and the soot on the cars from living in the flight path. And my parrot. My grandparents bought that land when the airport was just a little speck in people's eyes. And so he built that home that we lived in and. The difference can be, too, that often we buy our homes knowing and understanding the things that are there and the protections that are in place. And we need to balance that with ensuring that every business has the right to bring forward a request to this council and to be considered timely. I may not agree with some of the items before this council, whether it's the marijuana ordinance or the logic labor agreement or any other item. But the constituents are represented and every business is given that due diligence and the way that I currently read the memo from the city manager. This is a three year process. A delay of an additional three weeks is pandering. To this crowd because it's it's insignificant in a three year plan, which will take an exuberant amount of time. And so those that's my perspective. There is no way that our city staff would be able to bring back the information until the time at which our council members. Our new council member colleague will be seated. I have great respect for the three colleagues. I moderated their debate earlier this week. I think any of them would be able to digest this i

nformation. They seemed very informed on the matter in front of the public that was there then. And I have confidence in their abilities now and then. So with that being said, I have no more comments. Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilwoman Price. Thank you. I have a couple questions for staff. First, I want to say that. I understand where Councilman Austin is coming from. I've talked with him about this issue. I know he's very concerned, as are all the council members. But he has he represents a constituency that we don't all represent. He has his own unique constituency and issues. And I've spent a lot of time talking to him about his concerns. And I do believe him when he says that this item is not about the merits of the proposal, but rather allowing us to be in a place where we have representation. And I think there's some validity there. And while I didn't think about that on this issue, I will say that this council has before it another very important issue, and that's the medical marijuana ordinance. And it's interesting to me, because the fourth District has a series of businesses that were negatively impacted by illegal medical marijuana dispensaries. They feel very passionately about that subject. And yet the current timeline that the council has in place for making a vote on that doesn't even include the fourth District representative being elected. And so I think there is a lot of merit to the idea of having representation from all of the districts, because although Councilwoman Mango may have her finger on the pulse of the Fourth District residents, I certainly don't. I represent the entire city, but my day to day obligation is to the residents of my district. So I think their councilperson would be in the best position to know what it is their constituents feel, and I think they would take that very seriously. So I think there's a lot of merit there. I also like and I hadn't heard it before, but the analogy to some of the big things that we voted on recently, we would not think for a moment about voting on the pool or the shot create issue if there was not a third district council person in the seat, because those are issues that heavily impact my district. So I think there I think he has some great merits on it, but I do have some questions for staff in regards to this process, and it's mostly just to educate myself on the process. So is there any work that the staff has to do before we vote, before we move forward with JetBlue's request, before we can actually move forward with JetBlue's request? Councilmember Mayor, first off, I'd like to make a comment that our airport director, Bryant Francis, had a long standing commitment outside the city. So he's not here tonight. We have our financial bureau manager, Claudia Lewis, with us to answer any specific questions. But this is a pretty general once I'll answer it. Basically, in order for us to go approach the federal customs facility, we would have to do our own study and get o

ur own request from the city council. Whether the council views, whether this is a good idea or a bad idea to send an application forward. But we would need, like I said, about a five month time period to conduct a study, bring it to the council, and the council would take the next step. Now,

would you need any direction from council to actually undertake that process. Given the item that we have tonight? I certainly would request direction. Yes. Absent this meeting, we would probably just process it. Okay. Okay. And in regards to this particular item, I would like to ask the maker of this motion. Council member Austin and your. Would you be open to a friendly amendment to move the time period to 60 days after the person is seated to give them the opportunity to get caught up? Because I do agree with some of the points that have been made that I think we should wait. However, given the relevance of this topic and how frequently it's been coming up during the campaign trail, I expect that our future colleague will be very well versed on this issue. So I'm just wondering if you're open to that. Mr. Austin. Well, I can tell you that when Councilmember Urunga and I first had this conversation early Monday morning before we could put our agenda item in last week, we were fully aware that, that, you know, our 90 day, um, ask could be seen as a little ambitious considering the fact that we have 30 days before we're 30 days out from an election and then possibly 60 days or even more after that. The 90 days was an arbitrary number to give us some cushion. I personally would be okay to a friendly amendment for 60 days, but nothing less. And if I knew that that I could get full council support on this on that I don't want to. Undermine the importance of delaying this and giving the fourth District Council member, the new council member coming in all of the room possible to to be fully brought up to speed. And when I say fully brought up to speed, they have to step up in office. They have to figure out a mechanism to outreach and bid and get community support or to have a town hall meeting with their constituents on this. And so when we do the 90 days out there, we thought that was fair. But, you know, if I'd be open if I thought that there was some if we can get some consensus as a council on this. And that's where I'm coming from. Council member Austin is I'm trying to find if there's a way that we can meet in the middle and effectuate the intent of, of this agenda item. You know, one thing I didn't mention carries a lot of weight with me is our former colleague, Assemblyman O'Donnell's letter. That carries a lot of weight with me because I don't think there is a single council member that I've studied in history that had his finger on the pulse of his community as well as Council Councilman O'Donnell did. And he is telling us from Sacramento, my constituents need to be heard. They need someone advocating for t

hem specifically. That carries a lot of weight with me. I wasn't expecting to see this letter when I walked in tonight. I knew what your position was and certainly was sensitive to that. But I think to me, this this letter says a lot because he's the closest thing to a representative that they have right now. So, anyway, I appreciate you accepting that. Now, what about. Okay, I'm just going to stop there. Thanks for now. Thank you, Counselor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. So just a couple of things. And, you know, I have my iPad up and I intentionally pulled up my my favorite game video game because I really didn't want to get into this conversation. But I think I'm going to jump in. So I would say that I'm serious. I got Star Wars. So I would say that, you know. This is a neighborhoods issue, the ninth District, not in the flight path, but they're on our neighbors flight path. Right. It's important to my neighbors. It's important to me. It's that simple. I think what's being asked for is reasonable. But I'm lacking a whole bunch of context in terms of in terms of like I'm not I'm not entirely clear that we would be debating this issue at the city council within the next 120 days or 90 days after the election anyway. I would need to just hear from the city manager. Like, when were you planning on bringing this to the council? Are we talking about this because this agenda item was placed on and we wouldn't have been talking about this otherwise. Councilor, mayor, council members. We'd been discussing with the city council privately, but also more importantly with JetBlue that we weren't going to accept any application for a Customs facility until we had a new airport manager, airport director in the seat and established. So basically we were getting ready to process that because Brian Francis had been there for has been here for enough time to initiate a study. Then given the interest in the city council and neighborhood, it's here before the city council. So we certainly at this stage would request if we if we went forward, we would want city council direction. I guess my question is when if this item hadn't been brought, what was your plan to bring to bring this discussion to the city council? See if we were interested. The Council would know that we're initiated it. But but the first time the council would see. The plan would be when the study was complete, probably. In July or August. Okay. So in in how you develop your plan. Are there? Is this just an inward analysis that you and all your airport staff do? Or do you have to do outward communication to customs or federal agencies or anyone else to express interest in the airport? I believe it's more internally, but that's. A question I'm going to refer. To Claudia Lewis. So if I

understand. Correctly, the question. Is what type of outreach would we do? Is the study the study you're doing, are you expressing to the public or to other agencies that might have some scope, some sphere of in

fluence on this decision? Are you expressed are you communicating with them about the study or is this something you can conduct in-house? So to be clear, there's there's no study going on right now. However. The the study would be done likely by an expert in the field. Who would look to. Other similarly situated airports bring in. Information regarding Customs and Border Protection and what the requirements there would be. So. So there would be outgoing. We would consult with those agencies to figure out. Absolutely. And that consultation, that process, does that cost money? Ordering the study would cost money. As had it been appropriate. Is there a budget for this? We would work within the airport. Parameters with their enterprise fund to do that. Yes. I would I would just say and I don't have any motions or any substitutes or any friendlies, I would just say this, I'm not in any rush to jump into this discussion. I'd like to have an understanding of like what's out there. If that means city staff do their internal due diligence without necessarily particularly expressing to customs or someone else that we're interested. I think I'd like to say I have the facts. I think what my colleague is is asked for in terms of allow the council to be full. I'm not sure if that would have happened any way before we had it, but I think it's a fair question to ask. I you know, I agree. I wouldn't want this type of discussion take place if I wasn't on the city council or someone with the ninth District wasn't in it. But I would say that I don't necessarily agree that the rest of the council would necessarily put on a medical marijuana in district or wasn't someone to sit in there. But that's just my own personal opinion. But but. But here's what I would say. Like. I want to get out of the signs and the jargon and the politics and see the facts. So if you do what, no matter what happens tonight, I want to see. I would want to see, like the facts from city staff, whatever analysis internally. I don't want you to communicate out to other agencies. I wouldn't want you to express that we're interested, but have the facts. So when the fourth district is seated, we're not having another conversation because so far this is us. We had a study session, we couldn't talk about this issue and now we're having a second council item tonight where there's no facts on the issue. When it comes back again, when the fourth District is seated, I don't want to be in a place where there's no facts. So I guess my question is, is there a clear line, a distinct line between conducting a full study that engages customs and expresses our interest and a study that we can do internally to tell us the bottom line facts about the thing, the issues that folks care about. But that's my question. Councilman, if I could answer that, first off, I want to make it clear that any study that we did would not go to Customs and express an interest in this. This would just be a fact finding study when t

he council reviews it, it would not come with a recommendation. It would not say do this, or it could easily disappear in 30 days. If we find out it was financially feasible, then we would just stop and inform the council that we can't do this. But if it was financially feasible, we would continue it. But it would come to the council without a recommendation. It would merely say this is feasible. Does the city council want to take the next step? And the next step would then be to express an interest in this. We would not be expressing an interest through the study. The study would be fact finding. I also want to point out that what you're asking for, for staff to do an internal fact finding thing, we would not be able to do that. We couldn't meet your needs and that that's why we would have to go to an outside expert so we. Would not be. Able to to meet your needs in producing some type of an internal report that we can get to you. Without going to an outside consultant and taking the four or five months. I understand. So if this. So what would happen if this motion moves forward? Then after the fourth District councilperson was seated, then you would come back to City Council for permission to go out and do a study. Or you would wait until the 190 day or 120 days? We would we would wait to what the motion says, and I'll look to the city attorney. But if the motion says 60 days after the council member is seated, the study begins, we would keep this on a shelf. And in 60 days after the councilman receded, we would begin the study. If we got that direction, if the council said, if the motion said, come back to us in 60 days to see if we want to do it, we would do that. So it depends on what the motion reads from the city council. But again, at that 60 day point that the five month trigger would start, it would not start now. It would start 60 days after the member was seated. I get it. So really the question is, do you start your study now or do you start your study? Do you start your study essentially now based on direction or do you start the study three months after the fourth? This person is seated. Two months. Forgive me that that's the question. I mean, that's

essentially the options that the council has today. That's a question. That's for the council to decide. We will respond to whatever, I guess. I think I think they're a quick point of information. And it was a report of information, as I mentioned in my opening comments. First of all, this this this agenda item request that that no action delay any action regarding the request until receiving further direction from the city council and and originally stated 90 days after a city council member from the fourth District received it. And I also want to raise the point that there was the airport did undergo a feasibility study. And there are facts laid out in that feasibility study for this council to consider it in point before that as well. Can we go back to the speakers list? What I'm go

ing to do is I have a lot of people queuing up from before, so I'm gonna go to Mr. Andrews and then going go to this to the public, and then we'll go back to the council unless there's any objection from those are queued up. Okay. Unless you want to go for the public is up to you. Oh, no, that would be too late. I go first. Okay. Go now. Mr. Andrews? Yes, by all means, yes. I also. I and you know, Councilman Austin, I really, truly understand, you know, your concerns and your compassion. You know, about this item. But I mean, we all have responsibilities to our constituents. You know, I believe that we need to begin the process of gathering information because the city has never been harmed by having too much information. You know, it's information that we need. And I've heard a lot of speculation, but no facts. And I would like to hear what the city manager, the city attorney airport and JetBlue has to say. Even though getting this report would probably get back to this probably after 90 days, 90 days, but I'm willing to go along, you know, starting the process after 60. You know, that's a friendly amendment. Thank you. Okay. Now we're going to go over to the public and we're going to go back to the council. So, again, 3 minutes, please, everyone, just come forward. If you come forward, if you can just begin to line up at the podium and just make sure you give your name and address and we'll go from please come forward. How are you doing? Good. My name is Greg HERWICK at 2024. I am in the fourth District. I am not represented. I was very happy to hear about Pat O'Donnell's letter showing up. Thank you so much for being happy about it. We're happy about it because we are not represented. Pat was really tight within our community and pretty much everybody knew him as with or without the airport issue personally and for the people that live in my community. We don't need an international airport. LAX is not that far. Orange County is not that far. It's ridiculous that we would want to have bigger flights, noisier flights come into our community. It doesn't make any sense. Has anybody in the city council I know there's some new people here. Is anybody heard of the Triangle of Death? That's what Long Beach has basically been represented as this. More flights, more noise, more pollution coming through the middle of the Triangle of Death. That's basically how Long Beach is looked at. They long they line up from the pyramid, come over public schools. It's not about necessarily the noise or the number of flights. It's about the pollution. It's about how it affects our kids. The noise bucket, in my personal opinion, is a joke. If you live in the flight path or if you live on the take off or, you know, we're more on the landing side, it's it's it's a joke to the, you know, to the people in the community, the 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. flights. That's a joke as well. They they break that all the time. We had flights taken off at five, six, 7 a.m. on a regular basis

. There is nothing that controls this airport. And all you're going to do is make it bigger and get it more out of control for the people that live in the flight paths. That's it. I appreciate you putting on the snow day and picking up that slack from Pat O'Donnell and you guys coming out. But we need to be. Represented and before anything goes on, we. Need to be represented. Thank you. Next week, a police. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Council members. My name is John Deeds. I reside at 3600 Pacific Avenue. I have lived there for going on 45 years. But for the first 27 years of my life, I had a Naples home address. And just want to inject a little historic fact here. The last time that a recall effort qualified to go to a ballot. Was directed at my father, the third district councilperson and Tom Clark. And it was over there supporting. Jet service at Long Beach Airport. And with that, I will ask that you support Councilman Austin's motion. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Josephine Long. I've been a homeowner in the seventh District for about 25 years, and I opposed the international flight from the JetBlue Airlines. I love JetBlue. And as I look, I try to travel to them as much as possible. But as far as the international flights, I think they would only, as they previously said. More noise, more deaths, more traffic. More everything. That's not good for Long Beach. In L.A.X. is less than 30 minutes away. And so there's no problem going to there or any of the other airports that have the international

flights. But I think the homeowners that live in in Long Beach, as I said, they don't agree with the fact that they do fly earlier and later. They note it and it's an inconvenience for the homeowners there. So I ask you to take it into consideration and please do not allow them to have the international flights. Thank you. Thank you so much. And because the city attorney will consistently remind me and remind us, I just want as a reminder, the item before us is on the argument about the motion on the floor, which is to postpone any action until after the fourth District person is seated. So we want to make sure that we're keeping the the comments to that action. Thank you, sir. John Dilatory addresses on file. Honorable Mayor, City Council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. Everyone says, including everybody up there, that they will support and defend the Long Beach Noise Ordinance. The fact is, Long Beach has never successfully defended our airport noise ordinances. Our first ordinance adopted by the City Council in 1981 allowed a maximum of 15 daily flights. In 1983, 14, airlines challenged our ordinance in court. That federal district court determined that there were there was insufficient basis to support the 15 and up to to 18 1986. The City of Long Beach adopted an ordinance to limit the number of commercial carriers to 32. 1989, the ninth District Court invalidated the 1986 ordinance and ordered an

increase to 41 per day that we have today. In 2000, two American Airlines challenged our slot distribution and alluded to their assault on our noise ordinance. If an agreement had not been reached with JetBlue to relinquish four slots to American, the paperwork was ready to file against the city. Mary Garcia City Manager. Patrick West. This direction to postpone any further discussion on allowing JetBlue a Customs facility should also apply to you and your staff. City management, no doubt under the guidance of Mayor Foster and now you. Garcia has moved this project forward behind closed doors since 2013. There are if you actually take a look, there are studies looking at this that says this is not really that feasible financially for us. That was done in 2013. Working in the dark without any public participation. And transparency is not why you were elected to serve as mayor. Please wait for the fourth District Council person to be elected. Then let's have an open discussion to see if it's even worth pursuing an international airport. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Dennis Dunne, a staff update. I beg your indulgence for 10 seconds. I was presented with this document with what I was required to get. However, this is not enough. The map with the districts, the phone numbers should be enlarged and put in the library. It put it in the lobby, not on a table. Forgotten it. Thank you, Mr. Dunn. Next speaker, please. David Lewis, 840 West, 28/7 District. Last week, I was at a friend's house down in Orange County. Disney fireworks went off. I was startled. Didn't know what. It was at first. He said It's. Disney comes with the territory. Sunday night I was in my backyard yard. The smell of the, I guess, gas coming from the refineries over the way was nauseating. I've lived in Long. Beach for 20 years. In Wrigley. For 15. Comes with the territory. We had boats backed up in the air and in the waters here. Years ago there was talk about the US. Comes with the territory. I recognize what Long Beach is. It's a trade place with the ports. Not only does. Our local community, our federal community, but the world. Economy depends upon movement of goods and services out of Long Beach. I almost have a fatal. Attitude about living in Long Beach. And I don't think it's fair. I don't think. That Long Beach residents should go through the health risks that we go through. But I recognize. That it comes with the territory. We're not going to be able to slow down. The commerce at the ports comes with the territory. Now there there. You know, JetBlue wants to have an international airport at the Long Beach Airport. And we all know what that means. We all know where that's going to what that's going to mean. It's going to mean more revenue for JetBlue, more revenue for Long Beach. But at what price? There comes a time when we have to put not our health, but our children's health first before revenue. I know that it's kind of hard to stop the wheels of. Money. Bu

t that's what this is all about. JetBlue city of Long Beach making money. But at what price? Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. My name is Mario Cruz. I reside at 2315 Charlemagne in the fourth District, and I rise in support of Mr. Gurung. Mr. Austin motion to delay this vote. I appreciate his comments. As a resident of the fourth District, I have a voice and the residents of the fourth District have a voice, and that voice needs to be heard. I'm all for process, but there's also accountability. And with all due respect, none of you answer to my vote because I do not have a representative on this council. So notwithstanding your good remarks, you do not answer to me. Because I have not voted. And I want to vote. As far as time, it's not just the matter. Of bringing the council up to speed. There's the community consider. The community has to be about speed. You can't put a time limit

on that. And certainly 60 days is not enough, in my opinion. So I would. Good asked. Asked Mr. Ralston in agreeing to reject the friendly amendment when he as much time as we can get to consider this very important issue for the residents of the Fourth District. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes. Good evening. Ron soc, formerly of the airport commission from 2000 to 2008. I don't know where to begin. Maybe just a few facts there. I've heard statements tonight that international flights mean more flights, mean noisier flights jeopardize the noise ordinance. The sooner that we can get to the point of studying this and showing that it will be, it's apparent that JetBlue is not asking for more flights right now. They're flying 20 to 25 flights out of their 32. They need to fill those gaps to make it more economically viable for them and for the city. And so they're simply asking for international flights, which are just the same number of planes, same number of gates. No increase. No increase in noise. And so some of these facts, some of these claims have to be dealt with because there is a serious misunderstanding in the community. And the other point that I want to make is that one of the things when I headed the commission that we stressed was that the members, as the council members, represent all the citizens of the city, not just their own constituents, as Stacy Mongeau pointed out. She actually those were thoughts that I had. And I can't see your timing, somebody sitting in front of it there. Okay. So JetBlue has been a proud partner to this city and they've done a lot for the city and they've not done damage to the city. And they are simply asking to have flights that will go to Mexico possibly, and it will not enlarge anything at the airport. I would just ask Councilman Austin and your anger to consider some kind of compression of the time period or if there's a way the staff can be given working on the studies even before the April election. That would be a great help. And also, I'm not quite sure city manager were the three year period. What's that's co

mprised of. And perhaps at some point you could explain why it's going to take three years. Thank you, sir. Time time's all up. Thank you. Okay. Thank you so much. Next speaker. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the Council, Kurt Gaston, president of the Long Beach Airport Association. Thank you for taking the time tonight to discuss and receive our all of our comments on both sides. Of this issue. On the motion before you on behalf of the Board of the directors of the Long Beach Airport Association. And the airport business. Community. We again are here to confirm our unanimous support of the city's airport noise ordinance. We support your effort. To conduct the required due diligence on the. Facts that we believe support. Permitting. Permit international operations at the airport consistent with the provisions provided by the ordinance and slot allocation process. We appreciate the due diligence you need to receive in order to properly. Vet out and improve international flights. However, we ask you tonight not to unreasonably delay the process that will provide you those facts. But instead provide a 60 day window. Of time that will both permit the fourth District Council seat to be filled while providing staff the opportunity to finalize or prepare the required due diligence as a roadmap for you to consider all the specific and relevant details and facts. During this time, the candidates for the fourth District can participate and will be. Able to review the relevant facts and attend any community briefings. So that at the end of the 60 day. Period, the formal application. Can be submitted to this. Council for their review and action. Please do. Not consider further restricting use as an operational activities at the airport. That would. Be permitted under that noise ordinance. So that noise levels would be artificially kept below. That which is permitted. And any. International flight operations will only use existing. Slots, gates. Parking positions and no new passenger holding rooms. The arrival and destination. Locations for. Aircraft that will bring. Commerce, jobs and economic opportunity into the city in no way restrict or eliminate your opportunity or obligation as well as ours to manage and mitigate airport noise by enforcing without any fear what has and should be and continue to be a healthy, well defended policy. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Jane Naito. I'm a resident of the eighth District and have been since 1998. Mayor and City Council Members. You were all elected by the residents of Long Beach to represent their concerns and needs. Currently, the fourth District has no representation. In fairness to them, I strongly urge you to withhold any discussion or review of JetBlue's request for a Customs facility until after a fourth District Council person is in place. I know a plane flying from Mexico to Dallas makes no difference in the noise ordinance. I know that JetBlue is currently not using a

ll the slots allotted to them, so the noise level is reasonably quiet. I know that the minimum 41 commercial flights are signed and that only six of the 25 commuter flights slots are now being

utilized. What I don't know is if adding a customs facility to the Long Beach airport will invite the FAA and other airlines to challenge our current operation. I was part of the neighborhood group that challenged the city and business entities relating in 1923 against quadrupling the size of the airport to satisfy JetBlue. Thanks to our efforts, we have a beautiful airport that everybody loves. In addition to waiting until we have a fourth District Council member, I urge you to instruct city staff not to have any more closed door meetings with JetBlue. Some discussions have already occurred, and this is why it's raised the level of concern in the neighborhoods. We would love the opportunity to work with city staff and the Council on projects that impact us instead of finding out later what has been decided. Please consider the concerns and needs of the neighborhoods and the residents that voted you in office before the concerns and desires of JetBlue. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and members of the council. My name is Rob Mitchell and I'm manager of government and airport affairs for JetBlue Airways, which is based here in Long Beach at the airport. Two weeks ago, my colleague Rob Land, our senior vice president for government affairs, stood before you and expressed JetBlue's continued and longstanding support for the sanctity of the noise ordinance that governs operations at the airport. The request JetBlue submitted recently was a direct ask of the city to begin a process of fact finding due diligence and discussion. With the letter we submitted, JetBlue is not asking for nor expecting the imminent arrival of international flights at the airport next week. Similarly, with the request we submitted, we were not expecting the study of a reasonable, modest addition to the capabilities of the airport to be postponed for 90 days after the next councilperson from the fourth District is seated. Something that would take us to the end of summer before any work could begin, let alone a decision be made at acquisition of a customs facility at the airport will take staff work by the city. The motion before the council tonight prohibits staff from doing exactly what they are tasked to do all of the homework and due diligence in order to bring it back to council. For a policy decision later, staff needs to have to begin to have these discussions with engineers, architects and the operations team. How it is financed needs to be investigated. And then after all that, the Council must submit a request to and receive approval from the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection before a lengthy construction project could commence. If this Council wishes to delay a request made by a solid corporate citizen and a

request only to begin a process for as much as 4 to 6 months without any justification, then it certainly shouldn't. It should not stand in the way of the enormous research, due diligence and fact finding the city needs to undertake. JetBlue strongly supports that any delay this council votes on tonight explicitly avoid delaying the start of this critical investigatory work. The airport manager has a request from the majority tenant at the airport and undertaking the work I have described in no way rushes this process, nor does it force this council to act one way or another. If the city truly wants to be an international city, a progressive city, and a pro-jobs city, it must at least explore all the opportunities to do so. Long Beach has long been and will continue to be an airport with tight restrictions and a flight ordinance that enforces tight restrictions on flights. And we believe the airport is simply being utilized far less than these limitations currently announced allow. I urge the Council not to support the unnecessary delay and allow staff to begin the much needed work right away and shorten the minimum timeframe for which it can be allowed to come back to the council. Thank you very much. Mr. Mayor. Council members. My name's Joe Miller. I'm the chair of the Los Altos Center, adjacent neighborhoods in the fourth District. And I can't tell you how many hours I've spent in this chamber dealing with airport issues over the years. Long time before most of you have been here. And I can tell you that this is a very important issue for the fourth District, the fourth District residents. This is the thing that unites them as a community is their concern over the airport. And it's something that our councilman and now Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell understood. In fact, that's one of the reasons he was elected, is because our former councilperson did not understand that. And that's one reason he was elected. And for him to reach out to you from Sacramento on this issue is very, very important. And no one understands the fourth District right now more than Councilman and now Assemblyman O'Donnell. And the fact that he's reached out to you is very important. And I can tell you from my neighborhood, this is very, very important to our neighborhood. And as the JetBlue person said, we want to be a progressive city. We also want to be a Democratic city. And we really don't have a voice here. And as other people have said, we really don't have anyone who is accountable to us. You know, Patrick would pick up the telephone, call us, talk to the neighborhood leaders, just as I'm sure many of you do to

your own neighborhood leaders. None of you have my phone number. None of you can reach out to the neighborhood leaders in the fourth District, and we really need that. The other thing that Patrick did when the airport size was being debated, he worked with the other council people to come up with that. We don't have someone to work with you

u right now. We don't have a voice to tell you our concerns. We know that you talk to each other and you meet with each other. You you do that. We need someone on behind the dais doing that for all of us in the fourth District. And believe me, it is very, very important to all of us in the fourth District. That's why I'm here tonight, to ask you to please support Councilman Austin and councilman during this motion. And thank you both for bringing it forward. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Mayor and City Council. My name is Richard Ivey. I live at 242 East Bixby Road. I'm president of the Las Vegas Neighborhood Association. I love our city. I love Long Beach. When I was a student at Cal State, Long Beach, the professor would have to stop class twice an hour to wait for the planes to go over. I thank you, Mr. Austin, as and Mr. Durango, both representing our neighborhood in both the seventh and eighth districts. For your stance here tonight and how important this is. This is something that our noise ordinance is extremely fragile. And the impact that this could have if. Planes decide to come in here because it's convenient and it opens up an opportunity to mess with the noise ordinance, which I don't think the citizens of Long Beach fully understand how big a decision this is. If you mess with that noise ordinance, you could be looking at 100 to 130 flights a day. And I don't think the citizens of Long Beach. Are aware of how serious this issue is. And I would just ask that you not mess with it. Thank you. Next week, the police. Good evening. My name is Bill Goodell Outdoor. I reside in the eighth district, four, four, six five Cerritos Avenue. And I'm here to support Councilmember your ongoing Austin's motion or agenda item. Thank you for bringing it forward. I wanted to address a couple of things, specifically that Councilwoman Manga Mongo said earlier. You said that you're used to yourself as representing the whole city. I accept that. And you also said you represent the businesses and since the airport is in your business, then this district, that means JetBlue is your constituent. Correct? Okay. So basically, you you represent JetBlue among all of you guys. That would be your constituent. So I understand that seems logic to me. Well, they don't get to vote no. Maybe not with their voices, but with something else. Anyway, I didn't want no, I didn't want I didn't want this. I didn't want that. This reality. Sorry. Guys. Let's just try to. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. But anyway, I think it's reasonable to for you to suggest let's let's just keep the process going. Let's start the process. You said it's a three year process or. The three year plan. You forget that it's already been going on since over two years. City manager has said that there has been private discussions with city council members. Some of you, maybe not. All of you, but there has been discussion. The process has been going on for over two years and maybe just another five months, an

d it's going to be completed. And for this to continue without the representation of the fourth District is just not responsible at all. You're suggesting that what? Just finished a process? We need all the facts. We'll get the facts in five months. We'll have the new councilmember here and we'll bring her or him up to speed. I would suggest that it's going to require a lot more than bringing her or him up to speed. You need to think of this person needing to be in the process. If the people of the fourth district really are going to be represented, their representative needs to be in the process from the beginning as much as possible to the end, not just be brought up to speed. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and council members, Darryl Supernova, resident of the fourth District. Thank you for bringing this motion forward. Councilmembers Austin and Ranga after the study session on the 17th. I saw the mayor in the next day and I compliment him on his handling of one of the questions. And I said, You know what? I really like the way you reacted. You got out in front of it. You owned it. You addressed the fact that the city had made a mistake and talked to the city manager. You referenced him and said it was a personal. Issue and we took care of it. So first, I'd like to compliment. You, Councilmember, for getting out in front of this issue, owning it and putting it in front of the people. Also to I'll just react to a couple of things that were said. Council Member Mungo, thank you for taking up the slack. And to your staff, we are out a snow day. But again, she does not have a vote. So that's the issue here. Finally, there was a previous. Speaker said there's some type of question about the three year time frame. I just referenced our previous airport director said there was a three year frame. Our current airport director says. There's a three year time frame. These are the. Experts. And in today's

Language. Business Journal, I think there's. An online edition. Now, Dave Willunga has. An article that. Has that same quote. So I just want to clear clarify that point. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. I am Dr. Marshall Zamsky, 3917 Linden Avenue. And I wanted to definitely support Al Austin and Roberta Yar'adua's motion. I think it's very important. My concern is that we elected you guys. And to be on the council to represent us and yet the world. The wheels have been turning for an awful long time and it seems to me that the foundations of our country are based on democracy, and yet our city council doesn't seem to have almost any input into the process. So my feeling is that to support this this motion and to say that the city council should be involved at every point and be able to veto anything just because one big corporation wants some wants to muscle their way around here. It shouldn't be. It shouldn't be allowed. And that isn't what we elected our representatives, our city cou

ncilors to do. So anyway, that's. I just wanted to say that. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. Yes. Joe Sopel. You have my address on file, Mr. Mayor. City Council members. Alan Roberto, thank you very much for bringing this forward. It's been said in here that we're going to give time for the candidate, whoever is elected, to be brought up to speed. But the truth. Is, none of you are up to speed. You know, we fought this a decade or so ago. And coincidentally, the same people who were saying build it, build a build it are the same people here who have stood in front of you tonight and two weeks ago and said, Oh, yeah, we need international flights. It's a good idea. What's a good idea for JetBlue? If I was, JetBlue would be the thing I would be doing international flights. In fact, JetBlue has been working behind your backs. It's been going on for at least the last year. They've been talking to city staff. They've been talking to other council members who want to listen to them. But really, it's been behind staff. Why is this such a good idea? We've got LAX, we've got John Wayne. What we have is one hell of a great municipal airport. We fought for it. We didn't want it to be industry standards. We want it to be what it is. That was the key word. Industry standards quadruple the size. A previous airport advisor president stood up in front of you a little while ago and said, it's not expansion. It's not going to get any bigger. The truth is, it will get bigger. There is more square footage going to be added. They've got to build a terminal for international flights. They can't do it out of what we have. That's just not going to happen. We can't afford it. Our our airport is perfect. It's a perfect. Relationship. Don't screw. With it. Leave it alone. We've got something good. Tackle the big, big issues like the marijuana issue or downtown. We've got plenty of issues to tackle. You know, there's quite a few people in here holding signs right now. Back in the old days, we used to fill every seat with a sign. And people were really upset and they had a lot of energy. And that's what's going to happen again if you proceed on this. Now, we're just talking about a little study. It's referred to as the the camel getting its nose under the tent. That's what we're talking about. I'm a salesman. I know when you're not going a door and you want to get in there, what you do is put your toe in there, you put your knee in there, get your butt in there, and then you're into that door. Don't let JetBlue do that. They can wait because whatever decisions you do make is going to last for a very, very long time. Don't be rushed. Thank you. Thank you, Joe. Next speaker, please. Larry, would you click as the address? I do not live in the fourth district, but let me say this. I've been very impressed with the counsel position from the ninth District. And when our good councilman Price becomes mayor, maybe in eight years or with luck, maybe even sooner. All right.

Depending upon how fast in the Ninth Circuit Court moves. All right. Consider moving into the third district with very sharp mind. I like your approach. I see. This is one. If this project goes through regardless of its merits. It'll obviously as the last speaker been mentioned, it's going to be there for ages. All right. So the barn on this issue is a barn. It clearly is not on fire. Absolutely. So take the time to review it thoroughly. In respect to Councilperson Mungo's. Volunteering to vote for that district, giving her background. The people need to feel they are represented 100%. And as one who lives in a third district, I would take great umbrage of somebody coming in from another area that had not studied as well and is very familiar with anything related to Alameda Play or the Marine Stadium. That's not to say that your work is not appreciated. But the fact is, these people deserve to have someone there that is their official representative. Who they can hold responsible. For whatever vote, whichever way that person votes. Thank you. Thank you, Larry. Next speaker, please. Cecelia Leach. Seventh District 3645 Myrtle Avenue. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and all the council members for listening to all of our comments. I want to thank council members Austin and

Ranga for putting this motion forward, which I strongly support as well. It seems to me that one option that hasn't yet been discussed is the option of not moving forward at all. And while there are some who may oppose, some may support that option, so far, the JetBlue representatives appear to be saying that this would simply delay the process and assume that the entire process would go forward. I think that that is not, as other speakers have mentioned, a democratic process. And we need to have all options on the table and we need to have all of the city council members here. To discuss those options. I also just want to register some surprise at Councilmember Mango's assertion that supporting this would be pandering to those of us who are citizens with signs in the audience of which I am one, which seems to be contradictory to her statement that she represents the entire city. Thank you. Yes. If you like. Speaker, please. Hello. Good evening. Hello. Hi, Mayor. It's been a while. Mayor Garcia? Yes. And council members first. You know, I had something very nice and calm to read to you, but I have to make a comment on some of the discussion that was going on earlier when Claudia and Mr. West said that there was no study going on right now. That's a key word right now. There were actually two studies done. One was presented to the council, and I'm not sure what happened to the other one. For Askar and Associates presented in November of 2013 and the Megadeal Economic Study made comments that wouldn't support any further economic development of the city. Both of them stated minimal economic impact. Mr. West I'm going to say that you should have asked the Council if they were interested

in moving forward with this in 2013. They have been operating behind the scenes, doing studies, meeting with Homeland Security, taking it, doing term sheets and a lot of communication going in this direction while the neighborhoods have been sitting back there not understanding what was coming forward. So with that, that's that's my rant. And now I would like to say the nice things that I have to say, and that is to acknowledge that every district in our city deserves a leader that can advocate on their behalf, especially when such serious commitments are being considered. That's good leadership, and it's also the right thing to do. Imagine if the First District had not had representation over Pier J. The Green Port Policy, the Middle Harbor or other mega influencing projects from the Port of Long Beach that have daily impacts on Long Beach residents. If the Second District was not represented in discussions on our downtown plan, Civic Center ideas or the Entertainment District Studies, if the third district leadership was vacant without direction on the wetlands development, the second and PCH controversial plans, the Belmont Plaza Pool or the Naples seawalls, the fifth District. As homogenous as it appears, houses one of the most controversial aspects of our city, our airport, just as the port and the downtown belongs to everyone, regardless of their home district. So does the airport, which lies in the center of some of our most successful neighborhoods. The fifth has been faced with challenges with the transfer of McDonnell Douglas to Boeing, the massive reductions of Boeing, and then, of course, the direction of the Boeing development would take what it would take to best benefit and protect Long Beach and its citizens, the sixth District. It's a challenged community that bears the scars of poverty and the reputation of being outcast. Without a dedicated community person to lead, would they have found the solution to the loss of the Kroc Center at Shattuck Field or seen positive development within and around Cambodia town, the seventh District? In many ways a tale of two cities without a leader to champion the 710 expansion plan or the up and coming skate project. What would those neighborhoods be confronted with today? Ray I. Got a. Are you going to make me stop before I get to the district? It's not you know, I can I know I have to follow I have to follow the rules, actually. You know, the rules do allow you to give me 30 seconds. Right. But I'll tell you what, I don't have to go. What I'm going to do is as a as a as a deference. You are a former member of this body. I will let you finish, but I'd want the public to know that generally if it wasn't because you're in a formal council, it's very difficult to continue. So please continue. I appreciate that, Mayor. Our eighth district representatives have always been required to educate and lead our city when it comes to issues related to our Long Beach airport. Imagine if there

had not been an ED toddler, Jeff Kellogg on board to provide direction. Thank you, Al. And thank you, Roberto, for taking the lead on this. And then finally, the ninth District, much like the sixth uptown, has felt isolated and ignored for many, many years without the leadership and vision of Jerry Schultz, Val Lurch, Steve Neal and now Rex Richardson. What would the conditions be up there today? Together. The nine districts make up our vibrant, diverse city of Long Beach. What

happens to one district will eventually in some way impact the others, creating ample time for the next fourth district councilperson to settle in. Allows time for each one of you to better understand the history of our airport. Where I got. To. It gives you time. It gives you time to consider the pros and cons and the benefits and the risks. Thank you very much. Thank you very. Next speaker. Hello. My name is Richard Lindemann. I'm running for the fourth District Council seat. My address is 1605 Ohio Avenue. And I want to thank Alison. And Roberto Urunga for bringing forth this measure. And I think. Either 90 days or 60 days is probably a good thing. And I'll give part of my. Time to her so. It'll it'll work out okay. But I really appreciate it. And I think I truly think that we need to have a voice on the on the council. So I hope that you do pass this. And safety measure for us. Thank you. Thank you for your work. And I if there's anyone else wants to speak, I'm going to close the speakers list with you. If you're not up to the podium, please. No. Okay. I'm going to close I'm going to close the speakers list. You're our last speaker. Please begin. Hi. My name is Robert Casado. I live on a 2235 Miramar Avenue. I'm in the fifth District. Thank you for increasing the wattage on our lights on our street. We really appreciate that. I don't have any stats or any numbers here to show you or. To give you. What I do have is a love for aircraft. I grew up in La mirada, close to Fort and airport, always listening to private planes fly over. There was always air shows. I lived in Torrance for a while, close to Zamperini airfield, which was wonderful because there's always small aircraft flying Long Beach. I love Long Beach more than anything right now because it has a wonderful airport for short flights. For me, it's perfect. Sitting on my couch watching. TV, I can. Watch C-17s take off. I can watch F-18s go 500 miles an hour, pass the tower. I can watch. B-17s. B-29, super fortresses and any vintage aircraft fly over my house, you know, a few times a year. So my love for the aircraft, I turn into a schoolboy when I hear the radial engines of the Catalina airboats flying over just because it sounds different now, nobody does. That for 747 or 737. Or anything like that, because every jet engine like that of. That size sounds the same to me. My love for Long Beach is huge. I don't ever want to leave it. I love it so much. I love my fit district. I do a lot, but I honestly don't have.

Any numbers or anything here that's substantial. Except for a love of the aircraft. If you add more aircraft, more large aircraft, you're taking away the airspace from our pilots who have private planes, small helicopters, and you're taking it away from our World War Two veterans who sometimes come to Long Beach in those World War Two aircraft they fought. And so by taking up that space, you're taking away the love that I have for everything that is Long Beach and JetBlue. You just lost a customer. Oh, okay. Thank you, sir. That that concludes our speakers list and certainly, I think everybody for giving their comments. So we're going to go back to the city council and just so that we get a reminder of where we're at. City Attorney There is a motion on the floor just as a reminder from Mr. Austin and Mr. Rangel, which is at present. Is that correct, sir? That's correct. Mayor. The motion on the floor, as I currently understand it, is and I'm not sure if the friendly amendment was accepted, but it would be to delay. Further action for the direction of City Council and direct city manager to delay any request for direction regarding a customs facility until either 90 days or 60 days after full representation. So this would require the city manager to put an item on the agenda after 60 days. The Councilmember for the fourth district is in their seat for 60 days. Okay. So that so I'm not I don't care who made that friendly to Councilman Pryce did. So I want to be sure we know where we're at before we continue the speaker's list here. So, Mr. Austin. Mr. Austin, are you accepting that friendly 90. You know what? I want to wait to hear from the rest of the council on this. Okay. We accept the friendly women. Okay. So then the motion on the floor is as presented just for the record then. So I have speakers list councilman mongo. So let's start out on a positive note. I want to promote that this weekend we are having a fly in the Ford event at the airport and I hope that each of you will take an opportunity to revisit and appreciate the airport as it is today. Even if the vote did not pass tonight, that means that this would still be. Delayed at least through the study process through at least August. I want to make a couple of quick comments. Once elected. Knowing the importance of this item, I quickly met with the advocates and adversaries of the airport, including the Honorable. Where did she go? Where did she go? There she is. And Joe Suppo. And since then I have met with Joe, who, while I do not have his phone number, we do email occasionally and. I want to say that I do listen to public comment, and I really appreciate the comment from Mario Cruz, because while I do feel that every vote I take is a big part of this city's future, I always have such a positive attitude. I never considered the fact that the fourth District couldn't recall me. But it is true, and I appreciate that component. And that being said. I also

want to support the person who

said that the fee for landing after hours is not enough. I constantly hear planes land after that hour. Every time a plane lands after that hour, I get a call from my mother, of which I remind her to call the noise hotline so that the airline has to pay a fee to the library. But I cannot increase that fee without causing potential risk to the noise ordinance. And so that is why we keep the status quo in regard to that component. If it were my choice, it would be five to 10 to \$15000 per violation as it escalated with multiple. Issues. So let me let me offer a. A friendly amendment. I would like to have the study back and then I want 60 days because I want to use that 60 days to go into my community and have community meetings. And so having 60 days before nothing happens, which makes no sense because right now the city manager said he's not coming back until August. And so. That is significantly more time than is necessary for our colleagues to get up to speed. So what I would like to do is I would like the study to begin immediately and then I would like the two from four to the council so that and I would like it published publicly on the three website. So then I can email my mailing list, schedule one or two community meetings to hear how the communities which many of my community neighborhoods also fall in this district. And so then that would give me the time to go out and do the legwork. Because one of the things that really. Frustrated me about other items that come before this council is that they are given they give us ten days and ten days is not even enough time to get a community group together to discuss these kinds of matters. And so I think it's actually about the same amount of time that you are asking for, but in backwards order. Oh, no, no, no. Okay, I'm not. Hey, guys. I want to make sure that behind the dinosaur real quick. So just so I'm clear, Councilman Mango is asking for a friendly amendment to Councilman Austin. Councilor Brosnan. So Councilmember Mongeau, I do appreciate the the brainpower that you put toward this and the willingness to to kind of meet in the middle. But I don't see that as a friendly amendment. And I will tell you why, because the the intent here is to get a fourth District Council member seated and then have that person as part of the process. In terms of whatever study there is there, there are going to be points and issues that that that we deliberate as a city council to give direction to the city manager on. And so that is the intent of the the the motion here. I guess. Oh, don't clap yet. I guess the challenge for me on that is when the city management and the staff who we pay a great deal of money to and trust for, if we don't like what they do, we then have the opportunity to then remove that city manager. But I do put a lot of trust in them and the work that they do and they do gain direction. So I'm going to make a substitute motion that we begin the study and then the motion comes before co

uncil 60 days after that, so that I have time to go and reach into the communities and hear their feedback. Because while it's great to have a bunch of people come to council, I hear time and time again from the East Side that it is difficult for our parents and our soccer moms and all of the rest of them to make it down to City Hall on a Tuesday night at 5:00. And so I want to have those meetings in my community. Okay. Hey, guys. I want to make sure that we're we have a process that's respectful to it's hard to hear when there's people chatting. So I want to make sure that we're the council is able to deliberate fairly, but I want to make sure that I understand the substitute motion as I'm not sure. So the substitute motion was to begin the process of gathering the research now. And then the fourth district member sat and then six days after that, what exactly what happens? So I would like it to come as a two from four memo to the City Council posted on the website so that the community can deliberate for 60 days and discuss the ideas that are presented and or then make direction to the city manager to do additional studies. Because what I don't want is a bunch of meetings with no data. I don't think we can afford a customs terminal. I don't know where people think we're going to get ten, 20, \$30 million. I don't know why there's a point of even discussing it if we don't know the facts behind it. So I would like the facts gathered. That's why. Okay. So there's. So just for the record, there's a substitute motion. And is there a second on the substitute? Yes, there's a second on the substitute. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. And now we're going to move on to the speaker's list, which we have. So we'll continue that. And ladies and gentlemen, I want to make sure that we got we are we want you to be respectful. The council was respectful when everyone spoke. I want to make sure that we're all respectful to this deliberation process. This is we go through this on every issue that is big. And it's very important to obviously all of you. But please give the council the respect that they so they can deliberate. I also want you all to hear the comments. So thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I. Want to reiterate that I support

Councilmember Austin on this and I understand the intent behind it. One of my residents, Mr. Salt, spoke, and I respect him and I have incredible respect for him. But I wanted to talk a little bit about a few things that he said, because he is one of my residents and he's someone who has a great deal of experience with this. This is going to be a long term process. And I just think that there is no harm in waiting for our full body to be here as we start this process together. And I appreciate some of the comments that folks have made about, you know, you don't know the history. That's true. That's true. Certainly people with much more extensive experience and history of the airport could have run for office, but they're n

ot here. So the reality is that, you know, we took the as glamorous as it may seem, the process of jumping out there and trying to serve our communities. And we are trying to educate ourselves and understand the history. And I'm meeting with anybody who wants to meet with me on this issue. I've been meeting with everybody. And and I'm going to continue to do that. But I want to make it very clear that there is nobody sitting up here that knows the third district the way I know the third district. There is nobody up here that cares about the third district the way I care about the third district. I wake up every morning, every day. I represent the entire city, but I know my district in and out and I know what those people need. And I'm going to always fight for them. I represent the entire city, but I think just because of the introduction that I've received of the fourth District, specifically their businesses in regards to the medical marijuana issue, that they currently feel a void in representation because they had a very strong advocate for a long time and they no longer have that person. And I think that is a very valid point. And I told Council member Austin from day one when we started talking about this, that I would support him on this. The reason I offered the friendly of 60 is to try to reach some middle ground so that we could be somewhat united as a council. I mean, that would be my hope because I'm going to tell you right now that and I appreciate the mayor clarifying that the issue before us tonight is when we're going to start this process. It's not the viability of an international terminal. I mean, it's not whether we like JetBlue or not. I fly JetBlue with my family. I think they've been incredible business partners. I don't think that's the issue tonight. I think the issue is when do we start this process? I, for one, am completely open to exploring the idea. I'm not against this idea. I'm open to exploring it and studying it. It's just a matter of when do we start that process? That is the limit of the discussion tonight. And we're talking about a three year process. I don't think 60 days or 90 days, I don't think is is any amount of time in the big scheme of things. I will say that one of the reasons I recommended 60 Days was because I feel that the authors of this item didn't feel that strongly about the 90 days to begin with, that they were open to considering a different timeline. It's not that they were steadfast on the 90 days, and so it was really is a point of compromise to try to get us all together. But you know what? We don't all have to be together. We don't all have to be united. That's okay. It's nice if we proceed that way, but that doesn't always work out. So that's my recommendation. I will be supporting Councilman Austin, and I would hope that he would consider the friendly amendment even if it doesn't result in consensus. I would hope that he would. I think 60 days is going to be enough time for our new cou

ncil colleague to engage and meaningfully take this on. That's just my opinion. Thank you, Councilwoman. Next up is Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Okay. And so right now we have the substitute. Is that right? Councilmember Price. I think the comments that you had made, were you asking about a friendly to Councilmember Mango's motion? I am checking for clarification right now, but I had made a friendly and. Councilman Austin had said he would like to wait until he hears from his colleagues to decide whether he'd accept. Just a point of order. I don't believe I can accept that friendly right now. But should it come back and the motion before us fell on that friendly, we could definitely have a favorable conversation about a friendly amendment. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for that clarification. I want to thank Councilwoman Price for her comments. I agree with you. I'm not in favor of not seeking information. I do want to know and have this issue vetted. I think it needs to be vetted. But I also respect and value the opinions that you come to this council with tonight. While you might not be representative of the entire fourth District or fifth District or the entire city, you've taken the time to come out here. And and what I can hear is that you would like more time for this deliberation. I agree with that. At the same time, I also have never been in favor of stopping our insatiable quest for information, for knowledge. And I think that's part of why we're here as well. We're not here because we know all the answers or we have all the data I count on. And I think each council member counts on our staff and whomever the staff hires with council

direction on the information that they bring back, there's just no way this is a part time council. And so I would be troubled if we actually put a halt to acquiring the knowledge. And so I'm not fearful of that. I'm not fearful of what the outcome might be. I actually like to more no more than less. And so, Councilmember Austin, given that this is something that you're working on, you feel very passionate about, each of us feels very passionately about it as well. I mean, none of us has a monopoly on any particular issue, but. Would you be open to? Councilmember Mango's motion, if I can recall it correctly, is to continue work. And have I believe she said have the two for from come back in 90 days would you be open to. No. Can you repeat that. The two four from would still take I think the city manager said five months. So that would be August and then that would give us time, 60 days, August and September to meet with our community. My fear is if we move this into the Christmas time, turnout from the community plummets. And so I was hoping to have really good, nourishing dialog with my constituents with facts in my hand. I don't want to have meetings that have no facts. And so I was just looking for data. And then 60 days, it actually comes out to the same or more time than our asked for, which is why I'm so c

onfused of why the crowd didn't like it, because it it just makes no sense to me. I'm confused, I think probably because I was perhaps my being confused wasn't unique. Okay, now I understand that does sound like the right the same amount of time as Councilmember Austin had asked for. And so if we can focus on one key aspect that you raised, Councilmember Austin, which I think others have raised and concur with, is the seating of the Fourth District Council member. I believe it's very important. It's critical. And so if we can benchmark. Whatever motion it is to first that person being seated. But also make sure the staff doesn't stop its work. I'm what I don't want us to communicate is that we are afraid of continuing research and work. When the point of decision comes back, that council member will be here to provide direction, to provide input, to deliberate with the rest of us. We are not taking action. And so my question is, would you be open to a motion that whether it's council member Mungo's or your own, a motion that would ensure that the fourth District Council person is seated? Staff is able to continue its work that we are not putting a gag order on their due diligence, which is really in all of our best interest at least to have that knowledge. You don't have to act on the knowledge. I don't either. And then to determine a time frame when the item comes back after the person is seated, whether that's 60 days, 90 days, sometime before Christmas, I hope, because I agree. I think Thanksgiving to Christmas is an unfortunate time for policy items, but not for anything else. So would you consider that? The long and short answer is no because. Because the point, the spirit and intent of the agenda item was to halt any work that has been done up to this point. You know, I think it's important for the city council to have input in on the direction on how we move forward. We just got a letter last week from Jet Blue, right. Asking us to move forward again. They are asking us to move forward. Not compelling us, not pushing us. There's nothing in their letter that says we have to move forward at all. Be quite honest with you. So. So I like Councilmember Pryce and many other council members. I'm open to hearing the case, but I don't think we should be committing any more staff resources because we've already committed quite a bit up to this point without council direction. We need to make sure that there is clear council direction on how we move forward and proceed forward. And a fourth district representative needs to be seated. For us to do that. Okay. I know. They surprise me a little. So thank you, Councilmember Austin. I think that's. I'm I'm glad I asked the question and I have that clarification from you. For the most part, I agree with you. I mean, I'm not in agreement over staff stopping work. So if I can ask, Mr. West, what is this work that just I know you've said it a couple of times, but please reiterate it for me. What is this work t

hat you're doing? I think it's clear that back in 2013, JetBlue approached our current airport director, Mario Rodriguez, and there were discussions. There were two memos that were sent to the city council regarding those discussions. At that time, there was a lot of things happening in the city where the Civic Center going. We had a lot of stuff going on at Tidelands. So I directed Mr. Rodriguez just to stop and let's wait until we cleared our plate a little bit to go forward. A few months later, Mr. Rodriguez left us for another position, and then we made the decision. I made the decision informing the council that we weren't going to take this up until Mr. Francis was seated. So Mr. Francis is seated. So this brings us to where we're at today. So at this stage, what we would do with the council direction would go hire an expert firm in the customs arena, and they would work with us to provide us the metrics where we could come to the city council and let you know whether

this is something that can possibly be done financially. Can it be done administratively? Can it be done operatively? Can it be done geographically? Where would you put it and how would it operate and all that? Again, this would not carry any recommendation whatsoever. If we found out early on that it doesn't make financial sense. If it doesn't make financial sense, we wouldn't go forward with it. But after a five month period with this consultant looking at industry standards for airports and look at airports of our size throughout America that have done this kind of stuff, then in five months, we'd given that study to the city council. Then the city council would discuss that study and what to do with it. Okay. Thank you. So I would like to make a substitute. Substitute motion. And that motion would be to start the process or continue the process, as Mr. West has indicated, and come back in 90 days after the council district. I'm sorry, after the member of the council. It's a little late night after the fourth District Council member is seated. It's not. Okay. So, guys, ladies. Gentlemen, I can't continue that. Please. I just want to make sure we're being respectful. That's a different motion than the original motion. So I just want to make sure that we're being respectful. The difference and the key difference of that motion and the original motion. Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. City Attorney, is that Mr. Austin's original motion would come back for an affirmative vote of the council before automatically moving forward. Is that is that correct? That's correct. The original motion asked for direction from the council prior to beginning the study is described. So that's that's a very different motion. So I just want to make sure that that we're very clear. Okay. So we have now a a substitute substitute. Is there a second on the substitute substitute? Okay. There is a second. Can you. Okay, so let me just get clarity. You got how many? How much time is this? 90 days after the p

erson is seated in the fourth district. So the way I see this before. I mean. Well, hold on, Councilman. You're next on the Q. So, no, I don't I'm not I have questions about her motion. You can you can go into it because you're next on the Q. So I'm tracking this. So it looks like Councilman Austin's motion says, okay, folks, get seat in two months in the fourth District. Correct. And 30 days after the election, they'll get seated. Right? They'll get seated. They won't get seated the day they're elected. It's when they get seat. Two months from now, they get seated. Then three months it would come back to the council after after 90 days per your motion, it will come back to the council. So that puts us at five months. Okay. Or friendly 60. And then it and then it says five months later, there will be. That's how long it takes for the study to be concluded. The correct city manager. Five months. The study would take approximately five months. So five months. My calculation that puts us January 2016 is ten months from now. That puts us in January. Councilmember Vice Mayor, where does your so yours has us in 30 days. Know it? How many days after the election? 90. So 90 days after the two months it takes for the person. Not after the election. After they're seated. So after they're seated. Correct. They'll be seated in May. So that puts us at five months from now. So five months from now, that puts us in one August. So the question between the two motions are when the city council gets a vote on it. August or December. And the key difference between the two, I think, is it's also when staff would actually begin the data collection piece and so on. On Councilman Austin's motion, the data collection would not begin until sometime a few a couple of months after the council person is seated. But for that data collection to begin, it would first require a affirmative vote of the city council. The difference with Vice Mayor Lowenthal is motion is the motion. Would the process for the city manager would begin now, which, according to the city manager would take approximately five months. And so that the that the couple of months after the person is seated would fall around five months. And so it would be around the the August time period. So that's I think that's the difference. Here's here's the challenge that I want to I want to get to a place. I'm hoping that we can get to a place. And I understand you have a motion. And because I have the floor, I could second it. But I want to see if things are still malleable. Here's here's what I'd like to see. There's the difference between the two or is a difference of five months. And I need to have an understanding, like right now, the way I see this is very the council's very divided. I'd like to see if there's some middle ground and see if there's a place, if Councilmember Alston, like what do you really want to get out of this? Do you want to get this? January 2016 is where you want to take up this issue. Is t

hat what you're trying to get to or in council vice chair more so I see this timeline is the same timeline that the that the city manager put forth. If he were to start today, it would take five months. So five months from today would be essentially the same timeline. So we've got a five month gap and I don't want to be in a place where we're being divisive. Let's meet in the middle. That's my

that's what I'm offering to be met in the middle. One person is saying January, another person is saying August, meet in the middle. Is that possible? There's no substitute substitute right now. You have a substitute. You can change it to meet in the middle. If I hear from Councilmember. Actually, just to clarify, let me clarify. I have the. Floor. There. No, let me clarify that. Is this a substitute substitute motion? There was a substitute motion by Councilwoman Mongeau. I understand we're talking about the substitute. Which has a sup which has a second. It has a second. It does have a second. It does. But I'm still listening, though. I am still listening, thinking I'm sorry I don't have. The I want to get to a place where honestly there's going to be a discussion about the international airport and we will have to take an up and down vote on it. And what we're talking about right now is whether we have when we take that vote between August and January and honestly, the ninth District, I said it earlier, we're not in the flight path. I want to be neighborly. I think there were some good concerns today about the fourth District not being seated. I would hate for those things to happen. I feel that everybody on the council here feels the same way. So what I'm trying to get to is I want to debunk and get past all the high energy here and get to a compromise. Can you guys meet in the middle? Mr. Mayor, may I just give a quick response to that? Absolutely. So what is really important for me is to not stop our learning process and to not stop acquisition of information. That's that's important to me. I'm troubled by our direction that we stop staff from doing their work or the work that I trust them to do. I have many items on my policy plate that I'm not ready to take a position on today, but my staff is still vetting it. They're not waiting until I'm ready to take a vote and things take years. And so that's my most important aspect to this motion, is not to stop staff work. I think that's irresponsible. I understand. So what I'm trying to hope I'm just driving a conversation that hopes hopefully gets to a meeting in the middle and if there's any, that's what I want to get to. If I'm I hope that we can have that conversation here and then I'm not forced to be in a place where I have to pick between the airport and the community. I think we can be reasonable and we can get to this point. And and you guys all control the motion. I can take no action right now, which is what I would have done, but I can't take any action. So this is ultimately up to all of yo

u, and I hope that you get there. Okay. Thank you. I may turn this back to the next speaker, which is Councilmember Austin. Yes. Thank you. And and as I predicted, this would get caught up in the friendlies the most and substitutes and substitute substitutes. And this is normal par for the course for this council. I appreciate the everybody trying to get somewhere. I want to be very clear. I work for the city of Long Beach. I represent the residents of Long Beach, not Jet Blue. And I'm not compelled to to move their agenda tonight without a sport district representative seated. This is about process. And what the the current motion fails to do is fails to give the city, the fourth district representative, a voice at the table. The item that I brought forth would. Halt the process. It would wait until there's an election. But it would also bring this item back before the city council and allow the city council to be part of the discussion in terms of process moving forward. We would give direction there. The way this is now is allow staff to just do what they do, you know, and have their own process without our input. And I think that's wrong. So I would really ask this this council to step up and understand that that moving forward would be irresponsible and, in my opinion, undemocratic if we were to to vote on it in favor of the substitute substitute motion or the substitute motion. I want to get back to the original motion and the intent of what we came here to do tonight night. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I have so I have I have two more speakers. And then we're going to go back to the motions, which of which there are three on the floor. And I will repeat those and make clear clarify those before we move forward. Next up, I have Councilwoman Mango. Thank you. Councilmember Richardson, my motion is in the middle. And let me tell you why. My motion gives us information by which we can vet with our community to come back to the council in November, which is between August and January. And at that time, we can give direction for additional information or not. But what I don't want is for us to come back in 90 days to give direction to the city manager with no more information than we have tonight. And that's that's where I'm stuck again. I'm not here to advocate for one side or the other. What I'm here to advocate for is information and a place in the middle. And so. If that met what Councilmember Richardson was thinking and hopefully meets what everyone else is thinking, then maybe we'll vote down the substitute. Substitute and get to the substitute. Just a thought. Okay. And the final speaker we have council. Council member. You're Ranga. And then we're going to go to the substitutes motions and go down the go down there. So consider your anger. Okay, so now I'm all confused. No, I'm only kidding. Basically, what it comes down to is not. Whether we continue forward or hold it for longer or

cut it shorter or initiate a process or not. Wh

at it's all about and what our original motion was or is, because it's still there on the table. Is to wait until a fourth district representative is seated. At that point, we start the process of informing staff or giving staff direction about how we want to study conducted. It's a council driven process as opposed to a staff driven, driven process. We provide we provide guidance and direction to staff as to what we want to see in this study. That's why we wanted to have to wait for a election to take place with a person to get seated, to get acclimated, and then once that happens, start giving direction to staff. What we want to see in the study, whether it's what's the effects going to be on the noise ordinance, what the effect is going to be in the flight, on the number of flights, all of that. Because that fourth district representative is going to have to have all that information in order to make a responsible, sound, informed decision. And if we and if we say that, okay, we do it now. Start the process now. That's a staff driven process. That's not what we're after. What we're after is a council driven process. And that's where we have to take control here behind these, not over there, with all due respect to my colleagues. So that's where I want to go back to my origin. Our original motion is to wait for the 90 days. If it's 60, fine, but 90 days after the person is seated so that that individual can become part of the process and helping to direct staff how we want the study conducted. Thank you. And I. I have one. I think I have one final person cued up. And then, Councilor Richardson, did you queue up again? So. That's right. I'm the guy who didn't want to talk about this. So. So. So I'm just I'm. I won't. I hoped that we got to a place that it was like a meeting in the middle, because at the end of the day, like, the council is going to have to vote on this how to vote on this airport, the motion that's on the floor. It doesn't take me where I want to go. I'm not going to be supporting that motion. And and I think so. I'm not going to be supporting that. And I appreciate Councilmember Mungo's suggestions. I would be open to considering that if, you know, I, I want to get to that point where we can talk about it, because it seems like there's been like maybe one or two people talking compromise, maybe three people in the council talking compromise. And we need to at least I think there's there's some entrenched sides here. And I think we need to get to the folks in the middle to make this motion. So that's where I want to be. So I won't be supporting the motion on the floor. Okay. Now I'm going back to I have I have summary low and thought of cued up. There you go. So if I hear you correctly, Rex, I think you're right. There are several of us here and probably all of us that would like to work toward a compromise. This isn't something that should be. Bare minimum votes. And so I'm willing to withdraw my motion and I will be supporting

Councilmember Mango's substitute motion. Can I do that, miss? Yes. We're just. We're. Madam Clerk. We're going to go ahead and withdraw the. The substitute. Substitute? And now we have a substitute motion on the floor, which is the manga motion. Okay. Correct. Okay. I'm going to restate it for you forward. Vice President, are you out? Do you have anything additional? No. So it doesn't have names next to the substitute, do they? Thank you. Mongo and Lowenthal. Okay. Thank you. Now, I'm going to go before I move on to Councilman Price, who's next cued up. We are on the substitute motion and I'm going to have Mr. Sinatra. Do you want to repeat the motion for the council? MAYOR Members of the council. The substitute motion, I believe, made by Council District five and second by Council District two was to direct the city manager to begin the study immediately. And that process would take approximately five months at the conclusion of the study. The study would then be provided to the Council in a memo form to be published on the city website and then would be brought back to the council 60 days after it's published. Okay. That's the substitute motion on the floor. I do have a short speakers list. I'm going to get through that. Councilman Price. I guess the trouble I'm having is. What. Are we foreclosed from doing? Outreach with our communities if we wait 60 days or 90 days? I mean, I guess that's what I don't understand. So for me, I feel like the staff is going to be doing their work. And unless I've missed something, it's not like they're going to be reporting back to us regularly such that we have this updated information. I think they're saying it's going to take them about five months to do their study and their their research and what they have to do. So I don't know that we would have actual, tangible information any way to do outreach with the community. So for me, you know, I would like to do outreach with the community as well. I just you know, in the big scheme of things, I just don't think we're talking about that much time. And I've communicated this to people that are proponents of moving this forward is that I don't know that this is the battle that's worth the fight right now,

because all we're asking for is a little bit of time to allow the fourth district representative to be involved in the process. Let's say, for example, that staff starts this process and there is a legitimate concern or idea. I mean, sometimes my council colleagues have great ideas that I didn't think about. They're brilliant in many ways. And so and sometimes they highlight things that I would have never thought about. Let's say our new councilperson has an idea or thought of something they'd like the staff to explore or look into that they know is going to affect them. Or of course, they'll have the opportunity to do that after the study is done. But to me, it makes sense for them to be involved in the process like we are. We're all involved in the process to

gether. And so I don't think we're foreclosed from doing outreach and doing that meaningful community outreach when we if if we wait. That's that's all I'm saying. I might be missing something here. I just I guess what I'm and perhaps it's because I don't know the history. To me, it seems like this is not an unreasonable request for for a delay. I just it seems reasonable to me under the circumstances. So with that. Thank you, Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Austin. Starting the work. Again. I'd just like to first of all, thank all of the people who have endured and stay with this all night here. Obviously, this is an important issue and the council is giving it the the time it deserves and the thought it deserves moving forward. I'm going to go back to the original intent here. And again, I think council member Urunga summed it up best. This is a we're trying to accomplish a council driven agenda here on on anything moving forward with the customs facility at Long Beach Airport. Again, the staff has been working on this issue for close to two years. There has been feasibility studies that I see you shaking your head. Council, I mean, City Manager West. Can you tell us how much has been currently committed in terms of resources to to to this to this to this effort? I can't tell you entirely, because the resources committed. Were back in October and November of. 2013, as I mentioned, because we had so much on our plate after we brought the memos to the city council's attention regarding the work that Mr. Rodriguez was doing with Jet Blue. I personally made the decision because our workload was so tight to just stop this until we until we had some time to put some time into it, get to the city council. At that time, Mario then decided to leave. I pointed Reggie Harrison with the same direction to not engage JetBlue, not to process this. So I can affirmatively tell the city council with, with all due respect, that no work on this has been done since November 13. Okay. Well, that's what we're showing. And thank you for that clarification. There was a feasibility study done. There was a consultant hired to do that feasibility study. That feasibility study is available as public record as I believe. And so to to satisfy somebody's insatiable quest for knowledge that our council and council colleagues may have. There is some information out there and there has been work done. Again, we are trying to get to a point where this is a council driven situation where we can eliminate all of the the the the the conspiracies out there. We can do this in a transparent way. The process will be clear. And so, therefore, I'd like to offer a substitute substantive motion to incorporate the original motion, but ensure that. That after 60 days the city council can provide is is in a position where after 60 days the city council can provide city manager direction on how to proceed forward with the request for international customs facility. Okay. Mr. City, attorney. M

ayor and members of the council that I don't see any distinction between your original motion, which requires the city manager. Well, let me. Clarify let me clarify that. Let me clarify myself. The two steps to motion will ask for 67 days as opposed to 60. That that wouldn't be a substantial change in order to make it. Well. The original motion was 90 days. So I think the substitute substitute motion incorporates the friendly and we'll days to 60 days. The question on the floor would have been, had you already accepted the friendly amendment and you had he mentioned a couple of times he. Has not accept the fact. No. Can I be heard on that? Real quick. Just real quick. So I'm sure there's a back over to the person who has the floor. But that fully amendment was not accepted by the councilmember yet. Councilmember Austin, Susie Price had a point of view. Do you have a point of order? Well, I do, actually. When I originally made the friendly councilman, Austin accepted the friendly at that time. And as he did, he talked about how when he and Councilman Councilmember Urunga were discussing this agenda item, they talked about the 90 days, but that they weren't completely I'm in court all day long so I can transcribe things like it's nobody's business. He talked about how they they have they talked about the 90 days. They weren't tied to the 90 days. They thought that that was overly ambitious and that 60 days seemed reasonable. In my opinion, that was an acceptance of the friendly when then we did some confusing things. But when it came back

to him, he said, I want to hear from the rest of the council. By that point, he had already accepted the amendment. Well, just Mr. City Attorney. I was under the impression that he did not accept the friendly amendment. But we can roll the tape. I don't think we need to roll the tape, but I think that I wasn't clear on whether it was accepted. I respect Councilwoman Price's position, but I think it was he wanted to hear it. I wanted to hear additional comments before I accepted their friendly stance. So that so the difference, as I understand the substitute substitute motion now incorporates the friendly it requests the further direction from the City Council, which was already in your original motion and changes it from 90 days to 60 days. And the subsequent change, in my view, is that 90 to 60 days of the motion. So that's correct. Okay. We're going to go through the motions. There is a substitute substitute motion that is essentially Councilmember Austin's main motion with the change from 90 to 60. Okay. Then we have a substitute substitute motion, which is the mongeau motion, which begins a process today or at this time, but then waits until 60 days after to come back to it, to come back to council for more direction. And then there's the main motion, which is the motion that we have before us, which is back to 90 days. All right. Those are the three motions on the floor. We're going to go ahead now. Go to two

votes on these motions. Madam Clerk, are you. Are you correct? You ready? Okay, so on the substitute substitute motion, please cast your votes. This is the motion by Al Austin. Council member, Austin. Every motion carries for three. Okay. So the motion. The motion carries. Okay. All right. So now just just just to be clear. The City attorney. So I want to be sure everyone's issue like this is important that where everyone's on the same page. So do you want to repeat what past? Certainly, Mayor, members of the council, the substitute substitute motion passed 4 to 3 to withhold any action by the city manager until 90 days are until 60 days after full representation or until the 60 days after the fourth District Council person is seated, at which time the city manager will come back to the City Council for additional direction on the study for regarding a customs facility. Thank you. And what I want to just say, I know I haven't had a chance to say any comments. I want to make sure that a few things. One is, I want to thank everybody for coming out. I know this is an incredibly important issue to a lot of people, and it's important for us to hear all points of view on any issue before the council. And so I know it's contentious. I know it's emotional. I know that for a lot of you, you've been in this in this airport conversation for a very, very long time. That dates back before anybody was here, sat on this current council. So I understand that. And I also think it's important. I think staff understands that this is obviously clearly an incredibly important topic to a lot of folks, not just some of the council colleagues, but people in the community. And so as we move forward through this process, I think, Mr. West, the more that there's an opportunity to check in and provide, you know, public check ins about what the where the process is and where things are going, I think will serve everyone to ensure that people feel that there is a transparent process. And what I don't want what I don't want to happen is I don't want because listen, our staff works very hard and they have a lot of issues, not just this one that they're working on every single day. And they're also sometimes trying their best to get things done and bring information to the council and bring information to me as well. And what I want to make sure also is this is I think the more transparent we are in this process, I think it's not just better for the community, but it's Mr. West it's better for staff as well. I think everyone it's out it's out there and everyone gets a an even look into what's going on. So thanks again for coming down. We have a process and Madam Clerk, we're moving on. I'm sorry. Item. Yeah, we're. We're going to go to item 24 after a quick take a quick recess. So the one minute recess for a restroom. I'm going to roll the tape. Yeah. I want to know. How you do it. You know. Oh, my God. So I could. Like. I was going to ask her. She knows. Everything. But anyway

. Here is your time. You're doing all right. Oh, we love. I got the answer. Okay, so we're just like, Hey, we let it go. I want to catch. So I would conclude. I need to find out. When they we're allowed to go. Back here and talk to Mr. Brady. All right. Issue. Should. I have no idea what we're like. Yeah. Yeah. So there. Because I know I be able to hear. I just didn't want. Well. A better way. Yeah. I feel like. Yeah. So are you. Do you? Really? Oh, yeah. I feel like I'm going to. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Be. Yeah. Where? People like you don't want. You got it right? No, not all. Well. It's not the. Okay. Why don't we go and back into session so I can have the council grab their seat? I would be like. Pretty. Okay. Madam Clerk. Would you like me to take a roll first? Vice Mayor Lowenthal Councilwoman Price. Councilwoman Mongo. Councilman Andrew's Council Member. You Ranga.

Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Mayor Garcia. I'm here. Thank you. Next item, please. Item 14 Report from Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications, Fire, Health and Human Resources and Police recommendation to execute a contract with the City of Los Angeles to receive and expand Department of Homeland Security Grant Fund for 2014. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant in the amount not to exceed 5,489,000 and increase and increase appropriations in the General Grant Fund in the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications. Fire. Health and Human Resources. Human Services and Police and Fire. Thank you. There's been a motion in a second by Austin and Andrews. Any public comment? Please come forward. Very good you suggest. We're talking about sizable sums of money here. And given the recent release of information from the wallet report that. Essentially says that Long Beach is has the second worst management in the country. I think it makes sense to ask for a amend this request and ask for a dollar amount sufficient. So the city can hire. A master. To oversee. The management of the city for at least the next six months. To make sure this money is well spent. I think the message will not be lost on the federal authorities. They don't like wasting money. And to, on its face, turn over large amounts of money. Where you've got malfeasance management. Even if we were the fourth worst in the country. It's a good business decision to. For them to hedge their bet. You can make the case. I think we should be able to get a good master for this city if we pay them at least. The same is where we are now. Blowing in the wind when we pay our city manager. Although quite frankly, I think I'd be willing to spend a little bit more. To get more confidence. So it makes sense. And I would hope this is a council. It it's not going to cost you anything to ask for it. The least they can say is no. And it will instill in them a little bit of confidence to say it will. Jesus, at least these people recognize they have a problem.

It's not that they don't know. All right. They recognize they have a problem. They're in a quandary. How to fix it. And maybe with these additional funds. We can fix that problem faster than the projected date that I see is now is probably August or September. Thank you. Thank you. Any other public comment? CNN members, please cast your vote. Motion carries eight zero. Next item 16. Item nine Communication from Councilwoman Mongo. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Councilman Andrews. Councilman Richardson recalled recommendation to cancel the city council meeting of August 4th, 2015, due to National Night Out. Thank you, Councilman Mango. National Night Out is a fantastic event that last year, once I was elected, was the first year that I could not attend, and we had several dozen community groups get together and host events in their communities. And I really felt like it was an important part of my role as a councilman to be encouraging the community groups to meet on National Night out and to stand up for themselves and public safety. And so I would hope that considering how long our council meetings go, it might just make more sense not to have one because we we thought last year we'd be out by seven and make the rounds. But Commander LeBaron and I weren't able to make it to any because of actually, I think he got out a little earlier than I did, but we were here so late that we couldn't attend any of them. So I hope that we will be supportive of getting out in our community and talking to the neighbors. Councilman Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. You know, I'm glad that we brought this forward because I was wondering what it'd be like to attend the National Night Out. And then on Wednesday, the community comes together with, you know, with the various activities. And since I've been in my office, my staff members have always had to attend and volunteer if needed. So I'm looking forward to this myself, and thank you for bringing this forth. This is not going. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Councilmember Mongo, for bringing this forward. This is huge national night out and it continues to grow. We've got one of the best ones in the Gardenia Avenue BLOCK Club. You know, we've got a number of neighborhood associations who host them. And because I have come to city council meetings for the last five years since I was chief of staff as well, I've never had the chance to actually attend one of them. So. So I look forward to the opportunity of attending my first national night out because I will not be at the city council meeting. Should the city council vote on this item? Sure. Thank you. Next, we have a many Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to appreciate Councilmember Mungo's effort to raise awareness and generate interest in crime prevention activities in our community. District to neighborhood and business associations have partnered with Long Beach PD to host National Night Out events in the past, an

d I certainly welcome their collaboration this year. Hopefully if we are to take action on this, many of us will have an opportunity to visit these folks that are partnering with our police department. Thank you. Okay. Next up is. Sorry Councilman Rasta thank you. And I have myself attended many national night out so not since I've been on the council and you know I will be supporting this this motion. However, I do know that, you know, the reason we don't get an opportunity to do this generally is because this is this falls right in our budget cycle. And I was curious to know whether or not, you know, if the budget is going to be released on that day. Are you are we going to wait a week to comment on that? Or is there going to be a study session or anything like that? Yeah, there actually is going to be a study session, a pretty in-depth study session, from what I understand earlier in the day. Or it will be at four and then it will be over by the time the events start. At about 330. But I'm not I mean whatever time that it gets an upsetting but sure. Okay they'll figure it out. Nexus. That's it. There's any public comment on the item saying that please cast your votes. Motion carries eight zero. Item ten. Item ten, report from the city manager. Recommendation to increase contract with drill tech drilling and shoring for a total amount not to exceed 6,400,000 for the completion of the Ocean Boulevard Erosion and and Enhancement Phase two project. Complete the construction and increase appropriations for the Tidelands Operation Front in the City Manager Department by 1,700,000. Item 15, report from City Manager Recommendation to adopt three resolutions. First, to join the Victory Pace program. Second, to join the California first program. And number three, consenting to to inclusion of certain properties within the jurisdiction in the California Hero program. It was emotion, motion, a second and public comment. CNN. Please cast your vote. Oh. Was your public comment? Yeah. Please come forward. I thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. Members of the council. My name is Alex Mitchell. I represent the hero program. Just wanted to let you know that the hero program. Has been in California for the last three and a half years. We're in. Over 20. We're in 28 counties, and we've completed over 29,000 energy efficient projects to make homes. Greener and more energy efficient. And this includes anything. From solar to water. Efficiency. We've done. Almost. \$550 million in home improvements. And just in water. Alone, because that is a very important, timely issue. We have saved over 5. Billion gallons of water in homes and that's equivalent to 16 million showers. If you have any questions in regards to this issue. Please let me know. Thank you so much for taking this to council. Thank you. Next item, please. Cast a vote. Oh, with the vote. Sorry, it is late. Okay, let's go and take a vote. Mm hmm. Yeah. So motion carries seven zero. Okay. Next item. Item 30 Commu

nication from Councilman. Councilman. Councilwoman. Mango. Councilwoman Gonzalez and Councilman Urunga. Recommendation to execute any and all documents necessary for a license between the City of Long Beach and the Sarris Regis Group for a short term use of former airport Lot De for a Long Beach ordered tent sale on May 15 through May 17th. District five. Jasmine Mango. As many of you know, I'm very passionate about working with our local retailers to ensure that Long Beach is receiving the amount of sales tax revenue annually that we should be receiving. Should Long Beach residents shop in Long Beach? What we have discovered is that in the car sales category we are significantly lacking. One of the things that we've done is we've brought together all the Long Beach car dealers and started a dialog among a dialog among them. And they have agreed that on the weekend of May 15th through 17th, they're going to do a regional car sale right here in Long Beach. And all of the revenue from the sale of those vehicles will come back to the general fund in terms of our sales tax percentage. So I think this is a big first step in first one, getting all of the car dealers in a room together that are usually competitors. It's been quite a process and I'm really pleased with the collegiality and cooperation among them for everything going from the logistics to the marketing. So thank you very much. This has been led by the Southern California Association of Car Dealers. Todd He's done a fantastic job and are major partners with Nick Worthington and Huffman and Timmins and the others. It has been just a rewarding experience and I look forward to them seeing Long Beach as the place where they want to do all of their business. Thank you, Katherine Gonzales. I just want to say thank you to Councilmember Mungo for bringing this forward. It is a really creative way to keep money in Long Beach. And so I just wanted to thank her for that. So. Okay. Councilmember Austin. Yes. I just want to congratulate Councilmember Mongeau and thank her for bringing this forward. This is innovative and will create a festive environment for people to spend money and hopefully the city will benefit from it. So I know you've been working hard on this for for several months. You've been talking about it, and it's great to see it finally come before the council. Thank you. The public comment.

CNN. Please cast your vote. Motion carries seven zero. Thank you. We're going to go now to announcements. Cam, just start off. I want to just begin by making an announcement that on April 26, I will be hosting with the Economy of the Pacific, a special abilities evening at the Aquarium. Next item. Item 24 Report from Public Works. Recommendation to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the amount of 260,000 and increase appropriations in the Capital Project Fund in the Public Works Department by 26,000 citywide. Okay. There's been a motion and a sec

ond. Customer. Austin, do you want to speak to your motion at all? Sure. I just wanted to just encourage our full support for this particular item. We're really excited about this this grant from the MTA to put on a fantastic Open Streets event. It's unprecedented in the city of Long Beach. It is the route. It will be along Atlantic Avenue from Wardlow all the way up to Halton Park, and it will encompass three council districts. I'm looking very much forward to working with the Council District seven and nine, but with the entire city to make this a an amazing event. It's going to promote people to get out of their cars and on bikes. It's going to promote sustainable lifestyle, living throughout our community, something consistent with what we've been doing. And in my district and in other districts throughout the city for for several years now. This is a culmination. We're thrilled to have received this grant. And and it was a competitive grant. We actually beat out other areas throughout Southern California. They picked uptown Long Beach because of the exciting, exciting things that are going on in our community today. This is going to happen on June the sixth. You know, and I want to announce first Fridays. It's going to be June the fifth. And so it's going to be a lot of activity, particularly in the uptown communities. And I know Councilmember Urunga and Councilmember Richardson are are excited about this and working with our business improvement districts, the BCP, BIA, as well as the uptown bid to make this a and many neighborhood organizations to make this a fantastic event. So look forward to June the sixth and I hope you all can support this. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. I think Councilmember Austin said it best. This is a really exciting opportunity for us. We're really looking forward to June six. So I would encourage the entire city to come out. In a few weeks, we're going to do a joint council presentation with more specifics on what you can expect at Uptown Beach Street. So we're looking forward to that. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment saying please cast your votes? Councilwoman Mango. Motion carries seven zero. Next Item Item 25 Report from Public Works and Financial Management. Recommendation to award ten contracts for as needed traffic engineering, transportation planning and related technical and professional services. And enter into an agreement in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5 million for a three year term citywide. Item 14 Report from City Manager Recommendation to execute the First Amendment to lease with Golden 11 Golden Shore by city owned property adjacent to 11 Golden Shore District two. So your staff. Yes. Mike Conway, Mayor, members of the City Council, this is a request to extend the term of the lease to accommodate access to the golden shore development. This is Caitlyn's property has no other use than access to the property, but the owners of the property have been so kind as to increase th

e rent substantially as of the end of the term. So I think the city is benefiting this as well. Ready to answer any questions? Thank you. Any public comment on the item? Okay. There's been a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries six zero. I think probably the other folks are here for 28. So why don't I take that that next. Uh. Hold on. We just did. But we. We did 19. So why don't I take 28, which I think is the rest of the folks in the audience are here for 28, so let's do it. 28 Madam Clerk. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Richardson, Councilman Andrews and Councilman, your recommendation to request the city manager and Pacific Gateway to complete a comprehensive study of what a local higher FSC program would entail and return to City Council within 45 days. Councilwoman. Yes. I first want to thank my council colleagues, Councilmember Richardson, Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Otunga, as well as the minister's alliance. I know that from the play we were able to discuss local hire in length. And I think what we. One very important thing that we received from that was that we definitely needed a local hire policy or at least review one that was more comprehensive, that looked at not only just the construction industry, but other industries as well. And I am a council member that represents the 90813. And I know a lot of us have heard a lot about the 90813 and that it is upwards of 19% unemployment. And it's sad. And so I think this is not, you know, the whole answer

to it, but it's certainly a really strong answer to unemployment and tackling that and seeing how we can work on that with public development and public dollars. And so I just think my my colleagues for doing that, I think the like I said, the local hire coalition for being a part of this as well and for continuing to work with us. And I think we'll be able to build something very strong here. So thank you. Thank you, Counsel Councilor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Lina, for bringing this forward. This is this is some might see this as like clean up stuff from the play. But I really think that although this may not have the crowds, this is where the real juice is in terms of hiring our our residents there. This would cover not just construction jobs, but service jobs that the city that the city could look into as well. So I would want to just. The city's city staff have reported anything on this today. Just. Can we hear from Nick? Sure. Nick Schultz. No, we don't have a formal report for the council. We have had initial discussions related to the play with some of the local groups, the ministerial alliance and some of the council officers. And we look forward to continuing to work with those folks and develop a report within the 45 day request. I just want to thank the Council for for moving forward on this. And I want to say that this is an opportunity for us to include a lot of our pre apprenticeship programs

, particularly like like the Star program and the Ace Academy and YouthBuild and other other a lot of other programs into this. So. So thank you very much. And I encourage the Council to support. Not summary Ranga. Thank you, Mary. And I also want to thank my council members, my cup, my council member colleagues for including me in this motion, because I think it's more important that we have local agreements that are in line with project labor. Agreements mean that's how we get to be successful. And so I'm fully supportive of this and I'm looking forward to working again with our community groups and with the faith based groups. Faith based groups. Got a little list there. Some fun to work on this. Thank you very much. Thank you. Councilwoman Monk. I just wanted to make sure that this includes all types of jobs in the community, not just our labor jobs, but all of our local businesses. The benefit to a community where local hire is prevailing is not just in having your local residents have jobs, but also in the reduction of the commute for the whole region, the reduction of pollution for the whole region. So I just want to make sure that we look at incentives also for our local businesses to hire local and what percentage of their payroll would be local. Okay. Thank you. See no other comments. Is there any public comment on the item? Please come forward. Very good. Kirk has the address. I would suggest that if any outside were to look, follow this council meeting. And if you listen to the previous long three hour discussion on this other item and this, it would be positive proof that this is a dysfunctional organization where the left hand doesn't talk to the right hand. All of these have merit. This. This argues well for the fact that you jumped the gun. Because this could have it's actually this would mean more than just cleaning up. This could be an essential part of and should have been an essential part of Murray's right in. Without what you spent 3 hours talking about. I would suggest the left hand get to the right hand. And with all the money that this city is spending on communication, it would seem to me that you should start talking, communicating to each other. Let the left hand know what the right hand is doing. This has considerable merit, as does the other. There's no sense in horsing around and setting up two committees to commissions and wasting further time to do it. So I would suggest that we need some. Again, it goes to the issue. We need some better direction from the leadership of this city. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening. Derek Simpson, again, executive director of Long Beach County Action Partnership. Though I've learned a lot in my life this last two months in this process has been quite the experience and education in terms of how we can do better about jobs in our community. And it's been because of, as the councilwoman said, the openness and the opportunity to sincerely share information in a way that we could m

ake meaningful and sustainable decisions in our community. I want to thank you again for bringing this item to the agenda of the council tonight, because, as Mr. Richardson said, this is the juice. This is where I use the analogy as I was trying to understand how I could articulate it to you. I just recently bought a really, really nice camera and it does everything that I wanted to do, but I don't know how to make it do it. And I think that by reading my manual and understanding steps one through ten to get through any given process, it helps me get some absolutely wonderful pictures. I think in this case, with that play being a wonderful document, this indeed historic. This particular local hire policy will help us as a community understand how we get the results that it was intended to provide us as a community. So we really hope that we have that continued seat at the table to

understand how this policy will help us understand better the play's implementation in our community and make the impact that it was intended to make. We want to ensure that each of you know that we're willing to share whatever information that we have and work with you to make this what it was intended to be. And thank you for bringing it this far with the support of your staff here at the city. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Alexander Hanham with the Legal Aid Foundation and the local hire coalition. In his recent State of the City address, Mayor Garcia encouraged businesses to invest in Long Beach and hire local residents. And with the play and with this agenda item, I think the council and the city have signaled that they're prepared to make that same investment. So we thank you for that and we're excited about that. We look forward to working with the Council to refine this policy to make sure that we can maximize that investment and the benefits to the city of Long Beach. Um. The local hiring policy can work if it's a three part policy, which includes a first class hiring program, local hiring policy for play construction and local hiring for non play construction. We're very excited about the possibility of a first source hiring program. Um, first source hiring can be a great way to, uh, give good jobs in certain sectors to local residents like the service industry. Like retail. Um. First force hiring cannot be used in conjunction with a play. Because unions are under legally binding agreements in the way that they hire for for a certain job. Um, if unions try to circumvent those agreements, then it can subject them to liability. They can violate their agreements. So it's important, in addition to the first source hiring, to have a play specific hiring policy to resolve the remaining questions that need to be answered to ensure that Long Beach residents get the maximum benefits from the play . Um, for example, the policy can spell out the requirements that a resident would need to, um, to qualify as a local resident or as a disadvantage

d worker. Um, in addition, and more importantly, the policy can lay out the procedure that contractors must go through, um, to try to hire Long Beach workers before they open up jobs to residents of other cities. So before moving from Tier one to Tier two, what does a contractor have to show, have to demonstrate that they have done. Um, to try to fill those jobs that Long Beach residents. Um, it's our understanding that this policy will include a first class hiring program for non construction jobs as well as a program for play and non play construction jobs. Um, so we respectfully request clarification on that point. Um, but we're excited to work with the Council on this policy and we thank you for agenda item. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Ernest Roberts again, I think it's great that you guys are looking into the jobs coordinator role in a in a policy. I think that's very important. I can tell you that as has in our work in Los Angeles, we probably put something like 1700 people into the trades, into the various construction trades, the L.A. County building trades and the Carpenters. Um, and the processes in the policy would have to be really clear. I understand that there's been some confusion about the first horse, first horse hire and construction trades, and the first one does not work with union contractors. So even if the project is at \$500,000 a union contract, it will still not be able to pull somebody off of a list. They're still going to have to go to the trades and get a dispatch. There's a lot of detail in this thing, but I think I'm glad that you're looking at this and I encourage you to use whatever expertise you can you can get your hands on. There's a lot of expertise here within our coalition and in labor to help you figure this out. A clear process of how the trades are going to move, I mean, move to get people from these colleges. You know, the apprenticeship programs are training programs in and of themselves. They generally don't need a lot of apprenticeship training. But I do understand that that's what you guys are doing and that's fine, but at least have a clear process of how that's going to happen and that's what the policy will do or does. So there's two parts to the policy as we see it, because the first horse hire stuff and then there's the stuff that deals with the construction trades and how that process, how the outreach, how the how the, how the, the network of agencies is going to contribute to this to the to this pipeline, which is why the pastors got involved in the first place. It's not unusual for them to see a lot of their congregation with significant issues that need need help in this area. That's why they're here. So just make sure that it happens. Also, for purposes of transparency, it might not be such a bad idea to think about having somebody from the community, somebody as knowledgeable about this as one of that six member panel for the oversight for the for the project labor a

greement that will give some transparency, give some assurance to the to the pastors and the rest of the community that this process is open and clear. Thank you very much. Thank you. And I think

our last speaker. Hello. Council Honorable Mayor Janine Pearce with Lane, Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy. I just want to applaud you guys for your vote earlier and applaud you for taking items. This item number 28, we would just like to say that we encourage us to look at a robust jobs program to ensure that our plan is really successful. And we'd really like to see a pre apprenticeship program that has a proven track record used as a model for what we can custom make for Long Beach. We want to ensure that low income residents are prioritized, as you already have. And and, of course, veterans making sure we have a carve out for that. At Lane. We have a proven track record of working with organizations like the Hospitality Training Academy as well as L.A. Trade Tech. And we would definitely like to work with Pacific Gateway in trying to make sure that our pipeline in Long Beach is strengthened to make sure that building trades can be successful. And not just in those industries, but also in the tourism industry where we, you know, have raised standards there. But we need to make sure that we're getting local residents into those jobs. And so I just applaud you guys and look forward to working with you on this. Thank you. Thank you very much, everyone, for coming in. We're going to turn this back to the council count tomorrow. Yes. Yes. Thank you. You know, I think especially in my district, I think without a doubt, the residents in this district, you know, that need the programs like this to get a jumpstart. And that's the needed to in order for them to succeed. So, you know, this is absolutely one of the ways that we can create, I think, really great jobs and thank all the our culture people bringing this to the diocese. Thank you again. Thank you. Councilman Ringa. Yeah. I, too, want to thank staff applicants for. However, what I've heard a lot about tonight is the input from the community in regards to not only the play, but the stadium as well. And what I'd like to see it for. From here forward, the next 45 days, your staff can reach out to the ministers, your clients to lean to. I mean, they're getting older. It's like, okay, thank you. To reach out and include them in this discussion because I think it's very important that we be as inclusive and transparent as we possibly can in this process. So I would encourage staff to please reach out to these other community groups that are in the audience as well and include them in the discussion. Thank you. We're going to go and go now to a vote. Obviously. Thank you to all the community that's been working on this. I know there's been a lot of a lot of meetings and hours and an interest. And I think just so that the community knows that things are important to note, that I think that we actually h

ave a for us on the city side, we have an all star team on this. And I think we're all been very impressed with with Nick Shultz and his ability to do this. And I think he's very excited about the opportunity to bring something forward. And so we want to wish him and his whole team a lot of luck as we put this thing together. So with that is going to take a vote. Motion carries seven zero. Thank you. And now we're going to go ahead and go to 15. Item 29, Communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilman Richardson and Councilwoman Mungo. Recommendation to respectfully request the city manager to analyze the city city's current RFP process review RFP process used by other entities and report back within 90 days regarding recommendations to improve the city's procurement process. Councilman Price. Thank you. This is an item that basically requests staff to come back with some ideas on how we can improve our RFP process. We want to make sure that we have a very healthy and robust bidding process and that the scope of work that we put out there is relevant and accurate so that we have the best and most responsive bids. I also want to make sure that we take a look at our appeals process and determine whether or not we're giving folks sufficient time to appeal the process if they were not selected. Basically looking for efficiencies and ways to improve our RFP process. So I want to thank staff in advance for coming back to us with some recommendations. Thank you, Councilman Mungo. Second. As I mentioned at a prior council meeting, I feel that it's really important that more Long Beach contractors are encouraged to participate in this process. Specifically, we had a contract early on in our tenure where we were purchasing vehicles from outside the city and we were losing out on that. Sales tax revenue and that variance between the winning bid and the next bid was greater than we what we would have received in that sales tax revenue. But it's. Critical that Long Beach businesses have a fair stab at these events. So what we want to do is make sure that that's happening. So thank you very much. And I look forward to seeing a Long Beach component to this requirement. Thank you, Councilman Gonzales. Yes. Thank you. I wanted to thank Councilwoman Price for bringing this forward. I actually was on the same wavelength because I was going to bring something forward in relation to local preference, which I already know we have. But I just had a question about the specific local preference item that we already have. It says a ten. It's basically

Long Beach businesses get a 10% reduction. Can you explain that a little bit so I can understand that more clearly? Yes, Councilmember, this goes primarily for when we're buying good when we're buying things or things like tires and things like that, goods, goods, not services or consultant work. But we get I think it's up to \$100,000 will provide a 10% preference to the local hire. So someone from a

local business is 10%. Over the lowest bid. Then we'll go with the local hire. Okay. Do you think that because I know other cities have utilized a 2%, I guess like contingency. So if they're within 2% of the bid, then it would go to if it was like an out of city pers out of city business in Long Beach. If, uh, if, if Long Beach was within 2%, then it would go to Long Beach. Right now we're going 10% instead of 2%. So. But we can certainly come back and look at other other things that we could do to encourage local business, to give them more of an incentive or more of advantage and things like that. And we'll have a be able to discuss what other things we can do working with the city attorney. Great. And then what are we currently doing? I know I've asked before, um, as far as outreach because I've kind of gotten a few different answers and I'm not sure as to how we're outreaching to our local businesses for them to be included in the process. We'll provide all. That. Right now, we don't have our business license person here tonight, but he certainly will be able to do all that. We have Planet Bids. Specifically when we have large items like cars and things like that. If we don't get a bid from Ford and we're buying Ford's, you certainly will call Ford and ask why they didn't bid to encourage them to bid those kinds of things. But again, those are certainly things that will outline when we come back to the city council with the report. Okay. Thank you very much. Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I want to thank my colleagues for bringing this forward. I was you're right. I was approached by multiple council people. So I'm happy to see that they came together on one item. I want to make sure that in this process we explore expanding or maybe we BCB are might more minority owned businesses , women owned businesses and small businesses. As we increase preference, we explore that as we move forward. I mean, these are critical small businesses in our community. So to make sure that we actually place a value on that. Thanks. I do want to respond that we do have a very robust plan for that, and we'll bring it back to the city council if we want to expand it. Many times the low bid doesn't meet those standards, so we'll reject a little bit and then go through as many times. Many of our projects have been held up to two, 3 to 4 months going through that process to get. The builder that does all that. So it's incredibly important to us, so much so that we will delay awarding bids until we get the appropriate vendor. Perfect. Thank you. Councilman Ringo. Take him here. I also want to echo Councilmember Richardson's comments there in regards to maybe Libby. Libby. All those qualified agencies. My concern is that many times the reason we don't have a big pool of applicants into the is because they're unaware or can't complete the pre-qualification process. And that is, is that still in existence? Do they have to be pre-qualified before submitti

ng a bid? You can submit a bid if you're not pre-qualified, but then you. Get qualified throughout the bid. So certainly a bid can be rejected if you can't meet the needs and requirements as we go, even if you're the low bidder. If we go through that well, I would want to also encourage our potential vendors out there to apply, first of all, and to complete the process of of qualification. Are you do you have pre qualification for bids and are say over a threshold? I'd say over 100,000 and or a million or anything above. Is there is there a threshold that qualifies or disqualifies some vendors from applying? Councilmember I. Wouldn't be able to answer that, but those are items we certainly will answer when we come back to the city council in. 45 days. Thank you. Councilman Mongo. I appreciate Councilwoman Gonzalez's comments. She reminded me of a discussion that her and I had had a while ago. I'd also like to ensure that we look at the contractors that won bids that had incentives for early payment and to insure that or to at least report back to us on what percentage of the time the city is able to meet those requirements. Because I know that sometimes you'll have a bid and a contractor will give a 20% discount for early payment. But if the early payment requirements are so stringent that the city can't meet those requirements, then we could theoretically be stuck with paying a higher price. So if that could be included in the report, it would be appreciated. Absolutely. Thank you. Thank you for that and the other public comment. CNN Please cast your vote. Motion carries seven zero. Next item. Item 30 Communication from Councilman. Councilman. Councilwoman. Mango. Councilwoman Gonzalez and Councilman Urunga. Recommendation to execute any and all documents necessary for a license between the

City of Long Beach and the Sarris Regis Group for a short term use of former airport Lot De for a Long Beach ordered tent sale on May 15 through May 17th. Item number 25 Report from Public Works Recommendation to execute a public walkways occupancy permit with sidewalk extension parklet for sidewalk dining at Hamburger Mary's located at 330. Pine Avenue District one. Turn this over. Two staff. Our Amazonian. Honorable Mayor and honorable council members before you, there is a request to construct a parklet in front of Hamburger Mary's Restaurant and also authorization to have a permit for outdoor dining. Staff has been working diligently with consultant Mr. Brian Olszewski and the owners in the past several months and we're finally have our application ready. We were waiting for Pine Avenue Construction to be completed at this segment of the work before we could come forward with this application. So we're ready and we're ready and we support this application and we're looking forward for your approval. Thank you. I have a motion to approve and a second by Councilman Gonzalez and Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Councilwoman Gonzales. I first want to say thank you to

public works. I know it's been quite a few months in the making and also thank you to Dale and have jewels. I see pause there, Brian. Thank you all really for the I know you've been very patient with us tonight and then just ongoing through the months, but I appreciate your hard work on this. I know that as we look at the bigger vision for downtown and the bigger vision for North Pine, this certainly fits that. And we're we're very excited to welcome this new parklet and all the success, I'm sure, that it will bring for you and your new business, the business, the addition to the business. And also just want to say that, you know, a lot of folks have been we have a lot of residents in the neighborhood and we want to make sure that the quality of life just continues to to get better. And I know that there we're continuing to work on conditions with you to ensure that we have, you know, everything and it's appropriate. That things are being handled appropriately there. So, again, I just want to thank you and hopefully I can get some support on the council to move this forward. So thank you. Thank you. Is there any public comment on the item? Seeing no public comment. I'm just going to. Oh, Councilor Brosnan. Did you say Jules was here? Yes. I don't see Jules. And of. Course. Yes. Okay. Okay. Okay. Any other. Any. Not seen no other. No public comment. I just want to personally just say just obviously that Dale and the Hamburger Mary's team and you know, you've been working on this for a long time, worked on it when we when when I was still on the council. And you're very patient in waiting for our Pine Avenue streetscape project to finish up. But I look forward hopefully to the installation before Pride. So right. So we can all enjoy a hamburger and and a Coke on the on the patio as we celebrate our pride this year. So looking forward to it's going to be an amazing addition to Pine Avenue. Actually, I'm incredibly excited about it. So thank you. And please cast your votes. Motion carries seven zero. Thank you. Get to building it. And now we're going back to. 21. Is it 21? Yes. Yes. Item number 21. Communications from councilman all hour, Austin Vice Mayor Susan Lowenthal, Councilwoman Stacey Mango, Council Member Rex Richardson. Recommendation to request city manager to report back to City Council within 45 days on the measures that the city is taking to meet the new water conservation requirements and request the water department to provide a report on Motion passes seven zero. Item number 27. Report from Public Works. Recommendation to amend agreement with Waste Management to provide residential recycling collection operations at an estimated cost of 350,000 per month on an interim basis, pending completion of a procurement process citywide. Is there a staff? Staff? Yes. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Council members are a million. Honorable Vice Mayor and council members. The item before you is for an extension of an existing contract with Waste Manageme

nt that provides our recycling program. We had this item before you several months ago, and one of the conditions was that we put out an RFP for the for the continuation of this process. I'm proud to say today the RFP is online. It's been released. So we're looking forward to seeing the results back by July 1st. And we will. Check the data and come back with the proposed low bidder. So meanwhile, or requesting that you allow us to go on a month to month basis as we have done that in the last year, so we can continue our recycling program in the city. Thank you, Mr. Malloy and Councilmember Austin. I'm all to approve. Thank you. So any member of the public that wishes to address Council on item 27 seeing none. Members Cast your vote. Councilman. Motion carries seven zero. Item number 28 Report from Public Works and Financial Management. Recommendation to adopt resolution to execute a contract with Consolidated Fabric Fabricators Corporation for the purchase of commercial trash containers in an annual amount not to exceed

180,000 citywide. Motion carries unanimously of 13. Communication from Councilman Austin. Chair State Legislation Committee Recommendation to adopt. And support position as position SB 16 bill, a state proposal that will provide a new temporary funding source for state and local, street and road projects. Council Bros. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm pleased to bring before you an item from the State Legislation Committee, which we we supported in committee and encouraged your support as well. This is this bill we believe is going to be very good for Long Beach in terms of our infrastructure, addressing our important infrastructure needs. The League of California Cities has voted unanimously to support this particular bill, that it is a priority bill working its way through the state legislature. And essentially, in a nutshell, it will provide a windfall of resources for the city of Long Beach and many other municipalities, all of the municipalities throughout the state of California, as well as funding for local highways to the tune of a \$3 billion raise over a five year period to Long Beach. That means a windfall of 50 to \$60 million or 10 to \$12 million a year for infrastructure needs. Currently, we contribute, I think, appropriate about \$5 million a year toward infrastructure needs. So if this bill is successful in Sacramento, it will mean that we more than triple our infrastructure, our ability to address infrastructure needs, and we know we have them in every district in the city. And so with that, I want to ask for a staff report for Diana Ting and obviously ask for your full support on this . I'm going to make the motion. There's a motion. Can I get a second, please? Okay. Second, but Councilwoman Gonzalez. Mayor, members of the city council, Councilmember Austin covered most of the pertinent details about SB 16. It is a five year increase in an excise tax on gasoline and diesel, as well as an increase to the vehicle registratio

n fee. And the funding, again, will fund local streets and roads as well as the state highway system and its for Long Beach assessment shows that we invest an average of \$5 million a year in this in our local streets and roads. And as the bill is written now, we would be receiving about an extra 10 to 12 million a year that we wouldn't otherwise receive. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I want to speak to the community a little bit about how this bill actually really levels the playing field and helps put the tax burden of infrastructure on the people who are using it the most. I am one and several other of my colleagues who drive hybrid and electric and electric vehicles. And so this transition really allows the consumers of the most use of the road to take on an additional burden by leveling the playing field through not just gasoline tax, but really the VLF on the electric and hybrid vehicles. And while I am not supportive of higher taxes, I am supportive of correcting the taxation ratios to ensure that those who use the most are the ones who pay the most. And so I'll be supporting this idea. Councilor Austin. Thank you. I call for the question. I just want to just make one note before the council votes. Council member this, in my opinion, is going to be one of the top priorities for cities across the state of California this year. Quite frankly, we as a city and a community need to put our full weight behind getting this done in Sacramento. There are a lot of bills in the pipeline and probably very few that are more important for cities, in particular Long Beach, than the bill that's in front of us today. The truth is, is every time that we look at our at the bottom line in our budget and ask why we can't do more for infrastructure, why we can't get more streets and sidewalks built, why neighborhood streets are falling apart because we don't have the resources from both both Sacramento and Washington, DC. This is an attempt by Sacramento to give us some flexibility for a set number of years to be able to go after really significant infrastructure change. And so we're I know I personally am pretty excited about this. I intend to be in Sacramento often on this as I know well, our our committee our legislative committee in Sacramento as well. So I think this is very exciting legislation. And I want to thank Senator Bill as well as our state senator, Ricardo Lora, who is very active on this bill as well on on this issue. So I look forward to us being able to get this done and see a lot of dollars come back to Long Beach. Is there any public comment on this bill? CNN. Please cast your votes. Motion passes unanimously. Thank you. Next up, item 14. Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to award a contract to Bank of America Public Capital Corporation to provide master lease services in an amount not to exceed \$111 million citywide. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine. Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the city m

anager to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District in the amount of \$623,600 for the implementation of Phase two of the de Forest Wetlands Project. Not summarized. Yes, well, I certainly rise in support of this this item, and for us, going after this much needed grant to help complete the phase two portion or actually get the project started for

the Force Wetlands Project, this this area is going to be a a urban oasis in North Long Beach along the bike path. And and it's going to be a beautiful area for natural habitat and serene just just recreation. We are looking very much forward to this and I hope I'm wishing are our Parks, Recreation and Marine Department all the luck. And in getting this grant from the county of Los Angeles. Most of the forest with wetlands actually sits in a district. And so where my constituents are very, very excited about the the opportunity of creating yet another new greenspace and park in our city. Thank you, Councilor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. So just a couple of things. And I started the conversation a little earlier with the Public Works director and parks director about this item and just want to clarify a few things. So initially, we cobbled together resources for many, many years to make this project happen. And then we went out to bid and the bid came back \$1,000,000 too much to make the project to go ahead and initiate the project. So the direction was to go back, scale back the project a bit and to go back to bids so we have enough money to actually finish the project. The item today lists that we have \$7 million on hand, made up of 1.5 million from California Coastal Conservancy, 3.5 million from L.A. and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and 2 million from L.A. County, Regional Park and Open Space District. But the January 24th item from 2012 said that we had \$7,717,593 toward the project, which is a lot closer to the 8 million where the bid came in, which if we received this other funding, we'd be there, wouldn't have to phase the project. So the difference is the amount of funds is just different. So I was hoping for an explanation. The new so what originally was dedicated was California Resources Agency. It had two and a half million. It's not listed in this item. L.A. Regional Open Space District had two and a half million. And on this one, it's 2 million. So that's that's half a million less. A few years later, that's listed here, L.A. and San Gabriel Rivers Mountains Conservancy is a million. Whereas it was 3,000,500. Listen, this item. And then 217,000. California Coastal Conservancy, previous grant and then 1.5 million from the same organization, California State Coastal Conservancy. I know that a lot of times we have to repackage things to make them balanced. I understand that. But \$700,000 is too large of a number to not ask out in public what happened to those resources. Secondly, when we went out to bid on this and we said we wa

nted to phase it into two phases so that we can move forward in a in a in a in a timely manner. The hope was that it wouldn't expand the cost to \$10 million. The original bid was 8.5 million. With this council item list that the project, the total cost will be \$10 million. Now, I know if we phase it, obviously there will be more costs over time. That's why the project is more expensive now. But would it make sense to not phase it and do one project scale the project back while we have \$8 million here, scale it back and move forward on it now. So this is just a list of questions that I was hoping that we can have resolved today. Certainly, Councilman, I can answer that. The there is a discrepancy of \$700,000 that was in the Public Works Capital Projects Fund that was used for design and construction documents. So the availability of that money is no longer there. And I would say this project is being scaled back so that we can get something done. I think it's an exciting project and we will get something done. And what's going to get done is 34 acres of wetlands habitat, the creation of trails, wayfinding signs, interpretive signs and landscaping. So what gets left out of this in terms of another phase which allows us to to pursue grant funding for the remainder of it is things like planting of the south basin, which is like \$1,000,000 native enhancement plantings, that's probably another 380,000. So there's some major items that can happen with the current money. There's not eight millions not available or 7.7 is not available because of design and project costs and soft costs and a permitting and that sort of thing. Really the amount of money available is about 6.2 million. So we've got to bring scale the project back to 6.2 million. We think we can give you something really nice for 6.2 million and then build the other pieces in through the grant funding. And this is one piece of that grant funding which allows the wetlands to be accessible. Great. So just to reiterate, so now that we're taking this two phased approach, about 6.2 million will be the first phase. And then the other 3 million, three, \$3 million that we have to fine will go to phase two. Can you just highlight again that? So my understanding phase one is primarily the nature center, which is the the entrance at the Forest Park in the ninth District and some of the, you know, beginning work. But really the south portion is the extra, the south portion additional planting and some of the nature trails. The second phase and my understanding. So the south portion is accessible to people. Right now, there's some invasive vegetation that really does need to come out and put native vegetation in as part of the project. And there's also the the levy native perennial grass plantings that we need to do at a later date. So those are kind of the

major items. There's like two or \$3 million worth of that sort of project. And that can also be done with the help of the California Conservation Cor

ps. So you're getting right now with this is, again, wetlands, the creation of trails, wayfinding signs, interpretive signs, landscaping. And this actually connects to the the biggest wet wetlands that the county provided. So it is a great project and I wish we could do the entire thing. Unfortunately, the plants were done several years ago and there are escalation costs. So the way to. Do it is to get this first phase done. And I think we can find funds for a little bit easier with this first phase done. Thanks. So just one final question. So we'll be out to bid and finish with the we'll be ready to break ground when on phase one. My understanding is Public Works is ready to bid this. In two weeks. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? CNN. Please cast your votes. Motion carried unanimously. 18. Okay. Why don't we just go and do? That'll make most sense. We're gonna jump to the agenda item. Okay. So why don't we go to item number 23? Madam Clerk, if we can read the item, please. The military or there actually has a presentation they. Had. Prepared. I understand they want to do the presentation during item 23. Is that is that correct? However. Yeah. Okay, so go ahead and read the item and then we'll go right into the presentation. Communication from Council Member or Ranga Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Councilman Price. Recommendation to request the city attorney to draft a resolution in support of proclaiming Long Beach a Purple Heart city. Okay. I think, Councilman, do you want to make any additional comment at this time or just turn it over to the public? Yes. One of the important designations that this comes with is that anybody who comes to Long Beach will now know that the history that we have of our service men and women who have come through Long Beach, through its past history as not only a naval station, but also with our naval hospital and currently with our veterans hospital here in Long Beach with a designation that is pretty much like any like every other city that has a designation that's out there. Alliance Club City or a Rotary City. It's a designation that recognizes the work of these individuals who in in those organizations, but who also come to Long Beach, know that as a Purple Heart city, we have a history, a tradition of people who have served in our country and have committed to the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. So I would really love to have the support of my colleagues on the side of. Thank you. Councilwoman Pryce. I'm sorry, Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you. I appreciate that. I wanted to thank Councilmember Your Honor for asking me to co-sponsor this item and given certainly our city's role in history with World War Two as a naval shipyard, as the councilmember mentioned, an aviation manufacturer, and really our good fortune in having the veterans hospital here and Cabrillo Village is for our homeless vets, which I know recently we've made an effort with the mayor's help and support and leadership to e

xpand homeless opportunities, opportunities for our homeless vets. I believe it's really appropriate that we support the designation of being a Purple Heart city. I'm very proud of our city and appreciate the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for asking us to partner in honoring our vets. These are things that I think. We shouldn't take for granted, but we do because there isn't a single person that doesn't know someone that's served valiantly for our country. And I want to thank you for asking us to do this. I think it's an honor that you bestow to us. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Pryce, thank. You very much. I, too, want to thank my colleague, council member Urunga, for bringing this forward. By taking this action, the city of Long Beach pays tribute to our city's sons and daughters who are wounded or killed in combat, defending the freedoms that make this nation so great for their service and sacrifice. They receive the Purple Heart medal as home to the former Long Beach Navy Base as the vice mayor just mentioned. It is fitting that Long Beach received the designation of a Purple Heart city. Long Beach has a proud tradition dating back many years of supporting and honoring our nation's veterans, active duty, military guards, reserves and their families an inherent part of the heritage, traditions, spirit and fabric of what makes Long Beach such a unique city. Thank you for bringing this item forward, and thank you for being here tonight. Thank you, Councilman Franco. One more introduction that I will make that I. I would be remiss if I did not mention Mr. Terry Gatlin, the Executive Director of Gold Star Manor, where all our many of our veterans reside here in Long Beach. And I want I want to also recognize him as well. Thank you. And I would like to. Enlighten. People here about your. Nice, beautiful city here. Mayor girl mira garcia. Councilman you ranga. Members of the City Council and Long Beach City residents. Present at this council meeting. Allow me to introduce myself as Joseph Del Rio, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Long Beach. Chapter 210. Foremost, I thank

you for allowing me as a representative Chapter ten at this allotted time for your council meeting. At your Council meeting. My purpose and goal at your council meeting is to attempt to familiarize those present as to why your first city has been selected to become a Purple Heart city and to procure the formal approval of your city council and becoming your Purple Heart. See this joining approximately 200 other recognized, established Purple Heart cities foremost, allow me to briefly acquaint you with a significant, significant history of the Purple Heart and the patriotic role your city has played during all war engagements in 1783, the concept of the badge of military matter was first conceived by our first president, George Washington. The recognition of honor of those who had unselfishly sacrifice themselves in war by protectin

g and assuring our freedoms. This unselfish sacrifice has been exemplified since World War Two by the awarding of roughly 1.9 million. 1.9 million. Now rename Purple Heart medals to deserving military personnel living or dead. And many of those being residents of the city of Long Beach and all having in common the unselfish service to our country and their commitment throughout the country's military conflicts. The City of Long Beach also has a long and proud standing history of being a strategic port of embarkation for military troops since World War One, a vital military installation for Navy and Marine personnel during World War Two, and then again becoming the port of embarkation for our departing military troops during the Korean War and Vietnam. The city of Long Beach at present is also the home of approximately 20,000 veterans. And viable location that the treatment for our war injured Purple Heart and non Purple Heart patients at the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Therefore, bearing in mind that the Purple Heart is, as we all know, it, is only awarded for wounds received in combat inclusive of death. We are requesting that the City of Long Beach declare and designate itself a Purple Heart city, thus honoring all recipients of the Purple Heart while remaining a most patriotic city committed to the recognition of the services made by all our military veterans and their families. Thank you for your Council's time and indulgence in considering our request. We shall see. We response. Thank you, sir. Is there any other public comment on this item before the council goes to a vote? Okay. Seeing none members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion passes nine zero. Thank you very much, sir. It's all. It's all done. And I think Councilmember Rank is going to come up with a certificate for you of recognition. And we want to thank you all for your service and for being here. And I think, sir, did you have something as well you wanted to say? I think. Yes. Mayor Garcia, Councilman Rangel, members of the city council and residents of City of Long Beach. It is my pleasure and distinct honor as commander of your established Purple Heart Chapter ten in the City language to thank you for having honored our chapter requests and this becoming your Purple Heart City. Therefore, on behalf of our Purple Heart Chapter two, Jane, it is. And it's grateful membership. We take great honor in the presentation to the special recognition award of. Rustic Recognition Award. To your fair city. And again, thank you for so graciously for coming. And undoubtedly, future sacrifices made by the Purple Heart recipients throughout our military service. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you so very much. Appreciate your. Bieber. Okay. If I could please ask the veterans to stand, we'd like to take a follow up. But I'd also like to read this Certificate of Recognition presented to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter ten. On behalf of the

City of Long Beach, I would like to commend the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter ten for your leadership in declaring Long Beach as a Purple Heart city, we are proud to recognize your service and commitment to our country. Presented today, May 19th, 2015. Thank you. Okay. Thank you very much. We're going to be moving on to item 26, please. Item number 26 Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing a pilot program to examine modification of certain elements of the current taxi permit and report back within six months citywide. Item 21 Report from Police Recommendation to execute all documents with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles to provide supplemental law enforcement services for the Carmelita Housing Development. For an estimated annual reimbursement of up to \$360,000. District eight. Commander Lopez. Vice Mayor Lowenthal, members of city council. The police department has had a contract with the Housing Authority of Los Angeles County since 1985 for supplemental services within Carmelita. The current contract before you this evening includes two full time police officers and services such as community policing, narcotics and gang enforcement. This contract would begin on July 1st, 2015, for 12 months with four one year extension options. Thank you. It's been a motion and a second.

Councilman Austin or Councilmember Durango. Would you like to address your motion? Sure. I move in support of the motion. The commonly doses housing development is located in a district. It's one of the largest housing developments in L.A. County. I think the community policing model at the Carmelita is pretty remarkable because most of the residents know the officers, the officers know the residents, they know the youth. And they've been, I think, pretty effective in minimizing crime in that location and building a solid community policing model. And so I support the motion and elsewhere the council's full support as well. Okay. So any member of the public that wishes to address the council, please come forward. I know you were waiting for some time, and I appreciate your patience. Okay. How you doing? I'm Dwayne Smith. Community organizer, feature leader in Long Beach. And on behalf of Black Lives Matter Long Beach, we we actually surveyed the Carmelita was in the eighth District about the relationship between the police and the community. And our findings were 65% of residents said that they had a negative encounter with the police. So we we we not only asked about the relationship, but their needs and their concerns and our findings were, well, I have other people here to tell you about the findings and just given a brief introduction. Hi, Councilor. Thanks for your time. I'm Dr. Jeff Middlebrook. I'm a professor of criminology and justice studies at California State University Dominguez Hills, and helped put together the survey in support of the work that BlackLives

Matter Long Beach was doing in the calm lead us to discuss and analyze police and community relations. And as my colleague Dwayne Smith mentioned, the needs of residents. Just want to run down briefly for you the quantitative information to supplement what Duane offered. And then behind me, you'll receive qualitative information, testimony from a commonly dose resident who can make it, and then a summary of other residents who could not make it by another colleague as well. So as Duane mentioned, 65% of residents had directly experienced or known someone who had experienced negative interactions with LV PD that they defined as detainment, arrest, brutality or incarceration. I want to break this down for you very briefly. Some of the more disturbing findings that we received, 53%, over half of the residents have been or know someone who has been affected by LV PD brutality or violence. 55% of residents, over half have been or know someone who has been arrested and released by the LAPD without charge. 4440 7% of residents, almost half, have been detained and released by LV PD without charge. All of those interactions, brutality and violence, being detained without charge or being arrested without charge would all fall under potential infractions of civil rights violations within the calm Alito's by the lby PD. My colleagues will now offer some qualitative information and happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Yes, Councilmember, your Urunga. What was the. The sample of your survey? The number? So our initial survey was 53 residents of surveyed this month, and notably the surveys began barely four days before Chief Luna introduced the proposal that you're considering tonight. So we had did not have direct communication with the LAPD, but there were officers on site when we were talking to residents and inquired what we were up to. And we we informed them that we are asking residents about their perspectives on community relations and community policing. And so and then the housing authority had called us directly. I believe one day after. And we're inquiring also. What what the surveys were entailing. But we were not sure if directly that information was communicated to Chief Luna or had an impact in the the resulting recommendation that you're reading now. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Alan Sanchez. I live in Carlos and we don't get informed. We get informed three weeks after I guess when you are passed, it is when we get the we get the letter stating that it had been changes and I had encountered it with the cat and it wasn't pleasing that was coming. I was coming home from a 12 hour work and I had my backpack and my bike at that time. And, you know, I didn't know it. I had my my backpack with the illuminated because I work at the docks. So I was trying to both he got me off to doing come from work. He's like, Yeah, right. I'm like, What you mean? And I had an empty my backpack and had in my

pocket. They put me in a position that if I was a criminal, you know, and for me or like I would confirm for work . I don't believe you think I might. They took the picture maybe, and they told me, you know what? You go home. And for me, that that, you know, like, that's bad for me because, you know, I got to be or, you know, looking out for them, see if they're there. I mean, go somewhere else, go around. You know, it's it's not I don't know. I just don't like it. And secondly, it's like, please don't find it. I'd rather you guys find other things for the kids that are growing up like sports or

something. Useful. Useful. Then the money funding the police. Thank you. Thank. Thank you. It's actually. Yeah. I'm sorry. I just forgot to. I'll pass it on to my colleague. We've got the. Thank you. I appreciate that. Next speaker, please. Okay. Sure. All right. I'm going to continue giving qualitative information, including some of the surveys that we did. We asked people which of the following social issues are most important to you in the car? Alito's ranking among them, 85% said police violence. 85% said education. 85% said community violence, followed by housing, youth issues, employment, health care, elderly issues and food access. And then 7% was all other issues, including patrolling. So there's obviously a pretty large gap between what people are saying they want to see more of in the community. I'm going to go ahead and read into public record a couple of the answers that people gave a better understanding of. This is what are one or two things you would change about the LAPD, if anything, and why? Better understanding of the community. Don't assume blacks are up to no good the way they act toward black people. When LWB PD are called for serious issues, there are no investigations. Follow up investigations. However, they are response. They respond to petty crime the way they handle the people. Stop harassment patrols, not stops easily approachable feel like you could be next. Don't stop and harass and stare at black males all the time. Unfair treatment toward anyone, abuse of authority, profiling, overuse of power, use of force. Aggressive upon approach. One simply says killings. The other one is abuse of authority, harassment and judgment, excessive force, less driving on Carmelo's grass. So that's actually cars driving over the grass, the park areas that they have there. One says killing because I lost a loved one and know how it feels to lose someone you love over nothing. So basically I, I also participated in some of the surveys just to augment what some of those would say is that honestly, people are not really paying that much attention in terms. Terms of the political flashpoint as far as like Baltimore and whatnot. So these are not you really could not say that people's responses are in direct response to what's going on in the news, even though that we have had killings in Long Beach by police officers. But these would show pretty def

initively that people do feel like there's profiling going on in the car. Alito's that there is an issue of to some extent a feeling of overpolicing, including people driving up on the ground. So I think it's a fairly reasonable approach to say that there are some other things that could be done besides augmenting a precinct within the housing development rather than using the \$360 and future funds for these are for policing. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Kim McGill. I'm with the Youth Justice Coalition. And well, I'm not a resident of Long Beach. We've been working closely with Black Lives Matter in Long Beach and several of the families here. We also coordinate a countywide coalition called STOP that addresses the law enforcement use of force, resulting in homicide countywide and works with families throughout the county. We wanted to bring a county wide perspective to this and we handed out the data to you that we think is particularly alarming. L.A. County. And this was also substantiated by a Washington Post article that was just released today. But in August, the Youth Justice Coalition released the data for L.A. County and found that L.A. County didn't just have an issue with use of force resulting in homicide, but led by far nationally in this issue, since 2625 people have been killed by law enforcement in L.A. County. In terms of Long Beach, Long Beach is number three behind LAPD and L.A. County sheriffs and the use of force resulting in homicide. And this is also significant given the fact that homicides in L.A. County are at their lowest level since the 1950s. So community homicides, not just in Long Beach, but throughout the county, have dropped to their lowest levels, as much as 50, 60% in most jurisdictions. But use of force resulting in homicide is actually up. So in 2000, if you looked countywide, about 3% of the homicides were caused by law enforcement. Now, 78% of the homicides are caused by law enforcement. And in several cities, it's even higher than that. We don't have the specific numbers of killings by division, but we can get you the list of all the killings that have happened since 2000. And we've put in a public records request to the district attorney and met with her several times about getting the actual incidents. This data is also substantiated by the coroner's office. We started our list by talking to family members, but then substantially with the coroner's office. I think there's some some specific things that are particularly troubling, which speaks a lot to commonly those I live in across the street from the public housing development in what's known as imperial courts. We have three injunctions and what's all of them within public housing. And we have three very similar projects where you have so-called community policing. In our public housing. What we've seen is a huge displacement of residents from Los Angeles, from Watts, particularly out to as far as Antelope Valley. We've seen residents

that are picked up, especially for gang injunction violations, where they aren't even substantiated in court. They either get D.A. rejects or full acquittals. And yet just the allegation alone gets not only the individual, but oftentimes their entire family evicted from public housing. Similarly, we report through survey and meetings with members a huge distrust and increased concerns from residents regarding law enforcement, how they're policed in Watts. So we urge you not to follow the same troubling trends of so-called public community policing, which really leads to mass incarceration, mass displacement and gentrification of our communities. I would leave you with the racial data because I think that's particularly alarming. In L.A. County, African-Americans make up 9% of the county, but a 28% of those killed by law enforcement, Latinos, 53% of those killed by law enforcement, despite the fact that only 47% of the county. So we urge you not to support this proposal. Thank you. I think the speakers for their comments. Commander Lopez, if I might ask you a question, we are awarding this money to the county. So is it the sheriffs that that monitors does policing here? Could you explain that? So may I ask the commander. Vice mayor, this contract is with the housing authority of Los Angeles County. So they monitor what we do for them. Okay. It says the agreement will include the following. So the two officers are not police officers, they are housing authority officers. Vice mayor want to make it very clear that the Los Angeles County Housing Authority is contracting for lbe PD to provide police services. So so they're paying us \$390,000 to provide services at Carlito's? Correct. And it's us that's on there, not county staff. Correct? Okay. Councilmember Austin. Yes. Thank you. And I spend a significant amount of time in the Milito, so I was there 3 hours Saturday volunteering. I know my residents. They know me. Some of these these complaints are new to me, and I will definitely look into them. I do appreciate your work and your interaction with the residents there. The Carmelita is doing a lot better than it has been over the years. There was, I can remember ten, 15 years ago it was not a safe place. Today we have community meetings and people come from across my district to meet in the Carmelita also because there is a feeling of safety there. To your point, we do have recourses and avenues for people to to deal with the police brutality. We want to know about it if it's happening in our city. You can contact Internal Internal Affairs and make a complaint. You can contact the Citizen Police Complaint Commission. We're one of the very first cities to have a civilian oversight committee or commission enacted by the voters here in the city of Long Beach to put those protections in place. Since 2010, there have been seven complaints related to police complaints from from residents in the car molinos. That's that's fact to the CBC, KPCC or to an in

ternal affairs. That's that's over a period of five years. Seven complaints. That's the I'm not going to say that's good. But that certainly is not consistent with the with the data that you guys have provided with ourselves tonight. So I would I would invite you to to meet with me. I'd be happy to talk to you and really dig in and figure out how how we can get a better understanding of what is going on, if anything. But tonight, I think it just would be irresponsible for us not to accept this this contract. This is this is we do this with our port. We do this with our airport. We do this with other we contract with other entities to provide services. And this is a contract with the County of Los Angeles, the Housing Authority. And like I said, I think it would be irresponsible for this council not to accept it and move forward with it, because the track record of success is there. It's working. The alternative? I ask you, what is the alternative? And the sheriff's, you know, private security. I think our residents, if you were to lay those options out, they would tell you that they're pretty well served by LAPD. Thanks. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. Mr. City Manager. May I make a friendly recommendation? Not related to the motion, but. I think the staff report could actually be more clear than it is under recommendation. A couple of us write staff reports all day for our elected bodies in different cities and counties. And I read this five times, and it's not very clear that it's the city of Long Beach Police Department providing the services, and it's not clear who's contracting to whom. Not that it makes a difference in what these advocates were requesting, but I think it could be more clear. Take that to heart. Thank you. Was that all your comments, Councilman Austin? Yes. Okay. Thank you. And I thank you for your feedback. Members, cast your vote. Prices. Motion carries eight zero. Item 22 Report from Public Works and Financial Management. Recommendation to Award a contract to Cycle Hub for the bike share program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,176,625 and increase appropriations in the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund in the Public Works Department by \$2,262,000 citywide. Item number 16. Communication from Councilmember Richardson, Councilwoman Price, Councilman Andrews, Councilmember Ringa, recommendation

and request. The city manager and city prosecutor to work with the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board to develop the promising adults tomorrow's Hope Program and identify budget options in fiscal year 2016 to support a path. Young Adult Diversion Coordinator in the city prosecutor's office and separately the development of a path young adult workforce strategy. Thank you. I want to turn this over to Councilmember Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. So thanks to everyone in the community who who came out to see this. I know that there's an NBA finals game, but this is a very important issue. And so, you know, a matter of

months ago, I was on a trip to Washington, D.C. with the federal pledge Committee, joined by the mayor and council members, Gonzalez and Mongo. And and we were really able to take a look at national standards and national policies and have a higher level conversation about where we are as Long Beach as leaders and where are some opportunities for us to to expand our leadership and personally. And there's a particular issue I want to talk about tonight at 31. I'm thankful for the opportunity to provide for family and contribute to society. But if you were to ask Mina, my wife, she wouldn't mince our words by telling you I wasn't her type when I was 21. And and the reason for this difference in character is is basically rooted in the concept of young adulthood. And so so I'm here in this position as a council member and blessed with this family because I was provided opportunities, opportunity to get an education, opportunities to have be supported by my family and many disconnected out of school and out of work. Long Beach young adults could use some of those same opportunities. So tonight I'm asking the City Council to consider creating a comprehensive path for all young adults, particularly those disconnected from work, school or other support systems. Last week, on Monday, June 1st, I hosted a community conversation to discuss these exact issues and how to help more young people succeed in life. We were fortunate to have our city prosecutor Doug Halbert, as as a presenter, as well as Brant Cohen, a special adviser to the U.S. attorney, assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice and the Children's Defense Fund. So I'd like to just show you a highlight video that provides an excellent reference on why we're bringing forward this item tonight. And this meeting, we're going to have a conversation on how we can work together as a community in a kind of way. Let's go take a look right now. And before I before I started applying, I would like to note how critical it was to the deadline, both for colleagues. There are no second chances. But the question of what I wish I had known I wish I would have known more about the management process. The financial. The job. Needs. Of the area before you choose and. Engage financially. The real financial. Burden of students start in kindergarten. How to manage my social load. The independence that you gained to go to college. You got to be pretty much. Getting things done. Nobody holding your hand. You got to show up. These types of initiatives only work when we're all working together, whether it's community, it's our faith groups, whether it's our public safety team. What is our. Our prosecutor's office? We're all working together. We really can make a difference. Too often, a bad decision turn into a loss of life or loss of livelihood unless they have opportunities presented to them. And so today's conversation is really about opportunity. According to the last census in 2010, young adults make up

the largest segment of our population along the East Coast Pacific Gateway. The unemployment rate for folks that are 20 to 24 is 20.7%. That's almost triple the Long Beach. Young adults are also more susceptible to violent crime. In Long Beach, you represent a significantly disproportionate percentage of victims of violent crime. So a lot of these police department data tells us that since January 2014, 50% of all murders in the city of Long Beach occurred to victims ages 18 to 29. 43% assault with a deadly weapon. Victims are between the ages of 18 and 29. 38 for roughly 40% of all robbery victims are aged 18 to 29. And that's all recent advances in developmental neurological science tell us that the brain isn't fully developed until someone's in their mid-twenties. It's not 18 is not 16 is not 21. When you can drink is 25. The only people who really have this right are the rental car companies. Which are you extra if you're doing one? On the other hand, the part of the brain that deals with pleasure seeking, reward seeking, that's fully developed. And so you have this gap between rewards that give you behavior and the ability to sort of mitigate that impulse control. All right. So essentially, young adults look like fully grown adults. They talk like fully grown adults. They're like a car without a brake pedal. Right. It looks right from the outside, but then it really does sort of slow down, isn't fully there. Well, we also know now through the science is that the period of adolescence and adulthood is equally as important and is, in fact, our last opportunity. When when a young person steps into the courtroom and is in that waiting room, even in the waiting room, and

it's sometimes a 12 year old, 13 year old, 14 year old. The type of experience that is, is traumatic and the kind of influences that they're going to have if they continue down that path. Again, like Brant said, the brain is very malleable. So it could be positive. It could be negative. And it's our job to switch that net from sweeping young people up and and criminalizing them to to making a wide net that puts them into mentoring programs. Is it those that are absent from school and they're in third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, sixth grade, fall behind, 75% of chronic truants don't finish school. We also know that if you don't finish school, if you don't get a high school degree, how are you going to be competitive in the job market? The core issue, what is the root cause for this tension at school for this this young person is behaving in escalating to that. Before, it used to be a trip to the principal's office. And, you know, you would have a conversation in calling your parents and you would figure out what went wrong, how could that have been prevented? And there would be a consequence that it was all based in positive development. And now young people are going to court for these things that some people. Here in Long Beach, I can say that again for working now, I thin

k for the first time in a collaborative way that's never been approached by any city, by having health department, police department, prosecutors, district attorneys, probation officials have a wide range of folks with the leadership that we have in the city of Long Beach with Robert Garcia, an education focused mayor, with people like Greg Richardson who are leading the charge in the city on the policy side. I believe we're uniquely situated to do something here in Long Beach that has not been done before. Having this conversation together in one room when. We're here all listening to each other, realizing that we have a stake in it. Imagine if the chief of police was held accountable, at least partly for graduation rates. What if the superintendent of the school district was held accountable, at least partly for the youth crime rate in the community? What if prosecutors were held accountable and were measured not by the number of convictions they secure of 18 to 24 year olds , but how many? 18 to 24 year olds are moved into mentoring programs, job placement programs, job training programs, and actually come out better for what they had done for. Thanks. So. So, as you just heard in the video, there's obviously interest and much that can be done to help our young people have the opportunity to succeed in life. So a few things that you might have heard or might not have heard, but young adults make up for the last since it's the largest sector of of individuals in our city. And oftentimes, they're confronted by a set of conditions that have serious enduring costs for individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and our and public safety. So as Brant Cohen mentioned from the Department of Justice, Justice, while individual individuals between the age of 18 to 24 are considered adults. Research confirms that the brain development continues through age 25. So what this means is that young adults are more susceptible to peer pressure, risk taking, impulsive behavior and most and more likely to misread social, social cues and drastically overreact. And this can lead to activity that has dire long range consequences affecting their future ability to gain employment, complete their education, and pursue life goals. In terms of the workforce, the unemployment rate in Long Beach, residents age 20 to 24 is almost triple the unemployment rate for all people in the city of Long Beach. More specifically, between 20 and 24, it's 20.7% compared to the rest of our city at 7.7%. And that's significantly higher than California and U.S. averages at 16.9 and 9.6, respectively. Young adults are also more susceptible to violent crime. You heard the statistics there and and they're posted behind me. But half of the murder murder victims last year were between the ages of 1829. So despite these issues, I personally believe that Long Beach is well-suited to take on these challenges and make a lasting, positive impact on young adults for a number of reasons. We've been at the n

ational forefront of violence prevention, as is evidenced by our selection as a participant in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention and the development of our safe Long Beach violence prevention plan. Our city prosecutor is a national leader on diversion and successful community based prosecution methods. Long Beach is home to over 70 community, community organizations, workforce and education partners who are ready and actively engaged already in increasing successful outcomes for disconnected young adults. And our Mayor and City Council have placed a focus on education and boys and men of color by becoming a partner in Long Beach College promise, as well as accepting President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Community Initiative. We've come a long way, but I think there's more that we can do. We have a significant opportunity to advance public safety, save valuable time and resources, and cultivate the human

capital of our future by responding to young adults in more developmentally appropriate ways through education, workforce development and diversion. Everyone must have the access have access to education, workforce opportunities, the Promising Adults Tomorrows Hope Program or path. In short, which our city prosecutor Doug Halbert figured out on a napkin after racking my brain for two weeks, is in partnership with our city prosecutor Doug Albert's office and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board, and establishes two components . The first is a workforce strategy that will strive to ensure that all disconnected young adults, whether justice involved or not justice involved, will have access to quality, workforce training, education, mentorship and supportive services. And then the second is really focused around diversion. So I'd like to ask our city prosecutor just to highlight a few points around the diversion aspect of the PATH program. Thank you. Councilman Rex Richardson. I want to thank the city council and the mayor for giving me this opportunity. Also, let me start by giving apologies to the chief of police. If he's still here, who's going to be sorry to hear that? In addition to all the other things he's measured by, he's going to now be measured by graduation rates within the school district. And I made that statement really to pronounce what is already happening here in Long Beach. At least in the short time that I've been in office, I've noticed the city of Long Beach is working together in a way they've never worked together before. I look at truancy, for example, as a indicator of future crime. So why does my office work so closely with the school district? Because we know that these things are not separate. They are connected. We are connected to each other in many ways as far as diversion goes. Many of you may know that the city of Long Beach has been a leader in diversion for many years. The Community Service Worker Program was started by my predecessor, city prosecutor Tom Reeves, who started a pre filing div

ersion program that allows persons who are cited for low level misdemeanor offenses, first time offenders. They're given an opportunity to perform community service in Long Beach in order to avoid having that citation filed in court. Now, the natural sequence of things is a citation. Is issued and filed in court, and often that results in a conviction on a person's record. A conviction often can lead to negative consequences that involve denial of financial aid harder to get employment. There are a number of things that follow a conviction. By having this pre filing diversion program. People in Long Beach are given an opportunity to clean out the wetlands. To help with beach cleanups and alley cleanups. They weed at the Martin Luther King Peace Garden. They help with the farmers markets throughout the city. They perform a number of tasks that help us get the city become more beautiful while at the same time avoiding a conviction and potentially facing jail time. That's one of the most successful examples of diversion here in Long Beach, but we've also championed a few others in particular this in this last year, we've created an anti recidivism class. We've also worked on a class focused on getting your driver's license back if your license gets suspended, because we've observed that a number of people will get a ticket if it's not paid the ticket results in their license getting suspended. If they get caught driving on a suspended license, they now could have 2000 or more dollars in fines. And they also don't have a license, which means if they drive to work, they're going to get potentially arrested, have their car impounded as well. So by helping them get their driver's license back, we're preventing future incarceration and we're preventing fines that then go unpaid and a number of other problems that result from the convictions. What I think is being proposed today is something that has not been proposed anywhere else that I'm aware of. I think Long Beach is well-situated, perhaps uniquely situated to do something that hasn't been tried anywhere, and that is to create a more comprehensive diversion program that actually moves people from a criminal justice system into a job path, a career path, a job training, a mentorship program that makes them better and helps them come out of the system better than they went into it. It's not going to be easy, but I think we're well-situated here in Long Beach. We have our own prosecutor's office, we have our own police department. We have a network of community based organizations that for years have been providing terrific services to the people here in Long Beach. And I noticed Jessica Canton is in the audience. She's one of those. And her organization has helped my organization and we've cooperated with them and collaborated with them in a way that nonprofits and prosecutors have not collaborated together in the past. So although we are a leader in diversion, and I appreciate the recognition for that

, I think there's a lot more that we can do here in Long Beach. I'm excited to be engaged by the city council on this, and I look forward to working with every council member who I know has a sincere

desire in their heart to make this work. And if it can work anywhere in the country, it can work here. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thanks. Thanks, Doug. So by making the cities criminal justice and workforce systems more responsive to the needs of young adults, we can change their trajectories for the rest of their life. And like. Like the life of myself and many others, we can make our communities safer and more stable for years to come. I want to thank Councilmember Price Andrews and you Ranga, for your support and co authoring this initiative. And I just wanted to add your input and some of that input has led me to just say say a brief thing about the potential fiscal impact of this. My motion tonight is just simply asking the city manager, our workforce board, as well as our city prosecutor, to come back and to go out and see if this is something that we can either find in our budget or something that we can seek through fully philanthropic or grant resources. And if it is, then I'd like to see it included in the next budget, and now will be the appropriate time to make a request as such. And you know, I received nothing but positivity from city staff in terms of their willingness to do the work and seeking something out for a cause like this. So that said, I'd urge the rest of my colleagues to vote in favor of this program. And thank you for your time. Thank you. Council Councilmember Tauranga. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank Councilmember Richardson for inviting me to co-sponsor this bill with him this evening. Father Greg Boyle, the director of the famous agency of Homeboy Industries and in Los Angeles, has a famous quote. He says, Nothing stops a bullet like a job. And this is an opportunity for us to create jobs, for youth, to get them engaged in our communities, to make them viable citizens, and contribute to the growth and the wealth of Long Beach. So I'm looking forward to working with us, working this through, and also want to encourage my colleagues to support this item as well. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pratt. Thank you. I, too. First, I want to thank my colleague, Councilman Richardson, for bringing this item forward. That was an excellent presentation. So I want to thank him and his staff. That was just very professionally done. So, Shauna, congratulations to you two. That was just beautiful delivery. So thank you for that. And I want to commend our prosecutor. He's he's a leader on many things. And this the idea that you can make diversion, a successful program in the criminal justice system is something that not all prosecutors embrace. I will say that because I've been a prosecutor for 15 years, but I do think that where there is a willing partner, the accused, the defendant, the suspect, the wrongdoer or w

hatever you want to call them, when there is a willingness on their part to take advantage of the opportunity, which really is what diversion is. It's an opportunity. It's a gift to avoid a criminal consequence. And where there is that partnership and there has to be a partnership, where there's a partnership, diversion can be very successful. So, you know, as a prosecutor, I absolutely believe with every bone in my body that people should be held responsible for the decisions that they make. Absolutely. And especially when the decision that they make impacts the life of another and someone else is victimized as a result of their decision. They should absolutely be held accountable to the full extent of the law. I believe that. I do believe, though, that we have an opportunity and a duty as a society to reach out as early as we can to the young people in our society and try to educate them about choices and opportunities. And I say that not just as fluff, but for the last five years of my life. I speak every Friday to fourth, fifth and sixth graders in impoverished areas in the city, in the county of Orange. And I've been part of a program that does it every year, and I spend my lunch hours doing that on Fridays. And my goal has always been if there's just one child who walks away feeling inspired by my story, which a lot of people don't know, but it's an interesting path if there's just one child who believes that they even though they've had adversity, they can succeed and and make a life decision as a result of that inspiration or mentorship than we've succeeded. And we work in gang impoverished neighborhoods. Our entire program is focused on gang prevention and education and drug prevention education. So I think that trying to get to the youth is very, very important. And, you know, I. Fully believe. That people make bad decisions generally in life out of a place of insecurity or lack of self-confidence, that that really is what leads to people making bad decisions, whether it's the way they treat another human being or whether it's the decision to commit a crime. It really comes from a place of insecurity and lack of confidence. It's why we all lash out sometimes when we lash out at people, and it's why young people make bad decisions to join gangs or to get involved in criminal behavior. So. I think one way that you can give people confidence, you can tell them all day long that they're special and they can achieve anything they want in life. But one actual way that you can give people a sense of confidence is by allowing them to be successful in a job. Giving them the opportunity to learn a trade. Letting them have

something that they can feel proud of. And so that's why this particular diversion program and this proposal is so interesting and intriguing to me, because it's beyond the community service, which I think is really great. We've actually utilized our city prosecutor's office and their community service programs in the th

ird district, and I think that's a very valuable program. But I think that giving people something that they can be proud of is the number one. Preventative action that we can take to allow them not only to learn from the gift of diversion, but also for them to change their course in life. So I think that this is a really great opportunity. It's and I know the city prosecutor would agree. It's not every day you're going to have a prosecutor come out publicly in support of diversion. It's diversion has thought to be something that is necessary in light of prison overcrowding and in light of our our current criminal justice system. It's it's a it's kind of a a necessary methodology that we've utilized to clean out the courts. But diversion can be very, very beneficial and very helpful when there's a willing partner on the other side. And so I hope that we can utilize this program I'm very much in favor of. I know this is probably something that's going to cost money to the city. And I'm hoping and I would encourage our city staff and our prosecutor to look for grant opportunities because money is something that we don't have. But I think it's very important for us to invest in decisions that help our city. I mean, every item that we bring forward has some sort of cost attached to it. And I think it's important for us to evaluate how is this particular item going to benefit our city, how is it going to benefit our residents? And this has the potential for great benefit. So I'm hoping that there are other non general fund dollars that will allow us to fund this program and I support it 100%. The one thing I would ask the city prosecutor is, is there an opportunity for organizations such as the Conservation Corps to be involved in any of the job training opportunities? Because we have a strong partnership in the city with the Conservation Corps, and I would like to see them be included in this discussion. And to answer your question, absolutely yes. In fact, no organization, I think, is going to be left out of this discussion. I think they are very valuable participant and can provide a lot of service to a diversion program like what we're envisioning. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrew. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I first of all, I'd like to thank Councilman Richardson by allowing me to be a co-sponsor on this item and to hear our city prosecutors say that, you know what I think we got at this time? You know, this is one of the most important issues that I think I've done all year, because the fact that you guys realize what the night is all about, to me, it's like going and watching Cleveland and, you know, Golden State. But after I said this, I'm going to stay here and go through this. You guys, this is so important because you guys know, ever since I've been on this thing, all I talk about is jobs. And I know what you just said up there. Jobs can stop a bullet. This is so, so important to our young generation and the passionate that to secure the

future for our youth. You know, last year, I create a similar program for youth with the Pacific Gateway and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center called the Heart Health Care Pathway Program. You know, the program was very successful with 25 youth and five of the youth were hired for employment in 15 of the youth decided to pursue a career in health care. You know, programs like this, it does work. And anytime you talk about jobs for our young future, you guys know that we're doing something. And I would not even want to think about what it costs money and not how can we put a price on our future? There is no price because look what we say when we do put that on our future. So, you guys, I cannot always think about building a future for you. You know, I use. But we can't prepare you for a future. So I want to thank you again, Rex, so, so much for this and for you, for the audience coming out. And, you know, at least here, not opinions. And I hope you guys totally support this item. And I want to thank you again. Thank you very much, Mayor. Thank you. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I'm very excited about the program as well. Just from the budget procedure, I want to be sure that Mr. West does present whatever recommendations he has, especially if he's recommending any general fund impact. To me to go through the Budget Oversight Committee, I think that's that's the process. And so I don't want us to stray from that. And that's not a statement on how great this private project or program is, but it's just we need to stick to that process. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Just want to say thanks to my colleagues for bringing this forward. We don't often talk about this demographic, this age group. I know a lot of you are already doing work, central chore. Many of you in the cereal community I'll be cap. There's so much that we're already doing and to collaborate with our city prosecutor and existing agencies is just wonderful and I hope we can see this through somehow. I

mean, I know as many people mentioned, it does take a budget and so I'm sure we'll be looking at that and seeing what kind of great opportunities are available. I know we'll be doing that very diligently, but this is wonderful work and I just hope that if it does come to fruition, that we we really publicize this as much as possible to give people this opportunity. Thank you. Thank you. Council Member Austin. Thank you very much. And this is a welcome agenda item. I'm glad we're having a conversation to deal with this very important age demographic in our in our city. I think it's often forgotten group. It's a group that has a very high unemployment rate and a lot of hopelessness right now. And I think, you know, we if we if we we focused like we're doing today, this with this and other efforts, we can certainly make a difference. I was most impressed with the the emphasis here and the mention of our partnership, our education partners with Cal State, Long Beach and

Long Beach City College. Because I think the best type of a diversion program other than having a job because I was once in this age demographic with a job, and I think that kept me out of a lot of trouble. But the other other component is education. And I would like to see certainly a greater emphasis on education because our community college system is a great resource here to to to put young people on a path to success. And so I did have some questions and I do appreciate Council Vice Mayor Lowenthal the attention to the process here, because I think we need to stay stay on process and not divert from that. This would be a programmatic cost and we say program. It means whatever we do to fund it. If it's a grant, if it's a general fund, it's going to be ongoing. And so that that that needs to be taken into consideration. And it would be a significant commitment. And I think we should be prepared to make that commitment, but allow the city manager and city staff the latitude to to figure that out. The the question I had regarding the position of the Youth Diversion Coordinator in this, and I guess it would go to the city city attorney or city prosecutor, how would that rule differ from would they be coordinating the CCW program and the anti recidivism program you have in the driver's license program? What above that? What else would they be doing? Well, certainly. Well, the discussion tonight is purely conceptual. I think one of the things you want to do is actually have a vision before you go out and seek grant funds. So as far as specifics of who would do what and what role they would serve, and none of that has been decided yet. And if the council isn't interested in us moving forward, we wouldn't even go to the point of trying to decide how we would formulate it. But I think tonight's a discussion about the concept and later on we can decide how that would actually function within my organization. We may have to move things around. We may combine what we do with CCW into a larger diversion program. And there are other organizations that may want to partner with us that may be able to provide services as well. So at this point, I don't know. This is more of a conceptual discussion. Okay. So so that that is what I kind of glean from this, that this was kind of open ended and we have the blink chalkboard to kind of create a position and create a role coordinating with your office in Pacific Gateway, is that correct? Through your office, through Cathay Pacific Gateway as a partner. Think this discussion would, after tonight's vote would result in my office meeting with the city manager's office and then approaching Pacific Gateway. But I don't think anyone has approached anyone yet, so we haven't even started that part of it. Let me let me just say I'm going to support this because I think it's necessary. And again, I do appreciate the fact that we are having this conversation to deal with this important demographic. As many of you know, I have

put forth in my my district office resources to to to focus on this group through our Peace League that that is in its third season, second year. We're dealing with 40 or 50 young individuals who are who fit this this age demographic and addressing many of the same same areas of concern here through that process. And I would love to see some of that program and other programs that are currently doing that addressed in this as well. So thank you very much. I plan to support. Thank you, customer. Thank you. And I just want to make one last observation about this. The city council often gets criticized for the fact that they travel to conferences or they attend seminars or they go somewhere outside the city to learn something new. This is one of those instances where our council member went. To D.C.. Attended a conference. Attended a workshop. Learn something valuable, brings it back to this city, reports on it, and comes up with this idea. And Councilmember Richardson, I want to applaud you for being engaged in in your job, for being for being responsible, for being attentive, and for more importantly, bringing back the valuable information that you learn when you are out of the town. Because it's the present, not out of the town. Out of town that's out of the town. And out of town are two different things. But that you bring this positive program back to

us. And I hope that in the end, we are able to. Adopt something that's going to be working for our community. Thank you. Councilor Richardson. Thanks. And and so, again, I want to thank all the council for their comments and just reiterate that, you know, this the intent here is to really give great flexibility to city staff, to our prosecutor, and to Pacific Gateway so that we can find something that works. I don't think that the finer details should be hashed out here at the city council. I think that we have experts and they've been working together for a long time in terms of our content public safety continuum as we see at City Council during the budget discussion in our city prosecutor. And and so I would say that this the intent is that conceptually this is where we want to go to particular focus is diversion and a young adult workforce strategy to particularly focus on disconnected out of work young adults. The funding I think we'll figure out I think we're pretty confident that we could sort that out. And then just the comment on the education piece, so on the item, it says combining occupational training, life skills development, mentoring, job placement and post-secondary education as an alternative to criminal prosecution. So that would include Long Beach, City College, Cal State, Long Beach, any of the educational institutions that might want to be part of this. And I would imagine there are a number of degree completion adult education centers that might want to be part of this. So this is sort of us making an affirmative, affirmative step in the right direction. Thanks. The ma

yor let me know I was going to be next. Thank you for bringing this item forward. I'm really glad that the Workforce Investment Board is going to be a part of this because these are the standards that can be built into the federal grant we already receive from Workforce Investment Act. And so I hope that. I can't think of a next last name right the second, but that he'll build that into his budget because we all know what tough budget times we're facing. And so it's going to be really important to better utilize the nonprofit organizations that we partner with to ensure that these things are getting handled. It doesn't necessarily mean that we need a staff member inside the house of the city. Sometimes our community partners are even better at the things that that they do. So I'm supportive of this item and thank you for bringing it forward. It was great to participate in the discussions in D.C.. Thank you. There's a motion and a second before we vote. Is there any public comment before we vote? Okay. Come forward, please. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Garcia and council members and staff. Thank you. My name is Wendy Nichols. Julian, I'm honored to serve as the executive director for the California Conference for Equality and Justice. You don't see us here very often because we don't really do a lot of politicking. We do a lot of program work. But this project is near and dear to our heart and our mission of eliminating bias, bigotry and racism through conflict resolution, education and advocacy. I'd like to ask before I start, if just everybody who's in the audience still, who's here to support the PATH program, if you could stand so you can see how many people came out to support this. So CCG has been serving and located in the city of Long Beach for over 52 years. I've worked in the city of Long Beach doing work with disconnected youth for for 15 years. I'd like to ask you to support the PATH program as a proposal. That's a really big step in the right direction. It's the right step in the right direction from the perspective of an agency with a mission to eliminate bias and bigotry and racism, because we are focused on looking at systemic issues that particularly impact youth of color. And certainly the criminal justice system is one of those. The obstacles to success for disconnected youth and young adults in Long Beach are systemic and they're real. One of the systematic problems is the way that we deal with people when they have committed crimes. You heard about brain science, but common sense also tells us that young people make mistakes. The good news that you maybe didn't hear about the brain science is that also means that youth brains are more susceptible to rehabilitation. This effort is a way for youth who commit misdemeanors to be held accountable for harm that they've caused. And CCJ is here to offer those services which were funded to be able to provide around holding youth accountable and being able to help address the harms th

at are caused. If that's a part of the program, we're willing to support the PATH program and very excited about the the potential collaboration between Big Win, Pacific Gateway and the prosecutor's office. Youth need to have an access to education. They need to have access to services and mentorship. And they don't need to have records that haunt them and create a barrier to success. And we believe that the PATH program provides them with a shot at education and employment. I'd like to also share with you that Pastor Gregory Sanders was here earlier and had to go to serve on an alliance committee. But he asked me just to share a couple of words, which is that as many of

you know, he's committed to shifting the culture. Picture me and my bow tie and green glasses. He's committed to shifting the culture of our community by revisiting the long term consequences of disproportionate incarceration. He believes there is a benefit in substituting education for incarceration because no one is disposable. Let us, as a city, create a model of transition from young adults to adulthood that's reflective on their ability to rationalize their choices. Youth are worth investing in. The next generation is worth it. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker. Good evening. Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Lowenthal, city manager, members of the City Council. My name is Jessica Quintana and I'm the executive director of Central Cha, also a long, lifetime resident of the city of Long Beach. Very proud. Go Beach. So as you may know, Central Asia is a nonprofit organization. We've been providing job training, workforce development, higher education opportunities to our young men and women, specifically of color here in the city of Long Beach for over 14 years. We have been a consecutive partner of workforce development for the past 14 years. So what I'm saying here to you today is that this evidence based practice that our councilmember has brought to the council today works. We have over a thousand stories of success transforming the lives of our young men and women here in the city of Long Beach, helping them to go on to graduate high school, helping them with their FAFSA applications, go on to post-secondary education, helping them to become and understand what the role of a young man is in our community and what the role of our a young woman is in our community. And so we want to thank our Workforce Investment Act, Nick Schultz and his team, because, you know, they have been a true partner of our community based organization. They understand the importance of job training and workforce development. And I want to especially thank Councilman Richardson for bringing this here and and all the council members, because, you know, making a trip to D.C. and really understanding what is happening at the federal level really helps us here at the local level. And bringing this to work and being very bold really furthers our work as a community based organization, working in the forefront with

our families and communities. Here is a challenge. You know, we we have a great, wonderful city, but we all need to understand and recognize we have very impacted communities. And so a lot of our young people are facing a lot of barriers to employment and education. So it's important that you all, as decision makers and stakeholders who have the ability to make change in our community and really take on an initiative like this is very bold and it's really helping our kids face forward and really get the hope and the help that they need. And I'd like to lastly say to our city prosecutor, Doug Talbot, which actually he should be Doug Kennedy, because he really does have a kind heart, you know. And so we have been able you know, we've me and Doug have had many conversations, you know, in regards to our youth. And what I can tell you is, Doug, you know, really in the end wants to help, you know, our youth in the city of Long Beach. And I think we are measured by the number of youth that we don't put into the criminal justice system, because we've had a high number, an incident number of really incarcerating our young people and adults in the city of Long Beach. And so that really needs to change. And so I think that I'm really confident also that it's time. And I think that, you know, the state of Washington is standing up and looking at Long Beach. And I think it's time that we bring those federal dollars, those state dollars to our community and really make a difference. We're very lucky to win \$1.5 million of the face forward Department of Labor dollars to the city. And we're the only organization in the whole western area who won that grant because of the great work we were able to do and because of the great partnerships with the city and our city prosecutor's office and our health department. And I've seen Susan up here somewhere, but maybe she left already. But, um, so again, I just want to thank you so much. Our youth are here today. You'd be surprised. A lot of our youth were in our workforce investment programs from 2005 2004. They went on to lobby City College. They went on to Cal State, Long Beach. They worked for central China. So those are the commitments you got to make when you have these young people come through your organizations and they say, I want to work at Central Asia, but it's like you have to go to school, you have to complete. And they made it and they did and they came back. And so you'll see a lot of our case managers. Thanks to you. And I know. I'm letting you go a little bit over because you have a big group with you. So I appreciate. That. And I know I appreciate you consolidating. So so we've got to wrap it up. And we have our case managers who are who are very, very experts in what they do. And you'll see them running around with youth in their cars, taking them to job training and and working with our Long Beach City College and our construction training program and also in the court system, really representing our

youth to divert them to make sure that they have opportunities and hope in our community. So thank you for your time. Thank you, Councilman Richardson, for putting this well forward. Thank you all council members for all what you do. And Doug. Thank you so much. Thank you very much. Thank you guys for coming. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia, vice mayor and city council members. My name is Maryanne Drummond. I'm a math teacher in Long Beach Unified School District. And I've been to I'm very much for this measure. I have volunteered for with CCJ for six years as a facilitator in the Building Bridges program and as a recruiter at Wilson High School for Campers. Over the years, I've had a lot of students who and certainly we take all different, uh, kids, but we have every year kids who go to camp, who have, are regularly truant, have low grades, um, and are heading toward bailing out. And every year after attending a camp, I witness these students have oftentimes some of the biggest turnaround in attitude in plugging in to school and making grades in in participating and then in returning to school to for training to become youth leaders and youth mentors. Really embracing the power of positive leadership and. So. And they learn human relations skills. They learn to become more connected to their community. They learn mentoring and training and camaraderie. And they become great volunteers. I've seen many a life path redirected through the programs that CCE does. And I guess I'd just like to stipulate that when we have groups like CCJ and so many in this city that together putting all of that power together to we can this can culminate into an incredible. Think in my opinion. So thank. You. Thank you. Hi. Good evening, Vice Mayor. All of the council, I. Councilman Richardson, I am so. My name is Dr. Jane Galloway from the third district. I am so excited about this measure. Our city prosecutor. This is such a visionary idea. I feel like I'm dreaming this because I've been working on the arts as intervention for at least 25 years. So I was actually not going to say anything tonight. But I think the fortuitous juxtaposition of all of these artists coming in here to talk and then this wonderful measure brings these things together. So I just want to plant a couple seeds. First of all, arts, diversion, brain development, multiculturalism all go together in a wonderful pot. The arts build. Different neural pathways, turn antisocial behaviors into pro-social behaviors, create visions for the future. So part of the workforce development can actually be through the arts and can also bring revenue in through this program. So I really just want to advocate for thinking about linking these two ideas that came up this evening. For a long time. I was a professional actress for 30 years. I actually got a scholarship, a Screen Actors Guild mid-career scholarship to get my doctorate. So the arts are I made a wonderful living doing that and now I hav

e a whole other career. But what I wanted to say was this The movie industry is one of the largest exports of California, of the state of California, economic exports, post-production facilities, editing. All of the stuff that goes into putting a film together are perfectly linked in with this computer skills of the younger generation. They are a wonderful livelihood, very creative work. Also help people really learn to edit. We learned to edit our futures right by the choices we make. So I would say let's partner with the movie industry. Let's partner with people to bring funds in to really create careers. It's great to go to the farmers market. It's great to go to all this other stuff. I think this could be such an exciting program to really also bring the arts community and bring this wonderful work of diversion. I have worked with kids in this demographic for so many years and watch terrible tragedies and some wonderful successes. I'm very excited about this work. Thank you so much for bringing this forward. Thank you. Well, good evening. Honorable Vice Mayor and. Esteemed City Council. My name is Steve Neal. Address is on file. I would like to rise in favor of this item. I think this is one of the most innovative and creative things that I've seen come out of this council in some time. I had the fortune of hosting this event last week with our city prosecutor and the council member and the Children's Defense Fund. And the conversation that I was privy to has potential to be really groundbreaking. City Prosecutor Prosecutor Howard mentioned how long beat has the ability to do something that has never been done? I personally believe by going down this path, you positioned the city, the region to be in line for some federal assistance and federal dollars because this is very creative and innovative. I stand before you today as a member of the Ministers Alliance. We pledge our support to work with whomever and in moving this agenda forward. I also had the privilege of seeing Council Member Austin's Diversion Basketball League, and you're absolutely right, those gentlemen fit into this demographic. And if there's ways that we can produce opportunities to find work, to find career paths, to ply. The ability to change people's lives, I think goes a long way. I want to commend the author and all of the coauthors. You know, a few years

ago, I took a fly on a young man that fit into that demographic. And today sits before you as a council member. So and believe me, he had some rough edges at that time. So folks do change and become positive influences in the community. And I just think this is a wonderful path to venture down and I hope that you guys will all support it. Thank you very much. Honorable Vice Mayor and City Council. My name is her Linda Chico, and I'm the board president for fostering a change. And this is Jennifer Elko, the executive director of Fostering a Change. And we're in complete support of the PATH program, fostering a change as

a privately funded nonprofit that helps young women who are ages 18 to 24 , who've been aged out of the foster care system, and we help them with housing and resources and programs. And one of the components of that is trying to connect them with job opportunities, and that has been a challenge. So it's it's wonderful to see this this conversation happen. I think another very important statistic to remember, I hope you remember this, is that more than 70% of penitentiary inmates have spent time in the foster care system. And so that is incredibly important when we're talking about diversion programs. So we are in complete support. I want to thank Councilmember Rex Richardson and and the coauthors, council members of Price and Andrews and Suranga for bringing this forward. And then especially to our city prosecutor, Doug Halbert, who continuously looks for ways to help those who are most vulnerable in our community. And we really do appreciate that. So we look forward to partnering and helping in any way that we can to help our youth get on the right path. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor, City Council, city. Staff and community members. My name is Joanna Diaz. I'm here representing Greater Long Beach. Interfaith Community Organization. ICA. I just wanted to say thank you to Councilman Richardson for presenting this. I'm really excited and I believe we're really excited to to hear the support here. Where we're a nonprofit organization. Grassroots organization that's been working with our communities to act on their faith values and also to become more civically engaged. We feel this is an amazing opportunity. I did a lot of work on Proposition 47 that allows individuals to have second chances. So this is something that our community is looking forward to, right? Being able to prioritize those opportunities for our youth, for our community members as a whole, to be able to prioritize education over incarceration. Right. Also, along with our school system right now, I think it's an amazing. Opportunity to be able to. Kind of navigate away from some of that more militarized approach in some of our schooling. But I think it's an amazing opportunity to look forward to hearing some more of the details of the funding and some more of the logistics coming up. But I just wanted to say thank you. We're really excited and I'm all for this arena. Thank you. Thank you. Hello. My name is Alexander. I'm from the city of Long Beach and I represent Central Asia. At first I didn't know programs like this existed. And personally, I just want to say. It's good that we all deserve a second chance and that they're taking students that make bad choices and want to change their. Life around. And I'm going to have to, um, go ahead and disagree with Susie said. Because she said there are choices already made. And I just want to say she she knows she's never been into our shoes and what we see daily in. The in our daily basis. And. I just want to s

ay thank you, guys. Thank you. Thank you much. My name is Dr. Leon Wood. I am the president of Success and Challenges, and I wanted to express our full support of this PATH program. We have. A large number of young African-American males in my city who are failing in school, who are not attending college, are dropping out. A program such as this will re-energize the community, redirect the youngsters and give them a chance and move them forward. The age of 18 to 24 is a very critical time in the life of African-American men at this time. Opportunities are not available to them. What our council was trying to do is bring some opportunities to the city to change the paradigm, to change how they lived, the change the the scope for their future. And so I fully support and you have the full support of success and challenges. Thank you very much. Thank you. And I want to thank the speakers for coming in support of the program. I think several of us have worked with diversion programs and and Alexander, I just I wanted to assure you that. That statement about the choices being made wasn't about the students that are involved in the process. It's just sometimes that choices are made for you that you had no control over. I think that's what the comment was, but I'm glad you cleared that up. We in agreement with you and the fact that you participate in a program like this tells us that despite the destiny that was handed to you, you are changing the course of that destiny. And that's what Councilmember Price, his comments were intended to

convey. Thank you. With that, there's been a motion and a second is there's no further comment on the side of the dais. Members, please cast your vote. I mean. Yes. Motion carries nine zero. Report from City Manager Parks, Recreation and Marine. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation under the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the master fee and charges schedule by adopting a public sea wall. Mooring Lease Permit Fee. That's the first item. Thank you. Have to turn this over to staff. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the City Council. I'll be handling the staff report for this item. So when the city was required to or when the city put together the Naples Seawall program, it was an investment in our public sea walls. And we went to the Coastal Commission to gain approval. The Coastal Commission put a number of requirements on the project. One of them is to create a new lease program for the private use of public waterways in the city of Long Beach, specifically as it deals with the Naples area. There are six phases of the Naples Improvement Project. What we're really going to be talking about tonight is a program that will be created as we improve those various areas of the Naples Sea walls, creating a new fee structure for compensating the public for use of that of that space by a private entity. And it really is designed to only affect the areas of the sea walls where the cit

y is investing and creating a new sea wall. So what you have in front of you tonight is a new proposed lease agreement, which is, in a sense, a fee and will be replacing the current fee that we have for that that users, private homeowners are currently paying for their docks. I want to talk a little bit about what that structure looks like, what the process was that we went through and give you an idea of what the magnitude is of this fee. So as we went through to create this proposed lease program to adhere to the Coastal Commission's requirement, we use the following criteria. We want to make sure this program will only affect those properties where new public seawalls are installed. We're designing this program so that the average user will pay approximately what they're currently paying. The new new lease program should generate at least the same amount of revenue as the current fees. We did a lot of surveys to look, to see, to make sure that the program is pricing is going to be competitive. Looking at the neighbors in the Naples area, looking at public private, looking at city of Newport Beach, looking at other market conditions, and a program will generate revenue that will cover costs associated with operations, repair and maintenance. We've had three public meetings gone out and spoke to the community about this new fee program, an ad and explaining that the old fee is being replaced by this new fee. To give you a magnitude of what the fee will look like currently, the the average fee, we looked at five different properties to determine an average fee. That average fee is about \$205 a year. The new average fee, when we look at those five properties, three properties actually see a slight decrease. One sees a slight increase of about \$8 and the other who had no boat before, which is now this is about a fee that is for the entire use of the dock rather than just a boat parking at a dock that sees an increase. And so with that, the new average will be about \$215 as opposed to \$205. So we believe that this is a very equitable arrangement. It's very similar to what we have today. And we'll be rolling out this lease program in as we do additional seawall investments unless otherwise directed by the Coastal Commission or by the Council. And with that, that I stand by to answer questions and we have our team here as well to answer more specific questions. Councilmember Price. Thank you. Well, first of all, thank you very much to your entire team. So Rachel Tanner and Eric Lopez. I consider us a team in this project. And for those who don't know, this team has been incredibly successful at facilitating a 1900 linear feet. More than 1900 linear feet. Redo of the public seawalls in Naples from the Revo Alto Canal, the from the Ravenna Bridge to the eastern portion of the Toledo Bridge. The project has been on schedule, on budget, and I go out there and do periodic site visits, and I'm incredibly impressed with how efficient that team has been. So f

irst and foremost, for such a huge project that is very unique in its components. These these seawalls are incredibly unique. We have nothing like them anywhere else in the city. They're unique to the state, in fact, and the manner that the seawalls were actually put into place, the whole instrumentation was unique and tried out for the first time here. And I expect that after we finish phase one, we'll do a little presentation for my colleagues and and the public in terms of what went into the installation of these seawalls, but is an incredibly impressive operation. So I want to thank the team for being there. And most importantly, I want to thank you for the outreach that you've done with the community. As as the staff knows, outreach is it's very, very important to me. I think sometimes the best ideas get lost in the mix if you don't have sufficient outreach with the public. So

thank you. This dock item is one such example. So I just want to ask a few questions before we as we move through the the presentation tonight. The first is and this is probably addressed to Mr. Modica. Is it accurate that the fees that were mandated by Coastal Commission only apply to the phase of the Seawall project that's just been completed? So if I remember the Coastal Commission recommendation or the condition they asked for it to be for the area of improvement for the entire Naples seawall or at the very minimum, the Naples phase one. When we put this program together, staff is recommending to just begin with the areas where this where the work is actually being done . So there's a nexus between the new program and the actual construction work being done. That certainly can change in the future with future phases, but that's how we're approaching it. And right now, as it stands today, the fees apply only to those who have who are utilizing the space in phase one. That's correct. You only get charged a fee and you and the new lease will occur when you reinstall your dock onto the public seawall. If you choose not to install the dock, there will be no fee. Now, some have speculated, you know, what happens in the future. Could this be applied to other areas in Naples? That's not an issue that's within the city's control. Is that correct? It actually could be a city council decision should you choose it. We are doing this upon a condition from the Coastal Commission, so that's really why we have to do this phase. We could certainly we're charging fees today. This is a different way to compensate for for public use. And it may come to a point in the future where the Coastal Commission requires it and everything else. But right now we are we are choosing or at least the recommendation before you is to do this section. Okay. So the mandate that's requiring us to recalculate the fees is a mandate that came from Coastal Commission, which is a statewide entity and not the city of Long Beach. That is correct. Okay. So in terms of future application or future mandates and i

n terms of other areas, that's certainly something that the city could look at. But if it were to be a Coastal Commission mandate, it would come from the Coastal Commission. That is correct. Okay. And then in terms of the fees, we're talking here about a fee of an average of \$215 a year, is that right? Yes, that's correct. Now, what about future fees? How how would the issue be assessed in the future in terms of lease renewals and what the fee will be in the future once the lease is up for renewal? So this fee is going to be in our master fee and charges schedule. The way it will work is we will sign a five year lease with the property owner, which will define what the fee is, how it's calculated. But the actual rate will be considered by the council as part of the master fee and charges schedule every single year. Our master fee and charges policy from the Council is that we apply a CPI increase. So there is some when they sign the lease, they'll know what the fee is in that year and it will be subject to review in the future by the council, you know, should they choose to increase it or modify it in some way. Is it fair to assume, though, that our process for determining whether or not there will be a fee increase will be the same process we use for fee increases throughout the city, for other uses of fees such as fees for the marina, etc.. Absolutely would be the same process and frankly, it's very similar to the process that has been in effect for for 15, 20 years. As we assess the current fee, that is also a fee that is reviewed by the Council as part of the master fees and schedule master. If he's in charge of schedule every single year. And then in terms of the lease renewal, is there going to be anything unusual about the terms of the lease or requirements for the lease renewal or anything that people should be on notice on now in anticipation of the lease renewal? Or do we expect that the lease would be renewal barring anything unforeseen? I believe it's the latter. It's there's a number of conditions that, you know, if that were determined to be where you were in violation of your lease, if you're operating in an unsafe manner for example and if we need to Alveda Helen and can explain what those are. But barring that we've actually attached a sample copy of the lease in the agenda item today that's very similar to what we'll be asking everyone, one to sign and they'll see the agreement before they sign it. Thank you. I know that I personally would not want to be dealing with Alveda on a violation of any because she means business. She's very nice, but she means business and I appreciate that consistency in business. So anyway, thank you very much. I have no additional questions. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And one thing I'd like to point out, Councilmember, if I may, part of what was requested is that we go out and do three different community meetings and talk about it and the feedback we heard the most. Once they understood what the fee was

, was to include something in the lease to help tell future homeowners that there are restrictions on the size of the boat. And we thought that that was a very good suggestion. And that's been

incorporated into the leases that they know where to look for, that there is a restriction on the size of the boats that can be docked and can be safely navigated through the channels. So that's been included. Thank you very much. LOWENTHAL Do you have any comment? Okay. We have a motion any second on the first part of the motions or any public comment for this part of the motion hearing. CNN members, please go out and cast your votes. Seven votes. Yes. Okay. And I'll hopefully take a motion for the second part of the vote. Okay. There's a motion any second. Is there any public comment on the second part of the hearing? CNN. Please cast your votes.

Communication from Mayor Garcia and Vice Mayor Lowenthal, recommendation to request the city manager to convene a 12 member Queen Mary Land Development Task Force. Thank you. I'll go ahead and just begin. I think there's there's no question that one of our city's greatest assets is the Queen Mary. It's been a classic icon of our skyline. It's something that we know a lot around the world. We're known for, certainly as we travel and we hear people's love of the ship. We also know the ship is going right now through a massive renovation, historical renovation, which we're also very, very proud of. We have an opportunity, as we all know, that surrounding the Queen Mary is about a little over 40 acres of land that's adjacent that can be developed. It is a land that is in a in a development partnership currently with Garrison Investments, which has been a great partner with the city. They own that. They control the land lease on the land. But like a lot of great public projects, we I know myself and Vice Mayor Lowenthal, who represents that part of the of the city, believe it's now time to move forward, to really develop and think about what we build around the Queen Mary. We have this huge project with the Civic Center that we've that this council has been involved with. We have other great projects happening across the city, whether it's the pool or others that are happening in other parts of town. And so it's time to put together a community group to really advise development services and our city management team on this as we begin this process. The reason this is coming forward now is because Garrison Investments, which holds the lease on the ship in the land, has begun really intense conversations with the city over the last few months about their willingness to now move forward. They're ready to move forward, to develop, and the city needs to have a robust community outreach process, part of which will be this 12 member development task force. And so I want to particularly thank Vice Mayor Lowenthal. She's been working on this for a very long time. And as we all know, it's an important piece of of her dist

rikt. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and I appreciate the mayor's partnership, as well as his leadership on this particular issue, which didn't start just from the time he became mayor, but from the time that he was on the council. Many of you know, I've had a love affair with the Queen Mary since coming to Long Beach. It is an amazing asset that we should all be proud of. I'm proud of the fact that in the last eight years, the city's performed a comprehensive survey of the ship and its assets and developed a conservation management plan to ensure that the restoration and preservation follows best practices. Many of you that are here today or watching from home or will be reading about this tomorrow, will have been part of the community that's asked why has it taken so long? And I have to assure you that the first and foremost task before us, when the Queen Mary's history was turning a corner, was to be sure that we preserved her as an asset. We preserved the historic aspects of the ship. And I am confident that that is the approach that was the right approach to take and one that we did take. And I know that the city and its residents are committed to maintaining this international icon and city landmark in the best possible shape for future generations to enjoy. That's something that I think a lot of us share in common. We want that because she has an incredible story to tell that spans multiple generations and cultures. And I hope that narrative continues for multiple generations into the future. Beyond the welfare of the ship itself. One of the best ways to encourage more tourists and residents to visit her and learn her story is to invest in the property around her. We have over 40 acres that surround the queen that can be invested in and I think we should. Mayor Garcia and I have been discussing these development plans with Garrison Investments, which is the ship's operator at this time. And we're very motivated to see this property reach its potential. It's a critical place. It's a critical piece in our efforts to attract even more tourists, investment and businesses to Long Beach. So this is a good time and project for residents and experts in related fields to help the developer and the city reach its full investment potential. This certainly reminds me of our volunteer committees for the Downtown Visioning Team. I know several of you have participated in that effort and subsequent downtown plan as well as the Queensway Bay Development and Project. If we think about the narrative that's gone on in the downtown, starting from the downtown visioning plan, this is the next chapter in that long narrative.

This is something that began a very long time ago before all of us here were seated at our table on the dais. But it's certainly one that we have a true role in ensuring what the future of the Queen Mary can be. With all the changes coming to the pike. Many of these changes have come up recently. Good changes, Shoreline Village and

and the Downtown. I'm very excited about the prospect of this property improving as well and very excited about the opportunity for the community to continue to provide feedback for what the vision of this area should be. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Next up, Councilmember Andrus. Yes, thank you, Mayor. You know, I think I like to thank the mayor and the vice mayor, because I want to thank for putting this item on the agenda tonight. You know, the queen mayor is one of our icon features in Long Beach. And the idea of the task force is a great indication that we will continue to move in the right direction to highlight our city's access. You know, since this community asset, I think it's a very important to have local community members on this task. And I'm very glad that you guys decided to look into this and make this one of our, you know, important items on the axis tonight. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzalez. I, too, want to thank each of you for bringing this item forward. I know it's been a long time in the making and we've been talking about it and it's finally here. So I'm glad we're moving forward with this. I just had a quick question about the selection process for the committee. I understand it will be 12 members appointed by you, Mayor. There's a few different, I guess, pots of expertise that will be selected as well. Tourism, hospitality, design, will there be will the members be part of those different or how will that be selected exactly? Well, I mean, I think the item is written down so that it were not too specific. We want to bring in people that have a variety of talents. But certainly I think the key component, of course, is residents. So they'll be downtown residents that actually are live with the impacts of any additional traffic or any issues there. But beyond that, we want to make sure that they're experts in a variety of fields and those are limited, but not to include but are not limited, of course, to hospitality and tourism and and other relevant architecture that would work. Thank you. Appreciate that. Thank you. Next up is Councilman Mongo. I too, want to speak on behalf of support of this item. I think that it's it's the right time. It's the right leadership of this city. And I know that the east side is looking forward to more. Types of events and things that we can come downtown and enjoy. The civic center down by the water that we're all going to embrace together. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. I, too, want to support this item and thank you and the vice mayor for bringing it forward. I agree that in terms of the economic development and the discussions that we've had as a council, there are specific categories of economic development opportunities that we need to target as a city, including retail sales and residential housing. And I'm hopeful that this space could be utilized to stimulate further economic growth and development. I do want to say, I think it's very timely that I'm really impressed

with where the pike is headed. And I think Vice Mayor Lowenthal and the mayor and others who have helped bring the development of that project into fruition, because it's really coming together nicely. And again, it's targeting our chief economic development goal, which is to increase our revenue and specifically our sales tax revenue. So I think this is just going to add to the progress. And it is this is something that residents ask about all the time throughout the city. So I'm glad that we have something to report in terms of movement forward. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Turanga. Thank you, Mayor. I, too, want to lend my voice to supporting this issue. The only thing I have to say is what took you so long? I know that we've had a lot of important issues before us in the last year, and this is one of those situations that I'm very proud to lend my support to, and I'm looking forward to what arises out of the the task force, the recommendation they're going to make, because it's going to be going to complete the whole renaissance that we're going to be going through with downtown, with the pike, with the new civic center, and now including the Queen Mary. So I'm really looking forward to it. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. And just to reiterate something the vice mayor said, because the leaseholder, of course, is gears is is a private firm, Garrison Investments. We're working on a on a timeline that works for both parties. And so we're both at the point now where it's time to move forward and and put a project together. Councilmember Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will support this. And because I think it is it's great to to build the task force. It's great to pursue economic development with input from our residents. I just want to remind you, you mentioned that stakeholders in the downtown will be included in this this task force. I would just not. Exclude anyone else from from the process, because we have this is a citywide resource. It isn't a six on the second district. But like

our ranchos, they have board members and people engaged from all over the city like our airport as well. So this is a citywide resource and I would just encourage that you look beyond the downtown for qualified talent to be on this task force. Thank you. And that's actually part of the plan. So I encourage everyone to if there's fantastic people that please let me know, because we definitely want to do that. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to congratulate and applaud Vice Mayor Lowenthal and her leadership on this and you as well. Mayor Garcia, I think it's important, you know, the entire city seeing a renaissance, this important development happening in East Long Beach, in North Long Beach, in downtown. And I'm reminded of just this past week, I was in San Francisco on the waterfront and hanging out in a wind, checked out Ripley's Believe It or Not. And I went and visited an old ship that they had. And I was looking at

a lot of the similarities that Long Beach has there. And and I was actually thinking about the opportunities on the other side of our waterfront. So I think it's really timely and I look forward to what comes out of this. Hopefully more fun. More fun downtown. Q Councilmember Superdome. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just want to reiterate Councilman Austin's words that while we have downtown stakeholders, let's not neglect the etc's, too. Thank you. Absolutely. Thank you. Any public comment on the item has come forward. Very good you. I fully support this. I think it's absolutely essential. I think the Queen Mary is an icon. It's one of the reasons why a year ago I suggested when they were going through wasting the money and renaming the the downtown transit mall station, that it should have been the Queen Mary station. That's an icon name, iconic name that would be recognized around the world. Downtown Long Beach doesn't ring any bells. One of the things that we should also consider is adopting a paradigm not unlike Disneyland. Because one of the problems I discovered and I discovered this a couple of years ago, about 14 months ago when I was talking to a couple on the on going down to Del Mar or on the bus. And I said, Had you been to the Queen Mary? And they said, Well, we were going to go, but it was going to cost us \$46. And then I got inside of that issue. And what had happened is because of the heathens, come down and get on there free. They destroyed millions of dollars. They incurred they destroyed and damaged millions of dollars worth of property. So they have to they had to recapture that. So now they have a program, what you pay to get on, you can deduct from what you buy. So I'm suggesting one of the things we do is we just like if you're going to board a cruise ship, an airline. You get fingerprinted. You get a little passport for the day or the period of time, and that will scare away the element that we don't want. Nobody should object to paying those dollars. And I think we should be able to get the cost of a photo and a badge down to a negligible amount. So the people to keep it as a souvenir. That then will offset the cost of that, because I think it's absolutely essential to build up that iconic symbol of this city. And it's just sitting there and it just needs good management. The only thing I'm concerned about is that we get people on there, that committee that have zero experience in business and they're only experience is spending government money. So I would want to make sure that we have people that have operated and been responsible for PNL operations on a successful ongoing basis. Thank you. Thank you. Any of the public comment on this item? Please come forward. I heard on a Unsolved Mysteries that the ship is. Haunted as one of you guys going to get Ghostbusters out there. Just a little joke there. All right. Thank you, sir. Okay, let's see. Is there a more public comment on this Queen Mary issue? Just come forward. Yeah.

I do like the idea of a fingerprint. I think we should. We work with the police department to run a criminal background check to see if anybody going on the Queen Mary is committing any acts of, for example, shoplifting or any other. Because we don't need a bunch of criminals on the Queen Mary. So I do. The thumbprint criminal background check. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. So with that, everyone. So with that, we're going to go ahead and go and please cast your votes. And if obviously, if anyone is interested that watching from the public, please contact my office or we're making the appointment soon. Please cast your vote on item number 11. Motion carries nine zero. Thank you, Madam Clerk. We're moving on to number 12. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Councilmember Urunga. Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to request the city attorney to draft a resolution in support of comprehensive immigration reform. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. I want to first thank everyone for their patience, Rousey said. Although Supersu Paciencia. I'd first like to hear from the. I know everybody has been waiting a long time, so I'd like to first hear from the public. Public comment, please. But so you don't

wanna make a motion or anything you want and then hears from the public. Did you make them? Okay, so we have a motion on the floor in a second. We'll take public comment on the item. Please line up. You want to do public comment? I'm Robert. I'm Robert Lawton. I think you're. You're. You're you're. Today's resolution on immigration reform should be tabled a, b, b before you is a letter from the organization called Flush the TPP dot org. The title of the of the of the letter is stop. The Trans-Pacific Partnership is I'm sorry, stopping the Trans-Pacific Partnership is immigration rights. This week or next week, Congress will be voting on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Congress will not be voting on comprehensive immigration reform until 2006. Today's resolution should be titled It Should Be Tabled A simple and example of us. A simple resolution from the US, from the City of Long Beach would be the city of Long Beach. City Council is urging Congress to vote no on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. And then you could say more information from Citizen Dawg. In their letter, they point out that the event in 2005, there was a study for the Mexican government by the World Bank that showed rural, rural, rural poverty had risen from 35% between 1992 and 1994. 1994 was when they passed North American Free Trade Agreement, and by 1994, by 1996, it had rid the urban rural poverty had been risen had risen to 55%. By 2010, 53 million Mexicans were living in poverty, or half the population at 20%, mostly in rural areas, lived in extreme poverty. Now, after the free trade agreement of NAFTA destroyed jobs on both sides of the border, and then the Trans-Pacific Partnership is now the on steroids. And in the end, it is it's going to create more pover

ty in in Mexico and and more of a border surge. And then then, then and then according to this, they have some statistics on the people who die in the desert, a very painful death trying to sneak into the country. And so so so is so when you consider that they're so so that there should be a statement about stopping the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Thank you. All right, good. You. Clarke has the address. Let me before expressing my view on immigration specifically, let me say I was at the Council, the Board of Supervisors meeting last month, which was referenced by earlier speakers today. And I was there when they personally witnessed three of the fifth columnists. Give the middle finger not only to ices, to not only to ice, but rather to the families whose family members had recently been slaughtered. By the recently released. Illegals in this country. The only action this council should take is one that would support the type of conduct. The George W Bush unfortunately did not had the guts to do the manifest. So enamored was he by his nanny. And to do what Eisenhower did back in the fifties, which is the use of the United States federal troops. To round up every single person in this country that is here illegally. Marched them back to the country from which they came. And in addition. Take them to the American consulate or embassy. Take them to the end of the line. Are those people that have been standing in line. Figuratively and literally. And have those people explain to them why they should be able to cut. Into the line and not wait their turn. The only people that could support that are the cells of fifth columnists that are in fact as dangerous to this republic. As is ICE's. Period. Who want to change the basic foundation of this country. And that's exactly what the people. The 3/5 columnists. And the Board of Supervisors did. And any person that supports anything other than marching them back. And having them get in line. It's just like somebody coming here and trying to cut in the head out of the line and saying, No, I want to speak. Follow the law. The law should apply to everybody. The only thing you should applaud again is using federal troops. Round up all the illegals. Send them back to the country from which they came. Have them get in line like everybody else. Thank you. Next speaker. Yes. I wonder, Bashar, again, I think passing this resolution is a grave mistake for one, as I mentioned earlier tonight. Your job is to protect US citizens allowing illegals to come in here and steal our jobs, dilute our quality of life. It's not protecting us. It is damaging us. Which you should be focused on the homeless, the unemployed, the veterans who are suffering, not people who come into this country as thieves and steal what's not theirs. I'm a veteran. My dad was better in two wars. I have a I have I have two sons. I've got a vested interest in my country. For you to come out and say that you're going to pass this resolution. When if you I

ook back at the Immigration Act of 1986. We had all kinds of of guarantees. And what did it do? Nothing. It failed. In 1965, there was an immigration act. Where we were, where we were going to not destroy this culture in this nation. What did it do? It failed. And now you. City council members of Long Beach. You want to take it upon yourself to do something in this little town which the federal government has failed time after time to to solve. And you want to make it even worse. You want

to take it upon yourself. To take back door. Some kind of right to somebody that's not not here legally and should not be here legally. They should not be here at all. It should be like the gentleman said before, said home, we are a nation of laws. You cannot allow illegal people to come in and destroy. Like Ann Colter said last week or this week on Bill Maher's program. Does The Invisible Man, Invisible Man, you believe in Jesus Christ does. What does he think about her book, Adios, America? She said, Yeah, no, look, Jesus agrees with this totally. If I see a homeless man on the street, I have to take him home and put him in my bed. This is my home. This is our home. This is where children live. When we grow up, we expect to have a life. A freedom. And we went through a whole Cold War dealing with freedom and trying to make people free. And that's the important. That's what made the United States the greatest nation in the history of mankind. Frankly, sir, we don't want to destroy that. Thank you. Excuse me. Excuse me. Before you get started here. Is anyone else getting in. Line up there? Because I'd like to get a consensus. Are we? Okay. Thank you. Go ahead. Okay. My name is Javelina Ramirez. I'm live at the district number six. I want to talk a little bit about me. I have been in this country for 26 years. I have three kids, 24, 20 and 18 years old. My kids, the older one, is a medical assistant. The second one is in his third grade at the Long Beach. The other one was a SEP that I, UC Santa Barbara has been volunteer for the last 20 years in Long Beach. I has been volunteer with the children's clinic. When I was Barney Lowenthal at the Fourth District, I was helping there and I was helping the part of the Drake Park. I was involved with some other organizations. Many of you know me for a long time, and that has been in this country. Like I said before, more than 24, 24 years. And I'm an American undocumented in this country. But I can tell you, I has been doing more things in this country. That many others that they call themselves citizens. I has been working in my communities really hard. I has been volunteer. I don't get it any money for that. My job is being a caregiver. I has been taking care of elderly people. I have to shower them. I have to change Pampers. I have to fit in them. I have to do all the those kind of chaps. I am by you. Those people who don't like me or who don't like us Latinos here and United States on the comment that I buy them to

change number to another people. I would like to see them doing that kind of job. But I feel really proud to be here to had my three kids, citizen, three of them, and they are ready to vote. My daughter is 18 already. She I know the other two has been worried. My my daughter's is ready to vote in that I don't go to anywhere. I'm open to helping my community. I want to continue being here. Say. I don't know if you guys are going to like or not, but it is what I want to do, and that's why I am here. At this moment, I have to run to get my job because I make my job and I turi pm and thank you so much for listen to me. Thank you. Good evening, Honorable Council members and staff. My name is Laurel Almonte and I'm the district director for Congresswoman Janice Hahn. Congresswoman commends a Long Beach City Council as you consider adopting a resolution in support of President Barack Obama's executive action and comprehensive immigration reform. Congresswoman Hahn strongly urges the city council to adopt Councilwoman Lynn Gonzalez's resolution that is before you tonight. Our country was founded by immigrants, and throughout our nation's history, immigrants have made significant contributions in every sense. We in California have the country's largest immigrant population. We embrace the differences of our residents and with it the wonderful variety of the many cultures that make Long Beach, the second most diverse city in the United States, for way too long. Our current immigration system hasn't been working to the benefit of our country. There are approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, and as you noted, 900,000 make Los Angeles County their home the most in all of California. There have been more than 2 million deportations since 2008 separating families, leaving children behind without one or both parents. And this is just not right. Our immigration policies should reflect our family values and keep families intact. And that is what the president's executive action daka and DAPA do. Congresswoman is pleased that the city of Long Beach previously adopted a resolution in 2010 in support of the Federal Dream Act. The City of Long Beach continues to demonstrate the civil rights and human rights are democratic principles in the congresswoman urges this body, the Long Beach City Council, to vote in support of council woman's resolution. Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay. When I started this. Good afternoon. Honorable, honorable mayor and city council members. Mia. Mr. Bell, my name is goodbye. I live in the sixth district, so partly I'm part of many community groups, equally Zionist and coalition such as? I go along with Jimmy Barnett's coalition. I have lived for ten years here in Long Beach. I'm with you that I love this multi-colored and multicultural city. LDA There you stood up today on advocating

and searching for Una for your Local four part local support in the city of Long Beach. Mantilla My area. So the m

ajority of us know that executive actions that extended indirect, such as extended DOCA and upper extent imposed are being held at our ports. Is the situation in this situation is harming and creating an environment filled with frustration and a sense of false credibility for millions of people. Nor soon secreto can we be living in a non and the non anonymous do you know sexism against people with power and personal skills and support there who seek to rob and exploit us. Also, Antarctica signals the racism by using racist tactics. But our continuous support in order to continue to separate families in the negation of basic services is one party in mistrust, which are part of creating a sense of security in this country. Nosotros Then in Moscow, S.A. you have this that we must sit down and discuss this topic apparently in the very other sitting not at all that involves basic human services, independent responsibility that can not be denied by anyone. It is our responsibility that new generations, new voting generations, no san contaminados por la, but are not compelled by those people think without compassion and those filled with ignorance, the names of the heroes whose bodies we must protect the parents, amigos, vecinos, my siblings, friends and neighbors. But we must inform them that our work, they involve civic communities that involves community and city matters. But is our responsibility for the benefit of our country? Look, we are seeking we are seeking and asking some guarantees. The apology about will not be the guarantee for equality and peace. E-Passport on Mistral for our children. It still seems that I love where they come. This will grant us the confidence and strength necessary. But in order to systematically advocate in a manner that benefits everyone, yes, continue. And continuing to strengthen our economy, economy, social, our economy and social health. But I conclude to conclude clearly mañana. If tomorrow El Dorado were to become law, I would not qualify Yuka. So I am a mother of two immigrant daughters. Maya More yet my love for this city immigrant and my sense of civic duty may ask me to stand here today supporting the new generation of voters such as my grandchildren, my vecinos, my neighbors. Give me some eagles and my friends. Thank you very much for your time. Good evening. Vice Mayor and council members. My name is Marisol Barajas. I'm District Director for assembly member Patrick O'Donnell, and I'm accompanied here by my colleague. Alyson Gallagher as well. We're here to speak on his behalf to thank you all for having our office here today. And on behalf of the ASM Assembly member, I'd. Also like to express our appreciation to Councilmember Gonzalez for introducing this important resolution. As a. Classroom teacher with over 20. Years of experience, the Assembly member has witnessed. Firsthand the shortcomings of our country's. Immigration system, and the toy can take on undocumented students who want nothing more tha

n to pursue a better life through education. He understands ensuring California's. Dreamers are empowered with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve their career goals ultimately benefits us all, and that these education opportunities have far reaching positive impacts on every facet of our society, from public. Safety. To economic growth. So once again, thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez, for your tremendous advocacy and for giving us this chance to voice our collaborative support for this comprehensive immigration. Reform, but most importantly, for the families and advocates that are here tonight. Thank you. Good evening, council members. Thank you, council member Gonzalez, for introducing this immigration reform resolution. My name is Sulley Sara, and I'm here on behalf of Senator Ricardo Lara to support the resolution, which will benefit not only Latinos, but also Cambodians, Filipinos and Pacific Islander immigrants throughout Long Beach. It's no secret that California is leading the way. On. Immigration reform, and Senator Lata is proud to see that the largest city in his district, Long Beach, is eager to lead in this. Regard as well. 1/2, please. Hold on 1/2. I'm going to be very clear and I'll say this once. We will be respectful of all speakers. Thank you. Thank you. We know that undocumented immigrants comprise nearly 10% of the state's workforce, contributing to a \$130 billion annually to our state's gross domestic product. That's billion, not millions, and generating 2.2 billion in state and local taxes in 2010 alone. As most of you are well aware, Senator Lara is a champion for the immigrant community. He is the proud author of SB four The Health for All Act, which ensures that California expand access to health care for our most vulnerable communities. He is also the author of SB ten. The Office of New Americans, which will serve as a central resource agency within the Governor's Office for Undocumented Communities throughout the state. In closing, Senator Lara congratulates

the City of Long Beach on your effort in the fight towards inclusion and equality for every Californians. And he wholeheartedly supports this resolution. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Brant, whereas I am a field representative and deputy press secretary for Congressman Alan Lowenthal. And unfortunately, he he couldn't be here today, but he asked me to read a statement on his behalf. I am here to support and thank Council member Linda Gonzalez for taking the lead and introduce her resolution supporting the president's executive actions on immigration. As many of you might know, I have worked very closely with the Long Beach Immigrants Rights Coalition, Echo and other local organizations advocating for immigration reform. As a matter of fact, one of my first events in the district during my freshman term was an immigration reform roundtable where I discussed with advocacy groups the importance of Congress taking action on the bro

ken immigration system. I recently held a DAPA informational event in partnership with Long Beach Immigrants Rights Coalition, the Filipino Migrant Center and the Office of Council Member Robert Turanga. During my time in Congress, I have strongly supported comprehensive immigration reform that would provide a pathway to citizenship while securing our borders and fixing our broken immigration system. While the Senate passed a bipartisan bill by wide margins in 2013, the House leadership failed to even call a vote, though this bill would pass with support from both parties. While Congress has refused to act, millions of families across our country, California and my district, have live under the threat of deportation. I have repeatedly urged the president to use his authority and protect families until Congress passes immigration reform. In doing so, the president use his power consistent with his authority and in line with many of his predecessors, both Republican and Democrat. I was pleased that the president was indeed taking executive action to shield as many as 5 million people from deportation. Mothers and fathers and dreamers among them. I applauded the president, acting so that thousands of families in my district will not have to live with the fear of being separated. Unfortunately, on February 16, 2015, a federal judge in Texas issued an opinion ordering a temporary halt to two of the Department of Homeland Security's immigration directives, DAPA and Dacca. The decision was appealed by the U.S. Department of Justice. The appeal was later denied by the Federal Court of Appeals, dealing a blow to millions of immigrant families across the country that would have benefited from both directives. The White House has not yet announced what its next moves on the lawsuit will be. It is ultimately Congress responsibility to enact comprehensive reform, and rest assured that I will continue to urge my colleagues to take up bipartisan legislation to that effect. This is about parents, about families, and about children. Thank you. Next speaker, please. When I started this afternoon. My joker armed robbery. Garcia will represent them. Then Garcia and their representative. Claudia Rivera. My name is Claudia Rivera. Just so you know, the day I go, I am a leader of. I think I have lived for 15 years in this country. It doesn't matter. These are my three children. But I mean, sitting with you. It would be very painful to me. For me separated from them. I go to the deportation. Is mowing the lawn as a pandemic induced ban. It is very painful for me. For them to see. You get your company. Especially my daughter, who now understands. In an anti-immigrant stance, what anti immigration groups are saying? Better geography that gives this one by the opportunity that is. But I firmly believe that this is the country. Either end of Dreamers. He told us. When was I keep saying, you. Know, we all come here because of a dream. In me is. The symbol

ism in my whole professional Mindi. My dream is to develop myself professionally. Yes. That that music autonomy. So that by this I can provide a better quality of life for my children. In that case, your senators were not you that I know sinister. Also prepare them in order for them to be better citizens for this country. You mean Akin in. Their first generation in this country? What if I would? Both importers had a solution. For this resolution. Gays and lesbians. Up, down. Comunidad Latina Latin community organizer, said, I would like to thank the crisis consul Lina Gonzalez. Lina Gonzalez. For. All you supported our community. Thank you. Oh, hi. My name. Hello. City Council and Mayor Robert Garcia. My name is Rebecca Ayala. I want my family to be with us. Not just my family. I want to. I think that the politicians are out there and that's why I like to support families all over the country have been all over the country. I want my country to be happy with the way their lives are now. People here also may agree. I'd like to thank the council members and Mayor Robert Garcia and especially Lena Gonzalez for letting us be here. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next

speaker, please. Hello. Good evening. My name is Swimming Chair and I'm an immigration attorney with the National Immigration Law Center. So I'm here to support this resolution for economic and public safety reasons. National and local studies have shown that the DOCA program has had a significant effect on young immigrants ability to increase their earnings and expenditures, which results in greater contributions to the tax base. One national study found that almost 60% of DOCA beneficiaries obtain a new job after receiving DOCA and about 45% increase their earnings. This provides direct evidence of the economic boost provided by DOCA. The effect of expanded DOCA and DAPA would be even greater. The estimates vary, but experts agree that even modestly successful enrollment in the DAPA and expanded DOCA programs would add more than 2 billion nationally in taxes over the next two years. This money could be spent to improve infrastructure, education or other important local projects. L.A. County is home to an estimated 500,000 residents eligible for DAPA and expanded programs. This is the largest population of eligible residents in any of the nation's counties. These programs will help to lift immigrant families out of poverty and also provide them with the relief of knowing that they no longer have to fear deportation. Furthermore, law enforcement leaders say that darkened DAPA would make our communities safer by taking immigration fears out of local interactions with police. The Major Cities Chief Police Association, which is a professional association of chiefs and sheriffs representing the largest cities in the U.S., the Police Executive Research Forum, and 27 law enforcement leaders in areas ranging from Iowa to Texas signed onto an amicus brief in support of these programs. In their b

rief, they state that deferred action promotes public safety by encouraging immigrants to come to court, to cooperate with law enforcement, and by providing a means to obtain secure and verifiable identification. So finally, I just want to say that we should reject the prejudice, intolerance and xenophobia that some speakers tonight are promoting. That would be moving us backwards at a time when we really need to heal from deep racial wounds. Instead, we should be moving forward towards policies of inclusion, justice and equity. Long Beach communities and economy shouldn't have to wait any longer. Thank you. Thank you. So before before our next speaker just wanted to show so we have about probably another 40 to 45 minutes of public comment. And so I know I know I have one or two councilmembers that have to also have to be leaving. So I want to make sure that we try to get through. This is a very important issue. I know. So I'm going to cut off the speaker's list at the very end. Who's the last person in line there, Senora? So we're going to cut the speaker's list there. I'm closing the speaker's list. And I know that we have a lot of people that are that are obviously supporting the item. So if we can, as best as possible, expedite, you have your right to your 3 minutes. So I understand that. But please, I want to make sure that people are here for for the process. So please continue. And we have the speaker list is now closed. Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Maria Barrientos. I have been living in Long Beach for 23 years and I wish. Thank. Good afternoon. My name is Maria. Laurie and I have lived in Long Beach for 23 years. And since I came to this country, I'll always pay my taxes. If you would support the immigration reform, it would be beneficial for me along with my daughter, since we've always dreamed of having our own beauty salon. And this would be a business that would also help the economy of Long Beach because we would support other people in growing, along with providing a source of work for others. And they would also. If it's possible, I would like you all to support the immigration reform. Thank you very much for listening to me. Gracias. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Well. Good evening. And. Thank you very much for your attention. My name is Ramon Gonzalez. And. I've been here for 20 years. E e resident. I reside in District nine. You're going to need that. And I'm. Looking for an opportunity in order to achieve a dream. Career. To study, to prepare for a career. In this space. Why in this country. Is it based? Because fundamental. Because this country has. Foundation for freedom. In principles and. Principles in education, which along. The way. Has. Taken this country to a. Development of. Technology, of technology and and science. Patel. Because of this. Your offer for. This, I would offer my talents, my abilities. In this space in. Order to cooperate with this country. In this special community. Especially wi

th this city developing new technology. Eat and. Participate or just is. Participating in groups. Your organization or. Community organizations. Benefit for. The benefit of all? And conclusion. In conclusion, I would I would ask for your support. But not for. A comprehensive immigration. Reform awareness and support that. Could give us that opportunity for me as well as for others who need it.

And in this way, we can show. A great potential to. Great potential that we can give to this country. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Yeah. That's just like to say that there will be no immigration reform coming up. Also, our system is not broke and our immigration laws are just simply not enforced. Secondly, America started as British colonies. We allowed immigration. But that's not what made America great. What made America great was our Constitution or rule of law. Every illegal alien that comes here is in violation of America's sovereignty and our rule of law. They have brought their criminality across the border. The reason they come here is because their nations are full of crime, because they have no rule of law. They brought that rule. They did not leave their corruption at the border. They brought their corruption along across that border. I as a legal resident, I as a citizen, a descendant of immigrants, I have the constitutional and civil right to live in a sovereign nation with secure borders. Every illegal alien that came has violated my civil rights, and they are the enemy of America. And they do not love America. They're just here for the money. It's just greed. If the money wasn't here, they wouldn't be here. This is the list of crimes that they want illegal alien criminals not to be deported, but brought back into America. In 1970, we were the eighth largest economy in the world. Half the population, a huge portion of our population. Stay at home, mom. We didn't have the crime that we have. We didn't have the water shortage that we had. We didn't have the deficit we had. It was a better California than all these illegal aliens have at it. Nothing. All they've done is turn our freeways into parking lots. The all they done is put gang bangers on the streets. We had safe streets until they came. This is the crime and the corruption they brought across the border and laid it here. Why in the world would you want to take felons? Car theft. All. Every. Every minor money laundering. And put these criminals back on the street. It is absolutely insane. This is not a nation of immigrants. This is a nation of legal residents. This is people who love the Constitution. I don't know what you hope to gain here other than put yourselves on our political radar screen. This, this. I'm telling you, this will be the confrontation point of all immigration in the future. This mean if you want this stuff downtown, when people come here on their holidays, go ahead and pass this ball thing and we'll have it. But I don't think people want to co

me to downtown Long Beach as the legal immigration rallies. Endlessly and endlessly. And that's what's going to happen. What that what? I have no idea what you're doing. You have brought crime and corruption right in here, and now it's seeping into you. Illegal aliens, they only bring crime. They add nothing to this society. And if illegal aliens don't have to obey the laws, why should anybody? And we see that. And why do their children grow up to be gangbangers? We didn't have graffiti. We did not have gang banging in 1970. We were a society of legal residents and we respected the rule of law. You are going to destroy this society. This will not last. The times have sought to strike you. And we don't need to yell when we're actually making public comment one. And just to correct one fact. California now is actually the seventh largest economy in the world. So it has actually moved up a point. So go ahead. My name is Elliot. Information on file. I'll be brief. I just want to tell a quick story about a friend of mine who is is an immigrant. When he first came into the country, his status was, I think, in question. But eventually he he was a legal immigrant. And I someone who really inspires me because I know we're talking a lot about the effect on the system and the government. And, you know what? Immigrants contribute or don't contribute. And my friend, actually. Got his doctorate, went to college because of the immigration reform, because people gave him the opportunity. And he's actually now the current mayor of the city of Long Beach. And this December, he actually sent out an email to a lot of people who are supportive of him and followers of him. He's quite a patriot, something that we kind of have some disagreement on. I personally. Am a little bitter at. Some of the issues that has happened in this country. But he's somebody who loves this country. He loves this country so much. That he said this Christmas, he sent everybody all and everybody who's been following him an email saying that this Christmas, he's going to ensure working with our president, that all of our veterans that are homeless on our streets in Long Beach will have a place to stay. So when we talk about immigrants and their contributions, I want us to recognize that they're not that far from us, that they're an important part of our economy, that they're important part of our community. I also want to talk about a lot of the flag waving that's going on. There's currently a debate nationally about a flag that stood as a symbol of racism, that stood as a symbol of the ugliness. Again, I have my disagreement with the mayor over over the patriotism, because I'm a little bitter at the ugliness that we've seen in this country, because they're this country is based on a long history of telling people, no, you don't have the right to have the same resources I have. You don't have the right to be recognized as a valid human being. You don't have the right

to do anything besides wor

k and not have the opportunity to education, not have the opportunity to have a diverse city council member. You don't have the right to create your own policy. And and I want I know that some councilmembers might have constituents who might be on the fence about this issue. And I just want us all to recognize that many of you have come from a place of struggle. Many of you have glass ceilings that you are some of the first in your generation to to represent people, to be elected officials. You weren't the right gender or the right color or the right whatever. And and I'm so glad that that we're moving forward on this. And I want to thank everybody who's been in support of this. Thank you all. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Richard. As far as my information is on file, the American labor movement has always supported human rights. I speak for the AMA, International Executive Council and our members in support of Councilwoman Juliana Gonzalez's comprehensive immigration reform. Since October, some 57,000 unaccompanied minors, the vast majority from Central America, have crossed the illegal into the United States. Many conservatives are blaming the crisis on President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DOCA, which allows people brought here illegally as children. Work, authorization or relief from their deportation. Conservatives say policy that the policy which newly arrived of newly arrived undocumented undocumented immigrants don't qualify for has acted as a magnet, pulling young migrants from violence plagued, poverty stricken countries like El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. But there's virtually no evidence to support this increasingly popular conservative talking point. Unidos Respeto mucho Podemos. Your God, I own a well, that Umana. Si, se puede. Si, Podemos grass. Yes. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Honorable Major and Council. My name is Jonathan Solorzano. I am a community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition, as well as a lifelong resident of the city of Long Beach and a current resident of the ninth District. So I'm here today to show support for the DOC programs and also the need for comprehensive immigration reform. As you've already heard from our community residents, this is something the city really needs to get behind, because the truth is, our communities are disillusioned. They are disillusioned because undocumented immigrants deal with a variety of problems from housing, work prospects, wage theft, family separation and discrimination. We know our nation's immigration system is broken. And while we know it's difficult for local government to influence federal legislation, you have the power tonight to vote and show the nation what a city who embraces its immigrants looks like. Our community needs you to take a stand. Just as the mayors of two of the largest immigrant communities in the nation, Mayor Garcetti of Los Angeles and Mayor de Bla

sio of New York, as well as countless other other public figures have done so recently. And just to show you the support that is behind this resolution, I would actually like to ask those in the audience tonight to please stand. If you are in support of this. I would also like to take the fall to thank the following organizations for supporting this resolution, which are the Lumbee Human Rights Coalition, Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization, Building Healthy Communities, Long Beach, CPC Lane. The Filipino Migrant Center, Central Maine. The Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs in a Healthy Community Housing Long Beach Latinos in Action Clay then as well as 120 signatures collected from residents throughout this whole process. And we would also like to thank council members Lina Gonzalez, Suja Lowenthal, Roberta Ranga and Rex Richardson for sponsoring this resolution. And while we are thankful for those who are here, let's not forget the millions affected across the country and the thousands in our city and those deported in this current administration, including my own father. Thank you for your time, and we hope you'll vote in support of our community. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Well, I just learned something. New that Mayor Garcia was a recipient. Of the 1986 immigration amnesty. I remember the 1986 law, and I remember three things about it. We were promised it would be the last amnesty. We were told there would be 2 million recipients and it turned out to be almost 6 million. And we were told that the border would be secured. So there I'm sure people have heard the definition of insanity. Is doing. The same thing. Expecting a different. Result. Why would we do the same thing again? We'll get the same result. A lot of people say. That families are separated. Because of this. But in reality, any person who breaks the law. Is in jeopardy of having their families separated. Someone who goes to prison because they broke a law is going to separate their their family. The Social Security trustee. Report and this has been reported on by all the major news organizations, says that Social Security

disability is going to run out in 2016. I'm not making that up. It's been reported. They're recommending a 21% cut in all beneficiary's benefits. Why would we want? To add more people. To be getting more of those benefits, are you? Going to go around and apologize to the people, the American citizens, when they have their benefits cut because you supported putting more people into the system. The Long Beach City Council should keep their focus on our veterans. Our foster children are unemployed. Our students are homeless and other citizens in need. And I saw a bunch of homeless right outside of this council chamber. You should not be voting to support something that the majority of Americans disagree with. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. It's been a long night. Thank you so much for allowing the public to speak tonight. I would

just like to echo what Janet said. We have a problem in Long Beach in our communities with homelessness. It's burgeoning. In my opinion, that should be the focus of a city council. We have veterans that can't get proper health care. Veterans that are homeless. Living in poverty. These are our citizens. These are people that live on this soil. Americans. Unemployment's very high. It's a jungle out there for the American citizens. And in my opinion, that should be the focus of a city council, your own citizens that are suffering and it's getting worse. The homelessness on the civic property, I mean, it's jaw dropping. It's getting worse. That should be the focus of a resolution, in my opinion. And I would just like to add, our nation has over 400,000 foster kids, U.S. kids. The stats show they live in poverty. They're emotionally abused. They should be the focus of our society, our own suffering population. So I would just like to also add, we are a great nation because we are a nation of laws. And in my opinion, as a city council, a body politic should make resolutions that, say, uphold respect and obey laws. The citizens of the world, this sends the wrong message to our to the world smugglers that that Long Beach well will welcome your activities. So in closing, please, I would consider a no vote and think of our own suffering citizens. Look on the lawn of the civic center and and help our own Americans. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker, please. Well, you guys looked like you were a lot more interested in chicken coops and your ideas. But I like to say that I don't have any problem with with immigrants, legal people that come to this country legally. I had the problem with. Illegal immigrants, people that sneak across the border and they think that they can come here and violate federal law. And everybody's supposed to just turn their head and go. You guys are wonderful people, and I like all you. Illegals out there. Stand up if you're in this country illegally, stand up. There you go. There's open borders for you guys. I strongly oppose it. I hope you guys do the right thing. Thanks. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Okay. My name is Raul Rodriguez Jr and I was here earlier and this is why. I brought my constitution. And I appeal to your conscience. This is why I would like to have your attention. Because by you passing this resolution, you are in violation of federal laws, because this is. Under Article one, Section eight. Of the federal government. You do not have the right to pass in resolutions that are going to protect illegal aliens who are here illegally. They are lawbreakers. They cross the border illegally. They broke a federal law by doing that. And when they commit a crime in the state of California, that's another violation. So I'm asking you to vote no. On this resolution because you don't have the right to vote on it to begin with. Now, Ricardo Lara is a disgrace to the American people and the city of Long Beach. He promotes i

llegal immigration. You can smile all you want. Mr. Garcia. I know that you're here. It's Doctor Garcia. Doctor? Yes. Dr. Garcia. You can smile all you want. But you know what? I'm putting you on notice. If you vote yes on this, we will do our best to get you out of office. Because you don't deserve. To serve the illegal. You deserve to deserve the American people. That's who you should be serving. That's your number one responsibility. Everyone to use. That's your number one responsibility is to serve the American people and not lawbreakers like the illegals behind me who are probably still standing. Maybe not. Anyway, the point I'm making is you should vote no on this resolution. I oppose it 100%. Now, they keep saying that the borders. Our broken. Well, the only reason it's broken is because we have a president who doesn't he doesn't know how to be a president. He knows how to be an emperor. And that's what he's doing. He is neglecting the laws of this country. He is violating our Constitution. By what he's doing. The courts eventually are going to put him in this place. The Supreme Court is going to put him in his place and tell him, you can violate our Constitution because it's wrong. So I'm asking you, please vote no on this resolution because you are not holding upholding your law. Your oath of office. And that's all I have to say. Thank you and God bless the United States of America. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please.

Today. My name is Jonathan Escobedo. And I'm here to talk about. The same thing we're all talking about here, immigration. I would like to say that I have a lot of friends that are. Illegal as well and that I've. Seen so far. They actually put more work into school than all of these people that have that are illegal here. I have friends then in heart transplants, but they can't have them because they're illegal. I have too many friends. I see them suffer. It makes me suffer. I just want you guys to vote yes. Have family members suffering like they brought up that we take their jobs when we actually take jobs that they are not willing to take. As illegal immigrants start from the bottom. They go all the way to the top by themselves. These guys don't know what they're talking about. They're being lazy. Some people be lazy. They have all the advantage of being legal. When we immigrants do not know no advantage, we take advantage of them, leaving us open spots at work. So that's I have more to say, but I'll leave it as that. Thank you. Thank you. And our last speaker, please. Good evening. Mayor Garcia and all council members. My name is Dora and I'm from Acle. At this time, I don't want to talking about all of our Constitution because all of you are still there, no more than me. I want to talking about Paul in Spanish first. I call these two areas LA Solution Killer. Lay them in cambiare. Get Reformative in DA Gil Congress. Honorable your local Obama. Good to know what they give you will not see on your attention. They look

good about the interior. Get not them. Was there any other communes that want to sue that I do can't organize that would make you lazy on yelp political competition the ideal reception unit are would not coalition parent pianist cable dad. But I guess the point of contact. Let's see. We can have it for tomorrow. See to get is yet. But I if those anti-immigrant things cannot get in the porter. This will be much more eloquent in Spanish, but. I'll do my best. You are the. Solution. The law should be changed. There must. Be reform. Congress didn't support what Obama ordered. Don't complain. Take action. And you will call the attention of the interest groups. That today refuse to turn around to even look. Start with your own city and with your people. Begin to organize, use the legislation, and put pressure on the politician. Leave behind the deception. Get together with the coalition. But you have to vote so that you can count. There should be a civic network formed if you want to stop these anti-immigration. Laws that want to deport us. Thank you. Okay. Now I'm going to go back to back to the council, Councilmember Andrews. Mayor. Oh, because you didn't make comments. Yeah, that's right. Yes. Councilwoman Gonzales. That's okay. I first want to thank everyone who spoke. I think everyone, for the most part was very eloquent. I think I also want to thank my council colleagues, Suranga Lowenthal and Richardson, for bringing this forward with me. I first have to spend like maybe 2 seconds to give this energy. It really doesn't deserve more energy than that. But I find that some of the comments, it literally makes my skin crawl to hear the the level of hatred, the level of racism in some in some cases that is being portrayed by some individuals. And I just it just really literally makes me very sick to my stomach. These are not aliens. What's alien to me is that we call people. Aliens were alien. What's alien to me is that we still refer to people as less. Than we cannot be, actually. The public comment is over. So, sir, no more public comment. Now it's time for the Council to make their comment, please. Thank you. And so, as I was saying, it really is alien to me that we're still referring to people that way. With that said, an aside, there are real people, real faces. We've seen every single one of them in line. Their students, their mothers, their fathers, their workers. They contribute to society. They pay taxes there. You know, my mother is an immigrant. There are so many different people that contribute to not only the city of Long Beach, but to the the nation as a whole. And I think it's important that we're supporting this. We are the international city. So if somebody isn't interested in supporting this or they they feel that it's not a good idea to be hateful towards this. And what I would say is, you know, Long Beach is, like I said, an international city. There are different languages spoke here. We have the largest population of Cambodians o

outside of the the country. We have almost 40%, over 40% Latino in this population. And what's important is that there are people that raise families here, like myself. We raise families. We have jobs, there are educated people. There are a lot of good things that are coming from our immigrant immigrant communities. Comprehensive immigration reform is needed so that families can stay together. Immigrant families contribute to the U.S. economy in a variety of ways. So it's time for them to be a part of our greater American society and for us to support them here in the city of Long Beach. Well, this is a federal issue. It is also truly a neighborhood block by block issue that is about families. Like I said, individuals, employees, they contribute to our society. The Council has taken

supportive stances on specific immigration reform issues in the past, like DOCA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. We've all supported also supported the DREAM Act in the past. In February, the Federal Legislative Committee made the Directive support comprehensive immigration reform. And today, I want to strengthen that by passing this resolution. I know we've all heard it before, but we really needed to take a stance as a city of Long Beach. While we cannot make these federal policy decisions at the council level, we can work to support our immigrant communities who are vibrant and active part of our city in so many ways. As a resolution states, immigrant communities contribute so much to our local economy. They are our fathers, our mothers, our students. They pay taxes. They are here to stay. They're not going away. Their families, they raise our families. All of the positive things that we can mention in a dignified, well-planned path that includes taking the steps necessary to become a full fledged citizen is a must. Many others took these steps, and we must honor that process. I hope that my council colleagues can support me at this time and I thank them. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilmember Andrews, want to put your second? Okay. I'm actually a councilmember, your rank who seconded the motion and then I'll go down the speakers less councilmember Orengo. Thank you, Mayor. I want to start by saying a few words in my native language. Spanish. You know, that is as good as. Yes, but I better go down to Tampa, keep an eye on us. So it is that is important to yourself, I must say. It's important that they never unite reform of the immigration game. I tried hard, but I told those barrelhouse Americanos. That was what the Multi-Course commandos played on was one of the Mohicans. Goebel told us that those places Gibson was extremely lucky in Long Beach, Samuelsen When I see that bicultural, bilingual eat mostly lost me as moderators there . So what if you read it and there in Westeros that it was common was a mass. You're so equal with the immigrants. I am the son of immigrants and I had just as much right to be in this country as you do. And I'm insulte

d when people say. We have to look after our Americans. I am an American. I live here. And I'm going to die. I'm not going to die. So I'm going to support this issue because it's very important that we protect our rights, our rights to live in this country, our rights to work here, our rights to raise our families and educate our schools. And in case you haven't heard, because you live in a cave. All right, guys. Mark Mark Kirk. Mark Zuckerberg on June 5th, 17th contributed \$5 million towards a scholarship for undocumented students to continue their college education. If you haven't heard. Presidential candidate Jeb Bush has stated flatly he supports immigration reform and he will do something about it when he gets elected. Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said the same thing. Presidential candidate Hillary Smith. Hillary Smith. You'll hear Hillary Clinton. Well, we'll do the same in terms of immigration reform. It's coming, folks. It's coming. So you might as well be prepared for it, because all these citizens that not citizenry here are going to become citizens. You know what they can do? They're going to vote. Thank you. Next up next up is Councilor Richardson. And please for everyone in the audience, I know we've done public comment. I'm trying to keep our decorum and for everyone, please. So let's please be respectful of both. Those are speaking as we did during the public comment. So next, I have Councilmember Andrews. Do I actually have Andrew and then I'll go Richardson. Thank you. You know, it's amazing to sit here and listen to the comments from the various people because the fact that being a minority myself as a black man and I'm hearing these comments about immigrants. You know, I don't think any of the individuals asked to come here. If they say America Home, the great land of the. Free, why wouldn't you want to be here? You know, I think of so many things when I talk about, you know, I work at a school, Coco Brazil. I've watched those students. Who work harder than anyone I've seen there to let you know that a lot of their parents are immigrants and a lot of those immigrants a lot of those individuals are immigrants. I don't do this because of a political platform. I do it because I know it's right. We all have a right to live in America. Everyone has a right to be in America. And you should not have to live under the embassy of, you know, being an illegal. You please. Illegal. What is that? You know, like I said, I'm a believer in reform and, you know, immigration in the past in the United States. But the Hispanics and the Cambodian community, I've seen many families in my district separate and destroyed by current deportation policies. And there's nothing that I can do to help them. The Families United is the strongest that I know of, and we must protect the rights of all families to stay together. A family stays together, prays together. That is the only way you can live in a country like this. You have to give them a right

to be together. You don't separate anyone from their family. I would totally support this issue. And the thing he brought to the diocese. Thank you very much, Lena, for doing this. Thank you. Next up next up is council member Richardson Jones. And I know I know everyone is supportive or not supportive, but if we could just try to get through the comments and please no side comments, I'd really appreciate it. I know it's difficult, but please. Councilor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez, for bringing this resolution forward and to all the cosigners for signing on to this item. So I know that so the city council is well documented on this. We've already sort of in our federal legislative agenda process, we've already demonstrated support and expressed that support to the federal government for comprehensive immigration reform. And in terms of the president's executive action, it's been said that we should focus on our residents or our jobs. But I understand where the president is coming from. I represent 56,000 people in the ninth District, and I represent all of them, whether they're documented or not. We all are one community. We're all when one portion of the community is hurting, the whole community hurts. We're all part of the same social fabric. And I get what the president is trying to do. You know, Congress has let this fester for far too long. And he took what action was in what was within his power to prioritize certain actions, to place a priority on families and communities. And that's smart. It's economically smart here in Long Beach, here in California. If we just move forward with with adopting DOCA, we would see almost \$1,000,000,000 annually in revenue to our own budget. Is that something that we should not support as a local person who analyzes and manages the budget every year? It makes economic sense in terms of sort of the the culture in this country right now. I'm just sort of taken aback at the comments because, you know, just less than two weeks ago, we had folks sounding very using very similar erratic rhetoric that we've heard tonight go into a church and do something very violent and very, very based on hate, based on hate and ignorance. And very easily, you can take out the word you can use those statements tonight and swap out the word illegal for the N-word very easily. And this will sound very similar to that. And it's and it's just not okay here in here and here in Long Beach. So what I would say is I'm I'm an unequivocally unequivocal support to this. I think that Long Beach is is we have a responsibility just like so many states. Spoke up opposed to executive action. We have a responsibility to speak up in support of executive action. A part of the democratic process. When we go to DC, we tell them what our priorities are. As chair of Fed Ledge, we're going to express our priorities and express our support for this. So that's it. Thank you again for bringing this for

ward. And I'm going to vote yes. Okay. Thank you. Next up is Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I concur with my colleagues. I'm very thankful for the passion of Councilmember Gonzalez, as well as your anger and others who've spoken tonight. And I want to thank all of you that have come forward, actually, those who are in favor and those who are not in favor. I actually thank you as well. It's a constant reminder that we have so much farther to go. You know, this morning, many of us read in the paper that Governor Nikki Haley requested that the Confederate flag be removed from the state capital. And I was reminded that it's never too late to do the right thing. In 150 years, we may have only moved incrementally. But we've moved in leaps and bounds in so many different ways. And I'm reminded even tonight from the Rich conversation that we've had sometimes boisterous, a lot of times very disrespectful, which is unfortunate that life is rich and it's textured and it's complex. Just as complex, rich and textured as the people living them. But we have a shared tapestry in our history. Whether you believe that we are a nation of immigrants or you don't. The truth remains that we actually are rewriting that history. Is one way of living the rest of your life. But I'm comforted knowing that a great majority of us don't choose to rewrite that history. We understand our shared tapestry, and we understand that it's unfinished. When you see people that whether they toil in their own countries or they toil in this country, certainly when I see them, I am reminded of my own parents who immigrated here. And whether they did legally or not is of no consequence. But I'm reminded of why people leave their. Nation of origin and why they leave their nation of birth. It's a very simple thing to understand, and it's because we want to protect our children and we want to give our children. What we can and possibly what we're able to give. And that's not different from when our nation was founded. People left Europe to give the same thing to their children. And so. I'm thankful for the discourse and the acrimony that I heard today because I'm always reminded that our job is never done. This morning's single act of removing a relic from a time in our history that shouldn't either be celebrated or forgotten for the worst of its four bearings reminds us, just as this conversation does tonight, that our tapestry is unfinished, whether we move

by two degrees or 180 degrees. The fact that we have moved in the right direction is our common cause and our common celebration. And I want to thank Councilmember Lina Gonzalez and the co-sponsors, as well as my entire council for raising awareness and support for the plight of our immigrant families. You make up our tapestry. I'm proud to be a part, a very small part of that tapestry. I will never forget that. Many of us at this diocese actually are our children, sons and daughters of immigrants. No matter how many generatio

ns removed. And sometimes it's that single act of bravery. And it's not ordinary courage. It's tremendous courage when people leave their countries of origin to come here for their children. But a single act like that changes the trajectory of an entire family. And I remind my son of that, that a decision my mother made when she was 16 changed the trajectory of my life and has. And so that's something to be celebrated, not not reviled in the way that we hear today. And, again, the discourse that we heard in the language that we heard is unfortunate. But I'm thankful for it because it reminds me never to get comfortable and never to look away from the ugliness that exists. Because the moment we look away is the moment we think our work is done and our work is not done. So thank you, counsel, colleagues. And like Councilmember Richardson said, the political jockeying between parties and between presidential hopefuls has undermined serious conversations on comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level and perhaps even stoked the fire of resentment. Some of that which we heard tonight in our communities rather than an honest conversation about those issues. I don't think it's a surprise for you to hear. I support our urging of comprehensive reform that reflects our nation's values, not just the values of a few, but our collective conscience. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you. I, too, want to thank my colleagues for bringing this item forward. I am the daughter of an immigrant, and I don't believe that this is a Latino issue or any specific race. We are a nation of immigrants, and immigrants in this country comprise some of the most hardworking and honest and dedicated people among our society. And I take a little bit of issue with any sort of allegation or assumption that there is a specific group of people that are committing the crimes in this nation. The reality is people are committing crimes every day. White people, black people, Latino people, people of all different colors. We've seen it in recent times. Some of the most horrendous crimes that we see are committed by our very own members of our community. So, too, to try to blame crime on a particular race or status is just wrong and it's factually inaccurate. So I do I do take offense to that because I don't think it's fair to label an entire community of people. Some of the people we heard from tonight represent some of the most hardworking people that you'll ever see, people who have 2 to 3 jobs to provide for their children so that their children can grow up in a land of opportunity. Those those parents should be commended for giving their children an opportunity at a better life. I had that opportunity. Many of my colleagues have that opportunity. And the parents that are working hard and doing their best to survive in this community and make their way through the community should be commended. And I do. I appreciate that. Tuesday nights are an exercise in democ

racy, and I take no issue with the comments that that some have made. Are opposed to this item. That's okay. We have that every week. People feel very passionately about the items that are before us. That's okay. But at the end of the day, we live among among one another in a community. And we're all trying to do our best. And that is the bottom line. Every single person is just trying to do their best for their families and give their their children the best opportunities in life. And that is something to be respected and celebrated. I think that the reality of our country is that we do need comprehensive immigration reform. What the specifics of that reform look like and what the compromises and the provisions and the final agreements will be, is something that still has to be discussed at a national level. But the idea that we have to look at this as a nation and figure out where the uncertainties are and what needs to be refined is important. And so I support this item and I support the resolution being brought by Councilwoman Gonzalez and my colleagues to this body. And usually most of my council colleagues know that any time issues like this come up, my first reaction is always, what does this have to do with Long Beach and why are we getting involved? I generally like us to focus on things that impact our city alone and really have our focus be on that. But this issue does impact our city. It does and impacts a large number of residents in this city and a large number of children who go to school in our schools, in this city. And it's important that we're advocates for those children as well. And that's where my standpoint is when

I'm coming from this is, you know, what about those children and their future and the fact that they're here and we as a nation have a duty to look out for them as well. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, we have Councilmember Ringo. First of all, I am. I. I'm not unapologetic for my outburst. It was because I did have prepared remarks. But I just get too caught up in the moment that I had to say what I had to say. And I meant it all. Every bit of it. But I do want to give some thank you's to Congresswoman Janice Hahn, assembly member Patrick O'Donnell, state senator representing the representatives here to express their support of this issue. I think they recognize that it's an important issue, that one that needs to be supported and we need to support our president and working towards and our Congress towards comprehensive immigration reform. And I also want to say that to my mom and dad, who were immigrants here, who after 50 years became citizens and had the opportunity to vote for a rang up for their first vote. And before my mother passed two years ago in 2012, she died in November right around Thanksgiving. But she was very proud that she voted for President Obama and that she voted for him twice. So. When we look at immigration reform and we look at the opportunity for a path to citizenship, I think that the

conversation is going to take a shift because there's going to be a lot of people out there wanting to change that conversation that we presently have now and the vitriol that we hear tonight. I hopefully will go away. I hope we'll go away. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, we have council member Austin. Thank you. And I do want to thank our Councilmember Gonzales for bringing this forward. I will be voting in support of this myself. We as a country, we've kind of kick the can down the road for far too long. The time for comprehensive immigration reform is now. The problem has been exacerbated because we have failed to address it as a country. Our president has tried to move, move, move forward and advance the issue. And it's become a obviously a very political football that has divided a lot of us. I appreciate the passionate responses and comments from my colleagues. I appreciate the passion from many of you who bravely came up here and testified today on this important issue. Long Beach is, as someone said, is the international city. It's a city of great diversity that we celebrate. And I don't think we would. I don't think we can honestly support breaking up families. People are. Here undocumented. Not because they chose to be here. A lot of them children are born here, too, to undocumented parents. They're in our schools. They are are part of our society. They are they're a shadow economy, oftentimes in our kitchens of our restaurants. We need to rectify that. And in doing so, we need to support a path to citizenship. And so thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez, and everyone else. And we I'm serving on this dais with children of immigrants and with immigrants themselves. That's the beauty of America. That's that's why we come to this country. That's why we're proud to be Americans. And so with that, I'm happy to support this and thank you for bringing it forward. I got sick to my stomach earlier as well, so I'm going to be excusing myself after this vote. But I wanted to stay around to make sure that I. I voted yes on this. Thank you. Thank you. Just I'll make a couple of brief comments and then we'll go and go to the vote. I'm maybe I'm I'm not sure this is part of the motion or not, Councilwoman, but I think it's probably appropriate that this, as being passed by the council tonight, would become officially also part of the federal agenda. Yes. And so I know is asking our government affairs director and some of the assumption is, Mr. City attorney, that this would then become part of that agenda, if that's part of the motion? That's correct. Okay. Thank you. And then the second thing I'll say is I just want to echo something that was mentioned earlier, and I think it's really important. You know, one of the things that I love about this country and I think I think this is the greatest country on the planet. It's the greatest country on earth. And one of the things that I love about this country is that we live in a democracy where people are abl

e to have different opinions. And we can respectfully disagree. We can respectfully agree, but we have different opinions. And what what we should love about this great place that we live in is that whether we agree or disagree, we can do it in a way that's respectful and we can do it in a way that really lives up to the ideals of what this country was founded on. I there was a comment earlier about the Council focusing on on issues, on a variety of issues. And I just want to address those. I think they're important veterans. Veteran veterans were brought up in homelessness and unemployment, all incredibly important issues that the city works on continuously. And I'm proud of the fact that homeless homelessness is down in Long Beach by 18%. I'm proud of the fact that unemployment is at its lowest it's been in 15 years, that we have a great foster program in large part a lot of interest brought on to it because of Council Brough, Austin and others that and within the

system that we have here. I'm proud that we have a goal to house every veteran in Long Beach that is experiencing homelessness by the end of this year. So these are all really, really great goals. I think these are goals that probably a lot of everyone in this audience can agree that it's the right thing to do. But I also think that supporting our immigrants for supporting the men and women, but especially the children that are undocumented in our country in ways that I think we're very reasonable there. These are ways that these are regulations that I think our president has proposed that are reasonable, they're humane, they're thoughtful. They're not radical in any sort of way. I think they're very American regulations are very American policies. And so I want to thank everyone for the conversation tonight. It's certainly been very, very vivid and very lively. But I want to thank Councilwoman Gonzales for bringing this forward tonight. And so with that, we'll call the vote. Motion passes nine zero. Thank you very much. Now we'll go on to the next item. So we're going to go back. Okay. So 1112, we're going to go on to item 13, I believe. Item 23. Item 23, if we can get the clerk to read in 23. Thank you. Item 19 is communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to declare an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending sections relating to livestock and other animals. Read the first time and later to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment on the item? So good to you. Very good. Took our clinic as the address. Last week or the last time this council, this council considered this motion, I think it was another marathon session. And I thought if had any moment there, we would see Walter Brennan and Richard Crenna from the Real McCoys while in here. After listening to, what was it, 3 hours of whether or not what size? Hens, piglets, roosters and bees and animals we should have. It just

struck me as being absolutely insane to devote that much time. And that was just the tip of the iceberg, apparently, if you've had marathon discussions like that before on that subject. But to me, that was just inane, considering the problems we face in terms of crumbling infrastructure, budget shortages. The crime, the reduction, the reduced police force, notwithstanding the good efforts they do. It just amazing to me. Absolutely no sense whatsoever. And I hope we don't have any further discussions on that subject. And more to the point. Where? To the point? That's really inconsistent with what the council was dealing with earlier today relative to the development of Belmont Shore and discussing last week about the about the river revitalization of the area around the Queen Mary, making it a premiere spot. Visitors don't come to see potbelly pigs or beehives or piglets or horses. In my view, in fact, I think I pointed out the absurdity. Of course, it was brought into sharp focus by said. I pointed out that probably sometime tonight or the day before there was a shooting within the inner range of the city hall. And lo and behold, 6 hours later, there was another one. Thank you. See no other public comment. Please cast your votes. Motion carry eight zero. Okay. Thank you. Now we're moving on to. Item 20. Hearing item one is a report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and declare the ordinance approving the Golden Shore Development Agreement. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading. Authorize City Manager to execute the development agreement and accept the categorical exemption. See Dash 15. Dash 049. District two. Sir. Modica Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council the staff report for this item will be made by Amy Bodak, our Director of Development Services. Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council, thank you for your attention to this item tonight. This is, in short term words, a good thing. A number of years ago, the City Council in the Planning Commission. Approved a significant master plan for the Golden Shore area of our downtown. And we are here for you to discuss tonight for your consideration entering into a statutory development agreement to allow that master plan to remain in effect for a period of up to 20 years. Because of the significance of the potential development and because of the potential length of time it would take for the development to be implemented. A statutory development agreement will provide both the city and the development interests assurances that we are still in concurrence with the master plan that we've already approved. The Planning Commission did take action on this item a couple of months ago and they are presenting the ordinance to you for your consideration today. We do have the development interests in the audience tonight, if you wish to hear from them o

therwise. That concludes our reports and I'm here for any questions. Thank you. We do have a motion and a second vice president called. You have some comments? Thank you. I just wanted to indicate that I was happy to see this go forward and am looking forward to the development stages.

Councilman Gonzales. Concur with this. This is a great project. Looking forward to it. Councilman Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I think this is a very, you know, enthusiastic about this development because I know, you know, it will. Bring a lot of jobs and will be a new shining light, you know, on our downtown area. And I think a lot of it, if any individuals know about my background, it's all about jobs. And I think remember when Mr. Keyser was and he and I were speaking about things when we first put this into an ordinance to let you. Individuals know, he always I have a little plaque sitting on my desk. A job would stop a bullet. And I truly believe in that. And thank you very much for. Giving that to me. Yes. Thank you. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I've followed this project for some time. I'm glad to see that there's a local hire commitment. I'm eager to see this project move forward, so I'm in complete support. Thank you. Councilmember Ringa. Following in the footsteps of Richardson, I was exactly the same. Same thing with your point that out Canada. I love the the language there in terms of local here. Been following this one for a while as well and congratulations and looking forward to your project. Thank you. Was there any public comment on this project? Mr. Goodyear, please come forward. Very good work as it is. I support the concept in chief 100%, but I have some concerns and it's based upon what I heard at the Surfrider Foundation meeting last of ten days ago and something I have not heard a statement that has not come across. The lips of Robert Garcia or particularly Patrick O'Donnell now sampling one of those words being The surfing days of yesteryear are never returning to Long Beach in response to their demands to take down the breakwater, which obviously then decimates everything along the shoreline. So what I'd like to hear tonight. From the mayor. Is a statement. Members of the Surfrider Foundation. You need to understand. Though the breakwater will certainly be reduced in two specific places as per agreement with the Corps of Engineers, based upon the plans that have been gifted to the city by the eminent doctor. But Johnson, which comport with the plans of the of the consultant that the city paid to hire off a nickel. Rainwater will be lowered sufficient to get tidal flushing, but never again will we see the days of surfing, days of yesteryear. I have yet to see the manifest integrity of the mayor or Patrick O'Donnell. Let cross their lips. Folks, the genesis of the breakwater is irrelevant. It is not coming down. And until we hear that. I think it's ill advised to move forward with a plan like this because I don't think t

he mayor can be trusted. Thank you. Thank you, Larry. Appreciate that. Let me just add, before Mr. Keyes or I just kind of skips here in case there was kind of wondering what the the actual plan is that they're trying to present. This is actually a pretty significant development parcel and project here in downtown Long Beach. It would, in fact, change the Long Beach skyline and add some significant really new skyscraper project here just adjacent to right off of Ocean Boulevard, adjacent to the the current building that occupies Kissell and Logan, as well as a variety of other great organizations. And so obviously, Skip, thank you for your hard work. Be great for the economy and for jobs and certainly will make a difference here in Long Beach. There's been a motion and a second. Please cast your votes for the project. Motion carry nine zero. Thank you. Thank you, Skip. George, good to see you guys. And I will now move on to the second hearing, please. Item number eight. A communication from Councilwoman Mingo. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Councilwoman Price. Recommendation to request the city attorney to draft a resolution in support of Women's Equality Day. Okay. Councilwoman Mango, is it? Yes. So thankful to have Councilmember Urania as my second on the motion. When the resolution comes back to the Council will be excited to share with you some exciting things. This is the 19th. This is the commemoration of the 19th Amendment to the United States that allowed women the opportunity to vote. And it's really important for us to recognize this historic occasion. So thank you for my colleagues for joining me in this important effort. Thank you. Council member You're invited to the second of the motion. Do you have any comments? I want to thank the thank the ladies for bringing this forward. It is quite, quite an event. And I look forward to working with you because you bring a different voice as elected officials on this council. Thank you for working with us. Thank you. And Councilwoman Gonzalez. That was very kind. Thank you. Yes, I I think Councilwoman Mango for bringing this forward. And I know I think many of us ladies here on the council, we use councilwoman because we're very proud of our gender and who we are. But certainly there are different challenges of being a woman, and the equality issue is always still a problem to this day. So I thank you for bringing this forward. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to thank the author of the motion, as well as the supporters and really council member. Your longest

comments as well. Actually, that's very personal touch. I don't think we often recognize each other for the different points of view that we bring. And sometimes those can be a sign to nothing more scientific or profound than just our gender and and and our own experiences. But I do think we are very privileged in the capacities that the voters have given us. And for us to be able to commemorate. Any oppo

rtunity. To bring equity is something that we can do and we should do with pride. So. Just shortly, among the measures of a just and civil society, I think most of us believe that the treatment of women is considered a very important milestone. We often take that for granted when we live in developed societies, but I don't think we can take that for granted. The 19th Amendment signified a turning point in a very male dominated society and political structure. However, we still struggle for equal pay, for equal work and qualifications, as well as updated family leave laws continue. They continue to be a hurdle, and I think most of us know where the U.S. ranks when it comes to family leave laws throughout the world. We have developing nations that far outrank our own efforts here, or at least our own accomplishments here for that level of equity. And I think we have a long way to go as much as we have to celebrate. So I want to thank Councilmember Mongeau for this reminder and our charge as elected leadership to continually reach for a more just and civil society and to not take for granted that because we have been placed in positions of privilege and equity, that that is the same for everyone. Thank you. Councilman Branch Yes, thank you, Mayor, and thank you, Vice Mayor, for that robust, you know, type of explanation you just gave. Because there's no doubt that the you know, the improvement of the women has improved every aspect of our lives. You know, to commemorate a day of this honoring women would be in my own honor to let you know, you know, honor that also. So with that said, I would like to give you my sincere gratitude of all my female colleagues for their contributions to this item and for all the work they do each day to inspire all women. And I want to thank you again. Thank you, Councilmember Supernova. Just on a personal note, I my mother wouldn't forgive me if I let this go, but she's still worth us. But she was born on August 24th, 19, 22 days before women had the right to vote. And she reminded me of that fact all my life. And she voted in I think your first election was 1944, and she actually voted in our April election just past. I think she voted. For me, too. She's a fourth District resident. Yes. All right. Keep it in the family. It's good. More votes. Councilmember Richardson just wanted to chime in and say I'm in complete support of this and I don't really see why it's necessary, because when I was raised, the women have run the show all my whole life and it's still that same way in my household today. So all jokes aside, I'm complete support and count me on the sign in sign up for the resolution next year. And councilmember Mongo. Yes. I was just sent an email from my staff asking me to read in Councilman Price's comments as she is watching this from her hotel room in D.C.. Except that it thanks me and I hadn't gotten to that. I want to thank Councilman Mongo and Councilmember Urunga for moving and seconding this motion an

d for Councilman Mongo bringing this item forward with the ladies of the Council. It is my honor to support it, and although I can't be there tonight, I'm watching from my hotel room and very appreciative of the remarks thus far. I especially like Councilmember UNGA on his remarks and I want to remind him that. The meeting went long even though I was not there. Thank you to everyone and the women that have been in my life that have made everything possible. I'm very lucky to have such wonderful female mentors and male mentors alike. But we've come a long way. And as Vice Mayor Lowenthal alluded to, we have a long way to go. Thank you. And because Councilman Price was watching us because we had a hearing, so we figured we got to apply that with no hearing council meeting. We'll see how that goes. Just kidding. And let me move on to the vote. We have a motion with a second o public any public comment on this item? Okay. Please cast your votes. Councilman Andrew Motion carries 809, please. Item nine Communication from Councilmember Richardson. Councilwoman Gonzalez Councilwoman Price recommendation are received from a presentation on participatory budgeting in Long Beach. Okay. Go ahead, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and good evening. And I want to just acknowledge our residents who are ninth District residents who came out tonight in support of this item. I know that it's it's kind of late, but when you're number nine, you're called on last. And sometimes it takes that to make sure that, you know, you are represented here. So so thank you. And this is what civic participation looks like. I want to begin the presentation with a short video on the participatory budgeting process that much of the council in the city has come to know over the

last year or so and that we completed a few months ago. So let's go ahead and hit play. I am so excited about. This project because folks have. Literally invested hundreds of man hours making sure that this is a quality process and is a demonstration. For what could be considered a long and. Participatory budgeting to the democratic process that allows local residents to directly decide how to spend a portion of the public budget. It's real people will be real decisions about real public money. TB has actually been happening for over 25 years around the world, but it's relatively new here in North America and especially here in the United States . When I started with PDP about three and a half years ago, Chicago and New York were the only two not on the map. And they are the most important part of the process. They're the ones deciding how to spend the money and they're the ones coming up with the idea, developing the proposals. A lot of people, especially families, have reported increased skills and public speaking, negotiating, building agreement, contacting officials and consistently those with low incomes and less education. So it is actually a complicated process. You actually learn by diffe

rent government. Many of us on the different committee of conservative delegates. We don't take your ideas and your collected. Into the footwork and research that you. Stand to create for people. The city. And those better proposals of what you think is playing out in the state. Participatory budgeting for me. Is about the power we've demonstrated where we can show that we do have an. Informed, empowered and engaged constituency that pays attention. I am participating in a program called Budgeting. I got it through a mega high school. I actually really liked them. You know, it makes me feel like you have a say in what's going on around the community. It makes me feel like I can make a change. I feel like I finally have a voice. Not just helping others, but all the way around. Now. I think some. People get excluded when public servants start talking about getting involved because they think that you get all their time and consumed doing things and then they'll have nothing to show about their accomplishments. But why do you power is that we have relatively great guys here and we are the mainstay in our community. And then Apple TV is on the back. Thank you. So. So tonight I want to share some outcomes and evaluation results from our PB process as well as I'd like to invite my colleague Councilmember Gonzalez to or Councilwoman Gonzalez to share her experience. I've also asked that Josh Lerner, executive director of the Participatory Budgeting Project, who's joined us from New York City, to share more about participatory budgeting and where that process is going. So let's start with the numbers. See? All right. Okay. I envision this going very differently. Ari, figuring out the technical issue? I hope so. Hmm. We're going to wait it all night. I'm going to give them their presentation. Thanks, Darrell. He. Tissue. We go into a couple other items and come back to this or do you want some time? Okay. We're gonna go to the next item so we can go and call item number 11. Item number 13 Report from Technology and Innovation, Finance and Financial Management Recommendation to Adopt Resolution to execute a master agreement with open counter enterprises for software, subscription, licensing and implementation services in an amount not to exceed 70,500 for the first year and 40,500 for this subscription fee for the second year citywide. There was a motion Bushmen Counsel Richardson and Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Any public comment? Okay. I'm just going to make. Please, sir. Go ahead. Good evening, everyone. My name is Sean Duren, executive director of the Uptown Business Improvement District. We're located in North Long Beach speaking on behalf of the Uptown Business District and also COPA, the Long Beach Council of Business Associations. In regards to the open counter software, we started this process about a year ago. We thoroughly reviewed the software components and its compatibility with city staff and also our fellow COBR members. We believe that Open Coun

ter will streamline the process for opening up, opening new businesses in the city by being essentially a one stop shop where business owners can see the requirements, the fees and the processing time that apply to their type of business based on their location as well. We also believe that Open Counter will help coordinate the city's internal workflow across departments and help build better relationships with the business community, essentially making Long Beach a more business friendly and business easiest. We'd like to say environment. We believe that open counter will be helpful tool to the business, a helpful tool and resource we can utilize to help promote economic development in our respective business improvement districts and on behalf of COBA and myself in the Uptown Business District. We highly, strongly recommend that the Council adopt the measure to implement open counter software. Thank you. Thank you very much, Councilman

Mongo. Yes. I just wanted to say that we have had the greatest experience on the Economic Development Committee learning more about this open counter opportunity for Long Beach and what it's going to really do to streamline things for businesses here. So we're really excited about this and I hope all my colleagues will be in support. Thank you. I want to make a quick comment, so I got to give a little bit of a shout out to a few folks. First is Open Counter was first brought to my attention a year ago by Blair Cohn as a recommendation to my transition team. When I was first elected mayor, before I even came into office. He brought open counter forward as a solution. He had been talking to crack, coordinate the deal, Bay, Cobra groups, all sorts of other folks at the city. And we discussed it then. I was impressed at the time and I'm just very thankful to all the bids for being so involved in this process. Incredibly thankful to the transition team that pushed this over a year ago, but also the Economic Development Committee that Councilman Mongo chairs and the commission that also looked at open counter and made work and made some recommendations to staff as well. So thanks to all involved. Mike Conway, Mike Conway's team, Amy Botox team. Just this is going to be a fantastic new opportunity. This is, by the way, in my opinion, going to get to dramatically change the way we do and track our businesses as they open a business and apply for licensing in the city of Long Beach. This is a big deal. And we're really we're we're this is great. And it's a way to use technology to make the city more business friendly and support particularly small businesses. So very exciting moment and if you can cast your votes. Motion carries through. Thank you. Now we're going to go back to item number nine. Oh, yes, number nine. Councilor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So and thanks for being with us. While we figured that out. So we're going to share some of our outcomes and evaluation results from the PBE process as well as invi

te a number of people to to speak. Let's start with the numbers. In District nine, participatory budgeting, budgeting literally engaged thousands more residents than any other effort that we've taken on in our district. Here's a breakdown of our participant participation statistics. 183 individuals participated in idea collection assemblies. Goodman Item 26. Report from Health and Human Services. Recommendation to execute agreement with the State Department of Health Services in the amount of 1,000,205. \$205,944 for the provision of HIV prevention health services citywide. Thank you. There's a motion and second staff report. Our health officer, Dr. Mitch Kershner. Grant. I'm sorry. Now you can hear me. This is a continuation of our HIV prevention grant from the state since 1988. It's a two year term. It serves 5000 residents living in the city of Long Beach with HIV. It continues our testing and treatment of all residents with HIV. Thank you. Is there any public comment on the item? CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries nine zero. Item 27. 2121. Communication from Councilman Austin. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Recommendation to refer to the Election Oversight Committee to study the merits of developing an 11 member appointed Citizen Redistricting Advisory Commission. To research the possible mid-decade and future redistricting processes. And request the EOC to report back within 90 days. Thank you, Madam Clerk. There's been a motion. A second. Councilmember Austin. Did you want to speak to the motion? Yes, I did make the motion here and I brought this item forward. I want to thank Councilmember Gonzales for joining me on this. The redistricting process is obviously a very sensitive and political process that we undertake generally every ten years. And our charter affords us the ability to do it every five years. And I know there's been some conversation about moving forward with that process. But in the spirit of participatory government, and I think this council has done an excellent job under our mayor and just deliberate actions of various council members to engage community in the decision making process. You know, we're doing participatory budgeting in several districts where we're engaging residents in how to spend. But the budgeting our funds and their funds on the things that they want to see done. And in an effort to avoid the pitfalls that we experienced during the last we just district in process, particularly impacting many areas of the eighth district, the seventh District and other areas of the city where there were and still are a little still are hard feelings over the redistricting process and how that all went down. I thought it would be behoove us to look at establishing a redistricting citizen redistricting process, considering that it has had obviously some success with the state on the state level and has been supported by the Supreme Court recently. And so with that, I would just ask for your support on this item to

move forward to the Elections Oversight Committee. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. Thank you, Councilmember Austin, for bringing this forward. This is just a recommendation, just an idea at this point. And I certainly know that, as the councilmember added, you know, as we're kind of getting

into the idea of participatory budgeting, including much of our community members, into the political process, the democratic process, I think this is an idea worth exploring. And so I know that I when I'm as the chair of the Elections Oversight Committee, I certainly plan to review Congressman Lowenthal work and leadership on the on the issue as he is the one that was the lead in forming the state commission. And so I'm sure we'll be exploring that. I do want to, though, formally, I'm sure we will explore different options, but I do want to include a formal amendment just to allow the committee to explore other options that are feasible. So I would like to do that, and otherwise I hope to gain support on the council. Thank you. Vice Admiral Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know we have a natural mid-decade process that's coming up. Is there someone that's available that can describe that process? I've been part of that twice. Absolutely. Mr.. Mr.. MODICA, why don't you kind of walk the council kind of where where I know you've done some very preliminary, I think probably thought about, but this process coming up and we can go over that and what the process look like the last time we went through that would be helpful. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the City Council, Madam Vice Mayor. The city is a little bit different from other cities. Most cities have in their charter that they do redistricting every ten years and they line it up with the census. So when the census comes out than a year after that, the redistricting process starts. Long Beach actually says that we do that every ten years, but we also have the option every five years to do it or actually sooner if the council wants to do that. But we're actually on an every five year cycle and this is actually the off year cycle where we are not lined up with the with the census. So we are planning to do a redistricting effort and at least start those steps. Part of what has to happen as a part of the charter is in April of 2016, we would start that process and we would go to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to you about whether or not the the districts are within balance of each other, reasonably equal or approximately equal, I believe the code says, and then make a recommendation to the City Council on whether or not to begin a redistricting process there at times. The city has passed on the five year redistricting process and decided not to pursue it at the last at the last cycle, which was in line with the census, we did do a redistricting process and it resulted in the maps that you see today. So this is something that we are planning for. You know, wha

t process we use and how we do it has not yet been determined. We would use the process we've used in the past, which is essentially creating some guidelines. The last time we did it, we had the Council create your own guidelines. It is there your guidelines for direction to staff on what types of changes should be included or not included. We get direction on those guidelines with public input and then come back to you with a series of maps that would meet those criteria. Then the Council chose an alternative to bring out to the community to do significant community input. And then the Council made a decision on redistricting. So that is the general process, but we'd be happy to answer other questions or if the EOC would like to discuss other options. We can certainly do that and what the staffing implications are those of those alternate options are. Okay. Thank you. And I just had a couple of more questions. Having seen the process before here on the council as well as on the school board, I'm I'm hard pressed to understand what may be lacking in the existing process. I do. I feel that it was very transparent. It has been in the two times that I have participated, I have felt that this council was very collaborative with each other. There have been circumstances where I think council members have advocated for one particular change or another in defense of particular district issues. But overall, there's been collaboration and certainly a good spiritedness about redistricting as it's best for the city. And the overarching purpose is I think part of the process is also a set of guiding principles that the city manager's office recommends and the council reviews. I'm I'm confident that that process was and is and continues to be engaging of the public many, many, many meetings. The members of the public did come out and their recommendations were considered. And each of us as council members taken those recommendations. And so I'm I'm not inclined to change that at this time. I don't find compelling evidence that we have gone astray in any way or have politicized the process the way that what we see in other layers of government. I don't find that to be the case here. And and I would not be inclined to support it unless I am convinced otherwise through this conversation. Thank you, Councilor, for your rang. Gaze for clarification and make sure the motion this is to basically go to the Elections Oversight Committee and just discuss it in terms of it's something we want to do. Correct. That? That is correct. And I can argue more, but that is actually absolutely correct. I mean, we're going to have and. It's not a done deal. This is not a done deal. All right. Well, because obviously there were some

issues that last time around about committee keeping communities of interest together, contiguity of the communities, those types of things or sets of issues that were presented. So in terms of guiding principles, I would hope that we continue with

that as a member of the Oversight Committee as well. I look forward to working with Councilmember Gonzalez on this. I think it's something that we should look at before before we start talking about a mid decade adjustment to our redistricting create boundaries in our district. So I look forward for that to. Councilor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So at this time, I don't I don't think that I can support this in this current form for a number of reasons. Number one, I don't think I've been convinced of the context of this conversation that there's a need it seems like a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. I went through the redistricting process here in Long Beach the last time, and there was contention. But we had a fantastic time in North Palm Beach with our process. We had tremendous involvement, community sort of, you know, community spirits and such and community draw the line workshops and. And my concern is that if we sort of put this off to a to a resident citizen committee, I think we're sort of diminishing what could be in terms of involvement. I think it is fairly straightforward when the residents, they elect nine council people and they sort of engage in their own local processes. What happened at city council was sort of the beginning of it, and we sort of took that into our own respective communities and engaged in these processes where hundreds, if not thousands of people participated. And by putting that into a commission structure, I would have to ask, are we limiting public participation to that process? For example, let's talk about medical marijuana. I don't know that the task force that we just sent folks to, I don't know that that expanded participation into the discussion. We'll find out soon, I suppose. But I don't particularly know that it did. So I'm concerned that I do agree with exploring processes to expand, I guess, to meet that end. But I don't think that this particular proposal does that. Additionally, I was involved in the statewide redistricting process, and that did have major it had major issues. People were concerned about it. I was particularly concerned about it. North Long Beach was gerrymanders a three separate assembly districts because we weren't considered a united sort of community of interest. So now we have three assembly people representing one zip code, which is, you know, shameful. That was a direct result of the Citizen Redistricting Commission. So so I do so I do understand where where folks want to go. The other part of it is I think it's untimely. Like, I don't think the council has made a decision about midterm redistricting. Like, I have significant, serious concerns, but I'll have the opportunity to talk about that when it comes up in the spring. I think that's when we would talk about or evaluate any processes that we might have. And I think we're sort of letting, you know, engage in this conversation a bit too soon. So those are just my concerns. So in this cu

rent form, I just can't support this tonight. And those are my remarks. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I appreciate that we are bringing the discussion forward because I think it's always important to involve citizens in the dialog. I think that's a really important part of the process. I tend to agree with my council member, Rex Richardson, in the innovative and creative ways that you were able to embrace what you did in the ninth District. But I don't necessarily think that that was probably the case in every district. And so perhaps Councilmember Austin would be open to a friendly that we refer to the Budget Oversight Committee to discuss it. I'm sorry, Elections Oversight Committee. The redistricting ideas to involve and enhance the community process, including some cost analysis on what a citizen commission has cost us versus the process that we've endured in the past, and what that looks like for the Elections Oversight Committee to refer back to this body. A reasonable solution that would work for everyone. Would you be open to that friendly? Let me give it some thought. Okay. Do we know what the costs of our citizen commission to date has been? So today we have not had a citizen commission. We essentially run the process using existing staff and we bring it to the planning commission and we bring it to the city council without knowing too much about the proposal. And then we would talk about that in an election oversight of this passes. Our sense is that a commission would require some level of dedicated staffing. The way we've done it in the past is to pull bodies off of assignments and have a kind of finite work product that we that we knew the council would want us to bring to them and then get some further direction. A commission is a little different. A lot of times commissions are. The meeting frequency is a lot more. There would need to be agendas and public agendas for each meeting that we would hold. There need to be translation. There would need to be some dedicated guys, staffers and some dedicated

planning staff as well for the effort. So we would be certainly able to to cost some of that out if we were requested to do so. But redistricting is a big process. It does take a significant amount of staff time. And so in the past we've tried to manage that. But you do have other priorities that get shifted even with the normal staff redistricting process. So I appreciate you bringing that back up, because I do think that this is a little premature because we haven't yet given the planning commission, which has a role in this that opportunity. So I guess without the acceptance of a friendly, I'll make a substitute motion where we refer to the Elections Oversight Committee ideas to involve the community in the process of redistricting, so that when we do receive a referral from the Planning Commission, we as a council have had some dialog at the committee level that can be accentuated here at the council. I'll second that

. Okay, there's a motion and a second. So the substantive motion on the floor is to ask elections oversight to begin to drive a conversation about ways to involve the community more in the redistricting process. Councilmember Austin You know, I'm not necessarily opposed to this substitute motion, but it's just a little curious as to why this council was so adverse to involving our citizens. From from a commission standpoint, I'm not convinced that it's going to be any extra cost associated with establishing a citizen commission. Mr. Modica, I do appreciate your comments, but you know, you're going to have to have this specialist, you're going to have to have extra staff, time staffing and informing this body in itself. The idea behind this item was to take away the politics from the process, engaged and involved the citizens, and inspire confidence in the process. And I tend to disagree with you. Councilmember Lowenthal, Vice Mayor Blunt, I know you were here during the last redistricting process. I watched it very closely. I saw people lined up to speak on this and in opposition to maps. And as I, I maybe maybe I'm living in a different part of the city and a different part of the world. But people are extremely still dissatisfied about the outcomes of that process and their lack of involvement in that process. And so we brought this forward as a as an idea to, again, help inspire confidence in this council, inspire confidence in the process of redistricting. It is a very political process, just like our budget process is a very political process. It lays out where we are and it shapes the future of the city in many ways in terms of representation. And so if the I would ask that that we vote against the substitute motion and vote on the motion that that that Councilmember Gonzalez and I put forward. Basically a lot of. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I. And I understand the place where Councilmember Austin Councilwoman Gonzalez so where you're coming from, you want to have greater participation from citizens or you find that there may have been a lack of participation. And that's that's where I'm not convinced. I don't this council is not adverse to involving its citizens. I think those of us that have witnessed the process from the side of the dais or from observing it. I think I certainly feel that we have a process that involves our citizens. We're not averse to it at all. So that would be I would be troubled by that characterization. Our not supporting this or mine, I'll speak for myself, my not supporting the motion. The original motion is not because I'm adverse to involving our citizens. I'm very much in support of that and I felt that that did take place. What does happen in a democratic process is that everyone doesn't get what they want. That doesn't mean we're adverse to public participation. This is a representative government, as Councilmember Richardson pointed out, and we all know and. In every circumstance, all our residents aren't going t

o get exactly what they want. That's just not possible. I don't see how that's ever possible. And so, yes, there may be times where there are winners and losers in certain situations, and that's not a conversation that we like to have. And those are not characteristics that that we are comfortable with. But it does exist. Whether it's the budget, but most everything that this council decides on will have some that get more than others. And so there will be dissatisfaction and we hope to avoid that to the extent possible. But that is not and that is not an aversion to involving our citizens. And I didn't feel that it was a political process. But from your district, I will I will acknowledge that there was it was very tense between the members that wanted one option versus another. But I don't think we can paint this entire body with that brush and that experience. And so if those residents came to you today, you are a trusted elected member of this council. And if your residents came to you, you would certainly assure that their requests are conveyed through you. That's the process. And I'm confident in that process that if you as a council member or I as a councilmember, am listening to the overwhelming majority, not the loudest vocal individual that the overwhelming majority of my constituents, then I it's my obligation to bring that to this body and make that

compelling argument. And I trust that that is in place. And and I don't feel that that's broken or that's gone awry. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. So you just collect my thoughts here for a second because there's a lot that's been said. But I, I, I don't see really what the difference is in what we originally brought forward, which is again, just a recommendation. I think I added the caveat the amendment that we wanted to explore alternative options. So we're leaving it open at this point. And I really do feel that putting the Elections Oversight Committee to recommend a redistricting advisory commission is, you know, I believe it should be at the forefront because it does open up the process. We have different opinions on that, but we're certainly going to include and explore other options. And so city attorney Mike Mayes. If the substitute motion, which is to include more community or find ideas or ways to include more community, that doesn't exclude us. And that at the EOC level. But it's still taking this up to look at the redistricting committee, is that correct? The motion, as I understood it, the substitute motion is fairly involved. A broad excuse me. And it includes or it's limited to involving the community in the redistricting process. And I assume that that could include as a point of discussion whether or not it's appropriate to have a committee, a citizen committee. That's one of the things that's the way I read it. But maybe the maker of the substitute motion didn't mean it that way. Okay. Well, I just I will just make the point again. You know, again, this is

a recommendation, I think whether we agree with having a committee or not or a commission or not, we're still looking looking to open this up and explore options. So I would just hope that we can stay with that same motion and we'll see where it goes. Thank you. Okay. I have two more speakers and we definitely want to get to the Republican vote. We still have a long agenda. Councilman Mongo. I think that the intention of my more broad action is to include more dialog along the lines of the types of citizen engagement that Councilmember Richardson discussed. I'm really excited about those kinds of options, and when I offer them as a friendly, they weren't accepted. So I made them as a substitute motion because I really think that those types of engagement tools really need to be explored because while I am going to be 100% supportive of the next item, which is 34, in allowing a citizen committee to finish their work, and I'm very in favor of citizen committees. I'm also really excited to explore all of the options and the citizen engagement numbers that are associated and the return on investment. Because I really want to interview my commissioners after the process, see how they feel about it and etc. to make sure that this is a balanced process for all. Councilman Price. I'm going to support Councilman Austin and Councilman Gonzales on this only because I know they've worked worked hard on this. And I think their recommendation is asking us to just refer this for further consideration and study. I don't think it's committing us to one thing or over another. I will say, however, that if it's council's will to engage citizens by asking them to sacrifice their time and energy to serve on citizen advisory committees, that we should allow them the opportunity to have closure in those processes and not circumvent their efforts. So if we're going to start this process, we should allow them for completion, because otherwise there is nobody that is sane and remotely educated who will sign up to serve on a commission knowing that the council may just come in and circumvent the process because they don't like where it's going. So I'm in favor of this with the understanding and the legislative mindset and the legislative intent at this time, that if we're going to allow a commission to be formed, that we do it meaningfully and honestly and not as a as a for any other purpose than that. Thanks. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? Seeing. Please. Hello, Jeff Abrams. I just would like to make sure that we remember that in addition to the arduous task of redistricting and it is difficult, we have to figure out a way to get people in Long Beach up and voting. That's the criteria that I'm looking at, not the redistricting effort, but the people that get them off their duff. How do we do that? Thank you. Thank you. So with that, we have a we have an original and a substitute motion just to review. The substitute motion, which was then submitted by Councilm

an Mongo, is to ask the EOC to look broadly at community involvement measures. The original motion by Councilmember Austin is to ask the EOC to explore the possibility of a redistricting commission. Mr. MAYES That sounds about right. So please go and cast your votes on the first motion, which is a substitute motion by Councilman Mongo. Councilwoman Pryce. Motion carries six three. Okay. Thank you. The motion as the substitute passed in that case. Moving on to the next item, I. I would move up item 30. For Madam Clerk. Oops. She took communication from Councilmember Urunga, Vice Mayor Lowenthal, Councilman Andrews and Councilmember

Richardson. A recommendation to receive and file a list of the recommendations compiled from the Medical Cannabis Task Force. Report from Long Beach Gas and Oil Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to meter tests read for the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the Council for Final Reading Citywide. So a staff report. Yes. Vice Mayor. I'd like to point out, though, that Chris Garner has been with the city well over 30 years, and I think this is the first time. He has ever had to make three staff reports in one night. Which may explain why the lack of audience but. Mayor, vice mayor and city council, currently we have 150,000 gas meters in service and the municipal code currently requires us. Any time we take a gas meter out of service, for whatever reason, we have to prove it and test it for accuracy. And that's okay during the normal course of business. But with the implementation of our Amy, instead of doing a couple hundred a year, we're going to be doing thousands over the next couple of years. So what we respectfully request is that we amend the municipal code that will allow us to, instead of doing every single meter which rarely ever finds any type of significant missed measurement, it will allow us to do sampling instead. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Gardner. There's the motion by Councilman Mongo and a second by Councilmember Urunga members. Please cast your vote. Actually, is there any member of the public that wishes to make public comment? None. Please cast your vote. Motion carries nine zero. Hmm. Thank you. Item new business. 33. Communication from Councilman Diane Andrews recommendation to approve the use of six Council District Fiscal Year 2015 one time infrastructure funds in the amount of 56,000 to fund community improvement and community engagement activities and decrease appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund in the Public Works Department by 56,000 and increase appropriations in the General Fund in the Human Resources Report from please recommendation to receive and file the application of Juan Ramone Patino for an original application of an ABC license. District one. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. I just wanted to welcome Commander Lopez down here. And just to go over the hours, I know I initially had some concern, but I believe the h

ours are pretty narrow. Would you mind going over that information, Commander? Councilmember Gonzalez. The business is currently open for business Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and their closed on Sundays. Great. And how long have they been in business? Do you have that information? Yes, ma'am. This owner has been in business at this location since September of 2014. Okay. And from what I understand, they have only had one call for service and in that timeframe. I believe I have here that it was for a burglar alarm and that was that was it. There have been seven total burglary alarms, but they were all false. False alarms. Okay. Got it. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. And the recommendation, obviously, is to approve the. Recommendation for the ABC. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment on the item saying that? Please cast your votes. Thank you, Commander. Motion carries eight zero 28. Communication from Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Recommendation to request the city manager to work with the Economic Development and Finance Committee to assess whether the city should allow residential repair coverage plans. Item number 26. Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to adopt specifications and execute a contract with Frontier Ford for the purchase of 31 Ford Interceptor Vehicle Utility vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1 million citywide. Mr. City Manager. Mr. Berlin Bach again. Yes. Mayor Garcia, members of council. Much of the city's police patrol fleet has come due for replacement, and there are significant changes in store as we move to a new model of police vehicle. The current fleet is aging and this is causing a rise in maintenance and operational costs as well as increasing downtime. The city's patrol vehicle of choice for years was the Ford Crown Victoria, a model also used by the majority of police fleets across the country. However, after 30 years of production, Ford discontinued the car in 2011. At that time, the city purchased 130 new 2011 models, stockpiling them until a clear replacement could be identified. We are just now placing. The last of those 2011 models into service. It was a fortuitous decision to stockpile cars in 2011, as the market has seen new models from Ford, Chrysler and General Motors. The model that's emerged as the market leader is also the choice of the Long Beach Police Department and the Fleet Services Bureau, and that is the Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is built on the Ford Explorer platform, but significantly upgraded for police, patrol duty, engine suspension, interior ergonomics. All have been fine tuned for police use. Fuel economy is also improved and emissions reduced in the recommendation for award in front of you. The Vehicle specifications where the product of extensive research performed by the Long Beach Police Department and the Fleet Bureau initiated in 2014. In this first round of anticipated awards,

these 31 vehicles will re

place not only patrol vehicles, but also K-9 airport security and park rangers. We will shortly initiate another bid process and expect to return to city council, where the recommendation for additional vehicles in FY 16 as well. This purchase was also competitively bid with extensive outreach to ensure a best price. That concludes my presentation and I am again available for questions. It's been moved by Councilmember Yarrowonga and seconded by Richardson. Councilmember. I understand that these utility vehicles offer greater comfort to for arrestees. Wonderful. Excellent. Councilmember Richardson, did you want to speak to the motion? All right. There's been a motion and a second on item 26. Is there any member of the public that wish to address council on this item? CNN members cast your vote and members if he'll indulge us. I think we have some folks in the audience for item 35, if we can take that one up first. Councilman Andrew, can I ask you to vote, please. After the work? Yeah. Councilmember. Motion carries eight zero. Item 35. Item number 35. I can get their report from Technology and Innovation recommendation to allocate peg fee revenue equally among the three categories of cable access providers and increase appropriations in the Department of Technology and Innovation by \$1 million citywide. Thank you. Any other public comment saying I'm going to go directly into I believe it's item 20? Madam Clerk. 25. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine Water. Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Parks, Recreation and Marine and Water Departments on the status of water conservation efforts citywide. Thank you. And bring this back over to Mr. West and Mr. Waddy. Mr. Mayor, council members, we were recently requested by the City Council to give an overview on what the city is doing for water conservation efforts given this serious drought that we're facing right now. So I'm going to turn this over to our Interim Parks Recreation Marine Director Steven Scott and also our executive director of the Water Department, Kevin Water. I'm just going to go first and then turned over to Steve. This is really in response to how is how are we proceeding with. Meeting the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's executive order to conserve water. And there's really two elements of it. One is a requirement that the water provider reduce its water consumption by a certain percentage. And I'll talk about that. And then the second requirement is that street medians that have ornamental turf grass not be irrigated with potable water. So that's the hard part that Steve is going to address. So I'll just give you our results, how we're doing in terms of reducing our consumption citywide. We're we're in the 16% tier. So again, this is a we need to reduce our water consumption by 16% from 2013. It's actually over the nine month period of June of this year through February of next year. So it's being accounted for on a month to month

h basis, but actually it's on that entire nine month period. And here you see how we've done now for the first three months. We've exceeded our 16% target every month. We were actually 19% in June, 19% in July. And then we just announced today that we're 18% in August. So we're comfortably exceeding our requirement. And then then this just shows cumulative cumulatively over that three month period how we've done so. Cumulatively, we're down 18.7% for that three month period. So I would just. Turn it to Steve. But at this point, I would just like to say how proud the water department is of our residents, of our businesses. They've stepped up. They've done a tremendous job. This is despite having conserved a lot of water before 2013. So we're working at against a very, very low baseline. And and we're still doing almost 19% beyond what we were doing in 2013. So Long Beach continues to do tremendous things in terms of water conservation. The city is a tremendous partner on that. Parks and Rec has done a great job. The city manager and the city manager's office have been extremely cooperative and helpful and had a lot of great ideas. And I really want to thank Mary Garcia, Mayor Garcia personally for being involved in some of our outreach campaign and and all the council members for what you've done to encourage our citizens to conserve. So, again, we're just very, very proud of what Long Beach is accomplishing and continuing to provide leadership for the entire state of California. And at that point, an alternate to Steve and I'll work your slide for you. Thank you, Kevin. Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine works hard to balance the need for safe and enjoyable parks for all visitors while fully embracing that. We live in a semi-arid climate and need to use water responsibly, especially now as we face the current statewide drought conditions. The Department understands that as a large water customer, we must be part of the solution. In order to do this with. In order to do this, we adhere to all applicable water restrictions, both at the state and local levels. In addition to investing in opportunities to reduce our overall water

consumption in the future, this slide shows just very quickly some background information. We have over 3000 acres of parkland and open space throughout the city, and of those 3000 acres, 1275 are irrigated. Of those 1275 irrigated acres throughout the city, 54% or 687 acres are irrigated with reclaimed or recycled water. The remaining 46% or 588 acres are irrigated with potable water. The department's expanded use of reclaimed water is restricted by both the available supply, particularly during the peak usage summer months and its limited distribution infrastructure throughout the city. And I also want to note that use of reclaimed water is not subject to a number of the state and local water restrictions. The next line. So as we all know, the department needs b

oth rainwater and water provided by the water department to help keep our parks healthy. As we all know, our rainwater supply has fallen significantly short over the last few years. Typically, we could expect anywhere between ten, 11 and 12 inches of rain water each year to help maintain our turf and trees. Over the last three years, however, we have averaged closer to around six inches of rainfall. So a significant reduction to the amount of water for our turf and trees. So the rest of the water, though, is supplied via our irrigation activities. And over the last three years, the department has utilized on average 750 million gallons of water to help irrigate our open spaces. I do want to point out that as a result of our compliance with the statewide water goals and the conservation efforts noted in the following slides, the Department has realized an estimated 16.5% reduction in water usage for irrigation since April of this year versus the same period last year. That's over 40 million gallons of water saved. The Department is and again is in compliance with the state water statewide watering restrictions. We water our parks and open spaces twice weekly with potable water, just like the residential units throughout the city. What's different with us, however, is that we aren't on the same watering schedule. While those are Tuesday and Saturday here in Long Beach, we've worked with the water department to allow us to modify our schedule to a Sunday night through Monday morning and Thursday night through Friday morning schedule. And that's to limit the impact on park users, particularly on our busiest day of the week, Saturday. There are other reasons why you might see us watering on other days other than that Sunday night, Monday morning, or Thursday night, Friday morning. And those include when we do athletic field renovations and we need to reseed or restore those fields or we have new planted areas. Even with drought tolerant installations, we need to extensively water those in the first couple of weeks just so that they can take root. We also have a couple of sites that are on very old manual irrigation systems, which require staff to actually go out and physically water the entire park area by manually. And then lastly, we work daily to repair and test our irrigation systems, which may require us to turn on the water to ensure that our systems are working properly and the water distribution is being applied appropriately. And lastly, we've eliminated, as Kevin mentioned, the use of potable water for irrigating our ornamental turf or grass street medians. And again, this is consistent with the governor's mandate to stop that activity on a daily basis. Staff perform a wide array of maintenance activities to ensure the efficient functioning of our irrigation systems. And a number of those activities are noted here at the bottom of this slide. So the department has been proactive in planning for the future. We completed a landscape irrigation

audit last year funded by the Metropolitan Water District or MWD via our Water Department, and this was performed by a certified irrigation auditing firm. And then earlier this year, the department finalized a citywide park tree inventory providing critical data about our trees, including location, species and health. Both of these studies are critical to helping us make informed decisions about our water utilization activities. Some of our other strategic investments include the upgrading of antiquated irrigation infrastructure, such as at locations at Hartwell Park and Stearns Park. The Water Department has applied for partial funding for 800 additional smart meters. If approved, many of those meters will find their way to city water or water accounts to enable the city to better manage our water consumption. We are also seeking opportunities to convert our natural turf to drought tolerant installations in areas that don't get much play or usage in a park and use synthetic turf on heavily used athletic fields. We've been working with Technology and Innovation Department to install the communications infrastructure to connect our Cal sense controllers, to better manage our irrigation systems and do it remotely from a smartphone or a desktop. We've been working with Public Works and again the water department to assess water loss in some of our park lakes, including those at El Dorado Nature Center and El Dorado West Park. And we're exploring opportunities to utilize non-potable water to refill those bodies in urban stormwater treatment

facilities being pursued adjacent to the Los Angeles River to reduce the consumption of potable water and to create a new source of recycled water that will allow the city to continue the irrigation of its parks and public landscapes in that area without the use of potable water. And then lastly, in response again to the governor's mandate to stop irrigating street medians with that contained grass with potable water, we have initiated an invitation to bid process to address the 77 different locations of street medians throughout our city. The first phase of that project will really be to go in and remove the grass from those medians. What we'll do then is we'll kind of cap the irrigation head so that, you know, they aren't in use. But we will keep open any irrigation heads that are watering trees that are in our street medians. And then the second then we'll go and mulch those medians. And then the second phase of that project will be to provide for the installation of drought tolerant plants and other potential hardscape or other landscaping on those on those medians. So proposed funding in FY16 will help us to start this project, but it is a project that is going to be expensive and a long time to complete and it would be dependent upon future availability of funds. The invitation to bid has been released and it's anticipated that the vendor could start the project later this calendar year. And we're going

to continue our operating and funding partnerships with entities like MWD and the Water Department while MWD's rebate program has dried up. We will continue to work with our water department to take advantage of one of their two turf conversion rebate programs. And again, turf removal works towards achieving our conservation goals while producing a sustainable, natural look, as you can see in the pictures on the slide. So there's still much more to do in our efforts to use our limited water resources efficiently and effectively as possible. We're going to continue to identify opportunities for turf conversion in our parks and opportunities to modernize our irrigation systems. As we design new parks or redesign existing parks, we're going to make sure we do that consistent with the California water efficiency standards, which includes ensuring that we are planting low water usage plants and efficient water efficiency irrigation systems. We're going to use our tree trimming opportunities. We're going to strategically invest in improving the health of our urban forest to ensure that our trees are better able to maximize the use of the limited water resources. We're going to use industry best practices to make the most of what we have. We realize that this is our new operating normal, and so we're going to have to get the most out of what we currently have. So a couple of examples that we're looking at is improving the tree irrigation opportunities. You know, we're concerned in the long term that a prolonged drought in limited water resources on our trees could stretch those trees in the future. We want to take steps now to make sure that we are maximizing the flow of water to those deeper root zones. So one thing we'll be doing is removing grass and plant life from around the base of the trees again to ensure water can get down to those deep root zones. And then we're also looking at other opportunities like working with the water department to see if we can't modify again our watering schedules. An example is aggregating our watering sessions from eight monthly 15 minute sessions to perhaps a couple of fewer but longer watering sessions so that the water that's applied at those longer periods of time have a better chance of, again, percolating and getting down to the deeper root levels of our trees. So and lastly, our park users are an extension of our eyes and ears. If they see any water loss through broken irrigation lines or heads or sidewalks being watered, we ask that they contact us through the Go Long Beach app. The email address on the slide or just the of our department a call and we'll make sure to get staff on there to correct those things right away. So in conclusion, the department looks at the current conditions again as our new operating normal. While we're looking at possible wet season coming up, the single event is not anticipated to be sustained, nor will it change the overall amount of water available for irrigation in the fores

seeable future. So therefore, we need to continue our efforts to make the most out of what we're currently have and to make strategic investments in the future to better position the department to act to adapt to these conditions. So that concludes my presentation. Okay. I have a couple questions. Councilwoman Mango. I want to thank you for the work that you've done to date. I know that there's a lot of discussion online related to some of the turf fields, specifically within Eldorado Park that that area is a reclaimed water area and there wouldn't actually be any water savings. Should we change over to the turf fields and for neighbors to continue to be patient? We have a few more meetings to go and then hopefully in September will be coming forward with an alternative plan that will not utilize the \$1.7 million at the Wardlow Studebaker location. That will not include a

fence in that area, that will not include light from that area. But most importantly, in working with the soccer organizations, which I just started reaching out to them today after gaining a lot of neighborhood input and that we'll go with the type of grass that's less injuries than the clumping grass that we've used in the past. And that also aligns with the California standards that we can water appropriately in our park. So you guys have made great strides to date. We really appreciate that. Specifically, all of the medians that you have changed the direction of the water from accidentally washing our cars on the way home from council meetings at 11:00 at night to now watering the medians appropriately. So thank you for the work you've done. And then one more big thank you to the Boy Scouts who have reached out and done a lot of media and projects in the community. Eagle Scout projects that turn grass into more drought resistant opportunities. This is a really great partnership and we're really thankful for all the things that our young people are doing to make it even better. So thank you very much and thank you for your support of Long Beach Volunteer Day. Councilman Price. Thank you. I too want to thank both departments for the collaboration. It's nice to see you guys coming together to address a very relevant issue in the city. I have a couple of questions in regards to updating our irrigation systems. I know that you've done some, but I'm assuming there's still more to go. And if so, do we have a plan in place in terms of our future budgeting goals to update that infrastructure? Councilwoman Pryce and members of the City Council. So as I mentioned in the presentation, we completed a landscape irrigation audit last year that has helped us prioritize the irrigation improvement needs out there. And so we have that ready as new funding becomes available, whether that's through one time funding appropriated by the city council or other funding perhaps through state county grants. We're going to pursue every opportunity to identify funding, to upgrade to upgrade these irrig

ation systems. But as of right now, operationally, we do not have an identified funding source for all of our irrigation needs. But again, based on that prioritized list, we're going to go after grant funds. Hopefully there'll be some bond funds available in future years and any identified non-recurring funds from the city council. And I'm not sure if you if you know this right now or not. If you don't, we can talk offline. But do you happen to have an idea of what the amount would be if we were to upgrade the systems citywide? Do you have a range? We're still pulling those numbers together. And so that should be available probably within the next month or so. But, you know, each each location in our parks is or irrigation system is unique. And that's one of the struggles that we're having that it's not an easy the average per square foot cost to. Upgrade or improve an irrigation system doesn't necessarily or can't effectively apply to all of our parks. So we're trying to address those on a park by park basis. Okay. This is one of the issues that I wanted to address. And it's it's it may seem like kind of an insignificant one, but to me, it's it's a big one. And I know I've talked about it with you and your team during our regular monthly meetings, but I think it's important that we have a consistent citywide public outreach methodology for letting residents know that we are using reclaimed water. And so I know that you guys have improved the signage and tried to make them consistent. But when you when you walk around the various parks just in the third district, you'll see signs that look different. I'm not sure if they were put up by different departments or by our department at different times, but sometimes they're different in color, they're different in font. There's there doesn't seem to be a campaign. And granted, we're experiencing unprecedented times in regards to the drought. So maybe we haven't given much attention to a public outreach campaign to educate the public about the use of reclaimed water and also their placement. You know, sometimes they're on trees, sometimes they're on stop signs, sometimes they're on light poles. I mean, they're and they're at different levels, sometimes at eye level, sometimes they're higher, sometimes they're never lower. They're usually eye level or higher. So, you know, again, this may seem kind of like an insignificant thing, but the average resident in the city isn't watching council meeting tonight and understanding that we're using reclaimed water. What they are doing is driving by and missing the signs or looking at the various signs as an eyesore that makes an otherwise beautiful park look not as pristine because there's signs in different colors, you know, mounted to whatever surface a sign could have been posted on. And so what I would love to see is for our department to take a real ownership interest in making sure that the the signage that we have that educate the public in terms of our us

e of reclaimed water are consistent, that they're affixed to consistent foundations throughout the city, and that we really give a little bit of pride and care into to our signage. In regards to that, again,

I think it would go a long way and we do our very best in terms of and I know my colleagues do too, in terms of social media and trying to reach out. And also in our newsletter we talk about the use of reclaimed water, because I think that is probably the single biggest concern that have been that has been raised by residents in regards to water usage by the city. And so I appreciate that you're working on it. I just want the public to know what you're doing and to know in a visually pleasing way. And then finally, in regards to the medians when we go from. From grass to drought, tolerant of what other bases are available. Ground cover is available because sometimes the ground cover, if there is any ground cover, still appears to look dry and not at all fresh, even though the plantings are fresh. So are we able to use stone or bark? Are there other ground cover options available to us for medians that could help kind of enhance some of the succulents and the rock placements and things that we're putting in? Councilwoman Price Yes, there are other opportunities to provide different types of ground cover on the medians. You gave the example of Bach, you gave the example of small stones. And I guess I'm thinking of maybe more rocks, larger rocks, but boulders. But there are different opportunities that we have to provide some form of ground cover. It doesn't need to be a straight mulch on everything. And that would be part of our efforts as we go through that next phase, which is adding the drought tolerant installations, is identifying what those might be and and keeping them fresh in different places. Mm hmm. I think that would be a nice focus in terms of our medians, is to try to make them visually pleasing somehow with the ground cover that we're choosing. I think the ground cover can really help the plants that we're putting in pop in a way that we're not currently, I think, using to the best of our ability. And I get it. The additional ground cover probably has an additional price. And so mulch is our standard. But I'd like to see us step it up a little bit if we can citywide, because I know that that's something that we can certainly do district wide with. If we have divide by \$9 available, we can certainly allocate it to that. But I'd like to see us have that option citywide as we look towards improvements. So thank you very much for the report. And again, thanks to both departments for your collaboration on this report. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. Thank you. I just want to take a moment and say that I really see this as an opportunity. You've done a great job at putting together this this presentation. But, you know, I think a lot of our meetings that we do have and some of our parks space hasn't been maintained very w

ell. And the and it's actually an opportunity to go in and refresh some of our meetings that do have maybe some grass that hasn't been maintained or maybe park entryways, that that sort of might be it might have been rundown. So I know that we're taking on some of those some of those projects already. But my question is particularly about the the rebates. So I know that I converted my lawn to garden and in my front yard, and it was a fun process. And we're still learning things, checking out different different plant types. But what do you have available? What is it? Does the city have access to those same rebates and what is the level? When I did it, it was \$3 a square foot. What is the level that you have? Councilmember Richardson, members of the City Council. There are a couple of rebate programs through the Long Beach Water Department that we will do and will have access to. One is for small projects that are under a thousand square feet and I believe the current rebate rate for that is \$2.50. And then there is a second rebate program that is for larger projects, up to 15,000 square feet, and that is a \$1 per square foot rebate. Thank you. I'd like to just encourage you and I know that we've had this conversation particularly about the Highland Park master plan and the renovation renovations there, utilizing rebates and other funding mechanisms to maybe improve entryways or other things. But I would just encourage you to continue to be creative. Think about other rebates and funding sources that might be out there from other water districts so that we can continue to do this outside of our parks, but also in our in our meetings. Thank you. Councilmember Durango. Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Scott, I want to thank you for your service. I know you stepped into a very difficult situation here, especially with coming down with a drought and having to deal with all the changes in irrigation that you had to do and medians and and trying to be as creative and very innovative and stepping into a very, very difficult seat at this present time. One of the things that concerns me the most is obviously the conversion of turf into artificial turf. And there's a lot of issues that are being raised in that regard, in regards to safety for players who may be looking at playing in artificial turf. I understand that Admiral Kit Park in my district is one of those areas has been looked at in converting sod into artificial turf and the associated concerns that are raised with that in regard to the type or the or the various types of artificial turf turf that are that are available. Just for the sake of of education, can you describe

what's out there in regards to some options in artificial turf and some of the concerns that there is? There was a recent article, I think, that just came out in regards to artificial turf that because of this heat wave that we had some of those pellets yet were where were melting. And and that's created in the in the I think it was t

he L.A. Unified School District that created concerns for for kids playing out there and and attaching to their to their clothes, if not to their skin. Could you give us what are some of those options that are available out there in regards to artificial turf that we are looking at? Especially because the concern I have is obviously advocate. Councilmember Daga and members of the City Council. So there are a number of different infill materials for synthetic turf fields. The lion's share of the fields out there use an infill product that is made up of recycled crumb rubber. And there had been some health concerns regarding the use of that infill material. The materials that you're speaking of with respect along are Los Angeles Unified School District is a another kind of rubber plastic that's called TPI. That's a thermoplastic elastomer that is manufactured plastic and rubber. And there have been some examples of batches of that product where it in extreme heat has can become gummy and kind of melted and sticks to players shoes. Those are two examples of infill materials, though, that we are not looking at. Our Parks and Rec Commission has recommended that we pursue inorganic infill material, and some of those examples are ground up coconut husks or caulk as infill options. And so we are proceeding down the road of inorganic infill material, not a crumb rubber or recycled tire or other plastic rubber infill material. Thank you. And we also there has also been a concern raised that because artificial turf gets a little hotter than it would be natural turf, that there's a there's a need to cool them off. And what's the difference between cooling them off with, say, recycled water, reclaimed water, as opposed to potable water? When we're looking at a at a time when we're trying to conserve potable water. This raises obviously an issue for in that respect with with artificial turf. Can you explain that into a clarification? Well, for the purposes of cooling the fields, and that's typically when you have some of these other products, like the TPI I mentioned or the crumb rubber, it is not uncommon to have a cooling or irrigation system there to apply water to cool the fields with respect to recycled versus potable water. Recycled water is not recommended and in some cases will void the warranty of the synthetic turf manufacturer. And so the irrigation to cool would need to be potable water. The example of Admiral Kidd Park, that park is already potable water. And so would be no change for a cooling system for synthetic turf at that park. The other issue would be if you used reclaimed water, you wouldn't want to be spraying the fields in between two games, you know, your your noon and 1:00 game and then get everybody off the field and spray with reclaimed water. We just want to avoid any unnecessary contact with reclaimed water. Okay. Well, thank you. And that's what I was actually looking for in terms of the overall change in water usage. Wouldn't wou

ldn't be different. That would be insignificant in regards to what's already existing in the use of water when it comes to those artificial turf. But I'm hoping that that technology in the future will be such that we could get some some infill that would be much more water friendly. For lack of a better term, that would not require such a high level maintenance. If. If at all. Thank you. Thank you. And finally, Councilmember Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to thank my colleagues for their thoughtful comments and questions. This is exactly the conversation that I thought we should have and had in mind when our agenda raised this report back weeks ago. So thank you. Parks and Recreation and Water Department. I did have a couple of questions. As we know, this is a very serious matter that we're dealing with. We're dealing with an unprecedented shortage of water. So our conservation efforts need to be. My priority. I was curious to know, since we've initiated this this stage two restrictions, how many citations have been issued to residents and fines. Do I believe it's five or six now. Five or six different residents have gotten citations, some of them gotten multiple citations. That's why I hesitated. I think it's five different customers. One of them, for example, got four citations. So it's five customers, and it may be more like ten total citations. Well, it's. That's unfortunate for those that handful of residents. But I think it shows that, you know, we have great compliance citywide by residents. So that's good news. I take that as good news. And somebody wanted me to ask the question of what is the status of the LBE must proposal? The Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment proposal. Mr. Austin, members of the council. So we must do something we're very excited about. It's a project that. Santa monica has a version of it. That they did a while ago. But we're looking at kind of breaking ground with this project and creating a

very innovative way to both reuse our stormwater. Clean our stormwater. And then use that water to irrigate our parks. Which are currently we have a dearth. Of reclaimed water lines on the west side of town. And so using that water to to. Irrigate our parks, we are in the feasibility stage right now. We are exploring and putting together a plan. We believe there's significant federal and state opportunities to fund this and even through the stormwater regulations, the ability for upstream river cities to pay for this as well. So we're in the feasibility stage right now and in doing the planning on how it will fit into Drake, Chavez Park is a beneficial use in that park as well. As helping with our water needs. Do we have any expectation as to when that study will be completed and come back before the council? Or do we need to take action on that? Is that something we need to wait for funding sources to come available? So I don't have it at the top of my head right now when we'll be done with that study

. We are applying for federal grants to be able to get that. And Kevin actually has some money that is really reserved only for the. Water department to deal with reclaimed water lines that he's been. Very gracious in sharing that authorization at the federal level. So we've. Been pursuing. That. We expect. Just probably early next year to come back to. You, at least with an update and tell you where we. Are with that. And of course, we would need our council authorization before we take the next step and dedicate funds. Okay. Thank you very much. I have no further questions. Thank you for the presentations. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment on that item? Please come forward. Very good you Kirk as the address the suggestion relative to rocks where you can get a good inventory of them along the band concert park in the Marine Stadium. You can take those and replace it with what? An upgraded version of what. Used to be there. There used to be a chain link. Fence that was in a number one condition because it was so far back from the water. It wasn't corroded. And against the. Very strong objections of the police. Department and without telling the director of Parks Recreation, Mr. Phil Hester. Or the neighbors, some. Doofus ripped it out and ushered in nocturnal graffiti for 3 to 5. Years. So my suggestion is take those. Rocks, use them in your mediums, replace it and put fencing like now lines the entrance to the Marine Stadium up there. And I'd also put in a couple of brick pillars, replicating the type of treatment that is along side of on PCH. By the count, by the Cal State residential area just south of Clark. Really attractive. Nice. So you can pick up the bricks tomorrow. You could pick up the rocks tomorrow and nobody is missing and shouldn't take long to put the fence in. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. And Cantrell and I have. A poster here. With artificial turf. I appreciate the many things that you are doing to conserve water for the parks and the medians. I think the drought tolerant plants on the medians makes a lot of sense. But. Drought tolerant plants and artificial turf do not make sense in public parks where people come to enjoy. Natural grass and the. Trees and the amenities of the park. Artificial turf also has a lot of problems on soccer fields, as I referred to today. There was the L.A. school district's problem with melting soccer fields that are made of artificial turf. And even though we are considering an organic type of fill. Made out of cork or coconut has. The grass is still plastic. Plastic gets hot when sun shines on it, as you probably are all aware. It also has lead in it, so it is not healthy for children to be playing on. If you put it in portions of the park which are, quote, unused, I believe people are going to be walking their dogs there. Plastic retains the odor of urine. There's a lot of problems with putting artificial turf in a park. And I think the socc

er people. What level? Well-maintained grass fields. Most players will tell you they prefer grass. The reason that artificial turf was suggested was because. It was supposed. To save water, but. Has been pointed out it has to be cooled. It has to be washed off. Kids sweat, they vomit, they bleed on, and the turf has to be washed. Even the organic turf has to be watered to keep it moist and pliable. Thank you. So I would ask you not to try to save water by putting in artificial turf. Thank you. Other places. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any other comments? Please come forward. I know. Stand up here. My name is Ramon. I'm a District five. I support. What. Stacy's doing or Ms.. Was doing for Eldorado Park. She's worked hard. It looks like it's a. So best alternatives that we can get for another underwater park. Steve great presentation. I just saw your thing that you that was put out. I know it probably wasn't done very well, not too much notice, but you got it out. So I appreciate. That. I got a question and I know I'm not going to get an. Answer because I'm. Supposed to. Say something. But for these parks that are that don't have just a potable water and no recycling water. I know there's a huge cost that we got to get over a million bucks per park to put

that in. What is the problem in getting a pipe going to give em? Uh, um, what do you call reconstituted water to get that going and put it in tanks and get these guys going on regular grass? Um, we are throwing out a lot of water in the, the mornings and days, as you know. And all we need to do. Is just get a larger tank. And get a pipeline going, do whatever we need to do and to. Capture that water. Send it over. It's going to be safer for the kids. I used to work at a mill. I used to. I'm one of the people that was at Milliken High School. And I was part of the soccer team that brought the school district to recognize soccer. So I feel a little bit of responsibility. I'm now £15 more older. And I have no vested interest in this. But but I am for trying to get a grasp. Feel this is what the pros. Play on. This is what everybody wants. This is what the women, uh, the best women in the world are. American team wants to play on, and there's no reason why we can't do it. It's a lot cheaper to maintain grass than it. Is to maintain artificial turf. I can tell you that the main issue is where the head counts and the amount of people that are on it, not with the overall prices that the way people are working. There's a lot of studies, a lot of surveys on this. And so, I mean, I've done it, I've researched it. I've even talked to the end users, the coaches, the coaches don't want to have artificial turf. These are the high schools, Jordan. All these schools. You haven't even talked to the and I'm not talking to you, but you haven't even talked to the the end users, the coaches themselves who are pros. Some of them have played in the World Cup. So that's what I'm all I'm saying is try to think about u

sing recycled water and making that thing work for that for that, you know, maybe expanding the use of reclaimed water, seeing what if there's something else you can do, it's a lot safer. I got 7 seconds left. Thanks a lot. Appreciate it. But you're all doing a great job and. We finally I know I got no set time left, but we know that Mark. Taylor is spearheading to try to get these things in. I'd like to get a meeting with Mark Taylor. Thank you. All right. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Diana Ladd Jeans. I second pretty much everything that an Cantrell said. I personally put in artificial grass and drought tolerant in my whole front. I tore up my whole front lawn. Okay, that's what I did. And I did that, by the way, before there was a rebate, before there was any incentive. And, um, do we have an important conversation here? Heidi, can you continue, please? Yeah, well, bottom line is I've had to take care of that. And when I have. I have dogs that will come by and I've had them poop and throw up and do things like that. And I actually have to go out. I've had to go out with a scrub brush and brush that off to clean it. It did not come clean like grass does. And so it's a real concern to me and absolutely right. It's not healthy. And I just addressed a body here earlier tonight about what our greatest natural resources, it's our children and it's not healthy for the kids. I do not believe it should be used as a place to plan. You know, you. Many of you have children here. Think about your own kids. You want them to be in a healthy environment. You want them to play in a in a place that's going to be good for them. So I'm strongly suggesting that you find another way, use recycled water, do whatever they do, even be better off, frankly, healthier plane under than than this artificial grass. So I'm strongly suggesting you really consider the health of your children, the health of our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren in my case. So thank you very much for listening. Thank you. Next speaker. Hello there. My name is Summer Wells, fifth District Plaza area. Stacy, I just want to thank you for looking into new initiatives because it has been a major issue about the soccer fields and using synthetic turf. And I appreciate you working hard to find a better solution, which I encourage all of the rest of the city council to do. I do not support synthetic turf in Long Beach for many reasons. One is the maintenance issue, some of which was just previously addressed. It doesn't go without maintenance. Just because you put it down, it doesn't mean it needs to be not maintained. Animals, dogs, people throwing their sodas, bacteria, it basically kind of collects in this space in unless you maintain it, which we really haven't vetted out those costs. Even when we've been talking about the soccer fields, it's always been a big question mark. How much is this going to cost? Does the city really want to take that on? You know, at that ga

mble. Secondly, the big gamble is the infill. We are still, as is expressed here tonight, is looking at new organic materials. We don't know what those will do. You know, maybe two years from now they'll be a better solution. Maybe not. But so far, you know, we haven't really had any good data that supports if coconut infill really works, if some of these other materials that we've been discussing actually really work. So, again, do we want to take on that risk or, you know, wait it out a bit until there's a better solution or you guys come up with a better solution. Thank you. Thank you. So you no other public comments? There's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion

carries nine zero. Thank you. And with that, can we just give a big round of applause for outgoing, outgoing general manager of the water department? Kevin, thank you. We know, we know he still has some time, but an incredible service, of course. And he's been a great resource for us and a great manager. And we want to also congratulate our new general manager of the water department, Chris Garner, who's also in the audience, though. Thank you, Chris, for. Which means now we have to find a new director of gas and oil. So. Which which is next? So. So thank you for that. We closed the hearings in the item. We have item 20, which is the first item we're going to hear. But I'm feeling bad for the public comment folks who are who haven't gone yet. So let me try to get through the the public comment lists quickly. So we'll get to our item, which is 20. Bill Ferris. Is Bill Ferris here? I'm sorry for mispronounce for your last name. Please come forward. If we can have Corey Allen come forward and Daniel the. Okay, now we're going back to 21, right? Yeah. 21 report from Human Error. Report from Human Resources. Recommendation to adopt resolution approving the Third Amendment to to the 27 three 2014. You with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Citywide. Thank you very much. Councilman Austin, there's a motion and a second, councilman. So move them. I don't see many city employees left out here today, but this is a good. Excellent. This is all good news. I mean, we've been in negotiations for several months with our largest bargaining unit in the city. The Iam. I'm thrilled that we have reached an agreement that will, I think, meets with both parties needs. I mean, nobody's walking from the walking away from the table, you know, jumping for joy. But we are recognizing the need to compensate our employees in a temporary fashion, because this gives us one year, but it has no strain on our budget and our unfunded liabilities in terms of pension issues moving forward. And I move to approve. Councilman Ringa. Thank you, Mary. If. This whole negotiation would be written into a book. There'd be a prolog. There'd be many chapters about agreeing. Disagreeing. And then there's. There's a great conclusion. And now we'll have to see what the Epilog says later.

But I want to thank, obviously, the membership for for voting on this and agreeing with the terms of the contract that at least for one year, we're going to be with labor peace. And I also want to thank the management of the team out there as well for working it out and everybody who was involved in wishes for the patients and getting this done. Thank you. I just want to also say, before we go to to a vote and a public comment here, I want to thank the membership of the IAM, first and foremost for voting to ratify the contract. I believe that this was a 70% ratification number, which is a strong showing of support from the membership. I also just want to personally just think it's important. Always remember, while certainly we had a union contract that moved forward, there's men and women that have been working for the city for ten, 20, 30, in some cases 40 years as members of this union, many of whom clean our streets and work in our libraries, wash our sidewalks, pick up trash, and do all the work that it takes to run a city. And so I want to thank all the rank and file members for ratifying the vote, and I want to thank, obviously, particularly Mr.. SUAREZ We have gotten to know through this process who represents I am and of course, our own team who I know worked very, very hard, many, many hours to get us to this point. And it was not an easy process, but I think it's a responsible contract that provides additional support for our employees, but importantly, does not cause additional burden that was really not sustainable for us in this budget year. So I want to thank you again. And with that, is there any public comment on the issue? Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. And council members. My name is Martin Martinez. I reside at 7107 East Malacca Road in the fifth District. The contract extension amendment proposal, rather, before you, is the result of over a year's worth of negotiations between city management and the Imam. During that time, we've seen a few city employees come to speak to you on the topic. And so tonight, I've come to do the same in a little bit of a roundabout way. A little bit about me. I moved to Long Beach with my parents in 1978. I attended school in North Town, Hamilton Junior High, when middle school was called Junior High and Jordan High School. I've been here ever since, with the small exception of my military service in the Marine Corps Reserves and activation in Desert Storm. I've been here ever since my children went to ten year K through eight and Wilson High School, where I was involved with the PTA and the Music Department's booster group. I come to community meetings and I volunteer my time at community events specifically. Just this past Saturday I was at the growing experience there and Carmelo's helping out. Great, great program. Great program. So why am I giving you, you know, my bio, my life story? I just want to make you aware that I'm not just an employee, a 26 year employee. I joined th

e city in 1989. I've been tech services. I'm a person who puts a great deal of effort in my work and a great deal of effort at home, both of which are in Long Beach. And I'm not alone. And a little over half of I am represented. Employees are also residents of Long Beach. They're doing much the same thing that I do, raising families and making Long Beach a better place. Most of them haven't spoken to you. At a city council meeting. But I don't think it's because they're apathetic, but rather it's likely difficult for them to attend a meeting, possibly stay 6 hours waiting to speak. And some folks just aren't comfortable speaking in public. Now we go back to the topic. The contract that we have before you is going to end in one month and we go back to negotiations for a new contract. When the city negotiates the upcoming contract. I would like to ask you to please remember that in the end, we're not numbers or people. Thank you. And thank you first for your service to our country and of course and to our city as well, and for being involved in the community. We really appreciate that. Thank you. Also just a quick note from the clerk. My screen's off. Your say. Someone can come over here and I can't see any of the functions, so I can't see if there's any other council I think there is anymore. If you can, please go and cast your vote. Motion carries nine zero. Report from Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the management of the major power outages and an overview of the city's emergency preparedness plans and operations citywide. Thank you. This came out of an item that I know Councilman Gonzales and Vice Mayor Lowenthal had coauthored. So I'm trying this over to Councilman Gonzales for some opening remarks. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I first wanted to. There's a lot of people to thank, but I know we've heard this issue in different formats. But this is something I really wanted to bring forward to the council. A lot of my council colleagues, you know, didn't understand the magnitude of what had happened. And I think it's great to bring this at the council level for others to learn about this as well, both business owners, residents and alike. I want to thank personally our city management team who were highly communicative during the whole process. Reggie, Tom, Pat. It was it was really great working with you throughout because it was a constant flow of communication, which is what we always like our fire, our police teams, our cert, search and rescue, many volunteers and many residents who came together. All of that put together really assisted the situation and made it better before it got worse. And so although this was a smaller incident, in hindsight, I know that this is still a significant issue within our city, and it needs to be looked at certainly in different formats. And as we mentioned, there's a few there was a hearing that happened. There were a few meetings. Edison has

been great at providing our our residents with information on claims and also information to some of our most vulnerable populations, like our senior residents and people who are disabled. And so I'll turn it over to Reggie Harrison. I know he has a great presentation for us, and it's very clear and concise and this is exactly what we would like. So thank you. So, Councilmember, before I give it over to Reggie again, I want to thank Councilwoman Leena Gonzalez, Vice Mayor Suzanna Lowenthal and Councilmember Roberto Duran, as well as Mayor Garcia to. Recommend that we do this item tonight and direct us to do this. I also want to point out that we have a couple of Edison vice presidents in the audience tonight. If you guys could raise your hand, Pete Dietrich. We have Paul Grego. We also have some government affairs representation. Representation. Robert Quintero. And we also have Ron Garcia. So we welcome you guys. And without further ado. I'm going to turn this over to Reggie Harrison, our director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communication. Thank you. City Manager with Mayor, members of City Council. Thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on the city's response to the recent power outages, which occurred on July 15th and again on July 30th, the major power outages that occurred on those dates. This update is as much about the community's response to the power outage and the resiliency and camaraderie that they show it as it is about the city's determination and professionalism in responding to this power outage. I will also share with you some lessons learned along the way. You do have copies of the presentation available at your dais. The map above depicts the areas of the city affected by the power outage beginning on July 15th and again on July 30th. The area shaded in green was the affected area during the July 30th power outage. The area shaded in blue and green were affected by the July 15th power outage. So you can see that the July 15 power outage covered a much larger area. The area shaded in red is the perimeter of the network area or loop of the Southern California Edison Vault system. And the red circles indicate the July 15th via structures and the purple circles indicate the July 30th fire structures. So then on the afternoon of July 15th, the fire department responded to reports of smoke coming from

underground utility vaults maintained by Southern California Edison. The vaults were located on Third Street between Magnolia and Chestnut Avenue. The fire and smoke was so highly pressurized that it caused several manhole covers to dislodge and fly into the air. And thankfully, no one was injured by those flying manhole covers. Fire units suppressed the fire and supported Southern California Edison units as they attempted to identify the cause of the fire. The fires that occurred on that afternoon resulted in a power outage over the course of portions of the next four days. A subsequent wildfire triggered another

power outage on July 30th. And together, those power outages extended over seven days. And at its height, we estimate that 70,000 residents and many businesses were left without power. The Edison outage had a significant impact on the lives of our residents, as well as significant disruption to our businesses and government operations. City Hall at one point was without power and had to close to the public for half a day. Residents, businesses and visitors who came to City Hall seeking services during a power outage experienced the loss of services during that time. The Metro Blue Line, one of the nation's highest, highest use light rail systems, could not run its entire route. Conventions at the Long Beach Arena were disrupted. The police headquarters building was forced on to emergency generators for several days and were unable to function at normal capacity. Many hours of wages were lost by employees at downtown restaurants and hotels as a result of the fire. As a result of the power outage. And since that time, we have had at least three additional instances of major power outages, including in communities near the traffic circle, the Washington and Wrigley neighborhood, and busy and Bixby nose and Los Cerritos neighborhoods, as well as we recognize additional fire power outages that have also occurred since those times. Within one hour of the reported fire, the Police, Fire and Public Works Department has activated their department operations centers or docks to manage the incident. We then immediately activated the city's emergency operations center, the EOC, to manage overall city responses and support the teams in the field. This level three activation of the EOC was the highest level of activation since 2004. Verizon Telephone Outage. Needless to say, numerous city departments played a critical role during the response period. The police department deployed additional patrols in the affected areas, often with their servers lights on to provide additional sense of safety to the darkened streets. The fire department reacted quickly to extinguish the vault fires, and over the course of the seven days conducted 44 elevator rescues from high rise and senior citizen buildings. Public Works Department added a 250 trash receptacles in the affected area to collect food waste that had to be disposed of. They also installed generators at 31 intersections that were without power and deployed ten digital message boards to provide direction and information to the public. The city's PIOs from various departments did a tremendous job providing information to the public, including conducting for press conferences, with the mayor, issuing seven press releases in English and Spanish and numerous postings on social media sites. The PIOs also established information numbers in Spanish and Kashmir, where the public could receive information regarding services. And we have since memorialized those numbers so that we can use them in the future. Finally, our

PIOs distributed 2500 public safety information fliers in English and in Spanish in the affected area. I would also like to recognize the heroic efforts of our police and firefighters in response to a two alarm fire on Chestnut and Chestnut Avenue. Two police officers who were patrolling the area were first on the scene and took critical actions to remove two victims of the fire from the building, effectively saving their lives. Fire units were quickly on the scene to extinguish the fire. Over 200 staff worked in the EOC or department doses over the course of the seven days, many working back to back 12 hour shifts. The picture above depicts an incident action plan. This is a plan that we put together on a daily basis so that staff coming on shift would know what the priorities are for that day. And I brought along copies as well of all of the documents that we produced in the EOC that helped to guide our way around these seven days, the major incidents. The city's Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, along with the Health Department, are open Cesar Chavez Park as a 24 hour shelter and food distribution point. Over 2000 residents visited the shelter with 15 of those individuals choosing to spend the night there. They distributed over 8000 bottles of water, 2100 meals were served, and 500 flashlights and ice bags were distributed to those affected by the power outage. Third, as you've already acknowledged at Long Beach, search and rescue and the American Red Cross played an essential role in checking on the well-being of our community's most vulnerable members. We saw an amazing outpouring of support from our community and

business partners who provided much of the food and water distributed at the shelter and sites. MOLINA Health Care opened its own distribution center on Pacific Avenue to offer medical services, meals and critical supplies to those in need. Our biggest round of applause and thanks, however, goes to those individuals and residents directly affected by the power outage. The camaraderie and respect their neighbors bestowed upon each other was incredibly inspiring. We saw residents tending to the needs of each other, barbecuing together to ensure everyone has something to eat and eliminate and to limit food spoilage. We are really happy to announce that there were no spikes in crime during this period and no major traffic accidents. Long Beach residents and the businesses and nonprofit organizations demonstrated an outpouring of support during this incident, demonstrating the true strength of the Long Beach community. Technology was widely used throughout the power outage within minutes of the outage. Within hours, rather, of the power outage. Staff prepared a telephone voice message for mass notification to the affected area during an emergency. Current laws allow us to access land line phone numbers in the white pages and business numbers listed in the Yellow Pages. However, we found that this system did not work well for

us. Most cordless phones require electricity, which was an issue. Most residents have opted for cell phones as opposed to landlines in the current city, system for notification is outdated. Fortunately, the city is in the final stages of the procurement of a new mass notification system called Blackboard Connect. This is. This is the same system used by Orange County and locally by the California State University system and Long Beach City College. Through this system, we will be able to send a voice mail, a voice call, email or text message to every resident in the city within a one hour period. Once the new system comes online, we will work with the Mayor and Council on a robust public outreach program to encourage residents to sign up with their cell phone numbers and email address and texting information to increased message delivery options. And finally, we use images from the Long Beach Common Operating picture, Long Beach copters operated by our police department to provide access to cameras in the affected areas to assist staff in the EOC and decision making. And we've already talked about the importance of social media. There are many lessons learned in working with Edison on such a large and complex incident. And it has Edison hat and it has. Edison has noted this is the first major outage in Long Beach since the 1950s. Edison did assigned its emergency response team to work in the city's EOC to provide information to our response team. However, the initially Edison team lacked the subject matter experts who could give us the most accurate information. This situation was quickly resolved. We found that Edison did not use commonly understood phrases. Case in point Edison's use of the term number of a number of customers accounts, which we found did not equate to the number of residents impacted, which, of course, was most important to city staff. For a seat for Southern California Edison. A customer's immediate is a metered account, which could be a one person household or a 30 unit apartment complex. As time went on, the flow of information and the use of technology and the overall working relationship with Edison was much improved and very productive, especially during the second power outage. Many of the lessons learned during this event has resulted in Edison changing their approach to communicate to emergency communications based on the models that the City of Long Beach has demonstrated and how it communicates with residents during an event. Many of the claims filed by residents to be reimbursed by Edison for lost food have already been paid. Edison has already paid many residents \$100 for inconveniences caused by the power outage, and we thank them for their cooperation. Edison field staff worked around the clock to restore power as quickly as possible. Nonetheless, the loss of power over such a prolonged period of time is of great concern to us. Therefore, at the request of the mayor, the California Public Utilities Commission w

as asked to become involved. And just last week, the PUC ordered Edison to comply with seven directives, including to inspect transformers and underground electrical equipment and the underground ventilation system. Edison must also confirm that manhole covers are properly tethered to reduce public safety risks in the event of future underground explosions. The Public Utilities Commission has requested an Edison report back within 30 days on their progress in these areas. In March of this year, City Council approved the updated hazard mitigation plan. The current plan evaluates in depth seven hazards that pose significant threats to Long Beach. The plan also identifies over 250 mitigation measures to lessen the impacts of those hazards of those hazards as depicted in the slide before you. The most probable hazard for Long Beach is a major earthquake.

However, as we have all witnessed, the loss of electrical power for a prolonged period creates a significant disruption to the quality of life of our residents and can have life threatening consequences for some of our most vulnerable members of our community, such as the elderly and those with with mobility impairments. The next update to the House's mitigation plan will include a more robust section on mitigation measures to lessen the impacts of major power outages. Also in March of this year, we provided the mayor and city councilor with a memo updating the roles of the council and mayor during a disaster which is included as an attachment to your agenda packet. The role of the Mayor and the City Council is extremely important to ensure the continuity of government during emergencies or disasters. You play a significant role in ensuring the protection of persons and properties in the event of a disaster. The approval of the previously mentioned Hazards Mitigation Plan is a case in point. The city's municipal code describes the role of the mayor and council during the disaster, including the responsibility of the mayor as a primary spokesperson for the city. Council members have a unique understanding of the needs of their communities at all times, and we rely on council members to keep us informed of any unmet needs of their residents during a disaster. During a disaster, staff will set up a communications protocol to keep council members informed of response and planning efforts and gather input from council members on community needs. We also rely on council members and their staff to communicate with residents and businesses in their districts, passing on information from the city's public information office to ensure that we are reaching as many people as possible through social media, flier distribution and personal contact. The Mayor and City Council also must ratify any disaster proclamation made during and during a major disaster and approve any special rules such as a curfew that might be put in place and will cover more on disaster preparedness. During the Council and the Council respon

sibility. During the upcoming retreat. There are many training opportunities available to the legislative staff. Many of whom may be many of whom may be new to working in municipal government. In fact, many of the recommended training modules are available to take online. These online training programs provide insight into the protocols required to be used by staff at the EOC level, including the National Incident Management System and Incident Command Structure. By having an understanding of these systems and the terms of use, the legislative staff will be better able to convey information to their residents in terms of staff and public safety actions. Also, we commend many of the legislative staff who have already taken it upon themselves to learn basic emergency first aid procedures through CERT or the Red Cross. This puts them in a position to provide additional resources to the community. The Department of Disaster Preparedness, in partnership with certain American Red Cross, provide outreach to the community in many ways to offer resources and information on disaster preparedness. On a regular basis, we provide training to our community partners, including the Red Cross. Long Beach Transit. Long Beach Unified School District. Cal State. Long Beach Lobby. City College. And the faith based community. Most recently, on August 27th, we held a training session at the EOC for neighborhood leaders and residents who were directly affected by the power outage. You've already heard much from the CERT representatives on the upcoming really Long Beach event, which is a citywide resource that provides that comprehensive deadline day long review of resources that are available to residents. Additionally, staff from the Department of Disaster Preparedness is available to conduct training sessions at your request to neighborhood associations and nonprofit organizations in your districts. So in closing, Mayor and members of the City Council, we would like to thank you again for this opportunity to provide an overview on the city's management of the recent power outages and the lessons learned and some of the emergency preparedness protocols that we have in place. This concludes staff presentation. I think basically all of the department heads from the departments that had an active role in the response were available to assist in answering questions. So we thank you for your time. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. And I want to also just think, you know, Mr. Harrison, I think he did a great job through these last few months, but also generally just organizing this new department. This is a newer department that the city has. And so I want to thank him for all his work and his team's work as well. Let me turn this over to Vice Mayor Lowenthal, who had a second on the motion. Or Councilman Gonzales, did you want to continue? Okay. I think we're going to ask probably the same things. But thank you very much, Reggie. Appreciate the presentation. That's

exactly what the mission of this agenda item was, along with Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Councilmember Muranga. And our mayor was to get it clear and concise presentation on the events that happened and then our next steps. And I'm glad to hear that we will have a more efficient and effective notification system, even for those that do not have computers or maybe technology that is readily available to them and all of that. So I really appreciate that. A quick question. I know some of this this information I don't see on our website, our emergency preparedness website. So what are we planning to change that a bit? Because I notice it's there's no mention of of any of the power outage information. I think we're in the process right now of updating some information on the website that gives tips for residents in dealing with power outages. Some of the lessons learned from this most recent outage. We will put those up there and some some words of caution as well in terms of handling candles and those kinds of things that residents might want to use when they don't have power. We do have the updated hazardous mitigation plan on our website and we'd be happy council member to work with your office to identify other things that you've identified that we should have as well. They're great. Thank you. And I understand I have the memo here from the PUC, two Edison, seven points. It seems like that need to be addressed and it seems like that would be in within 30 days. Is that correct? That was a request from the PUC to Edison that they report back within 30 days. And that's 30 days as of September 1st. Correct. So it would include the tethering of the manholes and inspection of the underground facilities and the inspection on the lead conductors and all of that. So just want to make sure we're clear on that. Okay, great. And I think that is about it. I just wanted to thank you again for your attention to this, and I appreciate it very much. Thank you very much. Vice Mayor. Low info. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just as a follow up, initially when we spoke with Edison, they talked about conducting a system wide test through thermal testing. I think that's what they indicated. Do we have any specific results from that? Because after they conducted that, we had at least two, if not more bolt fires that were similar to the original ones. We are understanding of the way in which Edison and the way in which the system is designed and set up is that when we experienced the initial power outage, one of the protocols for Edison and trying to determine how to bring the system back up was that they needed to bring the system down, which resulted in larger areas that were previously unaffected by the blackout, a power outage that now they experienced power outages. So will work with Edison to be able to bring back to your council member and vice mayor a more in-depth explanation as to what the results of some of those investigations have been. Do you have a sense of when y

ou can do that? Mr. Marco. So there sorry an representatives in saying that they'll have it by the end of September for us if not sooner. So I think we Raisa and Councilwoman Gonzales and I are aligned in this when and certainly all the investigations need to be conducted and we're not rushing anything. But when we publicly well, maybe not publicly, but at least with this council, we had discussed that they took a major step to bring in I want to say it was 50 teams of two individuals each to investigate through a particular type of testing what was going on in the rest of the system and not hearing anything after which and then experiencing several other similar incidents. I think it leaves that gap because on the one hand, we've left our residents and customers feeling as though this intense review and investigation and research is going on. But then we were still having the same problem. So something has to be said in that gap. It doesn't have to be specifically we've identified these as causes. But I think that in the absence of information between this very forthright effort to conduct research and still experiencing similar problems, therein lies the challenge for us. And we as a city are very open with our residents and our constituents and our stakeholders. Even if the news isn't good news, we need to say something. There is a gap. We did leave people feeling as though Edison has come out here ferociously to investigate what's going on because it is so important and I believe it's important to them. But then we had similar incidents and said nothing. That's my concern. I understand. And I see the Edison report nodding their head. They understand as well. And so they'll be providing us back with some information. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. And, you know, I just want to say thanks to the entire city family for such a great response. I, I literally when it began happening, I think I was visiting Councilmember Gonzalez's state of the district. And I saw our sister city manager, Tom Modica, outside on the cell phone making things happen. From public safety to city manager, city staff. It was a great response. And I particularly was inspired by that, to see the entire city and and the greater Long Beach area really reach out and try to support this, you know, our community. And I think that the social media outreach and strategy that the city had was really, really good. I saw the

mayor, I saw the city council sharing updates. I think that was a great model, an example for how other city should do it. And it really raised the awareness to how we should respond to these things by raising awareness. It kind of opens us up to ask us, ask questions like, Hey, ah, what other areas of town are vulnerable to something like this? I guess my question would be, you know, as a large city, Mr. Harrison, you know, have we looked into localized emergency plans? And is there any way that we could say, hey, this was localiz

ed in one area of town, but then it happened again and in Bixby, no. So is there any way to foresee what areas are most susceptible to this? I'm not certain if we can forecast what other areas might be impacted next. Certainly since these two incidents, we have seen other incidents of power outage, as we often do during the summer, not to the extent of what we experienced on July the 15th and July the 30th. I think that's the number where we would like to offer, is those opportunities to get into your districts, to get in and work with your neighborhood association so that we can provide the training, some of the tips that we learned, some of the lessons we learned from dealing with this incident and overall disaster preparedness to just put residents in a better place to deal with not only this kind of a disaster, but a major emergency, but any other that might be forthcoming as well. We know that there's a really, really wet season is coming soon. And so some of the things that we discovered during this incident will also apply to that season as well. And so we look to opportunities to work with you within your district. Great. Because I think, you know, now we're on notice that these things and a lot of times we hear about emergencies and we never think that it can happen in our communities and it can. And so I think we should, you know, continue to do the things we're doing, but really place a greater focus on our local neighborhoods. And then and then how is our Spanish in our language access, outreach and that area where we utilize our language access plan or any of the tools that we have. We did. We did council member. We set up an information line in both Spanish and Crimea where residents could call in and receive information. And those distinct languages, as I mentioned as well, our public information staff distributed 2500 fliers within that area in both Spanish and English as well. Many of the press releases that were done in English were also done in Spanish for certain, not certain about come here if we were able to respond to quickly on the press releases. But we did distribute those in multiple languages. Great. And then and then I guess my final question is, I know that Edison's been updating some towers and they set up a pretty large temporary facility in the north south right away. And it's been there a couple of years. Is there is there is this is that the work that's taking place related to this somehow? So the Edison reps are saying that they're not they're not aware that it's related to this, but they'll take a look at that and to respond back with some of the other answers as well. Okay, great. Well, I would just offer then if it would be good as you look into that, if we can just have some a better understanding of how long that temporary facility will be, you know, will be in place. We thought it would be like a six month, but I think it's going to like two, three years. So it will be just good to better understand that

and any other sort of smaller responsive request that the city has made with Edison about this right away. And thank you so much for for being here tonight. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Do we have a a phone tree that goes to council members when outages occur? Because on Saturday at 630 in the morning when my phone started ringing, it was residents asking me how long the outage was going to last. And so I was curious about that. We generally, when we have those kinds of incidents that occur, we sent out a watch commanders notification that goes to mayors and remember the city council so that you receive that notification from us. We can look into that if you did not receive that notification, but that's a normal protocol. I think I received one closer to 930, but I think that at 630 in the morning and I think part of the challenge is different districts have different age demographics. And so one of the things that was easy for me to do is use the Southern California Edison app and be able to see when the outage was going to be anticipated to be repaired and then be able to tell two or three neighbors who can quickly spread the word through their either phone tree or neighbors standing in the front yard together, as we all know, happens when the power comes out. But I think that of outages over a certain size, I'm not sure an email is sufficient. We had 832 neighbors without power when they all woke up in the morning. You know, and that's a that's a really good point, Councilmember. And that goes back to that mass notification system that I spoke of earlier. We'll be in a much better position to target our messages and residents will be able to prioritize the type of response that they would like to receive, whether it's at

their landline or at their cell phone, text message or an email. And so we'll be able to offer residents options in terms of how they receive information from us. So I could be mistaken, but I'm pretty sure that I'm on that notification list. And so I didn't receive a notification probably because I wasn't in the area of the outage, which is surprising because my area had the most outages of the whole district in the last three years. But in this case, I wasn't. So perhaps councilmembers could be on the outage list for every single community in the district so that we're aware and we can help provide that feedback for neighbors who aren't on it. Thank you. Thank you. Think I'm going to make a few comments before I turn it back over to Councilman Gonzales. I want to just start by saying that I think the certainly the whole leadership of the city is just very appreciative of the incredible work that happened from the community, from our police and fire operators, from everyone that was working on the outage. I mean, I even talked to some of the workers in some of the vaults, some of the Edison Worker guys that were there all day and all night, and they were working very hard and we appreciate all of their work on gett

ing the lights back on as quickly as possible. But I'm asking you to just to repeat some of what I've said up to this point, and it's, you know, no surprise to Edison mentioned it to their president as well as their leadership team. I personally do not have the confidence in our electrical grid and our system in Long Beach. And I think that having having had now. A major outage, a second pretty significant incident and two others just in the last few weeks, month or so. I mean, this hasn't this hasn't happened in the city of Long Beach with this much. It was that many events, one after another. And so it is concerning. The community should be concerned about it. Our staff is concerned about it. And we're working very closely with both, obviously, Edison as well as the PUC, to really get down to the bottom of what happened and how we can stop this from occurring in the future because. But believe me and and I've been pretty tough on Edison, but they are as interested in solving and trying to get to the bottom of this as we are as well. But where we are today is in a I think in a in a place where we need to we need to regain our confidence. We don't we our confidence is broken, as should as is the communities. And it needs to be repaired along with a sense of of stronger partnership. And I think what we're looking for from the from the PUC in particular. And while I know there's going to be an internal investigation from Edison, I think the PUC is going to give clarity, hopefully, and some very clear recommendations, some of which they have already made to to the city, to Edison, to the council as a body. And we'll be able to make some some decisions. Edison, I assume, will be able to make and they continue to make investments in their network. And we'll have an idea of what exactly went wrong and why we're having these additional occurrences, because the key question is, is it you know, it appears to me that we have a very old system that has not been maintained appropriately and it needs to be invested in. And so that's that's kind of where I see the situation today. And we'll we'll find out more as we as we move forward. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. I just wanted to briefly mentioned. I know we hadn't. I know it will probably come back anyway, but I wanted to explicitly ask and request the report to come back from after the investigation in the U.S. is done to come back to council so we can review that further. Do we know at this time how many city resources were expended? We know that just alone at the EOC is in the city's dioceses, that we had approximately 200 staff that responded to those two centers. That excludes the men and women that responded at the scene with police and fire. So those incident managers is not a part of that number. We've got some numbers available in terms of the costs, estimates for food and ice and those kinds of things that we that we provided. And we're having conversations with Edison about the appropriateness of rei

mbursement for some of those items. Okay, great. And can that once we get a full. Cost estimate cannot be included as well in the report, please, when it comes back. And then I would also just like to encourage, you know, we talked about training, but just encourage a bit more from our city management as well as from your shop, Reggie. A better plan to engage and encourage our own city employees to take up the training. I think it's really important. The only trained member of the council is Councilmember Richardson, but it'd be great if we had information. Maybe there was a day for us to do that, but I think that would be really appropriate, especially now. And then lastly, I failed to mention, but I want to thank our POW Kari Jarrod who is there with us, our public works, our health department, as well as all of the other departments that were so integral in this in this whole process. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. West or Mr. Modica. And I know that the I'm sure the Council has read some of the reports in the media, but do you want to just briefly touch on the, uh,

the latest? And I'm not sure if or Mr. Harrison just the latest letter from the PUC that had given Edison a deadline of 30 days to essentially comply with a variety of requests. And say, I have the letter here. Let me just see if I can find it quickly in there. So I do have the letter from the I do have the letter here from the Public Utilities Commission dated September one, 2015. There are seven areas that you want to just highlight briefly those. Yeah. If you can just briefly highlight the areas on the on the letter, because I know it came out right before the the Labor Day holiday. So I just want to be sure it's not not last. Set of letters dated September one, 2015 and, uh, seven areas that they have identified. One to perform a detailed inspection on all underground facilities that are part of the secondary network system that we talked about on Long Beach to verify compliance with the general order. Second is to perform a detailed inspection on all on all lead conductors and splices in the city of Long Beach to verify the safe conditions of the conductors and splices. Third is to perform a detailed inspection on every protective device such as relays, breakers, fuses, etc. connected to any of the primary feeder circuits. Fourth is to confirm the ventilation system is properly working and all underground vaults in Long Beach. Fourth is to confirm is to confirm that the cover of each underground vault in Long Beach is properly tethered and secured to the ground to minimize potential impacts. Number six is to confirm that all transformers serving the Long Beach area are properly rated to meet customer demand, particularly during the time of peak demand. And seventh is to inspect and confirm the safe and reliable operations of the circuits supplying power to the Port of Long Beach in any spot, networks serving large customers in the city of Long Beach. And as in this le

ttter signed by the Director of Safety and Enforcement Division for the PSC. Letter also ask that all of those items would would happen in the next 30 days. So essentially by the end of September, correct? Correct. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to unless there's any other current council comment, I would open it up for public comment. Is there any public comment on the item? Please come forward. Yes. Please come forward to the mike. Please go ahead. Hello. My name is Jovana Ferraro, owner of Groundwork Fitness. Address should be on file. I am a resident in District one as well as a small business owner. I own a gym and the purpose for me this evening is really to just reiterate a lot of what was said and has been said on. The big picture with with the power outages is. Yes, it it continued on. The first time it happened. Three and a half days of no power for me as a small business owner was huge, huge impact financially. And then as it occurred thereafter, as soon as clients hear that there's a power outage somewhere else, they don't come to my gym because simply, oh, I already know it's going to probably be out there. So it's not just a matter of when it was actually out. The power outage was happening and occurring at my gym. It's the times it happened to Bixby and all these other spots. It kept clients home because they had heard, you know, social media travels fast. So I'm losing business not just when those three and a half days of no power occurred downtown. I'm losing business those other days because. Word gets out, oh, I'm not even going to bother leaving my house. And so I just want to reiterate that it really is extremely important that indeed there's communication. Please. I love everything all of you are saying up here about just letting us know what's going on. And if there's a flicker of my lights right now at my gym, I freak out because it really is. It's a financial thing. And I just I can't afford another three days, 2 hours, 30 minutes with no power. It will keep my clients from coming in because they're going to think, Oh, I'm not going to go downtown. It's going to be a mess like it was last time. So that that's scary. So a flicker of light scares me, and I shouldn't be scared like that as a business owner downtown in. So I just want to be make that heard as well as just real quick, I don't know if you know as old as Long Beach is, so are the plumbing issues and so are something called sub pumps. My gym, there's no restroom available. When power goes out, that's just not going to occur. And that's one thing I didn't learn until that happened. Even though we would get through during the daytime hours, you know, God forbid someone had to use the restroom. We were out running up and down and trying to find one, which means porta potties are those are I mean, there is no one around us. A lot of these buildings are old and they have sub pumps. If there's no power to the sub pump, you're not using a restroom. And that's just that was s

omething that needed I would wanted to make sure was heard as well even during the daytime hours as a small business owner, again, I think it's important that communication occurs. So I love the fact that you guys are asking for feedback and where do we go from here? And I appreciate that. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please, by actually advisory

law, but I wanted to say something. Just briefly, Gio. I want to assure you that our team is taking notes because we haven't thought of everything. I mean, I think our staff did a great job of taking notes about the things we learned out in the field. I personally did not even think about this, and I'm sure they have, but I just I'm glad you came forward. And maybe what this reminds us is to put out a call to our folks just through social media. They're very particular they're very particular circumstances that we may not have thought of, but that affect other people. We should know that, and we need to hear that from our residents. So I don't think porta potties are too much to ask for. It's a public health issue. I'm sure our doctor at DHS will say that again. It's something I didn't even think about, you know, until it occurred. And then all of a sudden we're down and out and it's like, wow, three and a half days without that, even for myself, where am I going to go? Right. So that's just something to add to it. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thanks again, Mr. Mayor. Gary Shelton. I had the great opportunity. I was privileged to be asked to be the representative of the public, the residents at the town hall meeting that was called by the state assembly and senators. And I did have a chance to speak with them and I appreciate that opportunity. But here I am now in front of you folks. And I just had a couple or three things to point out, and I really, really appreciate your report. Director Harrison full of great information. I wanted to see if we could expand on a couple of things that Reggie mentioned. I think it was on I don't know, I would call it page three, the technology and outreach and the SC communication page of the PowerPoint that there there did seem to be a couple of different channels of communication or levels of communication. There was sort of an internal type of communication that that Edison seemed to seem to hold close to. The to the vest that I learned at the town hall meeting wasn't really actually even shared at the EOC during the early days of this outage. And and and then out here in the public, even though we were many of us right in the very middle of it, we didn't have any inside information ourselves as to what was going on. Part of the reason for that was that we were deprived of high tech solutions to communication. We couldn't I was getting pixel, but that was about the only thing and it was basically telling what the street closures were on ocean or on shoreline drive. Low tech would have helped in many ways. I don'

t know exactly how many different methods we would have of that. One might be police cars telling us over their loudspeakers that they would go up and down the streets. This is what's going on. There might be some script that they could have had as they went up and down through the neighborhood, which we didn't see, see the police all that much. But anyway, low tech communication is something that would be really, really need. I wanted to express too that we all. We're aware very early on that we were in this in the middle of a crucible of learning. At the time, we had an option. We had an opportunity to go through an event that didn't have tilting buildings akimbo. It didn't have injuries. It didn't have fear, such as some other major incident might have. This was a very low level incident that got a high level response. And so I think we've had an opportunity to learn a lot without a whole lot of damage being suffered in the meantime. I wanted to then add one more thing to the offer by Edison to send \$100 credits or in the case of folks like us at Plymouth West to our on shared meters and other senior citizens . A \$100 check has actually had the result of infusing tens of thousands of dollars of ready cash into the community because those checks are arriving this week and they're being spent this week. So that's a benefit that I have to thank Edison for. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Jim Denham with the First District, one more city heritage neighborhood. Well, my area itself wasn't affected. On the 15th, we did get the call through social media for help. The Pacific Tower building, 17 floors, no power's seniors. Many of them could not have access to get down food, going up water. Jill, who left earlier, she was the first way that went in there. If you can imagine, you've got water, £8 a gallon, two Home Depot buckets. You've got £40 in each hand going up 17 flights. It was out. It was absolutely. We've very quickly realized that we are not prepared for this. Cert was there in the beginning. But then they also had a lead to go to another senior center. Melina's jumped in. Councilman Gonzalez, thank you so much. I mean, your office was fantastic. Let us know where we need to be, you know, and how we can assist bags of ice. I mean, it was just literally Florida time doing the daisy chain up and down, up and down and getting this stuff handled. And folks that were on the floors, the seniors are knocking on doors. They are so relieved. And then one thing you don't realize is that in these huge buildings, there's no airflow. So all of a sudden now you're opening up doors, opening up stairwells to allow that draft. I know probably the fire department's cringing because that if it were to happen, now you've got a huge type of inferno. But,

you know, that was something we took a chance on. And a lot of the residents appreciated that. One of the things since I do live in one of the oldest historic district

ts in Long Beach, please, if we can figure out a way not to have the candles, I think it was on Chestnut, a home caught on fire because of a candle knocking over, maybe LED lighting something that will illuminate a little bit of light without have the danger of flame. But that's it. Thank you so much. Appreciate it. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening. Mayor and Council, thank you so much for this presentation. It was very, very important to our people. I think that we are so used to using social media and having all those advantages that we forget that a lot of the people in our neighborhoods either do not have the capacity or are not familiar enough. So I was lucky enough that my house had electricity the whole time. But I know that even with that, we didn't really have a lot of information. I know you know that and that that's one of the big things that needs to be worked on. One of the things that I wanted to mention that has not been mentioned is I live right off the the Sixth Street offramp. And I think that there needs to be coordination with highway patrol or somebody to stop people from coming off the off ramps with something like this because they came blasting through and there were no lights. So I'm really astounded that nobody got in an accident because that's a really they come off fast anyway, but they come off really fast with no lights right there at Sixth and Daisy. So that's something I think that needs to be looked at also. And thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker. My name is Lana Noble. I live downtown in the Walker building where my husband and I and the bank, our own, are our loft. And I'm here. I had also with Gary said I got to speak as a member of the public at the hearing and would encourage those of you that haven't had a chance to wade through some of that testimony to do so, because it was incredibly dramatic and sobering how much this impacted residents and businesses. People who live paycheck to paycheck didn't get a paycheck because of those outages and are our neighbors. What I want to talk about and I've got copies of this that I will share with the clerk, perhaps I think there's enough for the council is we are not talking about a natural hazard here. It's great that we responded as we did in Long Beach. It impresses me. It makes me proud to be a part of this community and that we have the standards that we do. But this was not a natural hazard. Edison has a monopoly. They are a private corporation. They have shareholders. They make money. And they are supposed to, according to the PUC, provide us with reliable, safe and affordable or reasonably priced. I believe what the PUC regs say, electricity and electricity is not a luxury anymore. It might be in some other countries, but it's not a luxury here. And we pay for it, whether we're small business people like Gio or my husband and I in the Walker building. I, for one, am not at all confident in what SCC has done, what they're doing, and what they are

or not telling us. And I'm looking to you as the City Council to lead us on this, because if they cannot fulfill what they're legally required to do as we are embarking on serious development dreams and visions and plans. We're downtown that are going to help all of Long Beach, not just those of us that are right downtown. We need a partner. We need a partner that consistently will invest in our infrastructure, will maintain our infrastructure, and will provide us not with power outages, not with darkness for days on end, but with the electricity that we need to be the kind of high standard city that we are. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Okay. Hi. It's the other one right over there. Oh, the other one. There we go. Thank you. I want to make sure that you each hear me. I know that you understand that there are statistics up there. I believe it was 70,000 individuals were affected by it in some way, shape or form by one of the power outages. But there are human faces to those 70,000 people. And I know as a senior living in a senior building at Ground 0/3 and Chestnut, we saw a lot of activity. And first of all, God bless the Edison workers. They worked their little kazoos off. I saw them. I went out to visit them at two in the morning, three in the morning, five in the morning to see how things were coming along. But seniors were so impacted. I know Gary said that there wasn't fear. I had people stopping me and asking. I walked the streets. I walked that a lot of that district in the dark. I wish I had. I was given cold water from. The Red Cross. I was given extra flashlights to pass out. And the thing I heard most often was communication. Edison is telling us the first day I believe it was, the power would be restored in 3 hours, 4 hours, and then it was going to be the next morning, then the next night. The next afternoon. Communication is so important. I'd rather be told the truth, as brutal as it might be, so I could plan. That said, I hope that each and every one of you emphasizes to your constituents that being prepared is a self, a matter of self-preservation. Flashlights, water, and their own units. Their

own house is very important. I see time is running out. Finally, I am more than a little concerned for those of you who saw it. There is a fantastic article in the L.A. Times Sunday edition, Sunday, September six about Big Santa for a lesson learned. And it talks about the PUC, talks about Edison and the fiasco that went down there at the ratepayers expense. I'm concerned that you've given them 30 days to come to do certain things. I've worked for race car teams. I've seen what happens when when we've got a deadline and some mechanic is getting weary and suddenly a screw doesn't get tightened properly. The wheel comes off, the driver is killed. Please be a little flexible with that 30 day requirement that they inspect everything. I can understand the pressure for them to do something. But on the other hand, we don't

t want another San Onofre. We don't. And I have to commend Mayor Garcia and Lina. Councilman Huizar and her staff were phenomenal. If this had happened in the city of L.A., they'd be doing a task force first and whatever, and then figure out a month after the event that maybe they should've taken out water. Thank you so much. And thank you for the for the rest of the council. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Yes. Yes. My name is Holly Stewart and Leona spoke earlier and I picked up a couple of more points listening to the discussion. One is, when the power goes down, of course, all your wi fi disappears. There's all this idea about modern tech, but once your server goes down because there's no electricity, then that's gone. So now you maybe have a good phone. Like I have a good phone with 4G, LTE, 3G and all that, but the battery runs down after a while. You can't recharge it. That's gone. So the idea that the high tech stuff does such a great job sounds good, but after about 12 hours, it begins to fail. And in fact, even though the 4G tower in our area, we live in a water building, as you said, begin to fail or the power went down or something because my phone, which is a very good one, couldn't pick up either LTE, 4G or even 3G after a while. So I just want to bring that up as a possibility or a thing to think about is that a lot of this stuff really is dependent upon having the electricity. A second thing is there has been some discussion of the Public Utility Commission, but even at their hearing, I never heard them say why there was a public utility commission. If you have to go back about 100 years, you find out that in fact, cities and counties and things like that were putting out monopolies to things like Southern California Edison to provide power. And when you did that, you took and give them tremendous amount of power because they were going to be the only thing a power system as a monopoly. So utility commissioners rested up to supervise them, oversee them and make sure that they didn't go just for money, trying to take so much away from us as a whole community for their shareholders. Over time, they tended to cut back on the amount of staff they have to take care of things because that makes more profit. Well, we I commend you for looking into this, and I hope you will be on the tail of the utility commission, too, as well as SC to make sure the job gets done. So this doesn't happen again. Because, as Liana said and as others have said, the redevelopment and the repositioning of downtown here, and I've heard about all these plans for even more residents. If you don't have the carrying power within your electrical system, you're looking for trouble because the more and more you put on notice, the higher the load is that it has to carry, the better chance that you're going to have a failure. During times like, well, extreme heat times, if there's an earthquake, if there's other kinds of power outages, it compounds it as you ha

ve more and more people on a grid. So thank you very much. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Very good, Hugh, before turning to the excellent report that you have presented, I take it the biggest takeaway I would say is the biggest lesson is do not give up your landline. Hang on to that. Secondly, although this was obviously a Edison and Electric centric presentation of I, I noticed you had touched upon the issue of tsunami , which is certainly something we've got to deal with and particularly if we here live on the coastline. And I'll get to you. I'll make sure you get the plans. Relatives. It's the tens river type of lock that's now going to be put in the open 365 days a year, but can be closed on a tsunami basis. The warning out of nowhere and so forth, that within two or three years we should be able to have at the end of the jetty. In addition to that, touching upon just that aspect, one of the things that we will not have to prepare for in about eight years, going back to what I talked about, the new paradigm that we could use, the mitigation that base is the construction of that will be such that we will no longer have to every year bring in loads of sand and protect the assets that are along the peninsula because the construction of the perimeter dynamic will prevent the waves and the surge from hitting a good portion of those so forth. But there was a very good, thorough report. I'll make sure you get the details out there on the sounds tsunami

dynamics. Thanks. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. Just one last point. A resident of ours, Gary Shelton, brought this forward and I thought it was a good point, creating emergency plans for business owners and helping them do that, or especially in buildings like the downtown where we have high rises. I'd like to have us look into that. I think it would be great to conduct workshops of some sort or go out and do a training of some sort and how to create a plan. Great. Thank you. Okay. There's no other public comment we're going to receive and file, but I just have to just to make a quick a quick note. And it's unfortunately very timely. But from what I understand right now, we just had an Edison outage that 1400 customers are affected in parts of West Long Beach from what my city, the city manager is telling me right now. So I know that they're working on that. But this this is obviously both unfortunately ironic, but goes to show you that we need change and there needs to be an improvement in the system. I know you guys are here and I appreciate that from the from the Edison guys, but this is just completely unacceptable. And I'll say it again. So we're going to hopefully figure out what's going on here. And right now, 4000 customers without without, without power. So there's a motion on the floor in a second. Mr. Mayor? Yes, I know we have representatives here. Did you want to hear from them? I think they're going to get to they're going to if you'd like to make a comment, but I know they're going

to get to work on what's going on right now, from what I understand. Okay. All right. Receive and file. Cast your vote to make a two minute recess. Motion carries. I'm going to I'm going to ask everyone to take a seat and we're going to go ahead and get started. I'm going to call the meeting back to order. I think there was a. We're going to switch that. We never. I mean. We pretty much. Yeah. They don't want to do it. Exactly. Exactly. I mean, if it's not. It probably has problems, but. So this is an opportunity. To get together. Yeah. Okay. I'm going to call the meeting. I'm going to call a meeting back to order. I'm have roll call, please. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Mayor Vice Mayor Lowenthal, Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Cooper. Not here. Councilwoman Mango. Councilman Andrews. Councilmember Muranga. Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Mayor Garcia. I'm here. Thank you. And just as a quick announcement, so the power outage is in West Long Beach, mostly in the seventh District. And so I know that our folks are in Edison are taking a look at that right now. And so if you're obviously those that are without power are obviously not watching this. But if you are out there, you know someone that needs assistance, please, please do so. So we're going to continue on. We have an important budget hearing tonight, which we have to which we have to finish. But I know that we have our folks right now addressing the outage as we speak. So, madam, quick, if you can read, but you're hearing one. Let's let's just let's do item 21 since John has already started. John Gravity Communication for Mayor Garcia. A recommendation to adopt the recommended resolution from the Technology and Innovation Commission in support of the City of Long Beach, participating in Los Angeles County Innovation Weeks hosted by the L.A. EBC. Mr. Kessler. Honorable Mayor and members of the city council. If you would. Like to if you'd like to add anything to the previous report, I'd. Be happy to. Thank you so much for supporting Innovation Week. What I didn't add earlier or that we're up to about 20 events locally in the city of Long Beach. And what's really neat about this is that these events are hosted by local innovators, entrepreneurs, local businesses to showcase entrepreneurship and innovation that's going on in our city. So the events range from food to Cal State, Long Beach, art college to industry manufacturing really across the board. And it's been a really interesting groundswell of support from the community who have volunteered their spaces. They actually pay for the programing and the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the City of Long Beach. We we aggregate those events and market and promote them. But this is really a neat community showing. So if there are any other questions, they're there. All of these events are available online and you can register for the events and almost all of them are free to the public. That will conclu

de my report on this and I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much. Good report. Let me let me just also add real briefly, this is the first innovation week that we've had that we've done. It's a great collaboration with the lady there, with her innovation team. And I know our innovation team is working really hard on this. And this is the kind of stuff that's really exciting that's happening that wasn't happening a year ago. All these connections that are being made, the partnerships, all of the innovators out there, they're all talking to each other now. And it's because of not just the work that John and the Bloomberg team are doing, but also the work of our new

Technology and Innovation Department and Brian and his whole crew. It's just a really great partnership. So everyone's doing really great work and it's good to support this important event. Councilman actually, Councilman Richardson, you made the motion. Any comments now? Councilman Mongo. Any comments? I just am excited that everything is going on and the community is really embracing this. So thank you for all the work that you and your team are doing. And Councilman Austin. Yes. I just wanted to thank Mr. Keisler and the innovation team for coming out to First Fridays. And because we know last Friday and brought the whole team out, it was it was exciting. They got a chance to meet many of the residents locally and talk to them about some of the work that they're doing and where we're going as a city in terms of becoming greater innovative thinkers. And so I just wanted to let my support as well. Thank you. Q Councilman Franco. Thank you, Barry. I, too, want to add my voice to in appreciation of what's going on with the innovation team. Curiously enough, they joined me on my seventh District Harbor tour. They were a captive audience. They had a captive audience there and provided an update as to what they're all about, brought the whole team out, introduced them, and they had an opportunity to engage the community and ask questions about We appreciate the community had an opportunity to ask them questions regarding what's what their job is and what they're doing. And and everybody felt very, very informed in terms of what's going on with the city. So I want to again, thank you for joining us. Thank you. MCHUGH Any public comment on the item? CNN members, please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. 22. Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Now on to item 25. Report from Development Services Recommendation to Execute Mills Act Historic Property Contracts with owners of historic landmark properties for the preservation and rehabilitation of eight properties districts one, two, three and eight. Thank you. I'm Jenny Silver Staff. We have a report from Development Services Director Amy Barak and also Chris Coons. Mr. Mayor, and members of the City Council. First, I would like to formally introduce you to Christopher Coons, our advance planning officer. He also serves as our historic

preservation officer. And the report that we're going to be giving tonight is largely the result of his efforts since he's been on staff. So I want to publicly acknowledge his involvement in moving the historic preservation program for this city forward. We are pleased to present to you tonight the First Mills Act contracts that have been adopted by the city since at least 2007. We are presenting to you a number of contracts that. Cover. Our residential and commercial buildings. This, as you know, was the first year that we. Instituted the Mills Act. And we went through a very extensive screening and education process with members of our historic community who may qualify for a Mills Act contract. This year, we were a little bit selective in only choosing to work with those properties who have already been landmarked within the city of Long Beach. And offered the Mills Act process to. Those existing homeowners or property owners. We hope to expand the program to a larger audience next year, and for those property owners who do have properties who are interested in Mills. Act but may not be historic landmark. Designated. We would do a combination process of we as we have detailed to you in the past. So I believe we have nine different contracts that we would ask you to consider entering into. This is a ten year contract with each of these individual property owners. There is a detailed contract that spells out what their requirements are. There is an obligation for the city to provide regular inspections to make sure that the contracts are being adhered to. There is a continued process that we will be involved in in the regular monitoring of these properties. I would say. Without hesitation that these nine properties. Represent the entire spectrum of the historic properties that are landmarked within the city. They do cover very unique single-family residential homes, and then they do cover some of our commercial buildings that are also landmarked. And you probably know most of these just by looking at their name and address, which which should point to their notoriety. If you've got specific. Questions about any of the applications, we are here to answer any questions. But that does conclude our initial staff report. Thank you. We have a motion in a second on this on this item. Councilman Austin. So moved. Councilman Price, your comments. Vice Mayor Lowenthal Thank you. I wanted to thank Ms.. Burdick for all the hard work that she and her department has put into this. And for the presentation tonight, and also John Thomas, who's been patiently waiting in the audience for us to hear this item, I'd like to congratulate and thank the property owners for buying these historic gems and being interested in preserving them. And again, my thank you to development staff services and our Cultural Heritage Commission for delivering this program to us. Thank you. Is there any public comment on the item? CNN. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Tha

nk you. Thank you all for coming. And of course, no big surprise being led by women. Of course. Oh, it's always the women. Always the women. I swear. It's just amazing. Next item is 23. Communication from Council Member Richardson. Council Member Super Non Council Member Ranga. Council Member Austin. Recommendation to request the City Manager to provide a status update on the termination of the Rapid Medic Deployment Program. Thank you. Mr. Richardson, a joy to go to Stanford with you. Okay, turn it over to staff. Thanks. Mayor council. Members. We can have a quick report by our fire chief, mike. Good evening, mayor garcia and members of the council. As you were aware, on August 26th of 2015, the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency or EMS agency, notified the Long Beach Fire Department that they were terminating the rapid medic deployment or RMD pilot project, and that by October 3rd, 2015, the Department must return to the previous staffing model of two paramedics on all advanced life support or A+ ambulances. In our September 1st presentation to the City Council, the city manager and I advised the City Council that we would comply with the direction provided by the EMS agency and revert to our prescribed staffing configuration. Also at the September 1st City Council meeting, the City Council directed the fire department to provide weekly updates on the status of returning to our pre armed staffing configuration. Since September 1st, the fire department has worked diligently to accomplish all tasks necessary to return to priority staffing, and these have been detailed in the five weekly memoranda that we have provided the City Council. In summary, we have done the following with support from human resources. We conducted the required meet and confer sessions with the Firefighters Association and the IAM to discuss the impacts of the staffing change. We have completed analysis on the impact of the return to the previous staffing model would have on the number of positions needed in all ranks on a daily basis. We've evaluated the need for a fire academy in fiscal year 2016 as well as the future need to send firefighters to paramedic school. We have convened a paramedic committee comprised of paramedics and other frontline personnel, representatives from the Firefighters Association and Management to discuss the return to pre-formed staffing and other related issues. We've reassigned firefighters, paramedics and ambulance operators based on seniority to different apparatus under the RMD staffing configuration. As a result of the rebuilding process, we've reconfigured the Fire Communication Center's dispatch system and processes to correlate with new apparatus locations. And we've completed all the logistics required to move apparatus and equipment. On October 3rd, when we return to our previous staffing model, I want to thank all of the fire department staff who are responsible for this planning and implementation process. And I'm

pleased to report that we had an uneventful transition on the morning of October 3rd. As you know, upon receiving notification from the EMS agency that they were terminating the RMD program, we began to work with representatives from Deccan, which is our apparatus deployment information system, to conduct data analysis in order to determine the best locations of resources when we return to the RMD system on October 3rd. The Deccan program is a predictive modeling tool which helps us make apparatus deployment decisions based on historical data. The objective of this analysis was to determine the most effective placement of our emergency response apparatus to respond to emergency medical calls. This is the same system we have used over the past decade to make resource reduction determinations. This evaluation of data is very complex process and is best described as a system wide analysis of three years of data involving 180,000 calls for service. This analysis involves all call types, not just calls for emergency medical services, and recommendations are provided based on the most effective apparatus locations throughout the city. Additionally, there are a number of factors that go into the analysis included, including historical call volumes, response times, overlapping coverage, secondary coverage and automatic into and out of the city automatic aid . The fire department used the above criteria and using the 180,000 calls for service ran scenarios of the system in multiple configurations to determine if the deployment model we had immediately preceding armed was the best utilization of our resources, or if there was some compelling new information that would cause us to shift resources. Based on this professional analysis and the supporting deck and software analysis, the fire department determined that there was not conclusive evidence enough to move resources to locations different than the prescribed locations. Put another way, the prescribed model is the most effective model currently given the available resources that we have. Therefore, on October 3rd, 2015, we placed paramedic ambulances and paramedic assessment units at their respective prior M.D. or July nine, 2014

locations. Which was an effective and proven deployment model prior to the implementation of R&D; and we believe is currently the best model to ensure protection to the entire city as resources are constantly moved around the system to ensure protection for all our residents and visitors. The fire department will continue to evaluate the data over the course of the next year and ensure that apparatus are placed in locations that will have the greatest impact on our overall response times. Mr. Mayor, council members, that concludes my report, and I'm available to answer any questions you may have. Well, thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Chief, for for diligently facilitating this whole process. I know it's been difficult over this past month, but I also want to just thank you

for the way that you've reported out over the course of the last month weekly as the council requested. I want to thank the residents. I know that, you know, you're spending a Tuesday night doing what we do, but this is democracy. I know that you guys dig this stuff. So I'm glad that you spent tonight with this is really important to our community. So so, chief, as you stated in the last in the last time you were update providing update to city council, we did direct you to to do an analysis over the course of this last month to provide weekly status updates so that we can sort of track and participate in this process along the way. So thank you for for complying with those requests. And I've personally had the opportunity to follow these updates. Over the past month and track your work in unwinding the R&D; program. And despite the way that people might have felt about R&D;, I know that you and your staff and your leadership worked very hard to implement it, and the fact that you worked so hard is something that definitely needs to be recognized. And in the third weekly update, you listed the proposed deployment schedule, which outlines paramedic resources that will and will not be placed in service on October one. And what stood out to me as particular about this with about this memo, a peculiar about this memo was the line that stated the evaluation of data is very complex process, and the data provided thus far has been inconclusive as to the optimum location of each paramedic, ambulance and paramedic assessment unit. So the fact that it was inconclusive was a bit vague and difficult for me to grasp. I can either interpret it as given the resources in place. Eight Rescues data doesn't allow us to conclude that one deployment model is or schedule is safer than the other. Therefore, we're going reverting back to the old schedule, which is what we know. Or it can mean that we actually don't have enough recent data post R&D; and that if we had that data, it would be conclusive. So I would ask you to just take a moment, elaborate. What did you mean by the data is inconclusive. What actually happens when you run the deck in software and look at those different models? Councilmember The in order for us to run our software analysis, to take those 180,000 calls for service and run them in the system as a predictive modeling tool, we first have to establish a baseline system so we couldn't use the RMD deployment model because we knew that was going away. So what we did was we went into our deck in software and put the pieces in place that were in place on July 9th, 2014. So exactly preceding R&D.; And then we ran the system based on our historical calls and then we took the time through a number of different configurations. We moved resources around the city. If we moved an ambulance here, an ambulance, their engine here engine, their assessment units, and we ran the system and then we would run secondary calls in an automatic eight in, automatic eight out

and and different types of calls. And when we say that the data was inconclusive, what we're saying is there was nothing there was no sort of compelling evidence or no sort of conclusive data set in a different configuration other than what was in place just prior to our M.D. that would lead us to make a shift of resources from one place to another. Bottom line is, if we had a hole in our system, we would be shifting that hole in our system from one place in the city to another place in the city. And we believe that the deployment model we put in place today, given the resources we have, is the very best thing we can do for the city today. And I think it's important that you break that down the way that you did, because it sounds to me and let me articulate what I just heard. Since the system citywide, the placement really doesn't matter where you place it. Either way, you spin it with limited resources. There's. There will be a hole somewhere in town. Yes, sir. Okay. So it seems like since like I've done work at City Hall in the last five years, we've we've sort of spoken about this paramedic issue. And, you know, although it's an issue that does impact the whole city, I know that, you know, people feel good about having a rescue in their particular area and particularly around the fringes of town, the edges of town like east and north. I particularly remember it was 2010 when we made the shift from nine resources, from nine rescues down to eight. There was a lot of confusion then and one example stands out to me in particular, there was a minor accident on

Atlantic and Artesia was a school bus and there was a student, a special needs student that had a seizure. And in the same moment, there was an emergency call at Jordan High School directly across the street where there was a heart attack or something like that. And so at that, this was three months after 12 was eliminated. And so rescue nine in Bixby Knowles responded to Jordan High School and then Rescue one in downtown responded to the car accident with the child, with the seizure. And I remember 17 minutes later that we did get a response from L.A. County Fire Department. And what this story sort of reminds me of is that even though the response was from downtown, you could very well find a downtown rescue in uptown, you can find East Rescue in Central. It's really a city wide system. And by taking out and not having really those resources, it really puts a strain on the whole system. And my concern is that if we go back to eight rescues, we will experience similar issues. So I would want to get your opinion on this. Can you describe is there a distinction in the system response when you have nine rescues in our city instead of eight? Is there a difference? Does the value added with a knife rescue provide a more stable system? Well, Councilmember, certainly, because as you mentioned, it is a citywide system. The system is dependent on a sum of

all the parts. If you add more resources into the system, it would create more stability within the system. I just want to make sure that everybody understands that we do the very best we can do. Our people are very good at doing what they do with the resources that we've got. But certainly, yes, adding more resources into our system would make the system better. So, and I get that I know that that we do as best as you can with the resources you see fit. And that's why I think it's our job to really have a conversation about the system and those resources. So specifically, what does it actually cost to place a rescue, a ninth rescue into service?

COUNCILMEMBER The annualized cost for a rescue ambulance. PARAMEDIC Rescue ambulances, \$1.1 million. Okay. Roughly. I know these are sort of off the cuff emotions, but I know that I know that we've had conversations I've heard this term about scalable resources. Can you explain what that is as well? Councilmember Scalable. The term scalable as applied to resources would be something that is not permanent, something that's put in for peak load. Peak load periods over there has a sunset at the beginning and an end. So it wouldn't be a permanent thing. It would be something you do as just kind of a scalable asset. Put it in for a little while. Take it out. Great. So if so, if the city council were to help to identify extra resources to help support our paramedic response, would you use the priority list that was submitted to council in the past year, or would you use them last out first, first in methodology? How would you approach this?

Councilmember We the fire department sent a memo to City Council in 2013 and they can't remember the exact month, but I can find out for you. But that outline was in August of 2013. Outlines our restoration list, if you will, and it lists them in order. And so we would follow that memo that we had sent to the council. I think that's smart. Was that and that. So I'm familiar with that because we followed that for a number of years, even before the R&D program. So that's great. So so Chief, I want to thank you for this report. I want to thank you for the hard work that your staff has done. And I want to thank the hardworking firefighters for their service as well. I personally believe that we're in a moment where folks, whether it's pundits, whether it's the media, maybe people who have watched the city council for a long time, they expect us to divert to the dark ages of debate, where in order for my community to win, your community has to lose. And I believe that we were elected to really think bigger, think broader about our city, and rather, rather than have the conversation about who's community loses. I'd rather have a smart conversation about how all communities can win. So the chief you know, the chief just mentioned that this with the circumstances, you guys based on eight rescues. You can't identify any alternative model unless there's

some other chess piece on the board or on the table. And I take that very seriously. So if he had additional resources, he'd be able to fill gaps and have a more stable system to collect data over the next year. We all know that next year we're going to have budget circumstances and budget challenges. We're going to have to have make some tough decisions. I'd rather go into that with a stable year of data so that when we do have a conversation about city wide resources based on a stable year, you know, with with with a better staffed program than we have today. So so I want to make sure that we're also looking at other opportunities and we're proactive as we go into next year's budget. So I want to ask the chief a question. When's the last time that we've actually looked

at or evaluated opportunities for us to expand our services to surrounding communities? And if we were to evaluate that, what would that look like and what were the things you would need to do over the course of the year to figure out if we can expand services to surrounding cities? Councilmember I in my tenure in management on the fire department and even even coming up through the ranks, I don't know. I know there's been a couple discussions during my career about possibly expanding or providing service in other local jurisdictions, but we haven't. Since I've been in management, engaged in any sort of that activity. But I certainly would be I would not be opposed to the idea, of course, if a surrounding community wanted to have a conversation with us about augmenting their system or providing a service someplace else, we would certainly be open to it. Sure. I know that other cities around us have have looked into perhaps counteracting with the county. And I don't know that we've ever that we were part of those conversations. We have a fantastic fire department and and we should at least explore that feasibility. Does it help our system? Does it hurt our system if we expand and look at coverage in other cities? So that's something I like for us to look at. So so I'd like to make a motion. So given this conversation and given where we are today, I move that city staff report back to city council in 30 days on the feasibility and options to place an additional rescue into service in the course of the fiscal year this current fiscal year. This could include a restoration or scalable options. We want you to evaluate the use of an adjusted return rate on our first responder fee potential one time resources as they become available or other potential funding sources. And then secondly, the second part of this motion is to evaluate our ability to provide fire services to surrounding cities on a contract basis and make a recommendation over the course sometime between now and the next year on a recommendation of city council. That's my motion. Thank you. Councilmember Yeah, one quick question about that, just to make sure and I think it's great to get to go back and get the info. Is 30 d

ays enough time? 45 days? Question What do you think? Chief Just seems very tight for me, but we could do. Something like that in 60 days. Is that okay with you? Councilman, I'm comfortable. Okay, great. So we have a motion in a second council in Austin. We're okay there. Let me go to the public comment and then we'll take it back to the council. So if any members of the public want to comment on this, we have a motion on the floor to go get some additional information from the fire chief and bring it back in the next 60 days. Good evening. Mayor Garcia and city council members. My name is Eileen Iron and I live at 3421 St Francis Place. I'm the president of the Saint Francis Neighborhood Association, and I'm here to. Voice my support. For comprehensive. Fire services. And encourage that you all. Do the same. To me, one of. The most important services. In our community is our fire department, who responds to various emergencies across the city within a month and a half. We've had three times. Just on my street alone. The fire department respond to four senior citizens. Of which I am one. But they weren't responding for me. We also. Because of our particular street, is a kind of a. Curvy street. Where the others aren't in the rest of the neighborhood. Some young people like to see how fast they can take their cars. And manipulate the curves. Two young men did so two weeks ago and. Their car. Went nose to artery. And. One of them ended up with. Several bones broken. In his neck. The last I heard he is doing much better. In is at home. So I want to thank the City Council for listening to our community. And what is important to us. I especially want to thank Councilman Richardson. Councilman Orson, council member, supervisor and Councilman Turanga for bringing this. And we have some other residents from the ninth District who have have come to support it as well. Would you please stand? Thank you. Thank you and thank you all for coming out. We really appreciate that. Next speaker. How are you doing? I'm great. How are you? Good. I was going to ask you to. Do an exercise, but as late as you may fall asleep. So I won't ask you. I was going to ask you to just close your eyes during this presentation, but I won't do that. You might fall asleep. So we'll move on. What I want to talk about tonight is some personal situations where we needed. To utilize emergency services. And one had to do with my spouse. In my neighborhood, there's a lot of aging as well going on. I won't count. Myself as one of the older. Ones yet, but I am there. And we have. A lot in our neighborhood and in. Our association area. If you just think about it, you close your eyes for. 3 minutes and think about. Coming up on someone who needs emergency services. Very badly, urgently in the time it takes for you to make the decision, I need to make the call. And even though the call is answered quickly, explaining the situation. And waiting for that sound to come up your street that says He

It is almost here. And waiting for those individuals, those professionals, to walk through your door and place their equipment down. And the sigh that now awaits you. For what has felt like. An eternity or. Two lifetimes. And many of us have experienced that. So I will professionals are very vital to all of us, not only the seniors. If there's a. Child who swallowed something. And you can't get it out. It's critical that the emergency. Services be there. And if they have to come from across town as opposed to. Being close by the amount of time that it might take for them to actually for you to hear that sound. For them to come through your door, place their equipment. And actually. Start the work. This is what's before you tonight. Alternatives. Additional resources. We know that the budgets are tight, but we need to find a way. We need to find a way of being able to address emergency services. For all of our citizens. Be they the senior citizens or the. Young children. Or anyone who has come into our city for whatever reason, they the events that go on here. We need to have emergency services. And so with that in mind, I'd just like to say thank you for. Listening to us tonight. Thank you for your most urgent considerations. For the needs of this city. And go uptown. Go. Top of the hill and go. Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. I love that everyone says go Long Beach now. All right. Thanks, Speaker. Good evening, Mayor. City Council. My name is Calvin Mack Guidry, and I am a resident of the ninth district. I've come to the council tonight to voice my support for comprehensive services, to make sure that we're being served adequately based upon the needs. I have a senior in my home. That I. Would like to make. Sure that coverages is and response time is really, really short. But recently I've had a chance to see our response happened when my mother was having a situation. And the the amount of services that showed up was, was really good. This was in the Los Angeles area. And the amount. Of. Service. People that showed up. It really was a great thing to see them to come in and handle the situation where they had to secure a good work space, which get her out of her bedroom and into the living room where they were able to work and do their job. I'd like to see that for Long Beach. I'd like to see that for our area. And. Make everything a little bit better for the north, north and Long Beach. Thank you to Councilman Richardson, Austin, your anger and super now for bringing this motion to the forefront. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor. Council members. My name's you've been my partner and I are homeowners in North District. And as most of you know, the ninth district is one of the most populated district in the city. So any services taken away will put a strain on the rest of the city. And as we've heard, they're expecting this winter to be the worst winter in history. And we've seen in the news repo

its. How. You make that phone call and there is no services available. So. We don't want to be caught unprepared. So I'm asking that you save our services. Thank you. Go. Long Beach. All right. I know we're going to get to go along with Jerry. You start with a goal on which. Thank you, mayor council Joel Davis, vice president at Long Beach Firefighters Association. Thank you to the residents of the ninth district for showing up this evening in support. I'd like to start by saying we do have a very strong EMS foundation in place today. It can be improved, however. One thing that resonated to me that Councilman Richardson said, as well as our our fire chief. We have a black hole in our system. The ninth rescue would definitely feel that it's a good start. It's not the end of what we need. But I think today to fill that hole, to fill the the paramedic response times, to provide the services to these residents that have showed up tonight is something that we need to focus on and it's something that we need to do. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you all. I know we're going to go to a to a vote. Just just briefly. First, I want to thank all the rises for coming out. I think it's great that you you came out, you're advocating for something that's important to the community and you're here all night with a very long agenda. I think it shows a lot about your commitment to your neighborhood and to the city of Long Beach. And so thank you all for coming out. And I also want to thank I know that Councilman Richardson does a very good job of organizing the community and getting people out to turn out for stuff. And so I want to thank him for I mean, he's obviously looking I know he's looking out for you guys. One thing I do want to say that I believe and believe this is true, I think everyone on this council wants to improve and have a more comprehensive fire and paramedic service. There's no question about it. And so it's it's a very complex issue. But we're going to look at it. We continue to look at it. And we know there's a big need and we know that there is. We'd love to make really you know, we'd love to make additional investments, obviously, in the system. And we're going to look at that and continue to look at that. And so thank you all for coming tonight and advocating for that. There's a motion on the floor and a second. Please cast your votes on the item. And it will be back in 60 days for a report for

more data information on this. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Now on to item 25. Council. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Report from Public Works. Financial Management Recommendation to award a contract to school contractors for the improvements of 10th Street for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1 million district for. Right think there's emotion and a second countenance you provide. You want to get in comments or. Just one that I believe 10th Street was paved a couple of years ago. And so this. Is a continuation o

f that project moving. West. Can someone, is that correct? Yes. I thought. I thought you saw me shaking my head, so. I'm sorry. No, it's late. Yes, it's continuation of our projects. On 10th Street. Councilman. Is that. Okay? That's fine. Thank you. Okay, great. And much needed. So this is actually these are these are great improvements here. Any public comment saying none. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. And I'll let all of you exit before we hear out of 29. Wait. It's been. Thank you. It's here in. But I just. He is very. Yeah. I hear the thing. I'm just saying I love this. You know what? You're expecting to have to be the candy. Yeah, I'm looking for some variety. You know. I think, you know. I just feel that. There's nothing you can. Do. Oh, God, that scared me. Oh. Okay, good. I don't know. What would you feel like? You wouldn't be. Open about. 80% of that. Oh, my God. Okay. We're back. If I can have everyone. Just. We're going to go and keep continue on to the next item and see if I can have our clerk. Please read. Item number 29. Report from Harbor Recommendation to adopt resolution approving the proposed fiscal year 2016 Harbor Department Salary Resolution. Thank you. I'm going to turn this over. Mr. West is there. Presentation for the Harvard. I'm. No, there's not. I don't. Believe. Okay, well, I know that they're here, but I don't. I know we didn't plan a presentation. I wasn't sure if there was going to be one, but. Can I get a motion in a second on this? Okay, there's a motion, and it's like any public comment on this resolution. Seeing none. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay, great. That was easy. Thank you, John. Good to see you guys. Moving on to back to the agenda here. So we have are we going to continue back on the hearing? So we have hearing item number two. Motion carries. Next item. Which I believe is 1514 was withdrawn. That's correct. Report from Public Works Financial Management Recommendation to Award and contract to school contractors for the improvements of Studebaker Road between Spring Street and Wardlow Road. For a total contract amount not to exceed \$1.4 million. District five. Give us a motion in a second and a public comment. Seeing on Councilwoman Mango. We are really excited to share that this rehabilitation work will consist of removing and replacing the damaged concrete curbs, gutters, driveway aprons, alley entrances and sidewalks. We're going to trim and do root shaving on our trees and reconstruct the area in the Studebaker street to be a first class street with very innovative, cold in place recycling methodology that should this come to be as exciting as we anticipate it will be, and if the process goes as easily as we hope, then we will be able to use this across the city to be able to pave more streets more effectively and less expensively. So we are really excited about this great opportunity to be the pilot project in the fifth District on a street that really needs a rehabilitati

on. So thank you to the Public Works Department for all of their work on this. It has been a exciting process to learn about and thank you to the city staff for their innovation. I hope that this turns out as great as we anticipate and that all the major corridors of our city can get a revamp with cold in place recycling. Thank you. Please cast your vote. Councilman Andrews. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Item 16. Report from Development. Services. Financial Management Recommendation to award eight contracts for as needed graphic design and creative services in an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$795,000 citywide. Is there a staff report? This is simply adding a contract authority for as needed graphic design services. There's not a budgeting enhancement requested, just a contract with eight firms, five of which are Long Beach businesses. There's been a motion in a second. Councilman Price. Thank you. I do have a question. What is the availability of this service to council offices like? If we wanted to make use of graphic artists to help make fliers for our community events and things like that. Is this an option that we would have to utilize? So we got that question earlier this week, and that's something that we're willing to explore. That's something we haven't done yet. But this is essentially contract authority, the ability to enter into contract. The city enters into contracts and apartments draw down. We'd be happy to explore that if the council office wants to use their budget to be able to use this prequalified list. So we'll do some follow up on that and provide a response. Great. Thank you. Councilman Gonzalez. This is great. I too would have that same question as well because it would be good. I mean, as we

constantly do outreach, it would be great to see if we could draw from these individuals. And I want to congratulate Deborah up there. I work with her regularly at Microsoft. And so I'm so glad to see you here. And I see Allen up there, too. So congratulations for being a part of that. I look forward to it. Councilmember Richardson. Just want to chime in, given the discussion and say that these are great companies here and we've worked with the CAP Agency. If you visit W WW dot, imagine how incom you'll see all the graphic works fantastic associated with the Highland Park Community Center redesign. So it's fantastic to have this on on file and I encourage everyone to take advantage of it. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this? Item. Item? CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries. Item 17 Report from Economic and Property Development Recommendation to Award a contract for conducting a parking study in Belmont. Shaw to Nelson. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to execute the First Amendment to Commercial License Agreement with Leigh Austen staff to add a Saturday farmer's market at Bixby Park District to thank you. And Vice Mayor, did you have any comments on this? I just wanted

to celebrate that this is taking place and very happy that Lee was able to do this for us and continue that. So it's a great farmer's market. Thank you. With that. Any public comment on the item? Please come forward. Very good. Nothing spells the failure of a city than the presence of a farmer's market. Well, period. Yeah, it wasn't. It was about two weeks ago as they were taking the bus down the shore in city hall. There was a couple on it, I don't know where they were from and so forth, but they were passing Bixby Park and said this this place really looks like Oakland, period. In all the years I've been to and all the times I've been to Beverly Hills for some reason, I've never seen a farmer's market or a flea market. And I haven't seen one around Fashion Island or any of the residents neighborhoods around there. It's it's an indictment of the city. It says Third World on the way down to fourth world, period. If you can't attract. Supermarkets sufficient to sell. The type of food that is sold there. And I I've not had not been to this one, but if it's like the classic flea market that's down in the Marine Stadium, you'll walk through that and you can set. Very few are. The real farmers markets out in the country side have generators going to cook something. 90% of the food down there and I would imagine is probably the case up here. Does not meet the true standard of our farmers market period. And I think at some point the city has to step up to the plate and recognize the damage it does. Period. Go to Beverly Hills. See if you can find one's. Go to fashion oil and see if you can find one. That should be a standard, not Guatemala. All right. Are not Alvarado and Alvarado and Wilshire Boulevard. Thank you. Okay. There's a in a second. Uh. I'm speechless. Okay, let's go and cast any of the public comment saying that. Let's cast your vote. Councilman Mongo. Motion carries. Next time, please. Item 17 Report from Public Works. Recommendation to request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to speed limits on city streets, as recommended by the city traffic engineer District six and nine. Thank you, sir. A staff report. Public Works Director. AAM Alan Honorable Vice Chairman council members. I have a 40 minute PowerPoint presentation, but I would not do that sorry. The item before you was released for the city attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code sections 10.2 12.010 and ten point 12.0 20 relating to the 35 mile per hour speed limit on Obispo Avenue and 30 mile per hour speed limit on Pine Avenue based upon the results of citywide engineering and traffic survey. Two street segments warrant a five mile per hour decrease of their existing speed limits. First location is the segment of Obispo Avenue between Harding Street and South Street, which warrants a five mile per hour decrease from its current posted speed limit of 35 miles to 30 miles per hour. And the second location, a

segment of Pine Avenue between Willow Street and Pacific Coast Highway, which also warrants a five mile per hour decrease from its current posted speed limit of 30 miles to 25 miles per hour. That concludes my report. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them. Thank you, Mr. Malloy and Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I'm pleased with the results of this study. It's going to lower the speed with all of this by avenue between Harding and South Obispo runs along to to residential neighborhoods known as the Saint Francis neighborhood in the Ramona Park neighborhood. It's been really important to them to improve that street. So they've had stop signs installed and now they're limiting. We're dropping the speed. So anytime we can increase safety in the community is a good thing and it's a win. So thank you to our public works department because this is a step in the right direction. Thank you. Councilman. Thank you. Any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on item 17 see none. Members cast your vote. Motion

carries. Item 18. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to adopt resolution to execute a contract with Los Angeles, Freightliner for the purchase of three refuse collection trucks in an amount not to exceed \$1 million citywide. There was a motion and a second. Is there any public comment? Mr. Andrews. No, I wouldn't be here. Good evening. My name is Richard Suarez. I represent the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Just a quick, quick observation on this item of. Purchasing new equipment for. The Refuse Department, as I've said to this council and many times, I'm concerned. I'm concerned over the safety of the men and women who toil here day in and day out. I brought to your attention just a few months ago an incident where one of our members was pricked by a needle and received very, very little support. I'd like to just bring to your attention that we have fought with management in this particular department to supply safety gloves. Safety gloves. And they're still not there. Safety goes. And they're still not there. And I would just ask any of you. If your husband or your wife or your child or your brother or your sister, if you worked under these conditions. And the want is just to have rubber gloves so that when you pick up garbage and when syringes go through those plastic bags, you don't get pricked. I'm fighting this fight today. This morning we received an email from Mr. West, Vicar, who's the public works department at this particular facility. And in answer to a letter that we had written to the director of public work, Mr. Malloy. And this is what Mr. Vicar wrote. The city does not have a job hazard analysis for refuse operators. The Department of Public Works Safety Officer Manny Jaramillo will be conducting a job hazard analysis and anticipates the process taking approximately four months. We've been picking up garbage in this city for 70 years. The

re is no known. There is an unknown hazard for our members. No one knows what the hazards are. We will see that this morning. I beg you to please not ignore me, not ignore the men and women here every day that face these hazards. I don't understand. I really don't understand. We can disagree on a lot of things. But don't ignore safety. Rubber gloves, folks. It's shameful. I need your help. I'm asking for your help. Thank you. Thank you. Let me go to Mr. West. I just want to make sure that you get the council back to response on the on this rubber glove issue. Certainly. Okay. I've heard it twice. And I want to make sure that we're the cities is responding. And I just want to make sure that we're before us. Is the resolution to authorize to execute the the purchase of the collect or the refugee collection trucks? Is that right? Of the of the the contract with with the truck center. This item is about buying of new refugees and new trucks. Right. Okay. So let me go to Councilman Austin, who was up first. If it sounds. Like this is a good item, new weapons refuse trucks trucks that are going to be cleaner burning energy using CNG fuel. I support the item and ask that you do the same. I mean, I'll just just speak to the Speaker's point. If there are some issues with personal protective equipment for our city employees, we need to make sure that we're providing the best for them to do the work. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. These trucks get a lot of wear and tear. So stand in support of the motion and let's get these guys some gloves. Thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yes, you know. Thank you, Vice Mayor. You know, I understand the need for trash trucks, you know. However, I am truly concerned about the employee's safety. You know, especially when it comes to the basic needs, like gloves. You know, we by making the dollars with the trucks and we can't get rubber gloves to these individuals for their own safety. And I would like to ask for a request of a memo from the city manager and what kind, you know, is currently being done to address the basic safety needs and how we can improve so that employees can meet this form of safety. Because this is something I think that everyone should take time to look at because these are the individuals on the front line and they definitely need some form of safety. So I don't think we can put trucks over safety when it comes to our employees who are out there on the fields doing the work. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. You're Ringa. Thank you, Mayor. Just one question. First of all, I want to thank staff for working on this. I know that we have one of the most green fleet fleets in the region in regards to what we're doing with our vehicles. However, what I am concerned about in terms of these refugees trucks is that we have parts of the city who are much more impacted by truck and car pollution. Is there a deployment plan for these trucks in regards to where they're going to be serviced or what parts of the ci

ty they're going to be deployed to? Dan Berlin will handle that item. Yes, Councilman. These three trucks are essentially used throughout the city. They're three of a kind. They lift the large dumpsters through the front over the front of the truck. So they are. Not deployed in any particular part of the city. They're used throughout. Well, I would you know, my West Miami community is highly

impacted by pollution. So and I'd like to see some new trucks in that area that you. Councilman, I want to point out also that all of our trash trucks are green. So they're they're all CNG. LNG. Most of the trucks right now, the majority of the fleet is LNG powered. Which is slightly not. As clean as the CNG. And that's with the exception of 14 diesel powered trucks that are held in reserve and are due for replacement in FY17. Thank you. Any other councilmember councilmembers have any comments? We did public comment already. Please go ahead. Castro votes. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to adopt resolution to execute a contract with Office Depot for office supplies for a total annual amount not to exceed 1.3 million citywide. Report from Economic and Property Development recommendation to accept funds totaling 3.9 million funded by the Community Economic Adjustment assistance for reductions in defense industry employment and execute a contract with blue drop performance learning in the amount of 2.5 million to develop web based platform materials citywide. Thank you. Councilman, actually, let me turn this over for our staff report. We have a quick report from. Nick Schulz, executive director of the Workforce Investment Board. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Garcia, members of council. The item before you is the acceptance of an award from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Assistance under the Defense Industry Adjustment Program and is related to the impending closure of the Boeing facility in Long Beach due to elimination in the C-17 weapons system. Air support for communities, in fact impacted by factory closures and laid off employees focuses on developing adjustment and implementation strategies. Our local adjustment strategies focus on regional job creation through business development and expansion, workforce development and community economic diversification. Pacific Gateway aggressively pursued this program because we understood the uniqueness of the defense industry can create obstacles for communities affected by defense downsizing because firms and workers develop specialized skills and competencies designed to serve designed to serve government and military customers. They are challenged when trying to enter new markets and new sectors. Second, we know we must plan for the long haul and assume that we will not immediately be able to replace all the lost defense jobs. Replacing those jobs or adding new jobs in the communities is a long term proposition, and it is unlikely that a sing

le new employer will ever absorb the entire impact. Instead, we are focused on developing strategies that support multiple economic drivers to replace lost defense jobs. When faced with downsizing, large defense contractors opt to remain focused on defense and government business, while in contrast, many smaller firms in the supply chain have interest in pursuing new markets or diversification opportunities. We want to help local firms assess their competitive assets and challenges and design appropriate strategies for new business development by focusing on strong partnerships and a commitment to change as critical success factors. We believe we can ensure a successful community transition occurs. Thank you and I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item seen on Councilman Richardson? Just want to take a moment and again, say congratulations. This is yet a second week of of great work represented on our agenda from our workforce organization. And I look forward to seeing the cumulative totals when we review our federal legislation by the numbers, because I have a I have a I'm going to guess that we're we're we're we're going to be well ahead of where we were last year in terms of our performance and in receiving federal support. So congratulations and great work. Councilman. Mango. I'm sorry. My apologies. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I'd also just like to say congratulations. I think this is this is good news, as good as it can get with considering that we are we're dealing with a plant closure. I can remember when the career transition center was developed originally to deal with major reductions in force with the job losses associated with the McDonnell Douglas and Boeing back in the nineties. And this is this is bittersweet. So I think this is good. I'm a little kind of curious because I know that most of the workforce that that has will be leaving or that has left the the plant there. Many of those are 20 plus year employees and curious what type of retraining they will have as through through this service. Do you have any specifics on that? Mr.. So actually, this is very different than anything we've brought forward to you before. This actually doesn't fund retraining specifically as Department of Labor will pay for that training. And we do have a national emergency grant to fund specific skill development for laid off Boeing workers in the pipeline. What the OJ grant does is actually allow us to build infrastructure that extends our reach out. So professional employees, those folks are sometimes hesitant to walk into a center like we operate, or those folks who actually have the skills to navigate the career

pathway and access specific services on their own. This platform will actually extend our whole suite of services, as well as take the training courses offered by our partner providers, the ones that they can afford through online access. This will actually make those trainings a

available to folks without ever having to walk into our center or into a classroom. Thank you, Mr. Schulz. And I'm not sure if you mentioned how we identified this fund or these funds. So actually, the Office of Economic Adjustment had actually worked with Long Beach as a community before when the Navy was in town. It is not a competitive solicitation like many of the things we move forward. It's specifically for a community that loses a prime defense contractor similar to the BRAC process you would see when a base would close. Thank you so much. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. I want to thank our team again for doing such a great job on this. Many of my colleagues joined me last night at the grand opening of Mercedes in the old MD. Facility. And as we transition the supply chain of the region, it is great for our city to be a leader in this, and it would not be possible without the great work. Thank you to the city manager and the Workforce Development Team. Nick, you have been a beacon of light for this city since you've started. We just cannot say enough about the great work that you've done and the number of new jobs that are going to be in the pipeline. So look for another council agenda item coming soon that will help our Long Beach residents get these these best and brightest jobs. We were already out there meeting. I met with a couple of VP of the companies within the last week, and I can't wait to bring that on board. And I know that with Nick's help, it'll be a successful project. So thank you all. Thank you, Councilman Ringo. Thank you very much. I also want to give kudos to staff for bringing this forward. I do have a couple of questions in regards to the length of this funding. Is it a one year, two year project one? How long it's going to go. Current amount you will be approving runs through September of 2016. Based on the progress in the deliverables of the plan, we have the opportunity to continue to find relevant, relevant projects through. And what would some of those delivery deliverables include, such as. Deliverables are in three categories. First categories economic development and planning that include that includes a data collection and analysis of existing industries. It includes and industry cluster mapping as well as public engagement around the economic drivers and growth opportunities for the Long Beach community. The second part of the grant revolves around land use and infrastructure planning. This is with regard to long time, long term use or transition of the facility. So there's a financial feasibility analysis involved with that land use and infrastructure planning as well as a C-17 transitional master plan. And that would be developed based on opportunities that that are shown to have promise out of the economic analysis that's conducted. And then the third piece of the plan that we've talked about in Councilmember Austin's questions is the assistance to impacted defense firms and workers. And that's there

's. The C-17 defense and dislocated worker platform, as well as direct assistance to C-17 supply chain firms. Yeah, that that third component was one that has most interest for me in the sense that do we have some kind of background on these employees as to a level of experience, education, ability to transition to other jobs in the in the not only in that in their own industry, but transition to jobs locally within within their own labor market here. And also perhaps even and we will have many opportunities within the city of Long Beach with perhaps some positions within the city itself. So fortunately, Boeing's complied with all their notice requirements under the WARN Act. We do have both positioned and positioned in number in each position and job descriptions related to almost 1600 folks impacted by the final closure. We're able to do some talent mapping with that. Look at the knowledge, skills and abilities of those folks coming out of the coming out of the Boeing closure and then map that over to existing opportunities in the labor force. And if there is not a consistent or highly predictive match for them to gain reemployment quickly to take a look at training opportunities that we have available locally that would help to close the skill gap and get them reemployed. Finally, in regards to the last part you spoke about, in terms of the mapping, the opportunities for retooling, retraining obviously is important. Are they going to be connected somehow with our OPI programs or lobby City College should they want to continue their education or enhance whatever it is they have? Again, there's we can have more of that discussion when we bring forward the specific request for for to accept the training dollars related to the laid off worker. Again, those will be federal workforce investment dollars that assist in that regard. So we are. Mandated to use what they call the employment training provider list. It's a state sourced list. You have to pass the standards set by the Bureau of Post Post-Secondary and Private Education, and

you have to meet performance to continue to be on that list. Local rope programs, local Long Beach City College programs, CSU ALB PA programs, as well as private proprietary programs appear on that list. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? Very good, Kirk, as he addressed this is an interesting fund. I've never I never have gotten inside of it. But I'm wondering, in all seriousness, whether or not. This fund or a fund like it from the federal government might be used. To take the aircraft facilities. And. Make that, as I suggested a couple times before of it using. That our new City Hall complex period. We could put nine floors there especially. Certainly that building is more than ample to handle on one floor. What we have here are nine floors. And other city offices. Let's examine the possibility. See whether or not those funds exist. The case could be made that this is also as a result of employment.

Industry is city wide in the in due to the reduction of military service and so forth or of military equipment or demand, therefore . So let's take a look at that if that money is there. One other quick, very quick footnote on the Queen Mary. Since you are the Stewarts, please never again refer to the funnels as smokestacks. Larry, that's a wrong a wrong item. So thank you very much. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to execute a contract with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to receive and expand local government match program funds in the amount not to exceed 1.4 million citywide. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to adopt resolution to execute a contract with Office Depot for office supplies for a total annual amount not to exceed 1.3 million citywide. Is there any public comment on this item? Please come forward. Pleasure. Yes, Larry, good to you. Clark has the address. Let me suggest we amend this to reflect the comments relative to the last one from council members saying that we get gloves. Let's find out if these people also have those gloves. And if you have any doubt of the need for that, they should go home today. Look at what the wind has blown down on your sidewalk and try picking up some of those forms. They'll cut right to the. Slashdot. You'll have your fingers open. So you can amend this motion here to find out if these people will sell those gloves. You don't have to convene the Council of Trent to get it done. It's a pretty simple factor. And my sense is they may. They may even have those. Call them up and find out. Thank you. Neither public comment. CNN. Please cast your votes. Councilman Odinga. Motion carries. 20. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to adopt resolution to execute a contract with Office Depot for custodial supplies for a total amount. Annual amount not to exceed 1.8 million citywide. Report from Development Services Recommendation to adopt the West Long Beach Livability Implementation Plan Districts one, two, six, seven and eight. Okay, thank you. We're going to turn this over to staff. I know they've got a good presentation ahead of us of a lot of information. And so. Mr. West. Mayor Councilmember, I'm going to turn this over to the deputy director for Development Services, Angela Reynolds. And we also have local architect Melanie Smith to assist Angela. Thank you, Mr. City Manager. Good evening, Mayor. And City Council Members. Before you tonight is the Livable West Long Beach Plan. This planning effort was funded by the Port of Long Beach. And while the port is a tremendous economic engine for the city and the county and the country, there have been many environmental impacts to the community in and around the city's port. The study focuses on Port Area one A, which includes West Long Beach, Willmore City, downtown and the Wrigley neighborhood. The li

vability plan was formulated by identifying projects that had already been published and working with community stakeholders to prioritize these projects and initiatives. All of the projects in some way improve livability in these neighborhoods. Some aimed at improving air quality. Some reducing noise impacts from nearby heavy industry. Constructing and connecting bike paths with walking paths throughout the city. And continuing to provide community health initiatives. So I'm going to introduce Melanie Smith from Melendez. She's the principal there, and she's going to give a slide show that will more fully talk about this plan and then will be available for questions in you. Luck of council for having us here tonight to hear about this plan. We've been over a year in the making to to prepare this this plan. And just to start by saying that the direction that was given by the by the funders and by the city was that we were really not being asked to to take a clean slate approach to say, you know, be your most creative self and think about, you know, how we could improve livability on the west side of Long Beach. That might be interesting. But what we were asked to do was take a look at already adopted city plans and programs and take take a look at their goals and

take a look at programs and projects that were had been identified in those plans that had not yet been implemented and start to compile those. And we were also well aware that the Port of Long Beach is green port policy in the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan are certainly on the books enacted and that those will continue to be implemented within the ports boundaries and improvements will be seen there. And so we sort of set those to the side recognizing that those those elements are underway and we're not building those into this plan. But we were asked to take a look at the city of Long Beach has recently adopted a new mobility element. To go back to a plan that I worked on a number of years ago, the community livability plan for the 710 corridor neighborhoods. Take a look at the Long Beach River Link projects, the yards west side plan. A portion of that plan is the Terminal Island Freeway Repurposing and decommissioning project. We'll talk about that a little bit more. The city of Long Beach, open space and recreation and housing elements, and also its recently adopted healthy communities policy. So this process has been multi-pronged and has involved a great deal of community engagement at a bunch of different levels. This really sort of barely scratches the surface. This summary of the community engagement process we had for this project for the Livable West Long Beach Plan, we had two major convenings workshops, the first one at the start of the project last December and then a second one earlier this year. And in addition to large convenings of the community, we held all of our meetings at Silverado Park on the West Side. We also took a availed ourselves of a number

of other groups and organizations in the community that already meet to do drop in meetings and presentations. A little hard to read on the screen, but a large number of meetings there and and with folks across the spectrum really of stakeholders in the area. And we've also presented the plan at the Planning Commission and at the Board of Harbor Commissioners. And so that brings us here tonight. When we started the process again, we were taking a look at it already adopted plans that that had already had really a large amount of community engagement around them in order to have them been adopted. And we took took a look at the goals of those plans. And from there, we we identified livability criteria that we brought to the community. And we asked the community to prioritize these criteria relating to what might improve in their minds, some of the most pressing livability concerns on the west side of Long Beach. And of course, no surprise, clean air and water was at the top. Availability and access to jobs, goods and services. Number two, safe neighborhoods, beautiful neighborhoods and great schools were really the top five criteria. And while we were identifying criteria and asking the community to rank that criteria, we were also developing a list of projects and programs that again had been part of previously adopted city plans. And those project, that project list really fell into a number of different categories. As you can see on the screen, a number of streetscape projects, bike and pedestrian improvements, and a category that we call the Focus on community. And that was, you know, urban greening community, neighborhood watch, things like that, safety and security having to do with safe routes to school and things of that nature, park improvements, major roadway projects. And you might say, why are roadway projects part of improving the livability of the West Side? The 710 Terminus Realignment Project really will create a great deal of new open space and better connect the community and bike and pedestrian community connections in that part of town transit improvements, health, education and activities and health services. So these were all the categories of projects in the projects are listed below. Those that we identified took to the community and again asked the community to give us feedback on that. So, you know, this is the process we underwent as a as I've been talking about. The next step was really to package projects. We but but first we were really ranking them. And I just wanted to give you a snapshot of what that ranking process look like the city really asked us to to create a tool that would then be available to the city after this project had been concluded. And that would give us a measurable way to take a look at these projects and measure their livability. So in order to rank a project such as the Santa Fe Avenue streetscape project that had been identified, we had to figure out some metrics and some data that we could me

asure this project against and figure out how it would. To what degree it might positively impact livability on the West Side. So we could look at how much population would be served by the project. So 20 over 27,000 people would be served by this project. And we could take a look at its proximity to parks and schools and see that seven schools and three parks would be served by this street and that that Santa Fe Avenue streetscape project is going to serve ten and link ten transit routes and actually 103 bus stops. Not linkages directly to LRT in this case, but 103 bus stops is

nothing to sneeze at. And so we were able to then demonstrate how we could link, how we could rank these projects and leave the city with a tool that it can use really to refer back to as it takes a look at these projects. So as we went through the community process and took feedback, one of the comments that we got in our second workshop was that these projects were great and folks were very interested in seeing them implemented. And a lot of the things in this plan have been talked about in the city for, you know, a long time. And the recommendation was that we should think about or explain how do these projects add up to something? How do they add up to, you know, a larger network of improvements that would really see that they would really be visible within the communities? And so we ended up taking another look at the project list. We didn't change it, but we took a look at the list and developed what we ended up calling Livable Neighborhood Connection Strategies. And we identified three of those link strategy areas on the West Side, so that really the west west to the northwest and the southwest. And we identified packages of implementable projects and a network of projects that would really have synergy among each other. And I think, as you all know very well, a large part of what staff does today is seek grant funding to to implement these projects. And we know that what we see a lot in in criteria for grant funding is that we've got to show multiple benefits to projects and that they're really hitting a bunch of different criteria. And so we think that as packaging strategies in this way provides again another helpful tool for the city to use as it seeks to implement these projects. So the link one area incorporates a number of streetscape projects, again, biking, pedestrian improvements, transit improvements, park improvements and and major road projects, a variety of those. And these are the projects that we can really map and show folks where they are on a map link to. Again, we've identified this set, this grouping of projects that can be thought of to really add up to this strategy for this this area of the West Side. And then strategy three area similarly. But it was clear that not everything could be mapped in this way and that there are many important project projects and programs that really would feed into all of these link strategies and really be

important to think about. And that the community ranked very highly as well, falling out of the health services, health, education and activities that focus on community, community gardening, urban forestry projects, and that safety and security security category, which was also important. So those have been included as well and are important. And then another comment that the community made as we were going through the process was that folks certainly are well aware that the port has been doing mitigation, grant funding in a number, a couple of different rounds and that those categories of projects that the port has been funding in response to projects that are done, the community has found valuable and wanted those categories of projects to be included in the plan as well. So things that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, that improve air quality and and and the physical environment at schools and related sites and health care and senior facilities were seen as very desirable for the community to. To include in the plan as well. So a lot of folks ask to have asked us. This is great, you know, that they've really supported this effort and this initiative to develop this project list, this ranked and community prioritized list, and and have this available as a tool to to the city and to the port moving forward. But they asked us, how is this going to be different? What's going to be different about this? What we did try to do is identify distinct and relevant funding sources that the city may pursue. And we tried to include ones that we knew the city wasn't already using. So more because the city is pretty good at this. But we tried to include things that could broaden the horizons a little bit and and give some good case studies of how other communities have used these tools. And then we also identified, actually, staff identified the approach that would be used for implementing the plan in the form of a city staff and port staff livable West Long Beach working group that would be formed and would host quarterly meetings to lead track and report progress using a tool again that we'd provide, taking a look at current project status, developing conceptual costs and budgets for projects where they don't exist, identifying funding sources. And then the Planning Commission recommended that there be an annual report to the commission to track progress over time. And that's just an example of the workshop that we're thinking about using as a tool. And that, I think, gives you an overview of the plan. Mr.. REYNOLDS Is that the conclusion of the staff report? Yes. Okay. Thank you. Thank you so much. We have a motion by council member your anger and second by Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Your Honor, would you like to address the motion? Yeah, but I'd like to get some input first from members of the audience. Okay. At this point. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Okay. Okay. So if you would like to address the Council on item 12, please come forward.

State your name. Thank you. Good evening. Good evening. Mayor and council members. My name is Elizabeth Warren. I'm the executive. Director of an organization called Future Ports. And I have a letter that I sent to each of you today as. You have it in your. E-Mail. I also have hard copies if you'd like a hard copy for reference today. I'm very proud. Of this letter. I stand here as a representative of a coalition, of businesses and labor together that have been looking at this project. At one project within the program, and. That is the decommissioning of the Terminal Island Freeway. And we have a coalition made of five labor, five ILWU, locals to labor trade laborers and 11 businesses. We have 18 organizations that have put together a letter. I think this is sets a precedent that we've never had labor and business together on one letter. Sending a message that we have some very strong concerns about decommissioning. The Terminal Island Freeway. This would be the largest freeway removal project in Southern California history, according to the Press Telegram. And it's a critical truck route between the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles in the local businesses. There's 11,000 vehicles that travel daily on this freeway. And then and if this project is comes to fruition and it's decommissioned, those trucks and vehicles are going to be. Rerouted onto surface. Streets. Alameda, Anaheim and Pacific Coast Highway. We are concerned. That some of the goals to reduce emissions and to and to have some other positive impacts are actually going to have a negative impact. And that is one of our our very strong concerns of this would not increase freight efficiency and competitiveness of the California freight system, and it would likely impose costs in the form of lost productivity and construction inconveniences for the local residents and businesses. We would like to make sure that you do have a copy of our letter. And our ask tonight is that we, although we do support moving forward with climate change initiatives that promote sustainability and have attainable goals, we want things that are based on sound science and that are economically feasible. So we urge you not to move forward with the removal of this part of this particular portion, the the the decommissioning of the Terminal Island Freeway this evening. And we'd like to. Suggest that there are further. Studies, full environmental impact review, traffic analysis and other studies before moving forward on this particular project. Okay. Thank you this morning. I will give the letters. To the hard copies. Good evening. Mayor and members of City Council. My name is Western Labor and I actually represent three of the organizations that signed on to the letter. I'm the executive director for both the Harbor Trucking Association and the Foreign Trade Association, as well as the policy director for the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce. And as we've looked at this, we look at several key thing

s. One, as it was alluded to by the previous speaker, we think there are studies that need to be done to look at the environmental impacts and traffic impacts that would be result of the closure of the TII freeway. We are trying desperately at the ports to reduce congestion and truck congestion continues to be a major issue that we're dealing with in the South Bay as a region. And we think we need to look at what are the alternative routes. When we've met with the outreach team, we've we've been open about the fact that if we can find alternatives that benefit both the community and our goods movement sector, that's something that we would really embrace and we could really get behind the project. But at this point in time, the decommissioning of the freeway becomes a major concern of our organizations because of that major component. I also want to add that this is kind of an important issue as it has brought together people that would not normally be together on an issue. To think that you have PMC and the ILWU signed onto the same letter is pretty remarkable, and it just shows how important this issue is to the entire port community. And as I've heard the mayor say multiple times, we are a port town and we embrace our port. It's something that we need to look at and see how it how it impacts the the future of our port and how we grow and how we can move more cargo and move more cargo efficiently. We have supply chain optimizations, meeting meetings going on on a regular basis that are bringing the stakeholders together and to to move forward with the decommissioning of the freeway without studying it, to make sure it's not going to be a major impact on on goods movement, to make sure that it's not going to be a negative impact on the regional environment is very important. And the one last thing I will say is that the TII freeway provides the only major overweight corridor between the Port of Long Beach and IETF. And to remove that, you're going to remove the ability for many businesses to be able to get overweight containers from the Port of Long Beach to the active facility as it's currently constructed. And so we need to look at ways to overcome those sort of barriers that will allow us to continue to move America's cargo. And with that, I'll probably reach out to many of you on this issue over the coming

weeks, but I'll let the next speaker talk. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council members, my name is Dan Hoffman and the executive director for the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. And so your neighbor and I hope your friend. I did want to before I say another word, I want to thank some of your staff who I've reached out to, Angela Reynolds, who is nice enough to call me back on the phone a couple well, actually last month and then a part of your team made a presentation to our board of directors just last week. They were professional. They were courteous. They were kind enough to answer as many of

our questions as they could. Having said that, unfortunately, our Chamber of Commerce, you know, has joined this coalition, are opposed particularly to the tie, the Terminal Island Freeway elimination and for I think, a couple of really valid reasons. The first has been I think the purpose of this whole plan is to make our environment better. And I think that's something we all need to strive to do. It's good for our employees. It's good for our community. We all want to be a little healthier and live a little longer. However, as we look at this project, it appears that what it's going to do is move a lot of this truck traffic from Long Beach area to the Wilmington area and therefore making a community that's impacted a little bit better, but negatively impacting a community that's even more impacted. I don't think that that was the intent of this, but I think if you actually take a look at it, that that that's what it does. Additionally, we're talking about an estimated most recent figures, 6600 trucks that will be diverted down Pacific Coast Highway to the Alameda Corridor. And so another one of our concerns is the businesses that are directly there. So we're talking about Tesoro, about fast lane transportation, about California Sulfur, about Cal Cartage, and potentially looking at the impact that this project will have. So, again, I thank you for your time and and for your consideration and most of all, for your attention. Something that I've noticed here that I don't see a lot of and a lot of different meetings. I try to see how people are engaged. And for the most part, I think your community can be very proud of you, that you're very engaged and listen to the folks. So thank you again. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Members of the city council and city staff. My name is Joan Greenwood. I reside at 2091 San Francisco Avenue in the Wrigley District of Long Beach. I'm here today to say congratulate all of you on this wonderful plan and also to tell you. But your work is not done yet. And just as they said that this plan took into consideration existing plans. I noticed that a very important community within the one eight zone seems to have been left out of it because we weren't truly aware that we could have impacted more projects in Wrigley by participating in these workshops. So the reason I say this is there's a couple of points I'd like to make that I'm going to focus on this evening. First of all, Tidelands funding, and I've given you a memo with a couple of topographic maps and they show that historically Wrigley between where currently there's PCH and Willow Street, west of Pacific Avenue, was wetlands. It is still under tidal influence. And from PCA, Willow Street South is considered by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to be an estuary that is tidelands. So I think the city staff needs to look into this a little more depth because they have far better graphics capabilities than I do. The

second thing I wanted to address was the use of enviro screen as a ranking tool. It doesn't matter when it comes to your health and where you live. If you are in a1a zone for air quality health risks, it doesn't matter what age you are, what ethnicity, it's being a sensitive receptor. And so it skews a little bit of the ranking of the projects. And I got this by looking at a precinct up in Bakersfield that had a very high end virus screening. And I couldn't figure out why until I found out they were next to a food processing plant that had an above ground storage tank of liquid chlorine. So you have to be very careful with virus screening. But I do think it's wrong to look at this one zone and say any one part of it is at greater risk than another. We're all at equal risk. And to a certain extent, Wrigley is a greater risk because we are downwind of both the Freeway and Wrigley Heights from other areas. The other thing is the Streetscapes River Link referenced the 2007 plan, the original River Link project in 2003. Specifically address linking the neighborhoods within the Wrigley District to the L.A. River Trail. And that has been completely left out of this project. And part of it is because of the potential impacts of the I-70 ten freeway and their diverging diamonds, and we're waiting to see the geometric on that. So that may be part of the reason, but there was a project that Metro had along Willow Street for improvements, and it's gone away. And the last is the trails were taking too much of a piecemeal in Wrigley. And I think we need to continue on in this program. Thank you. Thank you, John. Next speaker, please. Good evening. I'm kind of sick right now, so I'm going to let her speak for me. But she knows exactly what she's going to say. My name is Jessica Alvarez. I'm with

Long Beach. I'm. I'm speaking about. Thank you, Mayor and Councilor, for letting me speak. I am a long time resident. Here we go. Thank you, Mayor and Councilor, for letting me speak. I am a long time resident of Solana Beach, so I went around and as residents about tai chi with commercial conversation and and some residents were for it. Some were against it. I think most are an indicator about on it or not. Or not educated on it. I think if we came to an agreement, we as a city could benefit from it. Every possibility came up with a comment committee or more community involvement. A lot of great ideas were we could all benefit from and for our generation to come. Oh, and part of me. I think it's a great idea. Your name. Oh. My name is. Carla. Sorry. Um, I believe in the website. I think it's a great idea, because when. Kids come out of school. The smell. It's the pollution from the drugs and. Where we try to catch busses. There's a lot of traffic. And it's contaminating a lot of people. And especially we're in school. That's all we smell. And then kids with asthma, they end up in the hospital because of. The pollution and. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Exc

ellent. Okay, next beaker, please. I think these are. Last speaker here. Right. Okay. Yes. Good. Thank you. Honorable Mayor and City Council. My name is Brian Olszewski. I'm the executive director of City Fabric. We're a. Nonprofit design studio dedicated to improving our. Communities through public interest design, planning and. Policy. It's great to see the Westside Livability. Implementation Plan coming before the Council today. It is the culmination. Of multiple community workshops, over 20 stakeholder meetings and interviews. The plan was built on a foundation of nearly a dozen previous community plans, including general plan updates, redevelopment, strategic plans, specific plans and even community initiatives. These plans were formed by over 100 workshops, neighborhood meetings, commission hearings, public hearings, and city council sessions that together engage over a thousand residents and stakeholders at Long Beach. With all that said, there's still a long way to go. While the Westside Livability Plan maps out a strategic guide for improving health, wellness and vitality of West Long Beach, each community oriented project will require funding, design, engineering and further stakeholder engagement. Whether developing bike facilities, enhancing. Pedestrian connectivity. Creating new park space or mitigating pollution. The project, identified in the Westside Livability. Plan will go a long way to enhancing that quality of life for residents. Of West Long Beach and across the city because pollution doesn't stop at any arbitrary border. We look forward to being part of this process, this solution oriented process going forward. And thank you for continuing this effort to improve the Westside community. Thank you. Thank you very much. And with that, I'll turn it back over to the council and to Councilman Ranga. But I wanted to just a couple clarifying points, which I think are important, and I appreciate everyone that came down and spoke on this item. I just want to make sure that we note that the Westside Livability Plan that before us today, as was noted, does not decommission the freeway. I mean, that is a different process that will be debated. And I think there's a lot of important debate that needs to happen around that conversation. But what's in front of us today is a plan that was that's been funded by actually the port of Long Beach. The Port of Long Beach has been a partner in this plan from day one. And we wouldn't have this plan if it wasn't for the port and for their interest in coming to the city and going to the community and saying, we know that there are impacts. We know that oftentimes the dollars that we spend in the community aren't always spent in West Long Beach. And so we want to change that. And I think what you're seeing from the Port of Long Beach is two things is one is they've they're changing their policy on how they assign community dollars. So the focus is on the communities that are most impacted by the port.

That is a new policy. They're just in the process of implementing, which I know a lot of you have been involved in conversations. And the second big piece of that has been funding and supporting this plan that the Council has in front of it today. It's a recognition that the communities that have been most affected by the port need additional support to continue to need investment mitigation and and green space and clean air and the cleanest water possible. And so I think the community should be proud of this process and pushing this process. I've seen hundreds and hundreds of community members involved in this. And to obviously my friends in industry, there's no greater advocate for the Port of Long Beach than myself and then the council members that are on this on this body. And I think the discussion that was brought up on the freeway piece is an important discussion that we will we will have and have a chance to to converse. But but that is, you know, a few sentences in the plan that has before us today. What I want to focus on and just remind us that

the big focus of this plan is on the additional park space and green space and building a healthy community and ensuring that young kids aren't constantly affected with the effects of asthma and air and pollutants that are in the air. And so that's to me, what this is about. And I want to make sure that the conversation really is focused on on that and that this council, if and when this council makes a decision about the freeway, which is a big decision, that will be a debate that will be before the council. And whether the council adopts this plan or not won't have a bearing on that specific project, which is one of dozens and dozens of projects that are in this plan. And so with that, I mentioned this over to Councilmember Turanga. Thank you, Mayor, because that was exactly one of the things that I wanted to point out and clarify is that this is a start of a conversation at the start of a discussion in regards to, well, the two freeway, but better yet, it's about a whole process of building a livable west with that community. If you look on page 17 of the report, you'll see the the neighborhoods line, which is is is one of. Or it's neighborhoods. We're talking about the neighborhoods of downtown. West Village. West. West side. South or west side. West side. Upper West Side. The Valley. Community loss, Fritos, Wrigley, as was mentioned. And one more. So the the impact that this study does is much broader than that. But maybe people are understanding it to be the discussion that the mayor has stated on the to freeway and whether it's decommissioned or not is another discussion will take place at another time. And the the community groups that came together to talk about and participate in the in the workshops for a livable livability study was precisely that to look at what impacts our truck trucks, the freeway, the river transportation health is having on those West Side communities. And

I think that they did that. I want to thank obviously, I want to thank our staff for putting this together. And tonight is a big step for the residents of West Long Beach and taking back the community and fighting for access to things most people take for granted, such as clean air, green space and basic multi-modal mobility and connectivity. I want to thank Amy Warwick and Reynolds and Eva Brown for their work in collaborating with our residents. I also want to thank Melanie Smith from Melendez as we get from West Communications for facilitating the workshops in regards to the two freeway itself. We understand that there is a lot to be done with that. We still need to look at Square, we still need to look at transportation studies, we need to look at environmental impact reports and and studies there. So that discussion is going to be coming soon to commit to the council. And it's also that that opportunity, I think that the goods movement, people and everyone else who's concerned about the to a freeway would that would be the opportunity to come down and share your thoughts and share your concerns that you think that project is going to have. Should it or should it not be decommissioned? So I asked that my council members, my colleagues on the council support this plan. It is much broader than just one aspect of it. It is, and it's much too important for us to not adopt it and accept it as something that we can look at for our residents to clean up the air, to provide better health benefits as we move forward with our goods movement and as we move forward to establishing Long Beach as the leader in the West Coast. So I ask for your vote. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I first want to thank staff and all of the community partners for being involved with this, because it truly is a night that we can all celebrate. Because, you know, the west side, we've often talked, both Councilmember Muranga and myself, about the West Side and all of the different attributes of the West Side. And what needs to be done in this certainly is just one step, but there's a lot more to do here. And as I am the chair of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and the I-70 Project Committee, I'm very understanding of the goods movement in the industry and exactly what it is that we need to do to continue being the number one port complex together, both in Long Beach and in Los Angeles. But I do feel that, you know, as I mentioned, this is a wonderful plan. We need to really emphasize all of the community work of our neighbors. I see our friend, longtime advocate Jessica on the west side. And you're I don't know if it's your daughter or your friend that came. One of your youth that came and spoke so eloquently. And it and we thank you for being here because I feel we really need to hear from the residents and how this impacts you every single day. And so I want to thank you for that. I just wanted to ask a few questions of staff before anything else. I know

that outreach has been, you know, an issue for some people. I know we've done a lot of outreach with community. But what has. The outreach been like to the businesses directly affected specifically for the tie? Councilwoman Gonzales, you heard that we had to are actually three outreaches with communities in the broad community, but we also did a multitude of focus groups,

lots of them with goods movement folks. And so I did bring those if you want me to listed, I can certainly do that. We met with Tesoro, Cal Cartage, Three Rivers, Noble, L.A. Grain. We also met with Watson Land Company. We went and did a presentation of future future ports, Vaseline and Three Rivers. The U. The CAC will be Tech Park and several other health type organizations. We also met with Portage Group. We met with Gateway COG, Caltrans, Metro, Skaggs and the like. We also met with Hudson and Cabrillo Harbor Trucking Association. We met with. Twice, once in a focus group and once at their meeting. We also met with West Coast Marine Terminal operators. That's WCM toA. I think you'll see all these people on the letter that you got. PMS say we met with Union Pacific Andy Perez several times. International Warehouse Logistics Association, the I, WFLA, and and I already said future ports. But I think we touched them twice. Okay. Thank you. And then I know this is coming back and there will be a process, so we'll still have to go through and are secure in a number of different processes in order to. Councilwoman, I think you're referring to the Thai decommissioning. And one thing that I did want to say is the West Long Beach plan. That is one project out of 58 projects and 27 programs policies. And I will also say that to the goods movement, folks, all the issues and concerns that you mentioned, we totally agree. And when we do come back with the the decommissioning of the Thai plan, you will see in the next steps all those things that were talked about, the ERs, the the truck routes, the traffic studies, all those things. I mean, there's a long road ahead on that and at this point. We're not asking council to push us forward on any particular plan for the Commission, and the Council would have to come back and actually do that in a separate action. Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to ask those couple questions. And again, I want to thank you for your work in this. It's a it's a huge deal for the west part of the city. I'm very, very happy to know that there were many community members, as I mentioned, that were involved in this process that we continue on. And then I know that there will be follow up meetings, is that correct as well internally, just to ensure that we're on in progress with with this plan? Yeah, that's councilwoman that's in Chapter five and that's our implementation plan. Development services will be the lead on that. However, there are lots of other interdepartmental is working with us, which is healthy public works, Parks Rec and Marine. Certainly the port, th

at's our working group that we've had all the way through this process. So we'll continue to meet. Great. And what type of outreach will be done to allow the community to understand where we're at and the progress and every. Step of the way? Well, we're going to report back once a year to the planning commission. And, you know, many of these projects are going to have their own process that goes along with them. That's a public process as well. Great. Thank you very much. And congratulations to the community. Next we have Councilwoman Mango. I want to thank the staff in the port for their leadership in making sure that our communities are livable. I think that that's a huge component of being a responsible steward of the public trust and what we are responsible to do to the community. I appreciate the neighbors who came out to speak today and industry and business and labor who united for a letter. I think that the misinformation on what council items are about has been happening more often. But I appreciate that you came here to give your voice on the potential risks. And I think that hearing from the mayor that you can be assured that public comment and input and community outreach will be done before heading in that direction right now. I'm very supportive of the item as it stands and to work towards making the Long Beach more livable. Anything we can do to improve the sustainability and breathability along beaches is really important. So great work to everyone. Thank you. Thank you. Council Member Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just got to say, this is amazing work. This is a tremendous legacy I see for the residents who engaged in this. For the leaders who took part in this. And for the staff who drove this. This is just fantastic work. So I've had a chance to, like, look at this and follow it. I think it's a great model, great model for subsequent plans, strategies that we can implement in other communities. One part that I thought was really cool was the link areas, part where you can look at separate elements the mobility, the open space, the public safety stuff, streetscape stuff, and look at how it's all organized into linked areas. I think that's amazing and we should look at doing that in other, other areas of town. So so I've always been supportive of the port doing being smarter about its mitigations. And it seems like whenever there's some port lease that we have to hear an appeal for. It seems like there's a different deal with every different mitigation measures. So I think it's smart to have one plan, one strategy that steers and guides those. So I think this is great. I would say that, you know, with that, this is, you know, fantastic for Long Beach. But, you know, we got to make sure that we keep, you know, the work isn't done. We got to look at the entire 17 freeway, all

the communities along the 17 freeway in subsequent discussions and as well as the 91 freeway. And then the only question I would have, what

the list of questions I would have is how long did this process take? How much did it cost, and who paid for it? Are you asking me that question, Councilman? I am. Okay. It took 18 months, and it cost \$300,000. And who paid for it. How was it paid. For the port? Got it. Thank you. Councilman Turanga. Finally and on the project that we understand it's going to be a long process. There are already some efforts in addressing some of the the livability plan. There are some major project improvements taking place on Santa Fe corridor. We've already installed LED lights along that corridor for public safety purposes. We have a monitoring devices at the schools to measure the air and the air quality there so that when kids are outside, they come inside at the quality is poor for them to be outside. So there are things that are already in place. And we also have to look at the fact that, you know, when you look at the at the law, we always talk about a tale of two cities. Well, I want to talk to you about the tale of an island which is West Long Beach. And that and it's an island because it's connected by bridges. It's connected by a bridge over the river and the and the freeway on PCH and Willow and water on the other side. So I understand that those streets would also have to be part of this plan in terms of improvements to improve access and improve transportation and accessibility for the residents of Long Beach. The part the one part about the West Side in terms it affects me. I have 27,000 residents in that in that area right there. That's just about half of my total district that resides in West Long Beach. And I and it's important for for me and for us and the council to look at a neighborhood that is basically like an island. And there are a lot of needs out there, a lot of services that need to be improved upon, and definitely an improvement on accessibility to good health, clean air and some better transportation. So, again, I would appreciate your. Thank you. That concludes both public comment and council comment. There's a motion by Councilman Urine Guy and a second by Councilwoman Gonzalez on the plan. Members, please go out and cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you and thank you all for coming out and addressing the council on this issue. And, of course, we look forward to working with the community and industry, certainly on the next discussion around the freeway piece. Next item, please. Report from Economic and Property Development Recommendation to approve the Magnolia Industrial Group Property and Business Improvement District Annual Report and assessment for the period of December 1st, 2015 through November 30th, 2016. District one. Item 28 Report from Development Services Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Land Use District Map from institutional to IRP 13 read and adopted as read District eight. Councilman Austin. So moved. Wonderful. And I want to ask Councilman Andrews so any member of the public that wishes to

address item 28 saying none, members, cast your vote. Oh, I'm sorry, sir. I did not see you. Can we? I know this sounds picky and stupid. But this is an illogical motion because you haven't yet created ARP 13. By the way, unlike some other speakers, I will furnish you my name. I'm Joe Weinstein. I did speak last week. I do not like to come down here again to talk on the same subjects. But. There is a minor little matter. As to whether a. The proposed zoning is a good idea. And B, whether. The project, which it is intended. To permit. In fact. Meets the specifications of the zoning. I have not check that out, but someone else did raise that question and there may be some question as to whether all of the conditions of that zoning have, in fact, been met by the details of this project. This particular zoning, perhaps in the abstract, need not be a bad idea, but the way you see it realized in the project. Is not a very good idea. You could have the same density and more without destroying the usability, the usable green space that this design does. Because really, although it looks impressive from a top down view, it looks like you see plenty of green space between the buildings, that that space is pretty well wasted and useless because the buildings are high enough to pretty well shade and dominate the green space that's in that project. So I'm not saying that the density that you're going for is a bad thing. But doing it in this way doesn't work, and any zoning that just permits this without further control is not a good idea. Thank you. Okay. Thank you, sir. Members, please cast your vote. Councilman Andrew's motion carries. Next time, please. Report from Development Services recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Land Use District Map from institutional to park red and adopted as Red District eight. Item 24 Report from Development Services Recommendation to receive and file the Green Terminal Island Transition Plan District seven. Mr. City, Assistant City Manager. Vice Mayor, members of the council. We have a staff report on this. This is an item that will be given by Angela Reynolds from Development

Services. Oh. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Um, little history. The city accepted a planning grant from the Department of Transportation Caltrans on September 19th, 2013. The focus of the application was to prepare a concept plan for the potential decommissioning. Of the northern stretch of the Thai freeway, which is owned by the city. From PCH to Willow Street, the grant is considered a social justice grant, which directly applies to addressing negative environmental impacts such as unhealthy air quality and noise from goods, movement and port operations on the west side of City of Long Beach. The Livable West Long Beach Plan was adopted by the City Council on several Tuesdays ago. One of the projects in the plan was to potentially decommission the TII freeway from PCH to Willow. The primary goal of the plan of this particular plan that we'

re presenting tonight, the green tie, is to provide a buffer between schools and neighborhoods on the east side of the Ty Freeway from the heavy industry on the west side. The consultant, which is Melinda is and I'll introduce Melanie in a moment. And staff did a very robust community stakeholder outreach for this item. The outreach included small community and neighborhood focus groups, three or four large city. And community and stakeholder workshops, discussions with environmental groups, and also discussions with an assortment of goods, movement stakeholders in and around the port area in regards to good in regard to goods movement. We were able to reach Harbor Trucking, West Coast Marine Terminal Operations, Union Pacific, the Future Ports Group, which quite a few goods movement folks attend Tesoro, Calle Cartage, Three Rivers, Nova, L.A., Grain, Watson Land and Fast Lane and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce at their request. If this plan was to move forward, there will be many next steps to achieve it. The implementation chapter of the plan lays out a likely seven year project timeline from inception to build out. The first and most important step in this process would be for the City Council to receive and file the concept plan and then direct staff, including development services, public works, Parks, Rec and Marine and the Harbor Department, to proceed with more study and investigation of the feasibility of this project. At this time, there is no identified funding to start the process. The presentation tonight will discuss those next steps a little bit more in-depth, including design, environmental documents, secure NEPA and continued community outreach. So with that, I'm going to introduce Melanie Smith from Melendez, and she'll go through a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thank you, Angela. Thank you for having us here tonight to talk about the Green Tea Project. It's been an honor to lead the team through what's been just about a year long process to take very, very first steps toward a project that could have really great implications for the city. As Angela has already said, this was funded by a Caltrans environmental justice grant and supported by the city and put forward by the city and supported by the port of Long Beach. So we start by asking ourselves, what is this? What is this project rooted in? And it's really rooted in City of Long Beach Mobility Element Policy. The Mobility Olmec calls for deep free weighing the city owned segment of the Terminal Island Freeway. Again, we're not talking about the whole freeway. We're talking about the city owned segment of it ending the truck route that exists today at PCH. So that would be the furthest point that it would go on to the north and that would have the result of shifting truck traffic that exists today on that segment to other routes, including potentially Alameda Street, which is also an available corridor. So again, this is a first step in a long process. We'll tal

k about how other cities are taking a look at their infrastructure and reevaluating it really as a benefit to provide different benefits to the city. So again, why are we looking at this segment of the city? We know that the tie we'll look at it on the map in a second and it's, you know, the western edge of the city. And this is an apart the study area that we're talking about. City is really part of the city that has suffered really from a number of difficult existing conditions. So it really outstrips the rest of the city in L.A. County, by far in particulate matter and fine particles per square mile, it has a higher level of asthma rates than either the rest of the city or the county as a whole. And so and these are just like two statistics that I picked. We could look at, you know, other disparities in this part of the city. I think we were all quite familiar with the challenges that West Long Beach faces. So again, why do cities look at this or why is this city looking at this? In addition to it being rooted in its adopted policy, you know, cities across the U.S. and really around the globe are taking a look at what is really being known as freeway freeway removal and looking at ways in which to consider their existing infrastructure, reconsider it as a community benefit. And just one example. Pretty well known around the country, the example of Portland's Harbor Drive. You know, this is a facility that is far more intense in terms of a traffic artery than what we're talking about in terms of the segment of

the TII. This is what it looked like before. This is what it has become. And the city really had a different vision for what this how this could function as a community benefit and what has become a destination, really, and a well known facet of the community and a destination within it. So, again, what are we specifically talking about here in this project, in this very first step and very conceptual look at this, where we're talking about a segment of of the right of way, again, north of PCH and really north of the Cloverleaf that existed at at PCH. Those are controlled by Caltrans. So we're looking at the right of way north of that to Willow. We'll look at other maps that show that we're talking about an area of about 25 acres. So on this map, you can see Willow Street to the north, PCH to the south. But again, we're really talking about the area north of the Cole Relief's, north of PCH. And what we really notice when we look at an aerial is this contrast right in the land use pattern west of the Thai freeway versus east of the Thai freeway. We're looking at really a very industrial industrialized area there, just beyond the edge of the city with the refineries, other industrial facilities and the rail yards directly adjacent to the western edge of the city. And the uses then that we see in. Contrast to the east of that are really very residential in nature. So we've got century villages of Korea housing a really facility there wi

th with a community living there, career high school to the north of that read, Hudson Park and Hudson Elementary and then other Long Beach Unified Land and just some snaps of the of the site adjacencies which I'm sure we're all familiar with the community gardens at Hudson looking to the West, the buffer that has been developed recently adjacent to villages of Cabrillo, really that was early days in that buffer. And it's it's some of its outdoor equipment areas, fitness zones of you looking down Hill Street to the west and where it terminates currently and does not really connect to the Tai and Hudson Park itself. So, you know, again, even at this very early stage where we have not done a traffic study, we have not done technical analysis yet, that would be something that would be done in the future. We have taken a just a look, a very high level look at existing conditions. And again, I was talking about other arteries that have really changed in other parts of the world, in the country and really much higher volume facilities. We're talking about a segment of the freeway, really, and this is just depicting existing volumes that it carries about 11,000 vehicles a day and about half those are trucks. So about 6000 ish trucks per day, higher volume north and south. And we can see that PCH, it's a little difficult to see sorry on this, but PCH being a much higher volume east West Street even then, Willow Sepulveda to the north. But obviously, traffic is something that would have to be considered and studied in much greater detail at this project were to move forward. Also, certainly as as we know, we're talking about a segment of the Terminal Island Freeway. You can see it in blue there with the logo tie next to it. And we're certainly aware of the network of truck routes that exist in the area that serve the port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles as well . And so what we're depicting here are the state overweight routes, the Long Beach designated overweight truck routes and other jurisdictions overweight routes as well, and freeways. And so you can see that that this segment of the Thai is currently a locally designated overweight route. So that's another consideration and another area that would certainly have to be studied if the project were to move forward. So in terms of project process, as we mentioned, there were four major convenings as part of this project. This is about developing a community vision, high level community vision for the facility. So we so starting last year, we were able to convene the community in a large way and we'll talk about that briefly. But we first really asked the community, what are your top priorities for greening the TY? And number one, really was providing environmental benefits to the communities that the space needed to work to provide positive benefits and not then cause unintended spillover traffic into the neighborhood and introduce new linkages for pedestrians and cyclists. And you'll see th

ose themes come up again and again in the outreach that we've done. But we didn't just limit the outreach in this project to large community convenings, though those were really a large requirement of the grant. So we did reach out to environmental justice stakeholders and as you can see, a very large number of community groups in drop ins to their their meetings as well as inviting them to the larger convenings. But we also engage the good movement industry and other government agencies, utilities and then specific T.I adjacent trucking companies, businesses that would be impacted by this just to get their initial take on what the issues were so that we could document those should the project project move forward. There were additional things that would need to be studied. And just to wrap up about outreach, we celebrated the conclusion of the project

process with an actual Open Streets event on Hill Street and again showed folks conceptual designs. Ask them to give us input about really what were the things that were most important to them. So we asked them a few times during the process pedestrian and bicycle facilities at the top and a planted buffer urban forest came in a close second. This was about 86. 87 people provided us with comments. It was a well-attended event as really all of them were. I mean, you can see nature, plan, play, wetland, water cleansing area, native education gardens were the top five of interest to folks. So as a result of of this initial work on this project, we have come up with a conceptual design concept. This is the illustrative of that. You can we've been looking north on all of the other graphics, but we're looking west so that the south is to the to the left. North is to the right in this view. And you can see that the view is dominated by planted buffer. The dark green area to the west is really that buffer, other native gardens and then road facility, a local road facility through the through the the space that could be a mirror and ring road that could help us to slow traffic, keep folks safe while they're in the space, but also provide eyes on places for folks to park. And then a connection that could be made at Hill Street in the center of the space as well. And and some of the active uses that were of interest to the community, like a skate area or a plaza gathering area, could be located there adjacent to the schools and really accessible by the kids. So just to conclude a few views that we did of the conceptual design, this is at 20th Street, an entrance that would be sort of north of the existing cloverleaf. So looking north and you can see the real focus of passive open space, the buffer to the west, areas in which we could capture water, cleanse it, handle stormwater, which is a significant issue on the west side as well. And you can see the the road access area, the parking and the the broad areas for folks to access and promenade on pedestrians and bikes. And this is looking at Hill Street, we're

looking to the East and Hill Street is coming into the space again, connecting for vehicles, but also for pedestrians and bikes. And these are some of the play areas that we're envisioning, again, adjacent, accessible to the schools, areas for the community to use. And then for the north of the park, looking south near Willow Street, again, just areas for folks to use and enjoy in sort of passive ways. And with that that strong open space buffer to the west beyond the roadway so that we can get get some great use. But but also separation, appropriate separation for safety and and for keeping folks safe in this in this space. So that is where the concept ended up as as a result of this process, clearly a very first step in in one of many that would have to be taken. And so in the implementation chapter of the of the study, we talk about next steps and we identify really that should the council recommend this were to go forward. The very first step would be to work with Los Angeles, Carson and the ports to develop a plan for goods movement. So we understand the importance of that and certainly the city is aware of that. And so there would need to be direct, direct consultation about that with with many stakeholders, additional outreach, with stakeholders, further design , detailed design to get you to a more detailed level of design and start to consider operations, governance and and further funding analysis as well. An environmental review review would obviously be required and extensive likely. And so we've certainly identified that as starting a beyond year one and then really identifying a 3 to 7 year process, assuming it all really went forward stepwise and addressing funding operations and governance, design, implementation and maintenance. So that I think gives you an idea of where we've been in this project, and we look forward to your questions. Okay. Thank you. Councilmember Gonzalez. Actually, let me go to the maker of the Motion Councilmember Your Honor. Thank you, Mayor. So, as we can see, over a year ago, we initiated this process of going to the community of West Long Beach. Which this project takes most of the the space out there. And we ask the question. If the Thai freeway were to be decommissioned between PCH and Willow Street, which becomes supported. What would you like to see there? And so there was a series of scoping meetings that were held at Admiral Kidd Park with a combination exercise or event and Hudson Park. Where some conceptual. Conceptual plans were developed about what the community would like to see if it were decommissioned. So where we're at today is that this is just a conceptual study as to what we would like to see if it were decommissioned. It's a conceptual plan that addresses many of the issues that are that West Bromwich residents face and that many of us take for granted in other parts of the city. We want clean air. We want better mobility. We want our schools to be clean. What are schools to be safe

when kids go outside and play? We want to lower particulate matter. We want green space, more trees, bicycle lanes, people or passive parks where people can walk, walk through, maybe even

with some exercise areas. And there's also a plan which surprises me. Also maybe creating a wetlands area as well, which is awesome. I mean, it's just a comprehensive conceptual plan that would address many of the concerns that the residents have who live in West Palm Beach and who about the freeway. Now, having heard the presentation right now there is there are a lot of questions about mobility in terms of transportation. Where are those trucks going to go? What's the connection going to be? Where trucks near the port and heading north into the rail yards or into the other storage facilities and up the Alameda corridor? How do we manage that? There are questions to be asked. So at this point, I'm going to stop before I make my motion. But I would like to hear, obviously, from from for those who have an interest in this in this item here to hear their viewpoint. And if we can bring the discussion back and listen, my councilmembers would like to make their points known at that. That's certainly up to you. Councilmember Andrews, would you like to address the motion? Okay. So your request, Councilmember Urunga, is to hear from the public. Okay. Council members is that. Is that agreeable? Thank you. At this time, we'd like to hear from members of the public that wish to address the Council on item 24 relating to the Terminal Island Transition Plan. Please come forward. All right. We're baby. Sitters. We were waiting for the timer. There we. Go. All right. Good evening. Good evening, vice mayor and honorable council members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak again this evening. My name is Elizabeth Horn. I'm the executive director of Future Ports, and I'm here this evening not only representing future ports. But also. A historic coalition of labor, trades and business organizations here to express our concerns and and opposition to the decommissioning of the Terminal Island Freeway. Many of them are here tonight and will also be speaking in the history of the ports. As far as we can determine, this coalition has never happened before. So we are very, very concerned about this. Earlier I sent a to get to each of you. Hopefully it's been distributed some letters, one from Senator Isidor Hull's office and then also our coalition letter. One additional point that's not in the letter that I'd like to make is that even though that other freeways that have more traffic volumes have been decommissioned, as we saw in the presentation, none of them have been running through a port complex like we have here in Long Beach in the San Pedro ports. It's the largest port complex in the Western Hemisphere, not just in the United States. This is North America, South America combined. So comparing our Terminal Island Freeway project to other projects, we feel is more like compa

ring apples and oranges and not really relevant to in this case. So as we've mentioned, the Thai freeway is a state designated overweight corridor. The trucks would be diverted from the freeway to surface streets not combined and not designed for those trucks. One of the points that we'd also like to make is that with those 6000 trucks that we heard that would be diverted to those surface streets. Those are overweight trucks now that those would be regular trucks and not for overweight. The one truck would have to now make two trips. So the 6000 trucks would probably be more likely like ten or 11,000 trucks in realistic. So we want to make sure that we're familiar with what would happen to all those trucks. We do believe that a full environmental impact report should be performed if the city chooses to pursue the decommissioning. We are confident that the air would show that this freeway would result in rerouting traffic to surface streets throughout throughout the community and intensifying traffic already at those places. So we don't think this is a very well thought out plan. We'd like to see it go back to the drawing board with an in-depth traffic analysis and environmental review if it's going to move forward at all, which. We hope it will. Not. So thank you very much for the opportunity to speak this evening. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor Lowenthal and council members. My name is Floyd Bryan. I'm with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Southern California District Council. And we are. Opposed to this. Our closure for a number of reasons. And one of the main ones that I, I, I have trouble with is that. They say that there was so much outreach, community outreach. And I believe I asked Councilman Aranda how many people were in this district, and he told me 50,000. And about 50,281 people attended. If you add all four meetings together and some of those people had. Been to two or three meetings, so that 281 is a very, very small percentage of the people in the area. And I have worked many years last 15, as a matter of fact, on environmental projects to make the port greener. This project is not going to necessarily make the port greener. You take those trucks are not going to go away. They're going to be moved into a. Non-Free away situation where they're going to be traveling on surface streets. And anybody who's done anything on the environmental end of this with truck movement knows that idling trucks are slow moving trucks, double and triple. It's exponential. It isn't just an arithmetic. Addition of particulate. Matter and the particulate matter that they listed in 2011

has come down since then. In that area, we've worked real hard to bring that down, and we've got we're still working hard. But when I went to two of the presentations and we've written letters to you at their presentations, they weren't open to any suggestions. We have some alternatives that we'd like to discuss. I mentioned Councilwoman Gonzalez. There

are alternatives to this closure and or there are alternatives before this closure that aren't brought up at all. And to do this without. An E.R. is. As far as we're concerned, pretty much, you know, unconscionable, really, because you're moving the stuff, you're moving the particulate matter, but you're not going to make it better. That's the problem. E.R. would show that, you know, there's no reason not to have an area that we can think of, you know, other than the fact. That so, you know, push this through. And, you know, we're we're against it. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Giselle Fong and I am a resident of the seventh District. I am chair of the Environmental Health Workgroup of Building Healthy Communities Long Beach, and I'm also a City Commissioner with the Board of Health and Human Services. I'm here to tell you that we sent a letter to your offices through email so that you can reference that for more detail. But I just wanted to go through some of the main points of that letter, and that is to voice our support for the Green Tea Project, mostly because of its health benefits. So you saw from the presentations that the residents that are adjacent to freeways and to the big industrial facilities such as the ports, the freeways, refineries are in in full and direct contact with the highest levels of particulate matter in our city. And we know all of the severe health impacts that that entails. We believe strongly that the Green Tea Project will create a health protective buffer for especially those residents that are directly on the fence line communities including students at Cabrillo, students at Stevens Mills Middle School, the all of the residents that enjoy the facilities at Hudson Park . So we we do believe that there is an extreme health benefit for this green tea project. We also believe that the the truck traffic can can be with planning, with strategic planning to be diverted to the Alameda Corridor, which was intended for the movement of freight as a freight corridor. We also just wanted to say that this is an area of the city that is very underserved. The West Long Beach has one acre of open space per 1000 people versus the east side of Long Beach, which has 16 acres of per 100,000 people. And so we do feel like this is an important community benefit for the west side of Long Beach. And lastly, I'll just wrap up that we did really appreciate the process that the meaningful community participation process where residents were asked and were given the opportunity division, what we wanted for our city, including the types of health and health benefits, the types of amenities that we wanted for our city. And we would encourage that the Council to support this project moving forward and to include meaningful community participation as we move forward. And we support the community. The City Council to approve the green tie plan going forward and that we ask you to to direct staff to pursue next steps, including environmental

analysis and identifying funding sources. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening, Honorable Vice Mayor and council members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Mike Williams and I am the California executive director of government relations for the International Warehouse Logistics Association. I am here tonight representing a unprecedented coalition of labor, trade and business organizations to express our deep concerns and opposition to the decommissioning of the Terminal Island Freeway. We have five local unions, two trade unions and one business organization together as one coalition unified in opposition to this project. Our association has been around since 1891 and this is the first time that the labor unions have jointly signed on to a coalition letter. This indicates the significance of the concern that we have as stakeholders in the community and in the warehouse logistics industry. We have raised many points of concern about the proposal. In our opposition letter one The Thai freeway is a state designed overweight corridor. Trucks would be diverted from the freeway to surface streets not designated for those trucks or the loads would have to be split and more trucks dispatched to keep within the legal weight requirement leading to increased truck traffic. Alameda and Anaheim Streets and PCH would suffer tremendous congestion due to the influx of those and other trucks on those streets and exacerbation of noise and air pollution. We had Melanie Smith provide a presentation on September 17, 2015 to our members that provided more questions and relatively no answers. You saw that presentation. Today was the same when we were presented. Some of the questions raised included who would provide the billions in funding that may be required for the project? Is there an ETA for an air or traffic study or would the surface street traffic be diverted? Uh, has this

been thought through? When we would win. Would this go to vote, which is happening today? Possibly. But essentially, many questions were posed. Another important issue to consider. Is this a conflict of interest to have the former Long Beach city planner from 2014, the commissioner, her architectural firm, awarded the contract? Were there any other groups that were considered? On page 72 of the city background materials what is being exempted under sequel? Does tonight's action exempt the project from Sequel altogether? So in conclusion, we would like to request an opportunity to have a full on workshop with a small group of representations, representatives from Labor and business to seriously look at alternatives to decommissioning the freeway. We think that we can look at a real solution and come up with compromises to achieve the goals of everyone efficient goods movement, better neighborhoods, equal economic prosperity and environmental improvements for everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening

, council members. Vice Mayor My name's Joseph Sullivan. I work for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 in the National Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Los Angeles. And I'm here to express our opposition to the decommissioning of the freeway. Our contractors and electricians are doing a lot of work at the ports, electrifying the ports, making the ports more green, work on projects like LED lighting, retrofit solar projects, solutions for idling ships. And there's more work coming around microgrids, energy storage and resiliency. And these are good jobs. They're local jobs. They're going to local businesses. There's a project labor agreement for the Middle Harbor that requires local residents complete work on these projects. One out of every eight jobs in Long Beach is related to the port. And so the port has a really important job engine and it's really important to our electricians and our contractors and the ports and the surrounding areas are being are becoming greener. We know that from studies, and we're working on these projects. Our apprenticeship program. The contractors and Labor are spending millions of dollars to prepare our workers to do this work. But removing critical infrastructure is not a viable solution. It's a wrong decision. One, it hurts competitiveness. Other ports would gladly take this cargo. And due to changes to the Panama Canal, they're becoming more competitive to do so. Ships are bigger. We're going to see larger bottlenecks. And what we're going to see is reduced productivity. And with reduced productivity, we're going to see less infrastructure projects, which is going to mean less greening of the ports. Right now, we're seeing terminal operators invest in greening their their areas. It's been mentioned. Where will this traffic go? It's going to go to surface streets. Do we know the air is going to become cleaner? We don't. It this you know, this is a little bit like moving homeless people out of a homeless shelter. It doesn't cure the homelessness problem. It just puts them in a worse position in some other area. And that's what we're doing with this cargo. So in closing, I'd like to say we're in the middle of an energy revolution, a technology revolution, and we're seeing new solutions all the time around, battery storage for electric vehicles, around fuel cells, natural gas solutions. And just closing a freeway is not. That's lazy thinking. There's other approaches and other solutions that are much more viable. It will create jobs and help this area to continue to thrive. Thank you. Good evening, Alison Gallagher here on behalf of Assembly Member O'Donnell. I join others here today with several concerns pertaining to this project, including the outreach for this project has been limited, although it's been stated that there have been several community meetings and forums for stakeholder input. Neighboring cities such as Wilmington and Carson have not been included on this pr

oject. As the Assembly member representing the harbor area and both ports, I want to ensure that we are including our regional and industry partners. In addition to the immediate communities surrounding the TY Freeway, we have not fully discussed all of the burdens that will be placed on the community communities surrounding the freeway. Further study is needed to ensure the continuity of the port's ability to move goods efficiently and timely. We need to ensure that other heavy weight corridors exist, and we need to ensure that clear route alternatives are in place to prevent truck traffic from going through our neighborhoods. And also an environmental impact report should be conducted as well as transportation and economic impacts should be explored as well. I urge you to consider these concerns before moving forward with this project. Thank you. Vice Mayor Council members Pilar Arroyo with Watson Lane Company. Art Company's name was listed as one of those who had participated in the outreach. I've asked the city clerk to distribute a map for you because I think a picture is worth a thousand words. The comments made by a number of the

speakers expressing concern about this project, I did show them so I won't repeat them. When you look at this map, those areas outlined in yellow are Watson land companies, existing master plan industrial centers. It represents about 12 million square feet of industrial space. Been with the company almost 30 years. Most of this space is port related. I also serve on the California Straight State Freight Advisory Commission that has been a Caltrans led program to look at the importance of goods, movement, infrastructure. I think you are probably very familiar with that. And to have this concept and I understand recognized and it's been said over and over again that this is just a concept. But I want you to think about the unintended implications, the serious implications and messages that this sends to potential customers. Previous speakers have talked about competitiveness. What about the competitiveness of being able to attract? Customers that bring their goods through this port or other ports when they don't know if they're going to have that Terminal Island free way. And it's not only about the overweight corridor, I might add. It's about the time inefficiency. And when you close down this major infrastructure or even send a message that you're considering doing it. Those start to impact decisions. And those decisions have serious implications in terms of jobs. So we have to think. Brodeur and not look at a conceptual project that, sure, how can anybody be opposed to something as beautiful as those renderings? The process has been really quite incredible. We in I personally helped with assembling a number of our customers to the meetings and the feedback we got back, and I didn't hear a word about the concerns that were raised. Serious concerns. Those customers are the employers. And like me, a Long Beach re

sident crosses that city boundary to work in Carson. So this is a huge, huge issue. And I ask that you take time to do this right, to not move in a direction that has unintended consequences. Thank you very much. Thank you. Good evening, everybody. Vice Mayor Lowenthal, members of the city council. My name is West in the bar. I represent several organizations that are opposed to the current the current project that is being proposed or concept, including the Harbor Trucking Association, Foreign Trade Association, South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce. I'm also a Long Beach resident, very active in my community and very proud of Long Beach. And I think it's important that we don't cut off our nose to spite our face here. I'm not going to complain about the issues or raise more issues, but more talk about things that can be done so we can move forward to try to identify solutions, one of which is we need to identify other infrastructure projects that could replace the freeway moving forward. And it needs to be done in a meaningful way in a meeting and in concert with this, looking at this as well, because we need to make sure that we are not going to move forward with something while we don't have the funding or ability to put something in its place that could actually be better for both the community and for our goods movement industry. I think that's the first thing that's important, and the only way that we can do that is by looking at one, a complete traffic study from a regional analysis. That would be part of a secret process as well as a full environmental impact report to see what the consequences or unintended consequences of moving cargo and freight to other, more seriously impacted traffic. Intersections in the region are at a point in time when in California and I have testified multiple times in front of state, state assembly and Senate committees on infrastructure, on on ports and good movement, when we're looking at how to reduce bottlenecks and invest in infrastructure in a way that we can create efficiencies that reduce air emissions. I think it's important that we take that to heart here locally as well. Long Beach is home to the green port and we need to understand that that means moving a lot of cargo in an environmentally friendly way. What we need to do is take a look at how can we move this cargo in a way that may be quicker and does not impact the community in a negative way and identify each of those alternatives. I do have one question for this evening, though, and that's really within the entire packet. There is a negative declaration in that packet. And one of the big concerns we have moving forward with just a receiving file would be does that negative declaration that was filed in January of 2015 show as some sort of secret exemption for moving forward with this project? I think if the project moves forward in any way, shape or form, there are certain studies, a complete air regional traffic study and also g

oods movement alternatives that be considered with it. And thank you for your time. But even in Vice Mayor, City Council members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. My name's Stellar Sewer District two resident. I'm also with Green Education. And the chair for the Building Healthy Communities Neighborhoods Work Group. I was fortunate to attend the groundbreaking

Today at the Future DeForest Wetlands in North Long Beach. Really exciting project. There were so many residents, community groups, local representatives that had been fighting for over the past ten years to bring this wetlands project to fruition. Their community, they were committed to creating more green space, more green open space for their families, for their community, for recreation and exercise, to enjoy nature. And to help. Mitigate the high levels of pollution in their neighborhoods. I attended this event not just as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, but as a Long Beach resident that bought her first home right down the street that enjoyed the Forest Park for many years. And as someone that walked those trails and wondered when the area would be cleaned up and made safe for everyone, just like the divorce wetlands effort, community members in West Long Beach, where Green Open Park space ranges from only one acre per 1000 residents, compared to over 16 acres per 1000 in the east district have been looking forward to the day when they too can enjoy additional park space and less pollution in their neighborhoods. Having attended several of the visioning sessions for West Long Beach Livability Plan, I heard extremely creative and forward thinking ideas from community members to include in this project things like an urban forest, wetlands, meadows, pedestrian bike paths, native gardens and nature and skate areas. The open space element of our general plan states that the city should be establishing open space buffers between vulnerable populations and manmade and natural hazards, including those emitting toxic pollution. The decommissioning of the tree freeway and the creation of this park would be a huge step in achieving this goal and would serve a higher and greater use for the public as open space. And the green tea would be a huge statement to our underserved, pollution burdened communities that the city and our elected officials are committed to creating, healthy, engaging and state of the art, green spaces and parks for all of our residents. Finally, I leave you with this from the National Recreation and Parks Association regarding parks and social equity in our communities. It is a right, not just a privilege for people nationwide to have safe, healthful access to parks and recreation. Because of this, people connect with one another, build bonds that last a lifetime. Places transform into destinations with influx of new businesses and local economies flourish. Parks and recreation. Truly built communities. Communities for all. So

I ask for your support for the. Green Tea Transition. Plan. Thank you so much. Thank you. Good evening. Vice Mayor Lowenthal City Council Member. City Staff My name is Brian D'Andrea, president of Century Villages at Cabrillo. As many of you know, CBC is the nonprofit that is the owner, developer. Manager and steward of the 27 acre villages at Cabrillo Community in West Long Beach were home to more than 1300 residents, including more than 550 veterans. Very pleased to report that we've recently conducted a grand opening for our Cabrillo Gateway Development and have recently broken ground on our anchor place development. Those two developments combined will add another 200 permanent supportive homes for homeless households in Long Beach. So we're very excited about that. The secret of our success over the years and it's been nearly 20 years that we've been at it, resides in this growing collaboration of organizations and government agencies that that play a role in helping us to restore health and address our homeless crisis. And really, at the heart of that collaboration is the city of Long Beach, which is the true backbone to our efforts at the villages and much beyond in the larger community. Over the years, the city has invested extensive resources at the villages, including more than \$16 million of capital project base rental support and extensive support of service funding through its continuum of care grant through the Department of Health and Human Services to support the larger mission that we're attempting to achieve. The Villages is located. Directly adjacent to the TII freeway. Where a neighbor to the freeway and we're also home to a highly vulnerable population homeless, veterans, children, families victimized by violence, persons suffering from mental and physical ailments. And many of our residents have respiratory illness. These conditions are exacerbated by the reality of our location next to freeways, the ports refinery and the extensive manufacturing base and in and around West Long Beach. And over the years, we worked really hard to help mitigate those impacts. Thanks to funding from the Port of Long Beach under its Community Mitigation Grants program, we've developed a 303 hundred tree urban forest that the western perimeter of our campus actually on a piece of land that was leased on a long term, long term basis from the city of Long Beach itself. The land separates our community from the TI Freeway and has been transformed into an urban green space that sequesters carbon dioxide, scrubs the air of harmful particulates, beautifies the area and provides passive recreational opportunities for our residents. And while that urban forest is a great amenity and has been a great success, it's only the beginning

and it's only a piece of the puzzle. We're very encouraged by the Green Tea Plan that's before you tonight, and we'd like to commend city staff, its consultants and the many community stakeholders on both sides of this debate

e. That have participated in what we believe is a very collaborative process. We think the result. Is an incredibly thoughtful plan, one that will help to further mitigate the health and environmental impacts on the west side of Long Beach and ultimately improve quality of life for all of our residents within the city. And so this evening, we encourage the council to receive and file the plan and to concurrently define a road map for implementing that plan down the road. Thank you. Thank you, Brian. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council members. City staff. Melanie. Hi. My name is Mona Eichner. And excuse. Me. I'm a sixth district rep. Sorry. My address is on file and I'm a member of the. I do live in the sixth district. I'm a founding member of the Wrigley. Wrigley is going green and the Wrigley Clean team, which. Actually makes the green tie kind of right up. The alley. And of all the things that I'm. Involved with in the city. Who wouldn't want I mean, as a Wrigley is going green member, why wouldn't I. Want to green. The Terminal Island Freeway? Why wouldn't I want more trees in the park on the west side, which we are so lacking over here? But I actually am also now the sixth district representative of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. And although I'm not speaking on behalf of the committee as. That member, I'm more interested in the pedestrian safety aspects of. The. Greening that. The tie. And I'd like to actually reiterate some of the points I made in my. Letter that I sent to you guys. And so. I just wanted to remind you that the Green bill would replace. When it replaces the to freeway would be. Directly would address as was shown on the map would directly about the Elizabeth Hudson Elementary School and read in Cabrillo High schools and also it's near Garfield Elementary School and. Stephen Middle School. Since the gentleman. Before me was. Representing the villages of. Cabrillo. The students that live there have to the the paths that they go to get to school is are so connected that they they can walk up to. A mile or a mile and a half to get to school. And with the addition of this greenbelt and walkways and bike paths, that distance can be shortened up to. Two thirds of that. And that would be pretty incredible. And some students are forced to walk on PCH. And as we all know, that's a truck route. It's not a good place to be walking. The mobility plan, the Long Beach Mobility Point Plan has the goal of reducing conflicts between free movement and active transportation. I'm sorry. And greening the tie will shift trucks away from the schools, while will. Hopefully the studies will prove that. But. It will reduce the need for students and pedestrians to be on PCH. And also traffic will be eliminated near some of the schools off of Santa Fe. And it's just going to be a good thing for schools. I'm sorry. I'm really nervous. So I'm pretty much finished. And I really do want you all to support the green tea as I support the green tea a

nd leaves holding a sign that says Go green or go home. And that's how I feel too. Thanks. Good evening, Vice Mayor and council members. My name is Katie Rispoli. I'm the executive director of We Are the Next, a nonprofit organization based here in downtown Long Beach and serving the Los Angeles region. And I mean, if only it were so easy that we could vote tonight and a project like this and tomorrow start working to create this great green space. That would be fantastic. But that's not what we're asking for. I support this project, and what's being asked for this evening is to approve and file the Green Terminal Island Transition Plan. And that plan will put into process as all of these things that the opposition here tonight has been asking for, looking into traffic considerations, environmental considerations, long term impacts of this project and actually putting into place this permanent plan in order to make it happen. This is not a short term process. This is a seven year minimum process. Getting to a point where we're actually looking at breaking ground on a project like this. And that's not just seven years where we're waiting and working on this. That's seven years where there is consistent pollution on the Terminal Island Freeway. Seven years where that has memory is more than twice what it is in the county as a whole and seven years where residents in West Long Beach are not feeling invested in by the city. And if there's anything that we know for a fact, it's that when you feel invested in in your home and when you have a supportive environment, as you're growing up, you have faith that you're able to accomplish great things. And that's been proven over and over again for generations. And in West Long Beach, there is a struggle with that. A lot of the families that live in that neighborhood are living adjacent to an 18 foot wall that backs up to their homes, which already makes them feel as if they're living in a prison. And one in three Latino males born in this country today are expected to be incarcerated in their lifetime.

Growing up with those odds and that environment and living in a community where your park poor and seeing your city not investing in your community has a long term impact on what sort of citizen or resident you end up being and how you contribute back to your city as an adult. So we're not asking for a plan tomorrow and watching these people grow up and and wake up tomorrow and having the space. We're asking for more than seven years. We're asking for ten years plus of investment from the city that tonight will be voted on to enact this plan and can be taken over a period of time for the next generation of West Long Beach to have grown up witnessing this investment in their community so that when the next generation gets to the point where they're voting residents in this community and they're participating in Long Beach, they feel as if they have been a part of the conversation. Thank you. Thank you. Hello a

gain. My name is Malina Ramirez and I live in a sixth district in I has been involved with Long Beach Alliance children with asthma since 1999. And I start being involved because my daughter has been living with asthma since she was like a six month. Old. In I would like to buy all those people to come to live to these areas. My kids were attending the Stephens Middle School. My older son were attending the Cabrillo High School in. I saw them howl on the way that they go. We don't have enough space. Not only, you know, for a respiratory problem, not only for asthma problems. We have a lot of problems because we don't have enough enough green space where we can do exercise, where we can run. We have many health problems and heart problems. Cancer problems, asthma problems, obesity. I don't know how many things. And sometimes I get a little nervous because my my English. But I want to tell you guys I will I am by you all of people who are. Saying, oh, don't. Put these on. Don't do that. I want to invite them to live in my area. Almost 60% of the people who live and thus areas are renting. We don't have enough space inside over our apartments. We need those green areas. We need to have a space where this kid can run, camp play. It still is that level of contamination. But if we have more wind spaces is going to help a little bit. But it's going to help in I, I want just make you guys think what is living in those areas grow your kids on those are you before come to talk that they want to change things or do things they need to think about how we feel. I can I can borrow you guys my shoes and and you can you can use my children lives in this area with my kids. Yes. As the pontymister battles in mirror look SCMP Bass had the label YOLO theme beat though and buy you guys to live in this area is what I can say. Thank you. Thank you. I don't know. I mean nobody said in the Russian Soyuz announcement in. Good evening. Yes, good evening. My name. Is Raskin. I am a community health worker with the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma for 13 years. Um. Separately, Orson Welles, the blond beauty, stunned into a traditional salute to California. 11% of children in central and west Long Beach are diagnosed with asthma, according to the California Health Institute survey. If you still need one than coriander is my first mirando. I have seen many children who get an asthma attack as they're running, and it's very sad to watch them. I mean, I wonder they are not gonna smile and your basil then go, um. Don't really need those nano. Ketamine is easy way to impress. I don't know where this. Yeah. I think they're getting in. One to come into. I just have a grandson who was diagnosed with asthma last year, and I also have neighbors, one of which is one year of age, who just recently got diagnosed with asthma when his his parents realized as he was, he was starting to run outside and started noticing these changes. And the parents are still in shock that that th

e son can't run. He happened to be that Iceland bed massage. WALLACE But I could not even. Siva But I can control contamination. And so I support the green tie plan to provide more trees and a better defense for the community. Standards are one less is important but I don't mean it I mean there are a lot emissions stickers kissing green thumb. Yes but I don't initially. But in the end, this idea. And having many trees is really important to the air quality. These trees would also be able to capture the toxic emissions and this would begin to help this area where children Canvey. Island Female Franziska Beetle, the Canino is Toshiko Ambiental. Istanbul. They may not be that, but I get emotional, get emails. So in of touring you know they use immune to massive animals. Muscles. Ambien, Tylenol, ninos. I'd rather have to take it out on me is a God knows why. Now you are my son. And so when I say phrases that every breath is a toxic air that they're breathing, and that this environment gives them less time of life. And that's not what we want. We want them to have a better future and that they can have better health and that they can improve and work toward zero emissions for our future generations. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor and members of the

city council. Good to see you all. My name is Steve Gerhart. I'm the project coordinator for a collaborative called Walk Long Beach. Our offices are 425 East Fourth Street in the East Village. We're a collaboration of City Fabric, the YMCA of Greater Long Beach and the Preventative Health Folks at the Health Department and Collaborative, such as LeBoeuf, the Kaiser's heels on the California Endowment's Building Housing Communities. We've been working for the last few years to promote walking, pedestrian safety and walkable neighborhoods throughout Long Beach. One outcome of that effort I just wanted to let you know about is that in June, coming up this year, we're going to be hosting here in Long Beach, the California Walks, which is the statewide organization conference walking summit called Pedestrians Count. And we'll tell you more about that as it gets closer. It should be no surprise to you that we fully support the Green Tea Project as it creates a more walkable Long Beach. It's a strong concept, a first step, an early step, and this will change a underused freeway segment into an urban street. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we need to do the studies, which will only happen if you move the atom for tonight. It will create much needed linear, open space. And a lot of the things you've already heard about the staff in the consulting team have done a wonderful job putting together a concept and idea, and we would like to study it further. I did want to tell you about a couple of things. In October, I attended the National Walking Summit on behalf of Work Long Beach. There were over 500 advocates, including organizations such as the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Vision Zero Network, Am

erica Walks. And one of the highlights of that two day conference was a presentation by the U.S. surgeon general. Many people think of him as America's doctor, talking about a call to action that he proposed in September to promote, walking to and creating walkable communities as a national health imperative and a top priority of the federal government. This is a call to action about and it's a fundamental change in the way we view walking. One of the things that was raised in the conference, that it's a personal right to be able to walk comfortably and safely in our communities and neighborhoods. I There was a lot of interesting discussion about Chapter five. I won't go back into it. But one of the things I learned working for Mr. West and Burdick is it's fine and dandy to create a bold and beautiful plan. The plan is only as good as the implementation. So let's move forward. Let's do the studies and let's get this done. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor and council members. My name is Sylvia Bettencourt. I'm the project manager with the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. Prior to this meeting, I had submitted a letter to you. A comment on behalf of. Myself and Dr. Elisa Nicholas. Who is the chief executive officer at the children's clinic, serving children with with family. So I want to read that letter to you today, in. Part as it reads that we, as the children's clinic and the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma are in support of the Green Plan and see this as a community vision for replacing the. Terminal Island Freeway. This plan was developed through intensive resident and stakeholder engagement over the past year, many of which are our clients in central and west Long Beach. La Barca is a community coalition under the. Institutional umbrella of Miller Children's Hospital, which is a not for profit children's hospital under the corporate ownership. Of Long. Beach Memorial Medical Center. Our mission is to change the. Profile of asthma. In children in the most affected areas. Of Long Beach and surrounding. Communities. The Children's Clinic was founded in. 1939 by a group. Of local physicians and community leaders. It's an independent nonprofit, and its largest. Site is at. The Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, having 11 sites. In the city of Long Beach. Its newest clinics are located in the severely impacted West Long Beach area and include the century villages of Cabrillo Housing Development. Research shows that air pollution is likely part of the. Cause of asthma, demonstrating. That health impacts of air pollution for children and families living in Long Beach. And its surrounding. Communities are real. The Long Beach area is part of the Southern. California Air Basin, which, despite significant improvements, remains in violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard specified by the Clean Air. Act. Because of the universal impact that air. Pollution has. On children's health in Long Beach, LA Baca and TCC

work hand in hand to prevent pollution from the largest sources in our region. The ports of L.A. and Long. Beach and the goods movement. System, the green tie has empowered residents and local stakeholders to craft a vision of their community where public infrastructure serves the public good. Relocating trucks and pollution they emit from the Terminal Island Freeway would significantly improve the living conditions of West Long Beach residents. As well as a learning environment. For over 5000 students attending the five campuses. That are adjacent to the freeway. La Barca and

Taxi have engaged have been engaged with these communities surrounding the port complex and have seen firsthand the impacts on public health that freight transport have. On the community. This experience reveals that the opportunity. To remove such contiguous uses as truck corridors in schools and homes should be supported. We ask that City Council support this community effort by adopting the plan and directing staff to take next steps toward making this vision a reality. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council members. My name is Dan Hoffman. I'm the executive director for the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. I learned the last time I should state upfront that we are opposed to this. I also wanted to mention that the last time I attended your meeting this was mentioned is just a small part of a much larger project to green the area. And I think we all agree that greening the area, making our environment better, having cleaner air, healthier air is a good thing. However, we have some real concerns about this particular project. One of them is the is the fact that of the transportation efficiency that we're not going to be able to move goods as efficiently. We learned not too long ago, not too many months ago, that when our cargo was backed up, it was we found customers that found other ways to move their cargo. And it wasn't through our ports of Long Beach or Los Angeles. Additionally, is. The impact that it would have. On our businesses that are in the area and we're talking about what was an estimated 6600 trucks per day is the number that I heard. That's a lot of trucks. And so the businesses that are directly there now are Tesoro, Valero, Tesoro and oh, gosh, California Sulfur of Vopak Harbor, Green Fast Lane Transportation. And it could be the future site of the big project, which is also needs to be taken into consideration. So I want to also let you know that in terms of the community and as I say, that the last time what it seems like we're doing is we're moving trucks from one area to make it better to another area. And so our community of Wilmington, me share a couple of facts that you can verify. Our property level in Wilmington is 28.6%, 28.6%, and that's according to the US Census Bureau. If you're familiar with the Cal enviro screen 2.0, Wilmington is the top 10% of impacted communities. I don't think and I still don't believe that it was ever

your intention to move that. Pollution from one community. That's impacted to another community that's more impacted. And I thank you for your time and attention. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor and members of the Council. My name is John Taylor, Effie. I want to, first off, thank Councilman Aranda for pushing us forward. I'm going to be frank with all of you. Five years ago or so was the initiation process by the community to move forward, to find resources and find an opportunity to put together something that would be acceptable to save lives in West Long Beach. This TII freeway was addressed as one of the major buffers that could be that resolution or that that remedy. Last year with Mr. Smith's team, we finally realized that this can actually happen. And as such, I want to be able to draw attention to the scale or rather the scope of the project itself, because it speaks to efficiency. Our ports operate under an efficiency opportunity. What will happen here is that closure of that TII freeway would utilize that clover on PCH and send the trucks over to be in S.F. . U.P. is proposing to open their doors into the Alameda corridor where that Alameda corridor was actually established to do this. So common sense tells you now that to do the right thing would be to save the lives of those schoolchildren that are impacted every day and those residents. And if Labor has it such that they can partnership with a good measure to involve and engage the community, provide a benefit to the community, our ports will continue to flourish because there would be that constructive partnership. So I ask you tonight, please. To accept, receive and file, and let's move forward to find resources. Let's make this thing happen so that we can truly be a city of Long Beach that is equal for all to live and enjoy. Thank you very much. Thank you. Madam Vice Mayor, members of the City Council. My name is Chris Wilson. I'm here on behalf of Assembly Member Mike Gibson. We are here to express our strong concerns with regard to green tea. While we appreciate the Fourth Y thinking of this idea, Assembly member Gibson CIL has several concerns. Mr. Gibson remains concerned about. The congestion. This will cause. Our community. Which we represent Wilmington and. In Carson in our district, the impact on our port gateways and the tremendous environmental impacts this. This would cause. Wilmington already suffers from one of the highest health disparities in the country. It is estimated that 11,000 trucks each currently utilized the Turtle Island Freeway on a daily basis. These trucks will be transferred to our streets in Wilmington, Carson and nearby communities. We are also concerned about the lack of outreach and input from neighborhood associations, community members and stakeholders in and nearby the 64th Assembly District. I can tell you that our office was not reached out to and was not on that list you saw before. We are respectfully. Requesting. To please consider th

e impacts decommissioning this really will cause. We also have the concern in question with regard to sequel. Thank you. Hi. Good evening. My name's John Schaefer. I'm to the pile drivers bridge, dock and Work Builders, which are based in Wilmington, but service the entire Southern California area. I just wanted to say basically three things. One, I did listen to your council meeting and it brought back memories of my mom who graduated from Saint Anthony, who was born in Germany and, you know, came as an immigrant who didn't know how to speak English. And she did pass away from asthma and living in San Pedro. But she before she did, she lived in Pico Union, where my brother married, immigrated four people that his wife with four children. And they have suffered from gang violence and drug addiction from a lot of things that came through there. And he's still living in the area that goes through there. So not only in my working as labor with business, I support a lot of the really positive actions that you're taken already today. I want people to not be separated from their families. I want good alleyways so people can have proper entrance to go through there. And you guys know that there are some things that comes quick and there are some things that have been waiting for years. For years, port development has been held up because they said they didn't consider all the parties that came through. You built a Desmond Bridge because you're going to have more ships, taller ships and more containers coming in. You're building that right now. You're building the bridge from Schuyler Highway, which is going directly to the Terminal Island Freeway, because, you know, you're going to have increased traffic because you're getting these bigger ships and you want things to go out there. And these plans took decades to get approved because there wasn't enough community input. So now you have a proposal that didn't talk to business, that didn't talk to government. It didn't talk to the port. At the port. That may affect outstanding hours, that may affect current projects. And you want to move forward because one group of your bar community wants to move forward. Ultimately, as government officials, you have to respect a certain amount of process. And it is apparent to me anyway that no prosthetic complete process hasn't occurred. I'm asking you just to do your job as referee among a bunch of different interests and tell people, look, if you're going to come for action, be prepared for a complete report. And so, again, I hope all the best. I want all the green, the community, they deserve it. They've gone through a lot. This just isn't ready at this time. Thank you. Hi. I'm Tonya Reyes, seventh District. I'm here to speak to you for the second time tonight. I have some free time. My husband's busy, so I'm able to come by. I just want to say that let's not get too excited or ahead of ourselves that this is a receiving file item. And I'm sure the Council will del

ineate exactly what that means and that give you a little history. In the past eight years, the last two councilmembers have always talked about changes to the tie. We have always talked about maybe closing one of the lanes and making it a one way freeway. We talked about closing it all altogether. We talked about a lot of things, but what we didn't have is a plan or a vision or community input, and we didn't have that input from other parties as well. But there was always the idea that the tie was inappropriately placed and whether underutilized or misused or whatever it needed to be changed for the sake of the community, nothing happened. You have a visioning and I wanted to thank the consultants that did the visioning. They really did a complete job. It took them 18 months, I believe. So that means it. And I also want to thank the port for paying for it, but it's going to take another 7 to 8 years for anything to happen. The port, meanwhile, will be growing. We hope. We want the port to grow. We want the port to be prosperous. During the visioning sessions in West Palm Beach, the two things, the two top two items is that the community wanted clean air and the second was jobs. We want the port to be successful. We want good union jobs. We want that play to be able to have local hire and to ensure that our community, the West, Long Beach people, a lot less limited residents take benefit of that local hire agreement. But I have to tell you that while I was on the council, I was also on the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and we struggled how to find mitigation for the negative effects of the port and port related business. And if you as a council don't figure out mitigation for what's going to happen in the next 7 to 8 years of what's happened now today, then they will make you find a mitigation. Someone's going to go to court and they will have you do some things that maybe you don't want to do and has it been vetted by the community? So I'm asking you today that, you know, you have to give something to the community that has taken all the negative effects of port and port related businesses and give them something. And I say give them some hope. At least let them know that you're talking about it, you're thinking about it. And whatever you decide today, you know, it's going to be a tough decision. But whatever

you decide today, it's not it's not over. It's going to take a long time. I think a lot of the studying has just begun. A lot of the inclusion and the input from businesses has just begun. And I never thought I'd be quoting Bob Foster, but I remain of all people. Right. But when he when when someone said, well, think about Carson and Wilmington residents. Since when are our residents second class and have to take us are just are less valuable than other residents in this area and if we can't take care of Long Beach who can we take care of? So good luck. And whatever you do, you know the community is with you. But we hope that

, you know, again, give them hope. Thanks. Thank you. And I want to say I'll be I'll be late for dinner. Good evening. My name is Scotty Galloway. I'm a licensed civil engineer and a lead accredited professional. I'm also a father of two kids under five years old. I want another. I've made a career out of sustainability and I want nothing more than more greenspace, more water retention, more water infiltration and. But those are side benefits of what the primary driver that I've heard here tonight and through other presentations regarding the tie is that it's air quality. And the air quality test that has occurred occurred in 2011. It's been four years. I've personally installed and managed the installation of 25 to ship power outlets at the Port of Long Beach. Not to mention the other green enhancements that the port has done. More green trucks. And I haven't that's not taken into full effect of what that benefits or those benefits are. Um, so if we can get the quantifiable effects of what the air quality is now in the area. And has there been an air current study? Because if you only move it a quarter mile or a half a mile to the east or to the west, is that the air currents could still carry the particulates back to the same area. So I don't I haven't heard any references to the air quality or the air current studies or where the source of all of it is. They're only addressing the part from PCH to Willow. And in closing, I take you back to where we began. We began the session today with people looking for parking permits and parking concessions. Thanks to term limits. You won't have to deal with it. But think about the your your successors that will have to deal with the residents that are voting for it and for the Green Park now when the trucks start driving through their neighborhood. Thank you. Thank you. Honorable Vice Mayor City Council. My name is Brian Olszewski and the executive director of City Fabric. We're a nonprofit design studio based out of Long Beach, dedicated to improving our communities through public interest design, planning, policy development and civic engagement. Thank you for having the foresight to apply for the Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant to create this community vision to reshape the West Side by transforming the term Long Island Freeway, the city owned transit Terminal Island Freeway into a greenbelt and local infrastructure. While some have stated the commissioning would be the largest. Largest freeway removal in Southern California history. A more accurate description would be that it would be the first in Southern California history, but in reality would also be the smallest urban freeway removal in our nation's history. Based on the numbers vehicles it serves and the length of right of way considered for removal. Previous freeway removal projects included the Riverfront Freeway in Chattanooga, which carry twice as much vehicles. Portland carries even more Park Park East and Milwaukee carries 35,000. In

San Francisco removed two freeways totaling 150,000 vehicles that serve their downtown financial district. That is their economic engine. That is the economic engine of the Bay Area. Instead. What we're also talking about is New York City is currently looking at removing the Sheridan Freeway, which served the Port Authority's Hunt Point, a port facility that carries three times as many vehicles as the Terminal Island Freeway. With the Terminal Island freeways paltry 11, about 11,000 vehicles a day. A more relevant comparison would be Broadway Redondo, which recently experienced pedestrian and oriented street enhancement fourth Street, which has wrecked on Retro Row, which has Parklets and SROs, Orange Avenue, North Long Beach, which was reconfigured in 2000 to remove travel lanes to create bike lanes. According to a 2012 traffic study commissioned by the Port of L.A. for another transportation project, every intersection along this alternative route of Alameda Street operates an E, A or B operations A level of service. There's very few intersections that we drive through regularly that have such a levels of performance. And Caltrans, I mean, sorry, and the Air Quality Management District and the ports of Long Beach and L.A. are actually collaborating on investing further in this corridor, through that through the zero emissions corridor, which hopefully our trucks will be able to take advantage of. We're looking at an opportunity to fundamentally change the health and well-being of residents of West Long Beach by defining this higher and greater use of the Terminal Island Freeway. Right of way, transforming this last mile of

the Terminal Island Freeway into a local serving street. And public public open space is a bold step, not one to be taken lightly, but it's nothing to fear as it is the right direction for the community and the city. I hope you will join the overwhelming support within the community by approving this plan and taking the next forward, taking this plan to the next steps. Thank you very much. Thank you. Good evening, City Council. My name is Taylor Thomas. I'm a resident of the First District, former resident of the seventh District, a research and policy analyst with Expert Communities for Environmental Justice. I didn't come here planning to speak, but I was just moved. I saw all of the energy industry speaking and you're probably looking around and wondering like where all of the residents, right? This is a very important project, so why aren't they here? And I can tell you, as a resident, we already put in our time. We gave up our Saturday mornings over a very long process to give input on this project. I don't I didn't see any of those people who spoke in opposition to the project at any of those workshops, and they raised the issues about air quality. Our neighborhoods already have trucks going through them. The air quality is already bad. If that if they were really concerned about what our neighborhoods are going through

h, they would be cleaning up their trucks. They would be rerouting them to the Alameda corridor. But instead, they're here fighting a project that will bring green space to an area that is part poor, that suffers high rates of cancer and asthma. Our children missed school because they have asthma. Our parents miss work because they have to care for their children. It's insulting to the city development services, the staff, the consultants and all of the residents who have been a part of this process for several years to come here and oppose this project tonight. So I'm asking that you do not punish the residents. You don't punish punish the residents of West Long Beach because people did not take the time to participate in this very lengthy process. So I'm asking you to move forward with this item as is. Thank you. Good evening, counselor. Laura Cortez, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. I also want to point out that we did have some community members that came by, also had to leave a little earlier. And I would also like to express my support for the Green Terminal Island plan and. Hope that you can prioritize clean air and environment, since this is what the community felt was important during the workshops. We all know that Long Beach suffers many health impacts, including 15,000 children with asthma, according to the L.A. County survey, and that the West has less park space than East Long Beach and is disproportionately affected by particulate matter, as was stated in the earlier presentation. Greening the tie would have huge positive impacts on the West, as you already know, and you have already, it seems to have a recommendation to move forward with this. So we would just greatly appreciate that you continue working toward it and continue working with other organizations to do so. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor. City Council. My name is Leigh Fukui. I'm a resident of sixth district. I'm a founding member of regular is going green. It's a tree planting organization, also a member of Wrigley Clean team. And I'm a member of the city's Tree Advisory Committee. I was kind of shocked at how many people came out in opposition to this. This is a park and it's a park that in a that's necessary in a badly neglected part of town. It's park poor. The residents are obviously suffering from high cases of asthma, cancer, etc.. This is all we all know this. So what is the problem? Why? Why is it that every time we have something like this that we have the unions come out? The truck drivers come out and say, no, no, no, that we want to keep everything the same. Keeping every everything the same isn't the answer. We need to move forward. We need to create more park space. And there's very limited areas to do that. This is a smart plan. It's a good plan. It's a necessary plan. We just had the forest wetlands open up and that's going to link up with the Mingus gap. That's going to link up with the River Link project, and that's going to connect

to other parks that's necessary. That's what we have to do for Long Beach. That's what we have to do for our citizens. That's our responsibility. We can get there and we can get zero emissions, but we're going to have to sacrifice some things. It's going to be hard, but to say keep everything the way it is is not a solution. There's going to be sacrifices going to have to be made. The Clean Trucks program is working. The port is doing its best to make it a clean port. We're getting there. This is another as someone else said, this is another piece of the puzzle. It's necessary. We shouldn't be fighting over this. More parks are good. It's good for the environment. It's good for our city. It's good to attract more clean energy jobs and clean energy companies to here. How are we going to be attractive if we're if we keep looking the way we do? I mean, we already have this diesel death zone that we're trying to shed. We have a number of hurdles that we have to shed in this city

to get and attract those businesses. Those new entrepreneurs, they're looking at other cities. Seattle. Portland. You're talking about losing port jobs. I'm sorry, but you know, that's competition. You are going to get competition from other ports that are opening up. But we have to see that and we have to encourage greener jobs to come here. That's the future. I'm sorry, but thank you. Please move this forward. Thank you very. Much. Thank you. Good name. Vice-Chair City Council. My name is Tony Rivera, former. Chair of the West Side. I just want to tell everybody thank you for the openness on this project. I staff and everybody else did a very good job. I went to some of the meetings. It was open to the public for everybody to assist. It was publicized very well. I got like three messages and 1.3 messages on the computer and all over the place. I know it was there. So one thing. I want to mention is this piece of the freeway and I'm on parole, by the way. I'm proud of the project. So one little piece on the freeway is only going to affect a few people. This is only traffic is only going to the rail rail. It has projects that is going to go through Alameda corridor. We spent over 280 millions on the line. I mean, a corridor. And they better use it. They better use it. In their road. Myself, I had trucks. I have a business on the way, so. I know that we might have a problem. Too much traffic on PCH. We might need to consider later on on up in Anaheim. But the traffic today, it took me from Long Beach Freeway to Santa Fe just to get to my business. It took me 20 minutes. So I don't want to hear the other people. The way they. Said it is going to create problems. Locsin has a legitimate concern, but I need to tell you, I'm one of the pioneers of the. Weeds in Alameda is one of the correct roads to go with over weeds. They have a really good sound road. It's just a matter of changing it. When the project goes through, it has to be changed so they can get the weeds through ther

e. Right now, that's the only problem I see on the other ways I mention it to them, because they came in and they got they got a lot of business. On the side of the warehouses. But that doesn't justify to start the the project to benefit all these people that we've been suffering. I've been in almost 40 years and doing business or working with companies and it's time to work together. Union I'm sorry, but the. Union I love union and I love the longshoremen's. I got friends working there, but they need to get to work together to move more trucks at night. Quickly because I got people there waiting 5 hours on the port. There's a lot of contamination. And the contamination of these get done that the port. Is already clean. Let's cut that off. The rail is the problem. A locomotive that comes through there, the Union Pacific or anyone, there's not a black locomotives is contaminated like crazy more than the port or more than a lot of cars in combine. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Council members give me this. Time to speak. As a veteran, disabled veteran from the Vietnam era. I enlisted twice, but I felt getting out of high school, I was in good shape. B Damn, what's going on? So a lot of people getting drafted back in that area and I joined. I believe that I can serve my country in the way I feel in my heart that I can do. My attitude is grabbing the bull by the horns. Take care of action. A lot of veterans are the same way we came home. Even up to now, every company and you probably hear about it gets a \$5,000 tax write off if they hire a veteran. A lot of the veterans, especially now the younger post-9-11 veterans, come back from Iraq, Afghanistan. You know, it's part of war. They come back not another percent PTSD or they do the arm or leg. These companies hire veterans. Because they'd done their job. You know, now we got to help them do their jobs. And I'm proof of that. I work down here, but I because of my knees, I had to replace them. I'm like a 53 Chevy, you know, replace bar joints and stuff like that. But anyway, I don't have any grits and I don't have anything that's growing up in Wilmington. I'm healthy. Stage shape, meet the right food. And I think that's the problem with this small community. It's shocking. I feel embarrassed by you guys discussing. I heard somebody say there's 50,000 people in that residence. Only a fraction of them show up here. So who's really concerned about the greenbelt? The people who work for them or the people they get paid to do the survey. I mean, these people here, here, they got good information. But you guys live in Long Beach. Did they pay you good money? Okay. These people that live there, that Green Park. They get paid. I've been in a couple of villages and some of their. I got veterans right here and there. I help one to PTSD and I gave them Easter cards. The kids go and there's officers. I'm pretty sure you'll have your office up here. Do you have air purifiers? Why not research the sch

ools and the residents? They're paying rent. They don't own the houses. They're paying rent. Whoever owns those properties, they should investigate. That's a good job for you guys to do. Follow up on that before you start going with this. Put veterans out of work and the truckers and

make sure those houses are up to par with. If it's, you know, progress is going to go forward. You need to make sure those schools there have air, clean air, like you do in your offices up here. In the hospital air purifiers they suck all the the stuff to fly around in the dust, not just from the port, but from the house closing the people who own the property, they're not going to go. That costs too much money. And for the to help the vetters keep their jobs and keep fighting them when they come home. They didn't get the Vietnam Veterans parade. I have not seen one. But yet the people were making sure that the young veterans come back. And take care of the veterans so it don't happen like us and you. My name is Jonathan Cassata. I am a chaplain. Vietnam Veterans of America, average life member and also now a Native American better. I want to thank you all. I hope you really think about it. Investigate with the community, the houses. And time is up. Thank you. I appreciate it. Apologize often. I'm a talker and I get frustrated. I talk and I thank you all. God bless you. Thank you. Good evening. Madam Vice Mayor and honorable members of council. I'm Richard Hines. I'm proud to be one of your five Harvard commissioners, and I know everyone's very tired. And I'll be very brief because I didn't write a long speech. I did want to come down and clarify that the port and the Board of Commissioners specifically have not taken a position on the green tie. My comments tonight are just my views and they don't represent the Board of Harbor Commissioners. I absolutely support, as my vote indicated, to help pay for a study and to support the West Long Beach Livability Plan. But the board, myself included, support our community. We're part of the community. I did want to mention, though, I mean, we've seen a lot of pro and con tonight, and I think we need to try and bring everyone together here. If we move forward with a study. It's going to be important that we look at replacement infrastructure. If you take out an overweight corridor that supports the movement of goods from our port, we're going to have to build new infrastructure. The good news is there is a project that would help tremendously. And Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez is the chair of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, which I sit on the board with her. And there is a project that connects the Schuyler High Bridge directly to PCH in Alameda. The 47 flyover goes directly over Alameda Street, bypasses five stop signs and stoplights, creates snack grade separation for all the rail tracks. And. The reason why truck drivers don't use Alameda is it's not convenient. We need to make Alameda convenient as a true over

weight corridor and have the ice ETF realign their gates to Alameda. And if there is a gig that will be built, that they be built on Alameda, their gates as well. You see, if we build this project, we wouldn't have the need to move 6000 trucks down the down the Thai freeway. Right now, this project is \$330 million. And I come here asking for your help because it's going to it's a heavy lift. It's going to take the city and the port. And we're going to have to engage the city of L.A. to work together to get \$330 million. We have a green light. It was sued by the. There was litigation by the NRDC. And it's been we've won every lawsuit at the state level, at the federal level. We went through the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and won. So I only ask that we if we're looking at a study that we look at this project as well, because this is this is a real solution. If we can get our S.R. 47 flyover, then I think that a lot of the people that spoke in opposition tonight, they may be okay, because I think we have a real solution here. Anyway, that's all I have for you. Thank you so much. I know it's been a long night and you guys have had a lot of public comment and I'm happy to answer any questions if you guys have anyone to discussion. Thank you. Thanks, Rich. We will take it behind the dias. Sir. You've already know. No. On different issues. They were different issues. Well. Sir, we cannot speak from we can't speak from the audience. Thank you. We've heard your testimony. I appreciate it. All right. I know where. And that's an unfortunate characterization. Thank you, sir. Please have a seat. Okay. I will take you behind the dias, Councilmember. Your Honor. Thank you, Vice Mayor. First of all, I want to thank everybody who spoke tonight on both sides of this matter. We're paying attention. We listened. We're going to discuss it. Obviously, there's there's a lot of emotion attached to it. It's not an easy decision where we sit here and try to decide which direction we want to take on a matter that's so important to not only transportation and goods movement, but also to the residents of those areas that are going to be affected by it. In regards to the clean air and the mobility, that that is much needed there. I want to emphasize again what I said earlier. It's it's a project in concept. It can change. And I'm pretty sure that it will change as we move forward with this. If we do, in fact, move forward with this, it's not a project already in place. The recurring theme that I heard tonight from both sides is that it's incomplete. There's still a lot more things that need to be accomplished. I met with a contingency contingent of goods movement, people led by the Future Ports. Elizabeth Warren and I and I made a promise at that meeting. I said, if anything goes

forward, we're going to engage them. We're going to go to the stakeholders. We're going to make sure that they are involved in that discussion and participate in that conversation, because appa

rently there's been somewhat of a lapse, if you want to call it that. But this is one part in a long, lengthy process that's taking place, and there's a lot of moving parts to this. You know, we can go from A to B or to C or D without going through those steps. And this is one step in that process. So I want to make sure that, you know, that I want to make sure you know that I did hear you. And there is information that's lacking here. We don't have a complete transportation study. We don't know what the effects of closing that one mile stretch of the to freeway will do to the goods movement. We need to know that if we're going to do anything at all. So what I would like to do is to amend the motion to move that the city of Long Beach work with the cities of Los Angeles and Carson and the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to develop a plan for goods. Movement. Transportation. Without this segment of the to freeway and to fill any necessary gaps. I would like to move that. We continue more outreach with our stakeholders and provide a more detailed design and potential sources of capital and operational funding, including grants. And I would like to have a progress report on their movement within six months. So what I'm trying to do with this motion basically is say. Let's let's study it further. Let's move it along so that everybody who at the end of the day, we have all of the information that's needed. And we're not just stopping here tonight. If we do not go forward, we do not go forward. There's nothing there. And everybody's at a loss and nothing happens. And it's it's status quo. We can't have status quo. We need to help. We have to help people move their goods in an efficient way. I just heard about a solution right now with the CTA, which is which was a plan that was developed, what, ten, 15 years ago. So we need to move with that. We need to endorse that project by endorsing this. So I, I made the motion and I hope I can help to have the support of my council members. Thank you. I will. Thank you, Councilmember Urunga. So you've made a motion and it's been seconded by Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilman, with those, would you like to address the motion? Yes, I, too, want to thank everybody for being here. Everybody had some great comments in relation to the West Side. I know both Councilmember Suranga and myself are very much invested in the West Side and I know both business owners and residents alike. I know how much we all have endured many issues along the West Side. I myself live on the western side of the city, not the west side, but the western side of the city. I'm very proud to represent part of that, both industry and residents. And I think this is a beautiful, beautiful plan. It certainly is. I think this is a very a plan that did incorporate a lot of community input. But I, I will have to agree with Councilmember Suranga that there are some missing pieces with that as well. And so not to say that this is not going to move forw

ard, you know, that's not to say that at all. But I think there does need to be further discussion, further study so we can look at other pieces. I myself personally did not get a briefing until two weeks ago. And it's unfortunate. You know, I know that my my staff member went to one meeting, but it's unfortunate that I was not personally briefed on this. And I you know, I don't know where the missing link was on that, but I feel that there needs to be more. This is a it's a huge undertaking to have this put presented in front of us. And for us as council members to make a decision like this, I think there needs to be more information put in front of us, all of us. I do have a few questions related to the plan. I do share the actor, the Alameda Quarter Transportation Authority. I also chair the i 17 Project Committee. I'm also on SCAD. I understand that it went to SAG back in July. How does this marry with other governing board plans? I know that the S.R. 47, I don't think has been discussed, so it would be good to have that studied within the plan. But has this been presented to the I 710 Project Committee? That's a question. The city manager. Angela Reynolds. So answer that. I believe the answer is no. All right. So we've discussed. This with ACOG, but not specifically with the 710 Project Oversight Committee. Okay. And so it would be good to do that as well or to have some sort of, you know, relationship with the two. Because I think it's important that all of these plans are put together. I want to see the cohesion of all of these plans and make it a very mindful and fruitful plan. But to include the I seven term project committee, which now actually includes the River Link plan, which is very important as well, especially to the West Side. Also as our 47, as we discuss and then as far as logistics, I still haven't heard a specific solution. I know the traffic solutions perhaps that could be in the study, but there were there are 11,000 trucks going trucks and cars going down the RTI. So where exactly would be they be moved to? Well, Councilman Gonzales, I think I can take a crack at that. It's about 11,000 vehicles estimated now.

About half of them are trucks. So that's more like 6000 trucks at the Cloverleaf at PCH. They can either go east or west at this present time, and they do so. That's a heavily traveled route. They go west, they go to the Alameda corridor. They go east. They go over to the 710. But we have that's just a bird's eye view. We have not done any environmental studies. And the categorical exemption that is going along with this project is that it's exempt from security because it's a feasibility study and it doesn't have any entitlements or funding or anything connected to it. So if we proceed to do more study and more outreach, then comes the secure piece, which is an air, complete air. And we probably would also look at the federal side, the NEPA, the the NEPA view as well. So those kinds of things won't come until we ac

tually have a project description and we're moving forward. But they will come. Okay. And so I just want to. And then outreach to other cities. I'll emphasize that as well. Of course, Carson City of L.A. to include San Pedro and Wilmington, of course. Again, just reiterating the fact that, you know, many of us sit on regional boards and to sit on these regional boards with other colleagues of ours that are from other cities, it's important that we can speak to these issues, to speak to these projects very articulately, and that we can do so in a way that really works together with these cities, not just putting a plan in place and not having worked with them. Councilwoman Gonzales We completely understand, and that's really the first step, is all the logistics of getting everybody to the table. This was a high level concept with the community. That is what was funded through the Caltrans grant. We have it's even written in the implementation, all those other folks that we need to get together with. Okay. And then lastly, I know that, uh. So asthma, of course, is a huge issue. I know that the Port of Long Beach had, um. Were that was there any talk of reinstituting asthma programs from the Port of Long Beach? Because I know that, uh, we had not been doing that anymore. So how. How was that? I'm sorry. I'm having a hard time hearing you. Are you asking if we met with the Asthma Coalition or. Well, not the Asthma Coalition. I know the Port of Long Beach had been funding some asthma programs, and so it's no longer happening at this point. So I just wanted to see what the discussion was during these community meetings about reinstituting programs like that. Right. I think that the that asthma program is run out of the Health and Human Services Department and in the West, Livable West, Long Beach Plan. We note that as an overall project in that area that we would like to continue to seek funding for. And Councilmember, if I can add, we are very aware that the asthma program was funded by the community mitigation grants. That was part of that bucket of money that was distributed out as part of the impacts from some of the port projects. And so that is coming to an end that grant cycle. And we have been having discussions with the executive officer at the Port of Long Beach over how important that program is and seeing how that can get restarted and refunded. Do we know how much that cost? Uh. I don't have a bit on my head, but I'd be happy to get that to you. Great. Thank you. And I will support Councilmember Unger's motion on that. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Vice Mayor. So in the last few hours of discussion, I've been trying to keep track so I can understand both sides of this issue. So it sounds like the folks who are pro this motion tonight want a receiver file. And the folks who are opposed to this want to receive a file. The folks who are in support of this want a traffic study. The people who

are opposed to this want a traffic study. The people who are in support of this one year fully air and seek peer review. And people who are opposed to this want the same before air and seek review. But I have a letter from the city of Carson that, you know, asked for a detailed analysis to be done to evaluate the impacts of projects on, you know, of the project on traffic conditions, noise, air quality, vehicle, miles traveled, all these things that I know are considered in a traffic study and environmental review. I have a. This green tie plan that I took the last 2 hours to highlight. And I'm just going to review page 61 says the later study phases of the Green Sky project will have to examine environmental and regulatory environmental issues, risks, potential mitigations and much more detail than has been previously addressed thus far because of the urgency and significance of these issues. It's recommended that environmental study be conducted as soon as possible to help determine the project's feasibility. Ideally, this should commence as soon as the project is defined to a sufficient level of detail. So the capital and operating costs as well as a purpose in each statement can be provided. It also says additional state and local laws and industry standards to be considered include but are not limited to CPC state and federal laws. Full range of environmental impact assessments from noise to air water runoff. A traffic analysis so significant for study. Further

study is needed to fully understand all of the traffic implications which are discussed in more detail below. Neighboring impacts, particularly on residents and disadvantaged communities such as those in West Long Beach, Wilmington and Carson. A significant issue for further implementation of the Green PSI project involves the impact that reduced lanes and speed may have on traffic in the subregion and in effective adjacent neighborhoods and major facilities. So. So I guess my first question is, when did this document get when was this document circulated the actual plan? When was this circulating? Or put put forward? Councilman Richardson. Yes, that was posted on our website about two weeks ago. Okay. And since that was put out or even before that, have we actually reached out to the city of Carson City, Los Angeles, at all, at any point? No, I don't believe we have. Okay. I would say. I see. I just think we sort folks got ahead of each other and. I see. I mean, when you just take a step back and look at it. Everything folks are asking for is here. And it's not anyone. One of these councils intention to circumvent any processes or to not speak to any of the stakeholder groups or any of the adjacent cities. But I do think because the cart got ahead of the horse. I think Councilman Durango was right in saying that we should intentionally reach out to those adjacent communities. Now, since we receive, we should respond to this letter what what they're asking for. This letter says C

ity of Carson didn't receive any information. So we respectfully request request to be included in all future discussions, deliberations. We deal with their council members on different boards. We deal with their city managers. We have a pretty good relationship with their staff. So I think it goes a long way to just pick up a phone and make a phone, pick up the phone and make a phone call. So that would be my first suggestion coming out of this. And I think that the motion on the table satisfies that. And are there any challenges or legal issues with us picking up the phone and making a call? Mr. City Manager. No. No. Okay. And Councilmember, if I can add, we agree with that point and we actually did speak with the Carson today. They called and asked for some backup on their on the project. And we explained what the next steps were. And the number one step, as you saw, would be to discuss if the plan moves forward to discuss with Carson and City of Los Angeles. Okay. So just to be clear, does any of the action tonight actually close the freeway or does it get us out of our square requirements whatsoever? Councilmember Richardson. No, it doesn't close the freeway. And. We certainly don't ever want to circumvent secure and the environmental process. And we fully intend to do that and meet with all the other stakeholders and get it all done prior to. Ever thinking. About closing the freeway. There's a lot of work still to be done. This, again, is a preliminary concept plan. We didn't reach out to a lot of other cities such as Carson, because it's just a concept plan coming out of the city. Of Long Beach. And I understand that. So my question now is about what's included in that next level of study. Tonight, we I heard about this flyover, and I can't say that I'm an expert on every freeway in that area. It's not my council district. It's not my job to be the expert in that area. But it sounded like there's a really cool project that the port is excited about. And and I know because of all of the history I know about skiing and the intention there is to remove or remove trucks and idling and all that stuff. And so will all of that be considered in the air or in the environmental study, the impacts to these other infrastructure projects? Absolutely. There's a section in the in an ER where you have to look at all the cumulative project impacts and that would be including skiing. Okay. Now the next question, does what level of design or what level in the process does this project have to have to actually achieve before you can actually go through the air process? Is there a threshold like 5% design or something like that? I would say 5 to 10%. But really when you start an environmental process, you have to have a fully vetted what they call a project description. So yeah, you would have to have at least 5%. 10 to 15 would probably be better so that you knew exactly what you were studying. Okay. And do we have that today? No, we don't. Okay. So there's n

o way we could have done that prior to now. No. Plus, this is a non funded I mean, the 250,000 from Caltrans was just to prepare what we prepared. There is no other funding associated with this project at this time. Okay. So so those are my questions. And it's pretty clear to me that, you know, the community is divided on this particular will. Stakeholders in the community are divided on this. And particularly because the process has evolved enough to even get to the point of negotiating a place where, you know, different stakeholders are happy or you have consensus on the issue. Luckily, have you know, most of the stakeholders have consensus. So you halfway there, you've got labor and business together. So now you've got to figure out the rest. I would say, you know, I

could see how since this is so new in that, you know, that's that's that brings uncertainty. And I understand how that might be challenging for business or for port entries or how decommissioning a freeway or transitioning a freeway could be challenging or even scary. But that only underscores why we should study it even more, folks, to understand it. I don't I can't claim to understand it. And I think there is a deeper level of understanding that we need here, because I don't think anyone's going to argue that we need infrastructure. But I also wouldn't say that anybody's going to argue that we need environmental justice. So I just think we're a little bit premature in general to jump to. I support I have pros. I want to learn more. So I'm glad to hear that this action tonight does not stop us from having an absolutely full EIA seek review and traffic study. So that's those are my comments and I'll be in support. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Councilwoman Price. Thank you. Can I just get some clarification on the motion that's on the floor? From anyone. Sure. I could see vice vice mayor, members of the council. I was going to ask for clarification. I heard the amendment by Councilmember Urunga, but I believe if I understood it correctly, his motion is to receive and file the Green Terminal Island Transition Plan in accordance with the terms of the Department of Transportation grant and accept the categorical exemption, and then added to that directed staff to reach out to the additional affected community members and communities affected by this project. So if I may, Mr. Park, and that would be specifically these asking for the city of Long Beach to work with the cities of Los Angeles and Carson and the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to develop a plan for goods movement that does not consider this segment of the freeway without this segment of the Terminal Island Freeway and filling us this very gaps. And I think the motion also went on to ask that we continue. Extended outreach with stakeholders and more. And provide more detailed design and potential sources of capital and operation funding, including grants. And then you'd like a report back in six months. On the p

rogress. I think the. The key issue, I think, to the culture of looking at is, is the initial receiver filed a motion. My amendment was not to receive a file amendment was to do this replace the receiver file with this. So if I may, Councilmember, I you. That's what I heard you say. But then I wasn't sure. So. Vice Mayor and council, if I may. I think the council, it's requested here that you receive the documents in compliance with the grant terms and conditions and accept the category exemption. I think by identifying that plan and accepting it, it's complying with the terms of the money that paid for it. So that's a step that we'd have to take. And and then you can add to it the portion of your motion. I think my concern basically is that I don't want to spread this. I have to go on a shelf. Right. And. Absolutely. I think that that's a concern that we may all share. And the receiving file terminology is actually quite awkward for the action that we're taking because it does sound like we're shelving it and that's not what it means. So thank you for that clarification. Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you. Yes, I appreciate that clarification. And, you know, like my colleagues who spoke before me this evening, I'm very grateful for all the comments and the perspectives that everyone brought to the table tonight. I think it's really, really helpful for all of us and the decisions that we're making. And I understand this is a long term project and the funding source hasn't been identified. And we're really talking about conceptual planning right now, and I get that. But sometimes when we talk about conceptual planning, people start to get a sense of hope about a project and they want that. And I get that. That's that's how it should be. So if we need to do any studies or have any sort of additional outreach, I think that needs to be clarified early so that everybody understands that we're going to go through that process if additional outreach is needed with the other cities or the other folks who have expressed concern and I share with Councilman Richardson, you know, it's not uncommon to hear from business or to hear from labor, but it is uncommon to hear from them together, expressing the same concern about something that is as important as goods movement. So I think it's definitely worth looking at and I just want to make sure that we're all clear that as this project moves forward, there's going to be an opportunity for all the stakeholders to be briefed and have the opportunity to have workshops and dialog. And I think that's the spirit of the motion. Councilman Urunga Is that the spirit of the motion? Okay, I think that's great because I think it's a beautiful design. By the way, the team that has designed this, it's it's a really a beautiful design and a beautiful design for an area that definitely needs it at this time . So I think I will be supporting this motion. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Yes. Thank you. You're not to list

en to all of this. I think it's very important that all of us understand that this is a long ways down the you know, the pipe. But the thing about it, just like Mrs. Ewing made the motion, that it gives us

hope. And that's what I think is so important, because the fact, especially in a district like mine, that's all most of our entire structure is about hope. And this is shown is something that I think if we do get to that point where we will find the money for this, I think it will be something that we'll all enjoy. And I want to think. Thank Mr.. Yeah. Your anger and and our colleagues here and I hope that they will support this as written. Thank you very much. Can I go? Yes. I want to thank the councilman for expanding the input stage. I, I really see a value in looking at what a potential reduction of the type freeway's movement of freight could do in terms of additional bottlenecks, delays and the such that would cause additional idling and even more health hazards. And so I appreciate the hope that Commissioner Dynes brings us with a project that would pull the trucks out of the the freeway completely and do an on rail dockside rail option that could really improve the health and quality of everyone. And I know that even today I was in a meeting for several hours where a group of neighbors wanted us to make a change, that all it did was shift the issue from their area on to their neighbors. And we're looking for solutions that resolve things. So I'm really appreciative that stakeholders of neighbors, regional and industry partners will have a forum to have a discussion. I think that over the last several weeks I've talked a lot with the community about the process that council meetings have in which you have 3 minutes to make a point , but the person behind you might make a counterpoint that you then don't have an opportunity to address because the format of which council meetings are is to allow for public comment. But the dialog and discussions that can be had at a stakeholder forum I think are the most important component of our ability to come up with solutions . So with that, I'm going to be supportive of the motion and I am glad that we will be doing an air. I think that knowing and understanding the impacts on our neighbors is a really important component of our future, and I hope that we find a great way to move this additional freight. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. And I want to thank all the members of the community and stakeholders that came out to speak to this item. I know. Although we are not taking action to. Decommissioned the freeway in the very, very immediate future. It was important to each of you to have us understand where you're coming from. I wanted to touch on a couple of things that were raised by council members that I think are really salient points here. I know staff was duly taking notes on them. I would like to highlight a question that Councilwoman Gonzalez asked, and not because you did not hear

it, but it is something that we value very deeply here. And that's a process we've heard about process for many members of the community. And and we do feel that a tremendous amount of outreach had taken place. And in outreach processes, it's difficult to ensure that everyone is included. But certainly we've heard from a lot of people today. And so these are these are the people definitely that we would include going forward in the continued outreach. As the amended motion asks for, but just our own process and my own understanding about our committee process. I've never served on the I 710 Freeway, but I do think Councilwoman Gonzales makes a very strong point that this is something that should be presented there. We have committee processes for that reason. And and there's a perspective there that regards this issue in the larger context of the 710 Freeway and Council. Former Councilwoman Turanga served on that committee and chaired that committee for some time, and I believe she would agree that this is something that should go there. So thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales, for raising that and and being honest and in letting us know that that had not taken place. So I think our internal process needs to improve as well. And the feasibility study is while it seems as though we are taking immediate steps to close this freeway and create the park space that we indicate we'd like to. It is really a first step in being able to qualify to ask that larger question and consider that larger question. And so for members of the public that felt that this meant that this was much farther down the road, I want to assure you, unfortunately for many of us that work in planning, this is the start of a very long process. And I think Ms.. Reynolds mentioned that earlier. And so community members that have been with us Saturday mornings and committed your days. Unfortunately, it's not over. It's much longer process than that. So I ask all of you interested on either side of the issue to maintain your stamina and follow this project through? This is something that Mr. Ulysses Jeff Sky had mentioned to me in 2006. And so while it might be new to some of us, it's not new to all of us. And I'd like to thank you, Brian, for your ardent and strident advocacy of this issue. It is something that you have worked on for quite some time, as you have many other projects. And as a member of the community who many of you have commented that you don't get paid for volunteer time. I will submit to you a lot of people don't get paid for their volunteer time. And Mr. Liszewski spent the better part of ten years advocating for this. And I live in

the city. You live in the city? This is something that we can see through. It is not impossible to imagine where 11,000 trips a day can go, how they can be diverted. When a community inspires a will to improve its quality of life, they do think it's worth our attention and our time to take note and allow ourselves to ask that question.

So this council is not afraid to ask that question, even if it is a process that will take ten years from now. So, Brian, I thank you for that. I thank you for never taking your eye off the prize and holding us to it. Would that council members please cast your vote? Motion carries. Thank you. Item 25 Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 fourth Departmental and Fund Budget Appropriation Adjustments Citywide. Item 30 Report from Public Works and Financial Management. Recommendation to enter into on Bell financing agreements with Southern California Edison to fund the Con to fund the conversion of the city's streetlights to LED fixtures citywide. It's very much my Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Price. Councilman Andrews? Yes. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I want to start by thanking the mayor for initiating the project. And I think there's a very important, you know, that we continue these efforts to, you know, include all city lights. And I am particularly partial, at least smart grid in that concept allows the certain areas of the streets to be very, you know, illuminated brighter for the public safety, you know, response. And I think that's good for any area, especially when you're in a certain part of town where that lighting is so dense. So I truly want to thank the mayor for bringing this to an end, making sure that all the streets in the city of Long Beach will be lit up. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. I echo those comments. I think this is a very exciting project. It's a huge project and it's really going to help us be able to use the technology in the future to enhance our public safety resources and capabilities. So thank you to the staff and the team for carrying this project through, and I understand it's a huge undertaking. So thank you. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I think what's most notable, most notable about this is the innovative, innovative way that we finance this. But I have a question. I know that we're that these there are certain smart capabilities with the these this lighting system. Aura or Mr. West, could anyone just explain to me or just quickly know what our smart lighting abilities with this project? Aura Honorable Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Honorable Richardson. Good question. So the product that we have chosen has the backbone and the capacity to accept future technologies. So what we're doing is we're purchasing additional backbone with each streetlight fixture. There will be a 77 prong receptor, which will accept a future device on top of each streetlight. So these devices could be wi fi, could be remote devices to dim the lights. It could have capacity to turn them on and off. It could have capacity to flash them. There are some technologies out there that let's say there's a 911 called you can have the system to brighten the lights within that street. They can also flash within the closest address to that street, to that address where a 911 call is being

done. You could have a system that could call and say, you know, I need repairs, I'm sick, I need I need some attention. It could also accept future technologies that which we don't have, we don't know yet. So it's it's like having your receptacle at home. You can attach so many devices to it. When the receptacle was invented, we didn't know we're going to connect the TV or radio or satellite dish at one point. So the backbone is being provided. I just want to mention that we should be proud. City of Long Beach and and staff my staff. I want to thank my staff for doing a great job and getting \$6 million. The city of Long Beach put practically no cost to anyone. This this is going to be the largest conversion within the United States as far as streetlights are concerned. There have been larger conversion that has already occurred, but currently this would be the largest conversion going on. Did I answer your question? I think you did. I think nobody can articulate it the way you do. Are. So. So I just think it's good that we know that this I really see this project as a gateway to looking at that future technology. You know, there's stuff like ShotSpotter we talked about in the past, and there are mechanisms being developed now that just attach to a light pole and provide the exact same, you know, where you can detect where a gunshot is in and triangulate that by having this technology built into the light pole. So I wanted to make sure that we didn't just vote and approve approve this without us fully understanding where we can go with this, because this is really amazing work. So congratulations are and and I'll be voting in support, obviously. Thank you. There's been a motion and a second. And there's no member of the public that wish to address the council on this item. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Cane. We are at ordinances. Report from Public Works recommendation to receive supporting documentation including resident

ballot summary into the record. Conclude the public public hearing and request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code to establish preferential parking District 80, as recommended by the City Traffic Engineer District five. Thank you, Mr. Modica. Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of the City Council. The presentation will be given by our Malloy and our Director of Public Works. Honorable Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Honorable Council members. The item before you is for creation of a permit parking district ADA and Council District five. The residents of this district, especially on the east side of Clark Avenue and adjacent streets south of Hartwell Park, conducted contacted the city in 2000 for expressing concerns about the negative parking situation in their neighborhoods caused by the construction projects occurring at Long Beach City College. The city implemented a temporary construction permit parking district on June 1st in 2014. Parking restriction signs were posted during t

he street closure. The streets closest to the LVC campus. The duration of this temporary permit parking is 18 months and the city traffic engineer at that time determined that this will terminate in December of 2015. But the residents of this neighborhood are very concerned with the migration of students and overflow parking in the district, and they have requested that we expand or implement a complete permit parking district in the same neighborhood and also expand two more streets. In order to determine the support, we conducted a survey and we received numerous ballots from the residents. Total of the total of 79 homes in this district. We surveyed all 79, which received 63%. 63 homes were responded to the survey and 54 were in in support of this district. And nine homes were not in support of this district. We have received 68% support from the neighborhoods for creation of this district. We're requesting city council to conduct a hearing and establish this district permanently for Council District five. And this will be called a district aid. That concludes my report. And we're here to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you. Can. Is there any member of the public that wish to address the Council on Hearing Item one? Please come forward to state your name. Good evening. My name is Carol Shaw, and I live in the. Proposed. Preferential parking district area. I've lived at my current address for over 30 years. I'm a retired employee of the city of Long Beach. And I'm. Also the president. Of the neighborhood watch for for our neighborhood. This preferential parking. District request is is the result of more. And more building at Long Beach City College and increasing student populations and demand for parking. This has been an ongoing problem for. The last over 10 to. 20 years. It just keeps growing more and more every year. Because the college has grown. More and more and they have taken away parking actually, or moved it further out and so and restricted all the parking on the other side of the campus. So this has. Continued to be more and more of a problem. And the temporary. Restricted parking was very successful. And so we are hoping that it. Will continue to. Assist. Us in alleviating these problems with. Students parking and speeding traffic and trash and filling the streets, which. Is really a relief not to have. Any longer. I would like. To thank Stacey Mungo for. She's been a great assistance. In helping us resolve this problem. Thank you. Good evening, members of the City Council. My name is Dawn Hainsworth and I reside at 39 Jen Clark in Long Beach, directly across Long Beach City College. It's also known as the Forces Neighborhood Group standing for Carson, Conant, Charlemagne and Clark, which are the boundaries, the boundary and streets. The residential neighborhood east of Long Beach Stadium is referenced in your exhibit, I think in your handouts. While the recommended agenda item States of the City was contact in 2014,

efforts for the city to address the problem date back to September 19th, 1997, when I first contacted Mr. Edward Shikata, who was the acting Long Beach traffic engineer at the time. We've been hoping for this day for over 19 years. When we thought our home in July of 1995, we were aware of issues associated with living in the proximity of the City College, but they were tolerable. Student parking was minimal and usually lessened after the first two weeks of the semester. In 1997, 1998, the north side of Carson and Lakewood Village were given preferential parking status due to student parking issues. This migrated students to our side of the neighborhood and every year it's been an increasing problem with the proposition. E There was the passage for the parking structure which was supposed to alleviate parking issues. However, it really didn't address the to the extent that we needed it. The bond measure e continued with the \$440 million expansion that Carol alluded to with New Castle classroom construction. And again, it migrated a lot of the classes to our site, to the southern side of the Carson Avenue. Then our neighborhood is not affluent or rich and upper class. We're not seeking anything more than to enjoy our homes and the ability to park in

front of them when we get home at night. Just this past summer, at least a dozen new families there purchased new homes and moved into our neighborhood. And the majority of these are new young families with small children who frequently are walking and taking their strollers down the sidewalks. The biggest I would say one of the biggest advantages that we've had to the to the permit parking is the effect it has had on traffic or lessening the traffic going through the neighborhoods. Our streets are safer not only for the residents, for the students as well. Students that are going back to their cars that late at night are running a risk of being burglarized or worse. And just as Carol alluded to, the trash and. Items that are left out in the streets that I don't even want to mention have have basically disappeared. Passing the item will not only help relieve the traffic to parking and safety concerns for both residents and students, but it will help Long Beach City College restore relations between its neighbors, faculty and students. Thank you very much. Thank you. Good evening. My name is John Martinez. I live at 3911 Greenbriar right next to Carroll. One of the best neighbors in the world. Being a 17 year resident in the affected area of Greenbrier in Hanbury within the proposed 80 parking district, I stand as a strong supporter of establishing preferential parking for our area. 18 months ago, we were fortunate enough to receive support from our prior councilwoman, Sherry Ship, Ski and the Public Works Department to utilize a temporary solution to ease concern over graded parking congestion, which was going to impact our neighborhood due to construction at Long Beach City College. The neighborhood

had dealt with parking issues before from college students prior to the construction and as a concern for deeper impact during the build. The city was kind enough to offer us a temporary solution. The benefit of the temporary program was a great test bed for our neighborhood with virtually no cost to us and or the city as to gauge its effectiveness. The results have proven to be very positive. Less traffic on the streets, less garbage left behind by the students. Less heinous activity in the neighborhood related to drugs, home and car break ins, fornication and flat out bad behavior in our adjacent park area. After reporting all of those within the current footprint, it was evident that this was the right path to continue on. During our early discussions prior to the temporary program, the offering was clear. If the results proved to be positive, we had the option of pursuing the permanency of this program, which is why we are here today. I would like to applaud the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees and their support for our neighborhood. Stacey Mungo for everything she's done and listening to us and taking our our message out and with with regards to our endeavor, I would like to offer the same gratitude to the city council if they approve this recommendation for us. Thank you very much. Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to address the Council on hearing item one? Ken, I'll take it behind the real Councilwoman Mungo. Yes. If I could get those that are in the audience today from the forces. I know many of you, this is your first time to city council. If I could get you to stand. I appreciate that you're here to support. Even though each and every one of you didn't take a three minute time. Coming down to City Hall is a big deal. And I appreciate each and every one of you. I know we've spoken with many of you at several different meetings. So I want to thank you for that. Feel free to be seated. Specifically when we talk about the safety involved in walking back to our cars. I know many people know that when I walked back to my car back in college, in graduate school in L.A., someone was breaking into the car next to mine. And and there are a lot of safety precautions on the campus that students benefit from when they park in those parking structures. And I think that the adoption of ADI permit also encourages that safety for the students who may not know the area as well. I think that our communities are safe places, but when people who prey on our our neighbors know that a student is going to be away from their car for several hours, they know general start and end times of classes. That is why we have police officers assigned to Long Beach City College and to their parking structures. Additionally, while garbage is a nuisance, more importantly, it clogs our storm drains and the residents in the community have done an exceptional job both before and during this temporary parking permit. Time to maintain our community. With

El Nino coming, it's even more important than ever that we take on our daily walks each day a moment to pick up trash that we might see. I want to thank all the members who have stuck with this. I know that it has been a very long process. I ask the members of the community of the Council to support this item and the residents efforts for so long. And I'd also like to communicate the support from the Board of Trustees of Long Beach City College. Individually, those that I've spoken to are all very supportive. And then also the foundation and Jenny Baxter as the executive director,

has been a great partner in this effort and really getting us over the final hurdle. And I hope that I will have the full support of the council this evening. Councilmember Richardson, would you like to address the motion? Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. There's been a motion and a second. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Hearing item two. Okay. We are doing management had a request to take to take 15 and then the Edison an item. So we're taking a 15. Minute. Communication from Councilman Price Councilmember Supernova Councilman Andrew's recommendation to request the city manager to report back in 90 days on a timeline and costs associated with hiring a consultant to assess and review the newspaper and magazine collection for preservation. Think you're going to turn this over to Councilman Price? Thank you. Oh, that's okay. I would like to thank my council colleagues, Councilman Super nine, Councilman Andrews, for signing on to this item with me. Claudine BURNETT, former head of the Literature and History Department with our library, approached my council office about the preservation of the Long Beach history collection. Mr. BURNETT and many others are concerned with the fragile nature of the community newspapers, particularly from the 1950s through the 1970s, that need to be preserved through professional digital digitization. The Long Beach history collection has considerable asset value to the library and to the city as a whole. If the collection were to be lost, the cost to provide access to this information or information of equivalent scope and depth would be daunting, if not altogether cost prohibitive, leaving the city and the region without its history and making the Long Beach Public Library a less attractive institution for local researchers. Taking appropriate actions to ensure the protection of information and assets is a significant interest for the city of Long Beach. The most crucial priority is preserving, digitizing and access to the city's unique newspaper collection. I appreciate the city manager and the director of Library Services providing the City Council with a roadmap on how best to preserve our Long Beach history collection and for assisting us in developing this agenda item. I want to thank the folks who have reached out to our office in support of this item, and I want to request that my council colleagues sup

port this item. I know that the cost is probably going to be high because this is an important function and it's going to require expertise. But I think it's very important and we should at least start looking into what those costs and resources needed are going to be as we move forward. Thank you. Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Price. That's okay. Is there. Is there a staff report? We just stand ready to respond. We're totally supportive of this. Okay, Councilwoman Mongo. I, too, am very supportive. Do we know what percentage of our newspaper and magazine collection is unique to Long Beach versus the magazines and newspapers that are being digitized by the county library, which we are a part of the county library system and other many newspapers are digitizing their own. Is that a part of the assessment? If it's not, can we edit or do I need to make a friendly. I have to ask Glenda Williams, our library director, to respond to that. Good evening, Councilwoman Mongo. As far as your question is concerned, the project will look at the newspapers in Long Beach. So looking at the Press Telegram and its predecessors, the Independent and the press telegram and some of the newspapers that we've been able to put in our collection from the different neighborhoods. So that's what we'll be looking at digitizing. And we're coming back to council with the report, and you'll be working with Lang to see if they're already doing such things and what access might cost instead of the single digits ourselves. Oh yes, we look at all aspects of it we can. Wonderful. I appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Yes. First of all, I'd like to thank Councilman Price for asking me to sign on for this item, because I've been here in Long Beach over 70 years and I truly know the value of the documents. And if these are, you know, not to be served, we could lose some of the historical information that makes Long Beach, you know, the great city that it is. So I'm looking forward to receiving a report of the city's management office. On the cost, you know this preservation. And thank you very much, councilman for Councilwoman Price. Melanie Sonnet. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzalez to and to extend my thanks for bringing this forward to Councilwoman Price and Cosigners Superman and Andrews. I think this is great. Certainly something that we need to think about. I had asked I have a question because I had asked in our last meeting related to the Civic Center about mitigation efforts. And I know that our director, Amy Burdick, had talked about supplemental air. So how does that relate to this? If, you know, if it does come out that it's going to be a large cost and how would we fit that into what we're looking at here? Again, Glenda. I'm Councilwoman Gonzalez. You're asking how the Civic Center project will help with this particular effort. Is that your question? Yes, from my understanding, the last meeting, Amy

Burdick had mentioned the supplemental E.R. that n

eeded to come back to to review whether what type of mitigation efforts we could put forward for the library, the poor, the courthouse, with this play into that at all, since, I mean, it is something that we're certainly interested in doing. It's actually councilmember. I'll try to answer that question. I believe the question is whether or not digitalization is something that we should be looking at as part of the Civic Center project. The answer is yes. We definitely do intend to do that. There are some funds in the budget. They are FY16 budget that were set aside for us to begin studying digitization for all of our documents, not specifically just library. But it's something we're very cognizant of with the Civic Center project that we should be going to a digitalization of all of our records, that we're not bringing over a tremendous amount of paper into the into the new building and the new library. So while this is a separate effort, we'll also be looking at that and examining the cost of what that will be to move towards digitization, digitalization. Okay. So I just want to make sure in the mitigation efforts wouldn't be related to this, as from what I'm. Because I'm not clear on that from your answer. I don't recall a specific mitigation requirement, but we can certainly check with AMIA and see if there is we'd we definitely need to do that. Because I remember her mentioning an assessment of potential historic artifacts, which I would think this may fall under that. So just if we can get clarification on that and bring that back, that would be great. Certainly can do. Thank you. Thank you, counsel. Thank you. I guess I'm a little confused about the request in the first place. I take it that we don't have currently any kind of digital digital aging ability of any of our records at the present time. Correct. Or do we? Councilmember Turanga. Currently we do have our photos digitized now on the library's website. And so we we have those items digitized. We also have some of the early city and county directories, those ID also digitized and also available on the library's website as well as some of the yearbooks from our local high schools. So we are presently. Digitizing some some documents. Correct? Currently we are working on our photograph collection. And this request is to expand that to include periodicals, newspapers and other items that we might lose if we do not move in that direction. Yes, sir, that is correct. Okay. Now, I just heard Councilmember Gonzalez just brought up the the Civic Center efforts as well. Is there a possibility of just basically. Not who is it? Grandfather and grandmother in in this project with that one instead of having somebody separate. So Councilmember Urunga, as I understand the request, it's simply to bring back some information and do some study of what this would cost. So we'd be happy to do that, and then we'd be able to provide some information about whether and when to, you know, when to actually do t

hat type of work, whether we should be doing it as part of a larger overall effort or separately, and what the cost is. Well, the only reason I'm bringing this up is that, you know, I see a better use of those moneys instead of using a consultant to go ahead and digitize documents that need to be digitized. I mean, why are we going to spend money on a study, another study to come back with a study of a report when we can just go ahead and proceed to start digitizing those documents that we need to digitize, especially those that that McWilliams can determine are high priority in regards to their potential loss if we don't do it at a sooner time. So we agree we wouldn't be spending money on this study at all on this item that's in front of us. This is just to gather information will be providing options of how to do exactly that. Well, I guess you're not getting my point. Is it just the study? I mean, how about using a much more constructively about just go ahead and use that money to digitize. That's basically what I'm saying is why are we going out to contract? To study how much it's going to cost. When we're already spending the costs that could be used towards digitizing. That's basically what I'm saying. I mean, you know, I just I'm just trying to get a handle on spending money where we really don't need to, where we could spend that money already towards the effort that we want to accomplish in the first place. That's basically where Matt. I guess it's a rhetorical question. But let me maybe add to that just a little bit. No, I appreciate that, Councilmember. I think looking at the bottom line, which is good, I think what the makers of the motion are also trying to get to is that this is an incredibly large and complex project. There's a lot of of materials and opportunities to digitize that part of the collection. And so I think we really need someone to take a kind of professional approach and review and see what's there and then prioritize those options. And Councilman Price Sure. We actually included that in there in consultation with the library, because a lot of this material has some legal and copyright issues and things that we need expertize and identifying what can be digitized, what should be digitized, how that interacts with our

city website. And we don't have the resources, that is my understanding, in-house, to be to have that type of expertise. Is that right? That is correct. We'll need some assistance with this. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongeau. I might also add to that that there are a lot of grants out there that are available. Once we assess what our need is, we'll be in a better position to go after some of those grants. And then, as many are aware, this year, the Library Foundation did an excellent job in fundraising and they improved upon prior years. And projects like this are things that we can often go out and get donors for as well. But we have to know the scope of the project before we get too far ahead of ourselves

s. So I'm once again, I'm going to be supportive of this item and thank you to the community member who brought this to Councilmember Price's attention. Thank you. With that, I've got a public comment. Good evening. My name is Claudine Bernard, and I'm a retired Long Beach Public Library librarian who for many years oversaw the city's Long Beach history collection. Thank you for your service. Well, thank you. And I hope you've read some of the things I've sent you out to. Yes. And we're going to have a new one tomorrow. And what was happening here a hundred years ago in 1916. In fact, on January 11th, the city council voted to extend overtime payment for all city employees. Anyway, I'm getting ahead of myself since I couldn't say all that I wanted to in 3 minutes. I sent you an email last week outlining my thoughts, and I hope you've read it. And in September, I also sent an email listing my concerns about the collection. And the email included two lists. The needs have already been identified. List one included unique, one of a kind Long Beach newspapers. I'm sorry, Glenda. It was not the press telegram that's already been digitized, and these have been crumbling for years in the periodicals department. And it basically represents the history of all of the development of the city that occurred after World War Two. So for future his book Story INS, they're going to need that information if we're going to continue to have an on going role in the history of not only Long Beach, but Vallejo, Southern California and the nation. Well, in the emails I stressed the need for identifying, preserving and allowing access to local resources currently in the cities. And please note I mentioned city not libraries collection, and perhaps something not realized by people in City Hall is that the collection houses city documents going back over 100 years, as well as the local newspapers and newsletters we're talking about tonight. And during my stint as head of the library's literature and History Department, which oversaw the Long Beach collection, I made sure that once a year a memo went out to all city departments, telling them that anything that they were considering discarding should be offered to the city's history collection. And what an amazing treasure trove of city information that others thought useless ended up being preserved in the Long Beach collection. And the problem with every one with storage and it's a problem we have today. Now, digitization seems to be the answer to the question of storage space and an answer in rescuing the crumbling resources in the cities. Long Beach Collection Also needed is a database listing the items in the Long Beach. Storage room. Because currently the library maintains an old fashioned card catalog of items in storage. But the cards are so vague, you really have no idea what's actually there. But questions remain about the city's own reports. What is happening to cities? The city's digitized documents, once they're

taken off the city's website to. Time, is all up. Oh, okay. Well, I thank you. Thank you very. Much. Okay. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name's Kate. Huizar. I'm the interim executive director for the. Long Beach Public Library Foundation. And I wanted to thank you, Councilwoman Price, for putting. This recommendation on the table this evening. The foundation sees. That digital archiving of the library. Collections is vitally important to preserving and honoring the history of Long Beach. So we're fully. Supportive. Of this recommendation to hire consultant excuse me, to assess and review the newspaper magazine collection for preservation, to also identify funding sources. For completing this digitization as well as a timeline for doing so. I'd like to stress that there is some urgency here. We believe that the digitization should be complete before Main Library's resources are scheduled to move to the new building so that. We can ensure their protection. Also, the Foundation is very interested in being part of the conversation to help fund the process of. Digitization and preservation. And we also want to be. Part of the conversation. I think we already are up to this point about how archival materials will be stored and. Access in the new main library. So thank you. Thank you. Thank speaker, please. Thank you. Maureen Nealy, Termino Avenue, Third District. Thank you to Councilwoman Price and Councilman Andrews and Super Knorr for your visionary leadership in taking this important step towards preserving long beaches, unique

records. And thank you, Mayor Garcia and the Council for considering this important island. I'm the owner of House Stories, Research Consulting business for Long Beach properties, companies and neighborhoods of which local history plays a huge role, of course. And as a. Special librarian. For over 25 years, I have had access and reading rights to historic collections all over California, including places like the Getty Research Institute, UCLA, the Bancroft Library at Berkeley, the Sherman Library, as well as the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. And I say that because I am very familiar with the Long Beach collection. For over six years I've been using it, and I can say from my experience, the depth, uniqueness and economic value to city projects is immense. The newspapers contained in storage run the breath of, say, Long Beach realtor from the 1920s. The Long Beach Ink from 1984 to the Long Beach area. Citizens United Citizen News. Beginning with the founding of this game changing group in the mid 1970s. The Long Beach Review, the Los Altos Call. Enterprise, The Wrigley Bulletin and the Uptown Signal tell of the uncommon genesis of. These individual neighborhoods. These newspapers, though, all have three. Things in common. They are in various states of deterioration. They are mostly unavailable elsewhere, and they are all virtually inaccessible to the public right now. But the Long Beach history collection benefits

every department in this city. It benefits every resident in the city. In particular, I join with Long Beach historians, writers, news reporters, businesspeople, academics, city staff, consultants, realtors and market researchers in urging the council to approve this item that will. Hopefully result in a realistic. And effective preservation and digitization plan for the historic newspapers and journals currently held in storage. This is an exciting time for Long Beach. Modern technology, access to new funding sources and creative partnerships can make this new plan a reality. With Council's help tonight, our decisions about our future will be. Buoyed through knowledge of the past. Thank you again for considering this. Really appreciate it. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Very good. You, Clark, as you dress. Obviously, I support this. This is a fantastic concept. And that's particularly since I live in the third district. And there's a lot of history there, particularly with the Olympic history and the and the 32, the 32 games in the Marine Stadium. The library has an excellent. A file on that which should be digitalized. And I would also suggest going checking with the local news media, which surprised me a number of years, about six or ten years ago when we had the X Games here, I think it was ABC News. I was in there, one of their editors, one of their broadcast trailers there, and they had fantastic film clips of the 32 games that took place here in Long Beach and actually all over L.A.. So to the extent it's possible, I would reach out with other paradigms within the county and see what they have and commit those or get those digitalized. And what's interesting I if you'll check on your email tonight, you'll find an email on the one, something I was referring to earlier today, something from the UCLA archives. And there's no reason why Long Beach can't have. History like that recorded such a way forth. And I think it's a fantastic and I thank you for bringing that forward. It'll be a great asset to the city and particularly get the photographs. It shows the red card lines. Down during the Olympics where people were the red card came down along the finish line and there were about five or six cars where people are standing on top of the red cars watching the game, the games. In fact, there's a large photograph of that down in the library. It's about the length of four seats and so forth. But it's a fantastic thing and a fantastic educational opportunity. Thank you. Thank you. We have a motion in a second. And members, please go ahead. Cast your votes. And I'm not sure which resident brought this to Councilman Price's attention, but thank you. This is a very important thing that we need to do. So thank you to Councilwoman Pryce and the agenda measures of this item. Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Motion carries. Thank you. Now we're moving on to item 17. Communication from Council member Richardson, Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilman Price and Councilm

an Austin recommendation to request a resolution in support of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February. Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. National Teen Dating, Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month is an effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February. Unfortunately, dating violence among teens is more common than most people know, according to a recent all national recent national survey. One in ten teens reported being hit or physically hurt, hurt by purpose or hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend once in the last 12 months. In addition, one in four teenagers have been in a relationship where a partner is verbally abusive. By supporting the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, that's

that's a mouthful. We as a city can bring awareness to the issue on a local level and demonstrate our commitment to fostering and supporting a healthier community for all. And we're going to hear during public comment from Candi Lewis, executive director of the Positive Results Corporation. Ms. Lewis will share with us what her organization is doing to help address teen dating violence and how we can support their efforts. And with that, I'll move to move the item. It's a motion in a second, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson, for bringing this forward. I think it's really important we make sure that we're talking about teen dating violence, both traditional and also via social media and other formats. It's really important. Our teens are certainly the future, and we want to make sure that, you know, that this council is very supportive of what you're doing. And hopefully, if you are going through anything, you can seek support. But I look forward to hearing from the public and hearing a little bit more about this issue. But let's stay on this. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on the item? Seeing nonmembers, please cast your votes. I didn't see over there. I. Let's let that lady make a few comments. Thank you, Mayor Garcia, Councilmember Richardson and the esteemed council members. My name is Candy Lewis, and I am the executive director of the Positive Results Corporation. We are a nonprofit, and our mission is to address teen dating violence and sexual assault in youth and communities of color. Teen dating violence is an epidemic. And the numbers that you've heard are just reported. The reported numbers are dismal, but the actual numbers are even worse right now. 90 every 90 seconds, a girl in the United States is assaulted. But that's only reported. That's a girl this over 12 years old. And so we're not really showing those correct numbers, according to our surveys that we have personally done in the last five years. We've had over 2200 people that we've surveyed. 37% were African-American. 43% were Latino, Latina, 9% white, 5% Asian, 33% Pacific

Islander, two Middle Eastern, 2%. Middle Eastern. 48% of youth and young adults have experienced sexual assault, dating and domestic violence by the sixth grade. 60.3% of youth and young adults report being hit, slapped, grabbed, pinch, spit, act, and over 60% didn't realize that they could be in a dating and domestic violence relationship. Teen dating violence looks like physical assault, verbal abuse, emotional mental, physical stalking and of course, cyber. And we thank you very much for bringing this to your to the city's attention. It is a national resolution. And because of your support, we'll be able to bring local work, a local commitment here into the city of Long Beach. There's a lot of work that's already being done, but it's not nearly enough because all of our children are impacted. Violence and abuse actually starts in the womb, and if we do not address it, we are going to have a worse problem. Right now, the numbers are 36% of every pregnant woman is physically assaulted. 36%. If we were to turn around and look at the audience and ask them, how many of you have experienced teen dating violence, domestic violence or sexual assault? I'm sure almost everyone would be because every one of us is impacted by it. If it's not in our family, it is in our neighbors, it's in our children. And so I thank you very much for bringing this to light. We do have additional information that we will be happy to share with you. I also have something for you all. I brought our brochure that talks about the work that we do. We not only address teen dating violence and sexual assault, but we also address bullying healthy relationships. Because if we do not talk about healthy relationships, we won't be talking about any relationships as well. And our organization has been partner with all state foundation to eliminate teen dating violence and sexual assault. And so I have a little something for everyone. Thank you, ma'am. Time to time is up. If you can just leave the stuff for for the clerk. That's for you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Any other public comment on this item? Okay. Seeing none members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Motion carries. Item 16 report from police recommendation to receive and file the application of the breakfast bar for a premise. The premise and person to person transfer of an ABC license at 78 Atlantic Avenue District two. Thank you, sir. Staff Report. Commander Conant. Good evening, honorable mayor, vice mayor and City Council. Item 16 is an application for a type 47 on sales. ABC License for a restaurant. The restaurant currently operates under a Type 41 license authorizing the sale of beer and wine. The license will authorize the furnishing of beer, wine and other distilled spirits to the patrons. The police department. Has conducted and concluded their investigation and does not anticipate any adverse impact with the issuance of this license. That conclu

des my report and I'm available for any questions. Thank you. There's been a motion and a second. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on this item? Seeing None

members cast your vote. Councilmember Richardson. Motion carries. Report from City Manager. Recommendation to award a contract to Pelican Constructors for Construction of the Convention Center Performing Arts Center Pedestrian Bridge on Seaside Way. Project for a total contract amount not to exceed 9.2 million. District two. Okay. There's a motion in a second base. Mayor Alonso. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know that we have a staff report, so if we can hear that, that'll be great. Absolutely. Mr.. Mr.. West, this is very, very exciting as it is. This is. Incredibly exciting. This is going to. Be a landmark in the downtown for our convention. And visitors bureau bureaus and all that. I'm going to give this over to Tom Modica, who's been heading up Tidelands, and he'll give the staff report with Eric. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the council as the city manager and the mayor mentioned, and Vice Mayor Lowenthal, I'm sure, is about to mention. This is an incredibly exciting project. We have been looking at how to provide some better connectivity down at our convention center. We have a tremendous amount of visitors down there every single year. But if you've ever been down there, you'll notice that times it's very difficult to get from one side of the convention center over to the Terrace Theater. Those are two of our are major attractions. And right now the way to get there is to go down the stairs on seaside way kind of back through the back alley is what it feels like in order to get back up into the convention center. So in a partnership with the Convention Visitors Bureau, the Convention Center with Vice Mayor Lowenthal, with the mayor, with our city manager, we've really looked at try to re-envision what that could look like and come up with something spectacular that we could be very proud of as a city and also help boost our convention business. So this is going to be an asset that will actually help bring in money. It's paid for by Tidelands dollars. And I'd like to turn it over to Eric Lopez, who's going to give us an overview of what the bridge is going to look like and what the major details are. So, Eric. Thank you, Tom. And an honorable mayor. Members of the city council. The project is located on Seaside Way between the existing convention center, public promenade and the Convention and the Performing Arts Center Plaza. Currently there is an existing system of bridges and access ways that link the major cultural and civic institutions along Ocean Boulevard and Shoreline Drive. As depicted in the pictures on on these lights. The seaside. Seaside way in itself suffers from major disconnection and a lack of flow between the different facilities, which affects the convention centers ability to book additional business. The bridge will fill this major

gap in the network. The design intends for the project. It draws inspiration from the city's history as a major seaside town and is formally conceived as an abstraction of a breaking wave. What a deck that is composed of multifarious strands of elements paving, seeding and landscape that simulate a boardwalk environment. And I will now show you one of the renderings. The the bridge will feature. Unique LCD lighting accent elements, and it will serve as a gathering space, not just as a as a means to get in from and to the different convention center and performing arts facility. So here's a rendering from the deck. This is adjacent to the existing Salvation Army building. Looking westward, as you can see, there are benches, the landscaping. This is a rendering of the daytime hours. We expect up to 1.8 million people that visit our facilities annually to to enjoy this. This is a new location at nighttime. The bridge is designed to consist of both a combination of security, lighting and lead. The color changing lights. Will be able to be programed. For to showcase a different variety of color schemes. And things. Some important facts about the project. It's estimated to cost for construction alone, \$9.3 million. The number of existing users that would directly benefit is 1.8 million. In addition to any other visitors that that may visit the the bridge. It is designed with the intent of being 100% walkable and will include amenities like drinking fountain as well. The total length of the bridge is approximately 600 feet. It is estimated to be completed in the first quarter of 2017 and it is definitely going to increase the area's connectivity and the flow between the different convention center complex facilities. This concludes the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Vice Mayor. I'd also like to really thank the vice mayor for constantly keeping this as one of the priorities for the for the Tidelands area. And during the difficult time when we had to actually reprioritized Highlands dollars, really looking and making some sacrifices and some other projects in order to make sure that this project was able to move forward and is going to be a tremendous asset to our downtown. And with that, we're available to answer questions. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. Actually, the first thing that you want to. I'll go to four. I did. Thank you. I just wanted to have the staff presentation first. I wanted to thank the staff as well as our development team that will be doing the adjacent development for. Really hanging in there for several years on this issue. I think it dates back beyond 2012, but 2012 was probably the first time we had heard from the TED conference in a really

solidified way how difficult it was to access the different assets that they used during their conference. And CVB has been really clear about how much more marketable and functional our conventions would be if we had those. And so all of these secret pathways that we all know and

we know how to get to from in and around the different bridges and the different hallways and stairways and all of that is as quaint as it is. I realize how exhausting that could be for someone that's absolutely new to this city. And so I'm very pleased with this. I'd like to thank the Convention Visitors Bureau for being a good partner in sharing with us how what are the different things that we could do to actually improve the assets and services that we offer to the public and to our residents? And and really just to improve the accessibility and walkability on this not only on this pedestrian bridge, but it talks to the entire narrative that we have going on in downtown development, that it is a walkable place. I'd like to thank staff, especially those that worked on the Tidelands projects, especially Mr. Lopez and his team, for looking at this bridge as not just a access way from point A to point B, what else can be done that in a downtown environment, you have to have multiple uses for each of the assets that we install. And I'm really, really, very pleased and proud to see the benches and the fountain, the drinking fountain opportunities, just spaces that can be used in different ways. 600 feet may not seem like a lot, considering 5280 feet would be a mile. But it is a lot. It's quite a lot. And I, I envision that we will use this space and the community will come up with interesting ways to use the space, just as they did with the with the promenade and how they're not just walking through it, but looking at it as opportunities to create a public living room. So I expect this to be a part of our public living room. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. You mean Gonzales? So, yeah. My bad. I'm Councilwoman Gonzalez. That's okay. I just simply wanted to say congratulations to city staff and Vice Mayor Lowenthal, who I know has been very involved in this process and downtown continues to look better. I'm glad we're finally at this point. So thank you. Councilman Richardson. So I just want to say this. Look, this is spectacular. I really I really think this looks great. I had a tough time figuring out where exactly it is. But I think between Pat and myself, we figured out where this thing is going to go. I think something to note, which actually makes me pretty excited, is that these architects. SPF, these guys are the same folks that are designing the new Highland Park Community Center. And by this standard, I mean the fact they were to take something very simple and really make it beautiful and elegant and something inviting. And I love the term public living room. I think that's great. I think we have a lot of stuff to look forward to with our proposed Highland Park Community Center. If this is any way, by any means, a standard. So thank you so much and congratulations to all. Catherine Andrews. Yes. Thank you. You know, I'm looking at this and I think this is fantastic. But as you know, I'm always looking at where are the jobs com

ing from? How many jobs would be created from this situation and where are they coming from? So this is one of the projects that will be covered by a project labor agreement. So we do have local jobs that will be associated with this and tidelands. The definition is a little bit broader than our local one, but we will be looking at local jobs, as many as we can for this and for the number of jobs. I'll ask Eric Lopez if he has an estimate. We have the number of jobs that it will help retain for workers that are residents of the city of Long Beach. And that number is five. Five full time construction jobs for residents within the city of Long Beach. There's going to be hundreds more construction related jobs than for the overall project. And those would fall under the region, the regional part of the project labor agreement. But the regional also could be Long Beach people too. So absolutely. They certainly think five is not completely accurate, I think. So five has to do with it. When we look at our bidder, they actually have we asked always ask them how many jobs do you currently employ in Long Beach? And so that's that number, that's five. As we go out and look for jobs, those hundreds of jobs that we'll be constructing and will absolutely be trying to get as many as Long Beach opportunities as possible to and we'll be using our play as well. I guess I just like to get a chance to speak with you on that, if you don't mind. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on this bridge? Come forward, please. Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. Gary Shelton. Again, I wish the two empty seats were filled so that this could be completely unanimous. I'm so excited about this project. I want to mention to you briefly to tell a short story, if I can. 15 years ago, some of you might recall when when I had my wheelchair and I was learning to walk and stuff again and and going up and down, seeing from ground level Ocean Boulevard and noticing a whole bunch of signage, advertising signs in the in the front yards of the the high rises on Ocean

Boulevard between Alamitos and Golden. And I thought, hmm, okay. So I wonder what this is all about. And I learned that that 80 foot strip inward from the curb line is Linkin Park and Santa Cruz Park. And that those signs were in encroaching encroaching into that parkland. And so I created a community event called Picnic in the Park, and it was a beautiful, sunny Saturday afternoon. There were 200 people that were throwing volleyballs and playing croquet and having picnics and and this and that simply to illustrate to the folks that lived in those buildings that they had a front lawn that was a park that they were entrusted to maintain as a park. The Victory and Santa Cruz Park guidelines include the area above sea side way on the top of the bluff as a public property and any buildings that have been built there since the time of the instigation of Victory Park and Santa Cruz Park guidelines have to have that as open spa

ce and open to the public. This, I got to tell you, folks, is without any kind of an argument, the most forward looking, dynamic, appearing addition to the city in compliance with the Victory Park guidelines that maybe they didn't even know that that's what they were doing. But this is such an exciting thing and I am so glad to be able to anticipate now. I think we've got nine folks there, nine folks to vote for it. Thank you so much. Any other public comment? I echo the comments about the Victory Park and an important the nice job the community has done on that. I wish you people were here about 20 minutes ago when we were talking about the budget situation and the financial crisis this city faces. I fully support the visitors and the convention bureau, but we are not in a position to spend \$9 million at this time for a project like that. The convention bureau has built the convention center has been here. As long as I've been here. And people have always found a way to it. Period. So until such time as we are in a financial position to do so. I would shelve these plans. We don't have the money. Again, go back and listen to the tapes for those people who were here about 20 minutes ago or 40 minutes ago when we were discussing the budget. And maybe you'll get a better understanding of what the concern is. In addition, if you want to know what it looks like. I just invite you to come down here some evening at Lincoln Park around the library and see what's here after 6:00. Or on Saturday or on Sunday. And that's what you will see gathered around that new walkway. And if you don't. Think that you really have no understanding of human use patterns and so forth. Thank you. Thank you. Before we go to the vote, just as a reminder, this is the Tideland Fund. This is not the general fund. And so very different funding sources. Members discordant Castro votes coming from. Councilman Andrews. Motion carries. Thank you, Miss Brassard. That concludes public comment. So thank you very much. Moving on to the agenda item 11, please. Thank you, sir. It could be a motion in a second. Any public comment on the item? Casey, no public comment. Please cast your votes. Sir. Are you? Hold on a second. Do you have a comment on this item? This is item 11. I think I do, yes. Okay. Please come forward. What is the justification? I'm sorry. Because it the it's not posted. What's the justification for council canceling the meeting on the Ides of March? The meeting is being canceled because the council's added to meetings and so we're removing one in March. So we added one at both of the dark Tuesdays of the last two months. So the Ides of March, I. Reminds me what that always brings back Roman history. And one of the things I'm always conscious of that because I travel every day, as many people do on something called the Appian Way. Which, if you've done your history, was. One of the first roads in what was the greatest empire on the face of the planet. For generations. F

or years. For centuries. Until. Until. It started traveling down paths such as this council and quite frankly. Many portions of the state and the country are traveling. Which will, in the final analysis, as I pointed out, render this republic something. If you want to know what your grandchildren's children. We'll be living in. I would suggest you go down to Guatemala or Honduras. Because this is what's going to be. Their future. Our future here. Is again, it's on a downward spiral. I remember about five years ago, I, Bob Foster, didn't want to look at the clip I brought up from the Titanic, that iconic scene where the owners, the captain and the ship's architect were gathered in the ship's architects office on the ship. It was pointing out what the realities were when this whole world gets filled with water. We're all right. When this one. It's filled, we're all right. But when it gets here. It's over. We're going down. We've passed that point. Now the only thing we can do is make it a little bit better for ourselves. And I. Think that it would be inappropriate to cancel. The meeting of the Ides of March, but rather come back and give some reflection. To what you've done and where you want to go and what will be visited upon this city. In the coming. Years as a result of some of the buffoonery we've seen here tonight and other nights. Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Members, please cast your votes.

Motion carries. Okay. It's okay. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilman Andrews and Councilmember Odinga. Recommendation to request the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission to create a report to review and explore the costs of restoring the former senior food programs and to discuss the connection to transportation and request the city manager to report back to the City Council no later than 90 days regarding the senior meal program. Thank you. There's a motion and a second on this. I'm going to read this over to Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to bring this forward. This actually started with a friend of many of ours in downtown. Her name was Ruth Ricker. She lived at the Plymouth West. She passed away late last year, but before she passed away, I would often have coffee with her at her favorite spot off Broadway in the second District. And we would talk and she would tell me about the senior food program at Chavez Park. And she was very passionate about this program. And she said, you know, Lena, if you ever do anything in your district, please look at reinstating this program for seniors. There are many seniors in our area, especially around Chavez Park at Plymouth, West Park, Pacific Towers and many other buildings. And whatever you do, Lena, make sure that you just look into that. That's all I ask of you. And so in keeping that promise to her, unfortunately, I couldn't do this while she was alive. But I'm hoping that she will be able to look at this and be very proud. My next step was to talk to one of the indiv

iduals that I hold in very high regard, our downtown Don Darden. Our he is on the Senior Advisory Commission and I have our other amazing senior advisory commissioners here as well. And I really appreciate them being here in support of looking into this for us. But I believe that, you know, when speaking with Don, he had also mentioned that this was a great avenue to look into. In addition to this, we know that some of the transportation avenues have been changed around by Long Beach Transit. And so I know that some access to the senior center, you know, is cut off and you have to pay. And then there's some avenues along Chavez that may not make it easier for for individuals to get to those programs, even to go to the current senior programs that we have now. So this is where we are here. And I am looking to send this to the Senior Advisory Commission so they can look into this and further review this. But I'm really confident that they'll come back with some great information. And I thank you for your work. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you, Lina. Thank you so much for bringing this forward. Senior meal programs are a cornerstone of many of our communities, and I too am very supportive. I hope that the report will include the utilization of C one and C two funds for senior meal programs that come down from the state agency on aging and seeing where that could take us. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Yes, I want to thank you also, Councilwoman Lena, for bringing support. I'm very fortunate to be able to have a senior meal in my district, but that was through private entity. And I'm just hoping that this will come back with some positive, you know, input on this because as a senior myself, I can tell you that every penny does count. And when it comes to good nutrition and meals, sometimes you have to sacrifice to pay, you know, for medication or other healthy related issues. So I am 100% in favor of this item, and we must support our seniors where we can. Thank you very much for bringing this again to the diocese. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. And I also want to add my thank you to Councilmember Gonzales for inviting me to participate in this very important report here. I also want to include out, however, that there are many retiree retiree facilities in the seventh District. And I would like to have inclusion in there the possibility of expanding the program other than to those facilities that are already identified. Here to look at the possibility of opening up opening up another center at either Silverado Park or at Advocate Park as well, is very nice to see the possibilities of expanding the program as well , since so many seniors do live in West Palm Beach area. Thank you. Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez, for bringing this forward. You know, we have meals and bus service at the Highland Park Senior Center, and I think it's essential that all parts of town have acces

s to that. But really, this is an opportunity to look at the whole system with fresh eyes. There's new leadership with Long Beach Transit. There's a new leadership here in Long Beach. So I think we this is a perfect time to relook at the system again, see how we can improve on it. So thank you so much for bringing this forward and I'll be in support. Councilman Austin. Yes. I do want to also thank Councilmember Gonzalez and the rest of the council members for bringing this forward. We have embarked on senior programing at the expo in the eighth District. And I can tell you that engaging our seniors or aging population is extremely important. And if we can provide meals and

transportation and support for them to be able to, to, to, to fellowship and to and to engage in activities and just be a part of their community, I think that's that's also important. So I will definitely be supporting this. I would also ask that you look in the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Commission. Look at the the eighth District at the Expo. Look at the model that we have put together on. And I know a winning cadre and a number of you have participated. I see the Burgess here in the the early formation of that that that activity, but also looking at a sustainable model that that will help us also feed our seniors and make sure that we have quality programing. So thank you again for bringing this forward. And I'm happy to support as well. Thank you. Councilman Price. Thank you. I, too, want to thank my colleagues and Councilwoman Gonzales for bringing this forward. I do have a question for city staff. We referred an item to the Senior Advisor Citizen Advisory Commission. Gosh, it has to be about a year ago, maybe more regarding a report on senior programing. And I haven't heard anything back. Do we have any update on whether they've been working on that issue or. Here comes Kelly Colby. She might have an answer to that. Hey. Good evening. So there have been there have been three different requests over the past six months or so around senior issues. And what we are doing at this moment is we are updating and revising the the senior strategic plan. Within that within that document, what we'll be doing is including action steps for a full understanding of all the different services within the city of Long Beach and how we start to coordinate those services. So we'll be looking at a system about of coordination of services and then the actual services themselves and starting to look at where are where are we meeting the needs and where are we not, and to build from there. So it's sort of a well we're hoping to do is put all of that into a single document that will be coming forth and to present that to you in April. And that will be a coordinated with the department, Health and Human Services, the Senior Commission. And Parks Rec and Marine Park Marine. Okay, that's great. And I'm glad to know that this is a really good conversation to have because we as a district, as

the third council district, have been thinking about senior programing in the third district. So we haven't been working with the city other than Parks Rec and Marine on it in terms of what other efforts are going on for senior programing. We're really looking forward to bringing something different to the third district in regards to senior programing. Some of the ideas that we've had, our kind of more holistic empowerment, wellness kind of, you know, meditation and taichi and yoga and those kinds of things, as opposed to the traditional courses that we often see, you know, that we offer. We wanted to offer something different in terms of offering kind of a wellness type senior center where it's kind of mind, body health, all of that. And so we've been exploring ideas, and we would love to be part of that conversation so that whatever we do is synergistic to what we're doing with the strategic plan. Okay. Yes. The strategic plan in many ways is also focused on those. Who are most at risk, seniors in terms of social services, housing, transportation, meals and all of those kinds of things. And then we'll also be in connection with Parks Rec, Marine, around senior programing in senior sites and in other community locations. Great. Thank you. Sure. Thank you. Any public comment on this item? Please come forward. Good evening, Mayor and Council. Women and councilmen and staff. Thank you all for serving this great city. I'm Mary Alice, the I'm the chairperson for the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. And I want to say thank you to Mayor Garcia and to the Council for appointing me and our commissioners. It's been an exciting journey for us to learn how the commission is supposed to work and learning the process, the guidelines and the rules. And it's been an asset to develop our leadership skills and doing something for our seniors in the city. Also doing a lot of research, asking a lot of questions, attending meetings, going to events, and also visiting the senior centers. We will continue to engage so that we can be of help to our senior community. We are in receipt of the memorandum that was just read dated March 1st, and that's to create a report and to explore the cost of restoring the former food program and also the issues with transportation. So we will be working on that and bring you back the information. Our commissioner, Ruth Raker, passed away in July of 2015 and she was a strong advocate in support of free meals for our seniors. She lived in downtown with other seniors, and she understood the great need for good nutrition for those most needy with a limited income. Nothing is more critical to people's health and food. Hunger is a health issue. Some of our seniors come to the senior center and that's the only meal that they might have for the entire day. The consequences of poor nutrition are devastating. Older Americans are 60% more likely to experience depression and more than 50% more likely to suffer a heart attack. The Suppleme

ntal Nutrition Assistance Program, which is a federal program, is called SNAP, only gives \$127 a month. That doesn't cover for good nutrition. Bringing back the food program would be a great tribute and a way to honor our past commissioner, Ruth Ricker. This is the land of plenty and there shouldn't be anybody going hungry. I appreciate your time. And let's celebrate our accomplishments. Accomplishments together. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Mayor and council members. My name is Ben Rockwell. I reside at 75 West Street. Unfortunately, many of our seniors, while they don't always get the best of nutrition, a lot of people don't realize that our seniors and persons with disabilities living on SSI in addition to their Social Security, to supplement it. While they may be getting much less financial moneys, they are not eligible for the SNAP program of getting extra food dollars. This is something that is horrendous that has been foisted upon us by our state and federal governments. Not only that, just this last year, our fire department. Has started and making charges to individuals when they have to come out to pick us up to do assessments or taking us to the hospital. That assessment is \$250. That is well over. One third of my income after I pay my rent. That's as an exorbitant amount of money. Yes, we can go in and request that the fee be waived. But I did that over a month and a half ago for my first meal that I received. I have yet to hear at that fee has been waived. This was something that is of concern to me and I know many other seniors because seniors are more likely to have to have pick ups and be assessed by the paramedics than any other group of persons. So, please, I would like to hear back on that. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Surely you start seeing your consultant pastor swarm group and associates with regard to seeing your care and and the meal program. I would like to raise the issue that more than likely we're thinking of people who are housed, seniors who live inside of housing. However, in most of the parks, Lincoln Park has a large homeless population who are seniors. So with the committee chair and persons who recently spoke, please make a note to yourselves. And I'm speaking to counsel. With regards to Singh, there are a large majority of the homeless population are aging people who are outside of doors. So as you think about restoring meals. We're going to have to expedite a way so that these people who are homeless will be able to get to those meals because now they're being cited groups. Some groups are being cited for taking food to people who are homeless, if they are lodging in the parks, if they're along the street. I've gotten away with a lot. I've been able to feed some people in the park, although I've been told lately that it was against the law. So when you're thinking about restoring food. We must lift our side to be young people who are hous

ed and include those persons, those senior persons who are homeless. Some of them, as I over the recent Thanksgiving holiday, I was passing out food and money to these people. And it is a heartbreaker when you realize that unless some expedited help gets to these people, they're going to die right there. On the grass. So as we think about food programs. Don't think people who are in houses, you must include people who are outside of doors, who are seniors, and the majority of them will remain right there. Because Homeless Services is a very overlooked operation in most cities. I've traveled to three counties now over seven years, and I've seen the same problem. Seniors are a forgotten group. I saw a man sitting on the corner both in Ventura County and Orange County, and he sat on that corner in a wheelchair, homeless. We must lift our sights beyond people who are in houses with regards to the meal program. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and fellow council members. I am Commissioner, one of a cadre of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. I'm here to address the problems seniors are facing, trying to keep up with the shortage of their funds. Inability to reach the senior centers where nourishing meals are served daily at a minimal cost is an ever growing problem. Seniors need these meals to survive and should not have to pay for transportation to get to them. I speak from experience. I have been an orphan since the age of four. And without government assistance, I could not be here today. So I commit my life to serving the public. I have volunteered since retirement at age 81 in our schools, hospitals, seniors centers, churches and the Long Beach Police Department. I'll be I'll be 97 next month. And with God's help, I will continue to serve. Thank you. Oh, my goodness. Gary Shelton's my name. 240 Chestnut. I live in Plymouth. West Coast is just about a block and a half from here at Plymouth West. I serve as the community contact. I think if I have a title and all the community contact to the to the resident advocate network it's called ran our and and I think you can tell that this issue has maybe touched a nerve. There's fully 5% of the residents from Plymouth West here right now. In fact, if you don't mind my turning around for just a second, a lot of them are in the back row. If you could raise your hand if you live in Plymouth West, you know, there's looking at the audience

tonight, there's there's a lot of shades of gray and white and bald in the audience where we represent, where we'll all be one of these days, you know, God be with us. And I think I counted the votes. I think I'm kind of talking to a choir here. But the one thing that I was that I was that took me kind of by. Surprise. Was and I really appreciate that. Miss Collopy said that she hopes to present in April a senior action plan that I would look at as sort of a bureau, address or bureau. And this issue of the senior meals and the nexus they may have to th

e access or lack of access to transportation to those meals will simply be one drawer in that bureau. And I'm not sure that between now and when these action plans, which take, as you know, many, many months to to create, I'm not sure there's actually time for this one to populate that dresser drawer as well as maybe it could. But one thing I want to do is stand before you right now and suggest that we stand ready to the point that we can communicate out to the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and to the point that they can reach out to us as well. In the various locations where seniors live, not only senior buildings, but senior neighborhoods in town, to find out just how impacted we have been by the loss of transportation and the loss of food programs specifically. So I really appreciate this opportunity to get that point across and hope that we have a lot more information on this and a lot more meals in the future. Thank you so much. Great. Thank you. I apologize. I got hit while I was walking in San Pedro and I'm still recovering. I want to thank, first of all, Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. You're my hero. Dee Andrews, Councilman, your anger. Thank you for bringing this forward. And I know that the rest of you will support this because you have seniors living in your your various council districts. Now, Gary stole a little bit of my thunder. I want every senior who's in the building right now to raise your hands. Every senior, whether you live in Plymouth West. Great. Okay. How about the peanut gallery here? Our friends together. You know, we've got a lot of we have a lot of energy here tonight. We have a lot of talent. I have been a published writer, a magazine editor and a grant proposal writer. I hereby Takashi, I hereby will. Devote my life to helping the commission. And if there's any way that we can persuade anyone who might be a little reluctant. Because of cost of money. And whatever, there are funds out there, there are a lot of funds. The government, believe it or not, knows that we're here. And if they don't. Yet, they're going to. And we're going to let this roar. I have seen personally, through my help in the community, the need. And so many of the seniors are shut ins or they're a little reluctant to get involved. They don't have to get involved. They just have to let us know, let you know that they're there. And so we want a friendly face to the community letting them know hunger. Hunger isn't really necessary. There are there are many ways to fund these programs to help the individual who might be afraid. Of a government. Person. And I'm not a government person. And I hope that each and every one of you, whether it's Patrick West, who I met at one of Lena's events. Or Mister or City Attorney Parkin. We want your support. We want this to go forward. We want it to be effective. Not a money waste K, not a money wasted. And if we can help you in any. Way, shape or form, we're here to help. And I'm sure I'm not going to speak on

behalf of Gary and Beth Seno and some of the other very creative and brilliant people who live at Columbus West. But we want to help. We want to make this. Happen, happen efficiently. And and. Meet the people who really need it. Okay. Thank you very much. Thanks for listening. And again. I apologize. Thank you. Good evening, everyone. You have your sparkling faces there. And we are sparkling seniors because there is Super Tuesday. People are voting in other parts of the country and we're here. So I just wanted to let you know, something of our commission is small but mighty, and we just got ourselves together. So the 2016 mission statement of the Senior Citizens Commission is to advocate for new thinking and science of aging for the culturally diverse population of the older adults in Long Beach, and broaden knowledge in the areas of education, safety, housing, health, transportation, technology and the quality of life. Now, to improve the quality of life and health and to cut the isolation of seniors. Where are hot lunches? Well, Councilman Lowenthal, you have the senior center in your district, and it's a wonderful place to go visit. Councilwoman Mongo, you have that wonderful Eldorado Park. Councilman Andrews, huh? You have McBride Park and Councilwoman. Councilman Richardson, you have Halton Park. And all of you have these lovely warm lunches for our older adults at parks and recreation sites. And Councilman Austin, I want to applaud what you have done and worked with to bring lunches to the expo, because that was a wonderful first step. I hope that you have had time to visit these, Mr. Mir Garcia. I hope that you'll take the time to go out and visit the seniors at those programs. Now for the

health and quality of life of older adults. More needs to be done. What's missing? Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilwoman Price, Councilman Super Na, Councilman Urunga. You all have to visit other locations because there's nothing in your area. I really want you all to please consider the positive effects of this food program and these food programs for our older adults and for the homeless. I think that's an excellent point for us. For those people that Chavez in or in honor of Ruth Ricker, that's important. Silverado and and Admiral Kidd Park. There are many others but please this needs to be done. And Long Beach. All of you every one of you sitting there looking at me and the audience. You need to have skin in the game. And I really appreciate that you're taking the time to listen to us tonight. Thank you. Thank you. Another public comment. Please come forward. Good to be giving skimming. Good evening, mayor and city council member don darn. Our is my name. I'm in the first district, Elian Gonzalez. We've been working on a lot of issues and we're very concerned with the seniors. Me being one course of the senior population is one of the fastest growing segments of our of our society. In case you didn't realize that it's one of the fastest growing. So t

here's lots of needs there and it's going to continue to get even stronger. I agree very much with this feeding program, and I'm glad you brought it up, Lena, because we, too, my wife and I felt very close to Ruth Ricker. And I think this is an opportunity to do something in memory of her and honor of her. And I think it's a great thing. Um, I, I'm, I've been to the Chavez Park many times. I go there kind of regularly. And I've noticed since the feeding program stopped there a year and a half ago, two years, whatever it is that the seniors the seniors don't come out anymore. They don't come to the park. We need senior programs at the parks and we need senior feeding at the parks. They don't seem to feel quite so comfortable just coming to the park. The feeding program was a tremendous help in doing that. So not only do we need to feed them with it, with the need those that haven't been able to get it, but we need to be able to get them there, too. Transportation is definitely an issue. As a matter of fact, just two, three months ago, back in December, Long Beach Transit had a public meeting at international school. There was 75 people that showed up, most of them seniors. And we gave all our opinions about the problems with transportation, especially the one that they were cutting out the passport. It no longer goes above third Street. It was at 10th Street. And seniors at that point in between there came down and used it very frequently. And we even suggested some alternatives that they could provide that would that would satisfy everybody, both Long Beach Transit, as well as the seniors. But unfortunately, of those 75 people that got up and spoke, they were ignored. It nothing happened. We offered an option of how they could do it to please both sides. Just, you know, as the bus now comes across Third Street, just go up seven blocks to 10th and back down over to Chavez Park and back. And they continue the route. That's all we have to do. So it seemed to me like there's some some funding, some opportunities, some grants that could not only help feed the seniors, but also if Long Beach Transit is hard up and can't afford to listen to seniors. Maybe we can help subsidize just a few more block extensions of of the present passport bus. So that's that's something that we'd like to see you help support us to do, to think about those things. If we can come up with some sort of funding, grants, anything you can think of, please come forward. Thank you. Don't. Thank you. Thank you. Is there any other public comment, Mr. Song? Honorable Mayor. City Council Member. My name is Charles Song, the chairman of the Cambodian American Civic Engagement Committee. I am here to comment on other issue, but since we brought up the senior issue, I think it's only appropriate for me to take a moment to acknowledge and applaud Councilman Diane Drew for keeping the hot meal for a senior, especially in the central area at the McBride Recreation Park, especially for the Ca

mbodian senior. Thank you very much for doing that. I can't imagine, Andrew. And thank you. Thank you. See no other public comment. I'm going to take this back to the council now. Councilwoman Mongo. So first, I want to thank each and every one of you that serving on the commission and for your thoughtful public comment today. It's important that we have leaders who are passionate about the commissions they serve on and your attendance and your thoughtfulness and your comments that, you know, many of our our staff go to your meetings to listen in are just important. Many of you have encouraged us to go out and enjoy time with the seniors. But I'll tell you, I put on a hairnet and scooped food for the senior, delivered home, delivered meals. I'm sorry for the congregate meals where they sit together. And then I also went on right along for the home, delivered meals, and today spoke with the pastors in our district about the home delivered meal

program and the areas of which we have applicants available, and then the areas where our faith based community can step up. Our Home Delivered Meals program both has an ethnic component and a non-ethnic as is our congregate meal program. And I think that localizing that and taking more local control and, and our health department taking a lead through your leadership is a big part of that. We talked a lot about transportation today, and a lot of the MTA grants for seniors go into multi-year extensions until they expire because of knowing and understanding the senior community's needs. And that changing demographic as seniors get older and move into different communities has been challenging for those organizations. And so we here in Long Beach are so fortunate to have you and your insights and your guidance. And we appreciate you very much. So thank you. And I hope we can continue to work together. I know that I've talked with some of you about some of the bus changes we're talking about with the health facilities that are all moving around in the fifth District right now. Because as those facilities move, one component of that is the added distance that seniors will need to take to walk when they get off at the bus stop. And so we're taking that into consideration and we're looking at that. And so I appreciate your comments that come to our offices. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. I just want to thank everyone for their beautiful comments. I think Ruth would definitely be very, very proud to hear that this is being looked into. And I look forward to the information coming back and your hard work. And thank you, everyone from Plymouth West. It's just lovely seeing everybody yet again, but on something very positive. So thanks again for every one's work and I look forward to hearing back. Thank you. With that member's piece, Peace. Gordon, cast your votes. And as they do that, I want to thank all of you for coming out today as well. And thank you for serving and really important work. So thank y

ou so much. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you all very much. Thank you very much. Okay. We're moving on to public comment now. The first three, I have Larry Goodhue, John Dietz and Shirley Bouchard. Jason, please come forward. Thank you. We're going to go to item 33. They were going to go to a public comment. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Wodonga. Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to present a proclamation and celebration of such Chavez's legacy through support of our local Long Beach moving forward. Citizenship and Dakar Initiative. Partnership. A Brighter Future includes new American immigrant families and students. Oh. Okay. Thank you, Mayor. I first want to start off by thanking Central Cha C Jessica here in the audience and so many of our community partners in in working with Central Cha to make sure that we are reminded every day of the legacy and work of Cesar Chavez. And they certainly put that legacy into action. And in recognition of the day of March 31st, we will be issuing this proclamation to which I'm very, very proud. It's such an honor to have Cesar Chavez Park in the First District, along with Jenny Oropeza Community Center and as ever, Central Cha and their partners, including the California Community Foundation, the Immigrant Rights Coalition, Interfaith Coalition Organization, and our city departments are busy organizing a big citizenship fair on Sunday, April 10th, to assist legal, permanent residents and youth who qualify for DACA. This work is every day and we know it's a very hard work and we know that the individuals that are involved seeking the citizenship, seeking the support, certainly deserve that. And I am always supportive of that. And I now would like to invite Jessica Quintana from Central Cha to come up and share more about her work, but also about this proclamation, if you'd like to do that. Thank you so much, Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Robert Garcia and Councilman Richardson, so much for your support and your leadership in this initiative and knowing how important it is. And I also want to recognize Councilwoman Price for kicking this off and bringing this beautiful celebration here today. I have never been in council so much where there has been so much love and joy here. So thank you so much for that because, you know, our city is definitely a very diverse city and we are so fortunate. I know Councilwoman Red off all our collaborative members with Central Charm, the Immigrants Rights Coalition and the Interfaith Community Organization. And all of us individually work very hard in this city to help our immigrant families, whether it be through citizenship, whether it be through tax assistance for our students to ensure that they complete high school and go on to college and get a job and also support to their parents. But for the first time ever, you know, we as as organizations here has formed a collaborative and it's Long Beach moving forward for a brighter future that in

cludes all immigrant families and students here in our city. And so we've been very successful not only to be recognized as the city of Long Beach and doing this hard work, but across the state of

California. And now we put together a regional collaborative that not only expands to Long Beach, but it also extends all the way to the bridge, to San Pedro and to the right of us, all the way through Hawaiian Gardens and Artesia. So that has been the hard work of your groups here in the city of Long Beach. So we just want to thank you for your support. We want to also recognize the legacy of Cesar Chavez here in the city of Long Beach and and thanking you for that support. We truly appreciate it. But also just to have the partnership with the city of Long Beach, I can't tell you how important it is going to be going forward and helping our families to become naturalized citizens, to be able to come more civically engaged in their communities and helping the students. So right now, our organizations has resources and we have assets to be able to provide our city in partnership and work with all the various departments, with Parks and Recreation, with the library services, with neighborhood services, with the development services to really reach our families, to be able to help them to become naturalized citizens and help our students. Right now we're doing fee waivers, so we're all trained to be able to help with fee waivers for those who are on meets benefits and be able to get and waive that \$680 that that's cost so much for working families and for folks that are on on benefits. So we're a resource here. We, you know, invite you to to come to our celebration on the 26th will be processing applications. We'll have attorneys there. And, you know, we truly need your support. One more plug. I also want to invite you to another huge workshop that's happening in the city of Long Beach. And this is again through our leadership of our mayor, Robert Garcia, who's going to be doing this huge mega workshop on April 10th. And it's going to be at the convention center. And it's working not only with our organizations here, but our partnership organizations in the city of L.A., with Charla Advancing Justice, Coffee and California Community Foundation . And so it's going to be a huge, huge push to really help our permanent legal residents become naturalized citizens. So we invite all of your leadership to be there that day. I do want to say something. I just want to say thank you for having us here today. And the Lumbee Immigrant Rights Coalition is happy to be, you know, working in collaboration with IKO and Central Asia. And we invite all of you to come attend our event on March 26. Good evening, everyone. I just wanted to say thank you on behalf of Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization. As well as our partners here. With Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition in Central Asia. We're really excited to move forward along this work. Of course, this is

work that's going to continue on for over a year. So we're really excited for that continued support and hopefully our fellow community members here, anybody who needs that assistance, that's exactly why we're doing this work is for all of you guys. So thank you so much. Thank you, Councilman Durango. Thank you, Mayor. I also want to thank Councilmember Gonzales for inviting me to join on this and this occasion. Citizenship has always been an issue that's been very important, not only for Long Beach before our country, and honoring Cesar Chavez legacy for the work that he's done for immigrants. But workers rights for basically creating equity and equality for all. Has is well known a Pulitzer Prize winner, a Pulitzer Prize winner, Nobel Prize winner that hey, he he's up there that really recognizes the wonderful work that he's done. And Central Asia, as the premier Latino organization here at Long Beach. And the work that you're doing is absolutely amazing. And you're right. And every day there is someone coming to this country and every day they need that support and to help towards a path to citizenship. And I only hope that this is the beginning of a realistic and working, workable immigration reform in the future. So thank you for your work, and thank you for all you do for the city of Long Beach. Thank you. On this and Central Asia, thank you for being a regional voice and bringing those other communities together. That's our role here in Long Beach to, you know, other communities may not have the means or the voice to speak on this, but you provide that resource and that's important. So thank you so much and keep up the good work. Thank you. Thank thank you. Councilman Andrew. Yes, I thank you. A councilman woman Gonzales for this because I truly honor the teaching of Cesar Chavez and his leadership to our people. And I commend all of the organizations who work together to improve, you know, our immigration policies, as well as helping students and their families create a better future for themselves. And thank you again, Jessica. Thank you, Councilman Andres. Yes, Councilman Price. I, too, want to thank Councilwoman Gonzalez and the coauthors on this item. And thank you for everything that you do. You educate us regularly and you do a lot of great work for the community. So thank you for being here and thank you to the councilman for the item. Thank you again. And you guys know I love all of your work and I'll just one more plug the the citizenship event that's going to happen on on the April the 10th, I think will be probably the largest naturalization

citizenship event ever to be held in the city of Long Beach. It's a huge countywide effort or really proud of that. And I know there's a lot of partners from around the county and region coming together for that for that event. So I'm happy to be a part of that and support that event as one of the hosts. And I look forward to see you all there as well as the other events happening. So than

k you, Mayor. Thank you very much, Jessica. And the whole team. Thank we had the proclamation to present to you formally. So will the mayor and myself will come up and give that to you. Thank you. And is there any any other public comment, I mean, separate of the presenters here? Seeing none. Thank you to the proclamation members. Please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Hello. Okay. We're going to actually go and do item 17 quickly, which is just appointment of council members to one of our our council committees. Sir. Can I get a motion in a second, please? Any public comment? This is the school board's joint. And now we're going to be doing item number 20 via email on that. Communication from Vice Mayor Lowenthal. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilwoman Price. Councilwoman Mongo recommendation to recognize the role women play in transportation in the city of Long Beach. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to thank everyone that is here today for trying to see people behind this, but. In honor of National Women's Month 2016, I would like to formally request the mayor and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the role of women. The role that women play in transportation in the city of Long Beach. Women all over the world hold key positions in transportation industry, whether they are building automobiles and spaceships or designing them. There's still enough there's still some ground to be made up related to the gender gap. But thanks to the early innovators, pioneers, adventurers, engineers, scientists and inventors, women have a strong foothold in the future of transportation. We have the port and the port affiliated organizations Long Beach Transit, MTA, Caltrans, the airport, all of these giants that help us get people and merchandise in or out of, as well as around our city. And at the heart and soul of these giants are many amazing, talented women. With us tonight, we have representatives from most of the entities that I just mentioned from Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, PMC. We have Michelle Grubbs here tonight. Michelle has been an international trade advocate for almost. For PMC. Michelle was employed by McDonnell Douglas and Boeing for 13 years. Future Ports is dedicated to ensuring a healthy and. 14. Kerry is responsible for planning, construction operation and maintenance of the state freeway and highway system in the region and has been with Caltrans for 25 years. From Long Beach Airport, I'd like to recognize Carolyn Carlton Lowe and Claudia Lewis. Carolyn is our operations and facilities bureau manager and Claudia is our manager of finance and administration. Owned and operated by the city of Long Beach. Our airport is a consumer favorite in the region and one of the world's busiest in terms of general aviation activity. Presently, the airport covers 1166 acres and has five runways. Delorme Transit is governed by a seven member board of directors and two city designees. Our entire lobbies transit board is female, excep

t for one, and I couldn't be more proud of the women chosen to represent this agency. Maricela de Rivera Chair. Sumi Gant Vice Chair. Mary Zendejas Secretary and Treasurer. April Economides. Colleen Bentley, Nancy Pfeifer, Barbara Sullivan and Amy Bodak. This board, which represents an entire agency full of dynamic women, provides broad policy and financial decision setting direction for management. Also being recognized tonight, but not. Here are three of our harbor commissioners, Lori and Guzman, President Luann Bynum, Vice President and Tracy Gorski, secretary. The Port of Long Beach is governed by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. And it helps create policy. The harbor department employees employs about 400 people, many of them women from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. I have recognized Diane Dubois and Karen Hite, who are also unable to be here tonight. The MTA is the Public Transportation Operating Agency for the County of Los Angeles and directly operates bus light rail and bus rapid transit services. I'd like to thank these women and I ask them to rise at this time. If you are here, please and come together around the podium for a certificate of recognition. The City of Long Beach would not be the transportation hub it is currently without the significant contributions of strong women past and present. Without a doubt, the women being honored tonight play an integral role in the development and advancement of transportation and are committed to excellence in the transportation industry. Thank you for being here and thank you for your service. Councilwoman Gonzalez. I, too, just want to congratulate every single woman that is up here. I think what Vice Mayor Lowenthal said is is exactly right. Every single one of you have

been a very important part of the expansion of the betterment and success of our ports, but also our goods movement, our transportation, our city. And I'm so very proud of that. It's amazing what key positions you each hold in your respective industries and your respective organizations. I also know that some of you refer to yourselves with the ladies of Logistics, which I'm really excited about, and it's been wonderful getting to know every single one of you in everything that you do. And it's nice that you'll be able to tie in business as well as environment, transportation and green space. There's a beautiful, healthy balance in everything that each of you do. So thank you very much and congratulations. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. Thank you. Ditto for me. Thank you for all that you do. I think that having strong, courageous, innovative, hardworking women in our community is such a positive asset and benefit and resource for all of the community, especially our youth, to see us doing so well, to see you doing so well. And in especially in a transportation industry which historically has been a male dominated industry. So to have so m

any women involved in goods movement and mobility is just very impressive. Thank you. And, you know, I have to say, it also keeps you looking young because I was looking at some college photos the other day and I have some pictures with me and Mary and she looks exactly the same. So apparently being on this side of the dais does not do the same as being an active member in the transportation industry. So thank you for all you do and for your service. Q Councilman Andrew. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I think this is a great legislation, so I commend the Vice Mayor, Lowenthal, for bringing this item forward. You know, this is another step, you know, towards affirming that Long Beach is a city that stands for equality and commanded this amazing women for their role in keeping Long Beach, you know, mobile. And I want to thank each and every one of you and keep up the good work. Thank you. Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you guys can hear me this time, right? Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you to the authors, Vice Mayor Lowenthal and others. And I just want to say what a tremendous example you all are making for our community, the youth of our community, for other communities to look up and see. These are key players that are in leadership and the industry that is sort of chief here in our community, in our region. So I think it really says a lot. So thank you. Congratulations to you and keep up the good work. Thank you. And Councilman, you're Ringa. Thank you, Mayor. At the risk of sounding sexist, I find nothing more sexier than a woman in power. And you're all women of power. And I want to thank my council members for bringing that here, because they are also women of power. And without women, there is no Long Beach. So thank you very much. Councilman Austin. And how do I follow that? I'll just say I would agree with him. And I am just just I admire each and every one of you for the contributions that you make to our city, to our region that you have made. I know that many of our are the plans and the advances that we are making in terms of mobility, freight movement, active transportation throughout the city of Long Beach. But the region that makes Long Beach the example that it is for, for the region comes from the leadership of each and every one of you. And so I just want to say thank you and keep us moving in the right direction. Thank you. Councilwoman Mongo. We are a young council and we stand on the shoulders of all of you who came before us. Thank you. Thank you. And obviously, I know all you. I've appointed half of you. And so thank you for all your for your service. And we're going to that the photos going to be with the women of the of the council. So Councilman Price and Councilman Mongo can go up there. They're going to take a photo with you. I'm going to wait for you to get married. Yeah. Okay. I want. Good. I get all that? I'm ready to go. What happened? Oh, I thought, you know, if I never

had a negative. You always got, like, a third of those certificates, but you tell them, like, you know. And just like. If you can have your. Apprentice certificates in front of you, like, that's. Yeah, wonderful. Gambling in their. Mind. Programs program. Just keep smiling inside and. We're having a contest. For that picture. Okay. I don't know. Oh. Okay. We I'm just going to ask if there's any really public comment on this item. I don't think I don't think there is. I like that. Okay. Seeing no public comment on this item, there is a motion and a second. Please go and cast your votes. Yes, you. Yeah. Oh, really? Okay. Councilman Price. Vice Mayor Longo. Okay. Uh, go. Ahead, sir. Vote. Motion carries. When we had that. Go ahead, make your comment, Ben. They had their own council members. I'm very pleased with our transportation. And because of these women and others working in our transportation agency, long major transit is going to be one of the first transit agencies in the nation to go with electric busses requiring no overhead wires. I rode the first one last Tuesday around the city. And tried it out. It is absolutely marvelous. Thank you. We're moving

on now to item. We're going to go to item 33 then. So you have public comment on this. Larry Goodhew, firm, supporter of Long Beach Transit. They do a great job. I'm going to use this opportunity to suggest what I suggested to Mr. Smith this morning is that the city can consider and put in place a dynamic where. Four Express busses. Maybe five will leave our transit mall in the morning. Make one stop either Willow Wardlow, hop on the freeway and go downtown to Seventh and Figueroa, which is just beyond the Staples Center. And return with return trips in the evening. I think that makes eminent sense given the growth of of traffic, given the problems with the blue line, which are going to continue. And it just makes sense to run those express busses up there and have four or five in the morning return in the evening. We should be able to get funding for that out of the Fed to the county without any problem. Thank you. 15. Report from Public Works recommendation to find that excavations are immediately required for the general health, safety and welfare of the city and cannot be delayed and approve a discretionary permit to excavate in 60th Street from Avenue to the north south alley, west of Linden Avenue, District nine. Were first and second. Yeah. I'm a surgeon. Okay. So I would obviously, you know, this project is just months outside of the end of the moratorium. So I'm okay with with this motion to provide this permit. But I do want to I do want to just ask city manager, how long has it been since we've reviewed our moratorium process as it relates to excavation in these areas? It's probably about, you know, over five years. I would ask just informally if maybe there's time. It's time considering replacing a great focus on updating our infrastructure on those things that we reengage the c

ommunity that typically typically excavates like, you know, folks who have pipelines under our streets reengage them just to have a conversation about what makes sense moving forward. And if staff would see any changes that might need to take place, any trade offs that meet that may need to take place to make sure that, you know, they have the means to update their infrastructure while we're updating our infrastructure. So just just a suggestion. But I stand in support of this motion. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Do you have anything? Okay. Are there any public comments? I see none. Please. Cast your vote. Councilman Andrews? Yes. Motion carries. Councilman Austin. Great, sir. Any member of the public that wish to address Council on item 25. CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries. The great item 26 report from Police Recommendation to receive and file the application of Chipotle Mexican Grill for an original application of an ABC license at 4250 Long Beach Boulevard District eight. Councilman Austin. Yes, I would like a staff report on this, please. Commander LeBaron. Vice Mayor and City Council. The item 26. Is an application also for a new Type 41 on sale beer and wine, ABC license for a restaurant. We've conducted a investigation and we do not anticipate any adverse impact with the issuance of this license. And that concludes my report. Thank you, Commander. And I like to stand in support of the recommendation on this item and ask to my colleagues, do the same. This is part of our great economic development revitalization of a shopping center in Bixby North. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Second. Is there any member of the public that was to address this council on 26 c none. Members cast your vote. Motion carries. We already took item 27. Item 28 Report from Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine Recommendation to award a contract to cease legacy construction for the Drake Chavez Soccer Fields and Greenbelt Project for a total Thank you. So any member of the public that wishes to address Council on item 21. CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries. Item 22 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to award a contract to Cape Toyota for the purchase of 32 Toyota RAV4 hybrid utility vehicles in a total amount not to exceed \$1 million citywide. Councilman Austin. Okay. And Councilman Murang'a. Yeah. I'm glad to see that the city continues its efforts in removing high carbon, causing vehicles and replacing them with hybrids. I'm glad to see that, as well as knowing that the contract is going to a local business that remains here in Long Beach. So thank you. Councilman Andrew. Yes. I also understand the importance of replacing inner city vehicles, you know, with the safer and more efficient model. And I'm happy to see that the bid went to the families, businesses in the sixth district that employ 62 full time employees. You know, that's how the city keeps our city strong. So I'm very, very excited about this. Thank you. Is

there any member of the public that wish to address the Council on 20 item 22? See None. Members, cast your vote. Motion carries. Item 23 Report from Health and Human Services Recommendation to execute an agreement with the State of California. Thank you. Thank you. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address Council on item 23? CNN members cast

your vote. Councilman Austin. Motion carries. Item 24 Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to execute a one year agreement with the County of Los Angeles for reimbursement of expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to assist in the cost of removing debris deposited on city of Long Beach beaches and marinas emanating from the Los Angeles River districts two and three. Mr. MODICA. Yes, MAYOR. Members of the City Council. Madam Vice Mayor, this is money that we get every year from L.A. County to assist with cleaning the beaches from the material that comes down the L.A. River. It doesn't cover the full cost, but it's very much welcome, and we can provide more details if needed. Thank you. Councilman Price. I just want to thank staff for continuing to make this a priority and identifying our funding sources and working with the county to undertake this major task. Thank you. Thank you. Sir, any member of the public that wish to address the Council on item 24. Seeing None members cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 25 Report from Police Recommendation to receive and file the application of Sushi San Maru for an original application of an ABC license at four or five for Pine Avenue District one New business item 27. Communication from Councilwoman Mango Councilwoman Gonzalez and Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to request the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code to require the installation of communications infrastructure in excavation projects in the public right of way where the city has determined that it is both financially feasible and consistent with the city's long term goals of furthering economic opportunity through connectivity. Councilwoman Mongo. Yes, thank you. I am excited. This policy intends to minimize the number and scale of. The projects that when we install telecommunications infrastructure in the public right away and coordinate efforts to reduce deployment time and duplicative work at the same location. So what that really says is when we're lifting up the street to pave it, let's just make sure we have as much infrastructure as we can in that road so that in the future, when we start rolling out this fiber and all the rest of it, that it's already in the ground, and whether we decide to take that on ourselves or we decide to lease it out to others, it costs us a minuscule amount to put it in the ground while the ground is already open. So let's just get it done. While an ordinance is being contemplated similar to other local jurisdictions, there's merit to considering changes to the municipa

I code after a report comes back from the city manager. As I am requesting or as we are requesting, laying out the potential roadmap based on current capabilities and the future excavation permit requirements, criteria and options that would align with our goal to prioritize and improve local broadband infrastructure. I think that all of us know that connectivity is the next real hurdle. And when you look at the studies of students in school, in their abilities and their achievement, often connectivity is the new barrier. And we need to make sure that every community, every child and every business is connected. And so to get to that point, we need to make sure that in that process, we do not overly impact the neighbors by tearing up those streets multiple times and costing extra tax dollars. So. I think I have two or three quick questions that I have on here. How might the gas and oil and water departments play a role in the big ones policy, taking into account the objectives of creating synergies and efficiencies across the city departments when planning these large scale capital improvement projects? Craig Beck, our public works director, will talk about that. Great. Vice Mayor Councilmember Mongo I think the best opportunity would be to engage the Water Department Commission directly to have a conversation with them. Both the gas department and Water Department use different methods. Gas Department does a lot of boring when they lay their pipe, unless it's a large diameter pipe. Water department typically does open trenching and that might provide more opportunity. So I think part of the staff report would be that we would go to those entities, have a discussion with them and bring that back to council. Thank you. My staff have done extensive research in deploying fiber optic cable and we are under the understanding that it would be approximately \$27,000 per mile, which has a huge return on investment for us as a community. And so depending on the region, density and specific locations. How realistic is it for the city of Long Beach and the Technology and Innovation Department in there working on the financial modeling tool to assist in these cost determinations so that we know exactly what we're getting into in advance. Councilmember Mongo, from what we tell with the \$27,000 is an estimate is when you do have an open trench and you have the capability to just lay the specific fiber when you do not have that, the prices can range depending on the density and so forth, anywhere from \$97,000 per square mile upwards to almost 200,000 per square mile. So I think that it's important that we look at the DOT numbers and the standards that are across the region in the impact and

costs, because the research we have is a bit lower. But either way, what we are finding as Santa Monica is 1998 telecommunications master plan stated, and that's still a really good investment for our future. So my motion is to have the city manager report back with a road map

that would inform an optimal dig once policy before proceeding with an ordinance. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzalez. I just want to thank Councilmember Mungo for bringing this forward. I think it's really looking at efficiency in terms of digging once and adding this fiber, and it's in alignment with what we're working on already at Famous Dave. So I think it's a great step in the right direction. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Vice Mayor and Councilmember Mungo. This is you know, we have we've had conversations. I'm glad to see this item finally come forward. I think it's smart timing given there will be hopefully a bunch of trenches in our city. And we should really be thinking about digging once and laying down some smart infrastructure while we're at it. We talked about in addition and thank you for adding this into the body of the item. But think about within this roadmap a community broadband strategy so that that helps bridge the digital divide, not simply providing to businesses, but expanding, you know, looking at expanding opportunities to disadvantaged communities or perhaps residential potential residential Wi-Fi program. And there's a lot of already great things happening. You know, for example, last year's participatory budgeting, we invested in cameras and Wi-Fi on the Atlantic corridor. And that's been you know, we've been working hand-in-hand with technology innovation department to to implement that and is making great progress. Well, how can we make sure that that is a part of a larger citywide strategy to offer broadband or Wi-Fi access to the public? Right. We already doing our part. We already do in our libraries. But where where do we go next? So so I'd love for that to be included in in this in this plan. But again, I think this is the language that we need to begin to speak now. And this is when we think of infrastructure, we have to think about technology. Thanks. Okay. Thank you. I had some major work done in my district and for Willow. But it was not us. It was sort of California Edison. So is there a possibility of getting their plants also included in this? Because they're doing some major rewiring, I guess, of their of their services and making them out underground. And I don't know if there was any coordination with the city in regards to their program, but it was very disruptive in Willow on Wall Street for about a month and a half, two months. And if we are going to be doing this, I think we need to also include Southern California Edison in terms of what's their plans when they want to. Do a major project such as that when they did a will? Is that something that we can do? Are we two separate entities that we can coordinate together on that? Got to remember your anger. I think that is a good idea. Certainly in our response back to council, we'll talk about our efforts to coordinate with Edison. We believe it's important to dig once and maintain the structure of

the street as long as possible to save our investment and as many utilities as we can coordinate with the better. I appreciate that. I'm guessing that what they tore up, they put back. But at the same time, I think that would be an opportunity that we can take as well to implement this kind of program. If they're digging it up, let's let's do it together. That's where we can put any kind of infrastructure that we need to put in at the same time. Councilmember Mungo. Thank you. I think that my colleagues brought up a very good point. Where's the future going? And I think that we've seen some great demonstrations recently, a big news article about Huntsville. I know the team is working on lots of things that this will connect with, so I'm just really thankful that my colleagues are supporting moving forward with this because as Councilmember Suranga said, let's tear up some streets and well, while we've got them open, let's make sure we provide access. Thank you. Being. Q And Mr. City Manager can staff remind me when this is coming back? The draft ordinance. They will come back with a two from four perhaps to the city council, as well as the city attorney, and then the city attorney will draft the ordinance. So. Brian and Craig. I think we would request 60 days to turn that all around. I'm very comfortable with that. And I think the two from four will at least set the direction that we're going. And I think that that'll get us prepared. And I think that the ordinance is something that's a nice to have and maybe we'll get there. But I'm really just looking forward to a policy setting the groundwork of opening up and one day things. Thank you. Is there any member of the public that wish to address the Council on 27? See CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries. Madam Clerk, what do we have left? Public comment. Okay, so any member of the public that would like to address council on items not agenda ized at this time, please come forward. Peter Rosenwald I would like to address something that was agenda ized, but I missed it. It was the

Tesoro Grant to Labor Leadership Program. Why don't you find out if I could speak on that? I'm sorry. Would you? Yes. It's permitted. If you can speak on. The Neighborhood Leadership Program. Grant. It's okay. Yes. If I could just maybe get my 20 seconds back. Of course. I'm truly concerned about the possibility, the fact that the Navy leadership program accepted a grant from Tesoro again this year and the 2013 graduate of the program. Madam Clerk, can we take up item 28. Communication from Councilman Austin, Councilwoman Gonzalez and Councilman Andrew's recommendation to request that the City of Long Beach become a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 1771 to increase the penalties for human trafficking. Councilman Gonzalez. Yes. I want to thank, uh, my council colleagues for bringing this forward, particularly council member Austin. So we're asking the council to sign on as a co-sponsor to HB 1771 by Assembly member Patric

k O'Donnell. AB 1771 would increase the penalties for human trafficking and give our prosecutor more tools to combat this terrible crime. The city is already on record in support of this bill, and the mayor has sent a letter of support by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill. The city would then be able to work actively in support of its passage, including helping to get support from other cities. The bill is currently co-sponsored by our city prosecutor Doug Halbert, and the city of Long Beach is Human Trafficking Task Force. I would like to on behalf of Councilman Austin, I'd like to thank Doug Halbert for being there, being here, as well as Assembly Member O'Donnell's district director. I think Marisol, is she here? There she is. And members of the Human Trust Trafficking Task Force. I would also like to acknowledge our manager of government affairs, Diana Tang, who coordinates all of the city's efforts with legislation. Thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yes. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I also would like to thank our councilwoman, Mrs. Lena, for bringing this forward, because the fact that I am very supportive of the Assembly bill O'Donnell bill, to have closed it. You know, this is a loophole that has, you know, admission and AB 1771 and is a bill that likes this will help us prosecute human trafficking and criminals to the fullest while prosecuting, you know, like protecting and excuse me, the innocent victims that they prey on. I think everyone is really aware of that because this is something that's so prevalent in our city and all over. So I'm really, really excited about this bill and I hope it really shows what we can do to help our young individuals who's a part of this. Thank you very much. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. And I'm proud to join the chorus of support for this. You know, many people know that a lot of times this human trafficking network is directly linked to gang activity and other underground trades and such. So it's only important that we're smart and innovative and that we have our state supporting on the ground efforts and we have our local prosecutor at the table as well. So I think this is completely smart and the type of legislation that we should be supporting. Thank you, Mr. City Manager. Would you like to turn it over for a report from your staff and then as well as comments from our city prosecutor? We certainly would. We have Diana Tang and then, of course, the city prosecutor. Vice mayor, members of the city council, thank you for the opportunity to give a brief report on this. The city, as Councilwoman Gonzalez mentioned, is in support of the bill. And we've been working closely with the city prosecutor here on getting support for the legislation. It is currently headed for the Assembly Appropriations Committee later this month, and we hope to bring on San Diego and a number of other cities in support of the bill as well. That I'll turn it over to our city prosecutor. Thank you. I'd also like to thank Councilwom

an Gonzalez, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Austin for bringing this forward to today's agenda. People may not know this, but the city of Long Beach has been a leader in the fight against sex trafficking. I want to commend the City Council for fully funding the city's vice department so they can operate sting operations to try to catch some of the people who are behind human trafficking here in Long Beach. This bill came about as a result of a case that happened here in Long Beach, where a gang member was found at a hotel supervising a prostitute. There was not enough evidence to present a felony charge in court. So the only thing that was remaining was a misdemeanor, capped at six months in county jail. And we know that the way the county jail, the situation with the county jail this time is one that results in early release or quick release of misdemeanors. This bill will help add give teeth to the city's efforts. It's important, but I didn't I didn't want to end before acknowledging the commitment of the leadership of the city council. I also have with me tonight Alan Miller, who is a deputy city prosecutor and leads our human trafficking division. She was a deputy district attorney in Fresno before coming to my office. And also Tracey McGee, who provides services to women who are victims of sex trafficking, wherever you are. Could you

raise your hands right behind me? But I wanted to just acknowledge their good work and also the good work of the police department and acknowledge the city's leadership in this. You're all to be commended. So thank you. Thank you. There's been a motion and a second. Is there any member of the public that wish to address the Council on item 28? Please come forward. I am Frances, Emily Dyson Harris and I reside in District one and I wholeheartedly support the recommendation you have, and I want to commend you for bringing this forward. I have a background actually in nursing from Penn State University, and my specialty was children. And I saw when I worked in Washington, D.C., this type of thing going on and is just. There's no words to describe it because the person's life, that's the victim. You know, hopefully they'll not have scars. Physically, mentally, psychologically, for the rest of life. But it affects our family, their friends. But I want to say to you that I commend the city of Long Beach for this, and I urge you to go get every city in the state of California that you can tap to support this, because the more cities that support it will be a message basically to say, get out of the state of California. This is unacceptable. We will not tolerate it. And we're look, we're watching you and you will be found. Thank you very much. Good. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Members of the City Council party sold by the House District Director for Assembly Member O'Donnell. Some of the members sense his regrets that. He cannot be here tonight to encourage. Your vote to support his bill AB 1771, which will help judges ke

ep human traffickers behind bars. Criminal street gangs have. Been continually evolving new methods to fund gang. Activities. For decades. In recent. Years, they have turned to commercial sexual exploitation as a new source to illicit. Income. While law enforcement has had success limiting human trafficking operations. Their efforts can be hampered by witnesses refusing to testify due to the threat of retaliation. In these instances, prosecutors must ultimately settle on a charge of supervising, supervising prostitution for those clearly in charge of these operations. The maximum penalty for this crime is only six months, the same as the prostitutes they oversee who. Are often victims. Themselves. Judges need discretion to recognize when this crime is part of a larger operation and deal the necessary blow to those operations. Abbie, 1771, does so by increasing the maximum penalty for supervising. Prostitution to one year and clarifying. The activities that can be used as evidence when prosecuting this crime. In closing, some remember O'Donnell is proud to author this bill with the support of city prosecutor Doug Halbert, a true advocate for Long Beach, as well as the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. Thank you to Councilman Austin, Councilwoman Gonzalez and Council Member Dee Andrews for your leadership in bringing this forth. On behalf of Assembly Member O'Donnell, I. Respectfully ask for your vote in support of this bill. Thank you. Good evening, vice mayor and council members i'm virginia isn't here representing the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task force. I want to thank you for bringing this bill forward on the agenda this evening. As you all know, the task force is a collaboration of different organizations and agencies. And the task force and we've worked with with each of you and with the city on various things. In the past, we focus on three P's prevention, which includes education. In our event, the Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium, which we held in February. We also focus on protection, offering services and resources to survivors such as humanitarian bags and transportation. And the third P that we focus on is prosecution. And that is where cosponsoring HB 1771 comes into play for our task force as part of the collaboration to work to longer sentences for traffickers, which will also provide time for the survivors to rebuild their lives. We're proud to be a partner with the city prosecutor's office and with with Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell to bring a 1771 to Sacramento. And we hope to have the city of Long Beach co-sponsor the bill as well. We're working with different task force and organizations across California to help support this bill as well. The task force is about collaborating to fight this issue, and by working together, we can set an example of how we can make a change. Thank you. Councilman Mongo. I just want to thank everyone who worked hard on this. And I know that my colleagues and I joined Assemblymemb

er O'Donnell at the symposium you mentioned, and it was a worthwhile event and all the things that you're doing a very valuable. So thank you for that. Thank you. There's been a motion and a second. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Madam Clerk, if we can go to item 21. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries 19, removing the 19. What we're doing now. Item 19 is a report from economic and property development. Recommendation to execute all related documents to implement a fully amortized loan in the amount of 300,000 to Blue Haven Thai cuisine located at 740 East Broadway District to. First enrollment though. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I

wanted to thank City Management for working with the corporation to help secure the successful reactivation of this corner. I know many of you know this corner for a long time it was Hamburger Mary's, and since Hamburger Mary's moved two and a half years ago, the slots been an unfortunate magnet for all sorts of public safety and code enforcement issues. My staff has been in constant discussions with the police development services, downtown Long Beach Associates and area residents about concerns related to this corner. I appreciate the new operator of this site. That the new operator of the site ran into some unforeseen difficulties. And I'm happy for all of us that we are able to find a solution. My staff and I certainly enjoy great food and we're a little delighted and giddy when we learned that Panera Pan Ramen had selected the Second District to open their second location. I tried the original place with Councilwoman Mango some time ago and was very happy to have been introduced to such a wonderful, wonderful restaurant. So I do have one question, Mr. City Manager, assuming that the item hoping that the item will pass, when will the owner operator receive the loan in hand or the ability to move forward ? Do we have an idea? Yeah, I can answer that. My coffee. And. I will. Probably have to lateral that specific response. But we did go to our loan committee who has approved that loans over \$100,000 have to come to city council for. Actual timing as to receipt of funds. I would like to turn that over to Saeed Jalali, our economic development officer. Is it okay? Yes. Okay. We met with the owners this afternoon and. They once the. Permits have been issued, which we are in. Process of issuing those. We will be. Releasing the funds, but we will not release the funds until we know all permits are in place. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilman Mongo. I'm just so excited for this fantastic restaurant that is one of the best Thai food restaurants in the region. Every time I go there, there are people literally from Culver City, Hollywood, Pasadena, waiting in a line to eat there. So I hope that it has just as long of a line downtown. And we're so excited that this fifth District business is expanding into the downtown area. I had fifth district envy. Any public comment on this item? See

ing that. Please cast your votes. Yeah. Come on, give it. Various. Motion carries. 17. Okay. We're going right now into item 25, which is related to this presentation. If I can have the clerk read out on 25. Item 25 is a report from Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation and Marine recommendation to receive and file a copy of the 2016 updated Long Beach Strategic Plan for older adults. City. Thank you. There's a motion and a second counsel where we can turn this over to staff for you and opened it up for. Okay. I'm not. Turn this over to Mr. West. Mayor, council members, we have a report here from our Health and Human Services Director Kelly Copley, and also our Parks Recreation Marine Director Marie Knight. Living Animal Mayor and council members tonight will be presenting an update to the older adult strategic plan. I just realized we don't have the clicker for the. PowerPoint. And while we're looking for the quicker. Yeah. First, I'd like to think. Thank you. And I think to all those who participated in the needs assessment and the planning efforts that have taken place over the last ten years, I'd also like to thank the Senior Advisory Commission members for their time reviewing and providing feedback and insight into this document. The conversations were robust and provided for better for a much better document. The City of Long Beach is lucky to have many people who are truly committed to ensuring the lives of older adults are safe and productive. First, I'd like to share a little bit about our philosophy as we went into this process. So the older adult population in Long Beach is very diverse and we celebrate that diversity. We seek to achieve equity and access to services and support across the city, prioritizing underserved populations to reduce disparities in social and health outcomes. And we seek to empower active, engaged, older adults to help steer the future of the course of services and programs. A few days, a few data points about older adults in our city. We have approximately 119,000 adults over the age of 50 and 43,000 over the age of 65. Almost half of those live alone. 13% live below the poverty line, which is \$11,770 for one person and just under 16,000 for two people. 40% have a disability. 25% have less than a high school education. And 24% speak English less than very well. We also have a very diverse population. And the projections indicate that our diversity, that our community will become more diverse as our diverse, younger generations age. Because of this, it's very important to ensure that the future service development take into consideration the cultures and the interests of the populations that will be serving. We're also finding over time that the poverty rate among older adults, it will be growing. So by 2025, it's projected that nearly 23% of the older adult population will live in poverty and will have less resources to support their health and well-being. There have been a number of studies in the

past, starting in 2005, the Long Beach Strategic Plan for Older Adults. In 2012, Cal State Long Beach conducted the report called Determining Needs and the Creation of a Long Beach Village for Older Adults. St Mary Medical Center does regular community benefit reports with research behind those. And then the Health and Human Services Department held an older adult case management summit in October of 2015. Altogether, over a thousand people have participated in and research on these assessments efforts, and they've participated through one on one interviews, focus groups, surveys and. Key informant interviews, stakeholder meetings, all different ways that they've been engaged. Depending on which study they participated in. But they found throughout all of them really is that that the issues have remained consistent. So safety, transportation, housing, health and quality of life come up through all of the reports. And what we've found is that, you know, we continue to do the services that we provide that we'll share in a minute. But that overall, that we have not really been able to fully address the issues as they arrived due to lack of resources. So funding has been cut across the country as well as locally in L.A. County. And so as we continue to identify needs that we haven't been able to address them due to resource issues. Another key thing that came up and that we're really focusing on here is the need for coordination through the summit and through and other reports really said, you know, if we could just coordinate, we have better. We have a lot going on. It's just that nobody really knows about it. And so they develop a vision, a coordinated health and social service continuum of care that effectively links older adults to the care they need when they need it to support quality of life. And so the more that we can take what we do have and connect early on, then we can we can have that much more impact while we are looking for additional resources. For additional services. And with that, Marie Knight will discuss the services we provide. So there are some current services that we provide. And as you can see on the screen, those are our six senior center locations where we serve a vibrant. And. Important segment of our community. On average, we have over 42,000 visits. Per month to these sites by our older adults. The things that take place at these sites on. A daily basis are health and wellness programs, exercise, entertainment, social services. Socialization. And connections and links to vital resources. In addition, over 64,000 congregate meals were served a year at these sites at four of these sites. Some of the other current services that are provided by the city and through some of. Our sites are information. And referral line. And that takes about 1200 calls a month from topics ranging from housing assistance, utility bills, transportation and linkages to disability resources. We have our Senior Links program, which is conducted by

our Public Health Nurse Nurse, and that includes. Home visitations. That help link our seniors to services that enable them. To stay safely in. Their own home, whether it be through meals, house cleaning, financial management or even mental health services. We have for risk assessment and prevention education classes that are coordinated by our public health nurse to increase awareness of the risks and implement, implement and prevention strategies. We have a multi-service center for homeless for older adults who are homeless or at risk with case management services, with case management connections to resources such as emergency housing. And we have multiple volunteer opportunities that are offered through the city for our seniors, for example, our very successful senior police partnership program, where the seniors assist the police. Department with vacation home checks at DUI checkpoints. Witness and sorry, witness and. Victim assistance programs, etc.. We also have our CERT program and we. Have a fire ambassadors program. In. Addition in our eighth Council. District. We have a great example of seniors who are empowered and work to provide programs and services. For each other. These services are provided two days a week at the Expo and they include physical and exercise activities, a variety of speakers. They coordinate field trips and they have worked with local nonprofits that come in and donate their services to the seniors that are meeting their. There are services that are funded by L.A. County that are provided to our seniors here in Long Beach. And those services are funded through the federal Older Americans Act. And that includes our congregate meal programs, home delivered meals to the frail and homebound seniors. Family caregivers support health promotion and health and wellness programs, linkages, nutrition, counseling and support services. Some of these are based on the greatest need, which they define as low income, minority limited income or geographic isolation. From the city's perspective, we provide just over \$850,000 a year for those services through our Parks, Recreation and Marine Department that take place at our six senior center sites. We also fund \$100,000 for our Senior Link's program through our Health and Human Services Fund. As I mentioned, there is funding that comes from the state through L.A. County to

provide services across the county. Unfortunately, the distribution method is one tough to nail down because those services are provided to seniors at a number of nonprofits throughout L.A. County. And it's difficult for us to get a good handle on just how many of our Long Beach seniors are being served by the funding that comes through L.A. County. So the overall recommendations throughout the plan are really to implement a coordinated system of services. So really focus on developing an older adult task force, establishing a one stop adult resource network and enhancing community engagement while we continu

e to look for additional resources. The older adult task force would really would be a comprehensive representation of county and city staff, community and nonprofit providers, neighborhood associations, hospitals, housing, emergency services, funders, and anyone else who is interested. It would identify common goals across existing efforts and leverage those efforts to strengthen the capacity of the city and its partners to meet the needs of older adults. This would be an ongoing task force really helping to drive service within the city. We also have the recommendation is an older adult and older adult research network. This would include a comprehensive resource list for older adults and their families. There are a lot of lists. There's not a comprehensive list. And so we would be able to leverage things like the senior center information referral line that's currently used to run one scan toll free lines. They're pulling it all together in a place that was truly accessible. And then the other piece would be the this a single point of contact, such as an office of Aging within the city to coordinate services, connect providers to support successful referrals, and answer questions connecting individuals and families to the services they need. Part of this would also be the use of technology platforms as part of the One-Stop Adult Resource Network. This would be using things such as apps organized by service type, geography and eligibility, maybe a referral system that supports what we call a warm handoff. So when someone comes in for a role, we actually referral. They actually may help support those connections, maybe GPS mapping of services and other innovative solutions. Sorry. The other piece of that is also the enhanced community engagement. And so really this was a key point which said, you know, we need to identify ways to connect families and community members to opportunities to support older adults within the community. And so if we're really training, engaging community members in that work, then they have a better ability to support each other. So in order for any of those next steps to be implemented, we would have to first identify the resources, obviously, to staff and to manage an older adult task force with partner identification and outreach will take a considerable amount of staff time or other possibly maybe volunteer or paid resources to make those happen. So in the. In the Council's request. In October, we were asked to review the feasibility of an Office of Aging within the Health and Human Services Department based on the identified needs regarding identifying and coordinating services, outreach and technology opportunities. We developed an office description to meet these needs. We would identify and co-ordinate resources, conduct ongoing needs, assessments of community need, support community members to advocate for their needs, research and seek technology platforms, leverage existing referral systems, market services,

and act as a resource clearinghouse and identify additional resources. The focus of this office at this time would not be providing additional direct service, but to really help coordinate what is what we're participating with and the other services. So that is we're looking for additional resources this could build on. The staffing for this would be a program coordinator. So it's four people in addition to what already exists in the services we provide. So it would leverage that our existing services. So a program coordinator to oversee the office, an additional public health nurse to really outreach to older adults and assess and connect to services. A research analyst really doing the in-depth analysis work and looking at the needs and then really paying attention to the data as we move forward and the technology specialists to coordinate the development and maintenance of an online resource tool and a referral system. It's estimated that the creation of this office would be \$493,000, which would provide the staff and technology needs to lead the effort and to address the recommendations from the plan. Our next steps. As rare as we are as we are, working within our current constraints is to continue our current services of linkages to research, funding formulas and priorities for L.A. County Area Agent Oxygenating and Aging, establishing a plan for the older adult task force so that we would be ready to hit the ground and implement that. To seek a partnership with locally, a local university, to conduct a complete service gap analysis, and then really to continue to look for additional resources. Without the additional resources, we will have to be

maintaining services at our current level. And with that and our report, and we'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Very thorough report. I want to thank staff, but also let's give our commission a big round of applause for their hard work on this. And I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Gonzalez. Thank you both, Kelly and Marie for this very good report. I think my questions have been answered. It was I'm just glad to see that we're at least looking at the feasibility of an Office of Aging, because I know it has been talked about before and that, you know, specifically, we're looking to see what opportunities are available at the county as there are funding opportunities that we've taken advantage of. And then also going forward, I know we have another agenda item on the continuum of care that will be addressing some of that too. So that is about it. I just wanted to comment that I appreciate this information and I know our commission is certainly looking into this and looking to see what other opportunities we have available. So thank you very much. Council. Woman Mango. Yes. I also want to thank the Health Department. I think that you and Parks and Rec put together quite a presentation. I, I look at the analysis of the funds and the allocation of customers

that we currently have. And I think that being a part of L.A. County, that the the differentiation of those groups is not really I'm focused on. And so I think that now as we're pulling away and doing our own area on area agency on Aging, that we will be able to better focus on growing some of those populations. I think that if the proportion of measure of the difference between the two different kinds of of meals is so striking that perhaps we don't have as strong of a partner in our home delivered meal programs, signing up and enrolling the community members. Because when it comes to Thanksgiving and the other times of the year, we're out in the community delivering those meals. So we know there is a need. And then in reading through the portions of the transportation issues that the seniors are having, getting to some of the events in the congregate meals, perhaps an RFP process to onboard additional partners in these programs would help us leverage and draw down additional grant funding for Long Beach. So I think that this is an amazing launching point. I look forward to seeing how these numbers grow and change over the next year. As our population gets older, we can only expect for our enrollment to grow as well. And so I'm here to support, I'm here to help and thankful for the work that the commission and your staff have done. So thank you, everyone, for what you've put into this. It means a lot. Great. Thank you. Council member Austin. Thank you. Also want to thank the Parks and Rec and Health Department for this great report. You know, I think the speaker said it best. Older Americans are contributors. My eighth District Senior Advisory Committee, I think, exemplifies that very well with the work that they have done to create a senior program at the Expo building twice a week, 8 hours a day, all organic. And I want to really recognize and appreciate them for doing that. And thank you, Murray, for mentioning it. When we talk about enhancing livability in the city of Long Beach, we have to pay attention to this very, very important demographic. Our older adults. Our seniors are extremely important. A number of our 119,000 residents fitting into that category is significant, and it merits further study and attention to this council to looking at creating an office of Aging or looking at putting resources or dedicating resources to make sure that we we create the best possible model to support our senior population. And so my my emphasis and focus will certainly be in that area, and I look forward to continuing the conversation in the future. Thank you. Okay. Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you to our staff, Kelly and Marie, for the excellent presentation and the very comprehensive data. I asked this question of Kelly earlier, and I don't know if I think she was going to look into it. Do we know if there are pockets of older adults in various parts of the city, or do we know how they're dispersed throughout the city?

We have that data. I don't have it with me right here. We have those data. The department. I'll get back to you. Okay, that sounds good. I'm just curious, in terms of the location of our senior centers and their proximity to where our older adult population may be. This is a very important issue, and I'm glad that we are starting these discussions, and I'm grateful for my council colleagues who originally asked for this report and brought this forward because I think it's important we talk a lot about youth programing and youth activities and long term sustainable programs for the youth. But sometimes we don't talk about the senior population, and that's really important. The seniors are going through a transition period where they are establishing a new type of independence and operating an environment where they may not have the support that they need to to thrive and that they should be doing thriving. So I'm grateful that we're having this conversation. Councilman

Superhot and I are also partnering together to try to bring some senior programming to the third district. We don't have a senior center there, but we are going to transform one of our current facilities and offer on a pilot program basis some senior programming over the summer to try to engage some of the seniors who live on the east side, who may have difficulty getting to the senior center. So we're excited about that. In addition to programming, though, I think the biggest obstacles that we have to address as a city are the poverty data that you have listed and how that relates to the citizens in our city that are of the older adult population who are living under the poverty line, which Kelly and I were discussing earlier today, is \$11,000 a year or 13,000 for two people. And we have so many individuals living under that poverty line. And it's important for us to figure out some long term sustained. Strategies to help these particular individuals. I notice that in the presentation there are some next steps outlined. But what is what is the plan in terms of making some of these recommendations a reality? So is this establishing a plan for a task force, for example? Is this going to be coming back to council at some point? Where is our next data point, where we're going to check in and see where we are on these recommendations or. We're taking these recommendations on the sort of the next steps is under current resourcing. And so what we would do is we could provide an update along the way about where we are in those steps and what we found from L.A. County in terms of the resourcing there and putting together the plan for the task force. And we can bring that back additional steps after that, really we'll be looking for additional resourcing. You know, often we hear where we can write a grant for that, but grants for offices and more sustainable functions aren't they're not they're not out there as much. And so we'll be trying to figure out what is our best ways to sustain this wo

rk moving forward. Because this 493,000, that would be an ongoing cost. It's not a one time cost. True. It's an ongoing cost. And so how would the older adult task force be different than our senior advisory commission? The older adult task force. We envision to be made up of not only senior staff members of our advisory commission, but a lot of our service providers. So nonprofit organizations, our hospitals, potentially our churches. There are a number of providers throughout the city that have seen your services and share our mission. And so it's bringing together those stakeholders in a working task force to put forth some of these next steps, look at linkages, look at the gap analysis, help us figure out what we are offering throughout the city. But more important, where are the gaps in services and then as a task force to look at? Are there funding opportunities? Are there opportunities for some of these partners to join together and take on maybe those extra services? So it is more of a working group of all of the providers and partners as well as community stakeholders. Okay. Well, I think that's a really good starting point because it would take, you know, relatively speaking, to the type of resources we're talking about to create an office of Aging. I think it would take relatively minor amount of resources to get a task force established and at least start the discussions across city lines with some of the main stakeholders, some of whom may be, you know, private entities with funding opportunities or interests and taking on the task of sustainable resource senior programming. So I think for me that's that would be a really great starting point and I'd love to hear more about how that progress is going and who who is going to be identified as a stakeholder on that task force, because I think that's a very cost effective way to move forward with these discussions and not let them end here. Thank you. Thanks for your work. Thank you. Councilmember Supernova. Thank you. Would also like to thank Parks and Rec and the Health Department and our commission for all their work on this. It's a it's a great report. We're very excited in the fourth District because we've already started a task force on our own. We're not doing our own thing. We want we have volunteers stepping up to the plate. And it's great to have this framework in place now so we can move forward, so we can roll into the citywide effort. And the reason I think that's important is that at the end of the day, I think this is going to take volunteers. And I think the best way to recruit volunteers is on a council district level, and that's what we're going to endeavor to do. And Councilwoman Pryce mentioned our joint effort also, which is kind of like on the border between the third and the fourth. So I just like to say thank you again. And we really look forward to moving forward. Great. Thank you. Councilmember Richard. Thank you. And I'll be brief. I just want to chime in and sa

y that this is a this is a very solid report, although I think it's great that it's based on data over time. And I know there was an assessment in 2012 and then there's and we're doing a current assessment, a new assessment, correct. Needs assessment. We will be doing. That's a part of the

next part of this. Yeah. Yeah. I think this is great. Our seniors certainly count on us to make sure that we're thinking strategically and comprehensively about the services we provide to them. I'll say I'm proud that we do have Highland Park as a regional park in North Long Beach, where a number of seniors receive those services. And that's why it's important and great that we see both Parks and Recreation and Health Department here, because to the public, they're one and the same as it relates to service delivery. So you can continue to count on my support and fantastic work. Thank you, Councilmember Andrews. Yes, thank you. I think also I want to thank the Health Department and Parks and Rec for this. And coming forward, because the fact that the NSA, myself, I know that the importance of, you know, having a place in one. Place where to go. And I know. You talk about, you know, volunteers. No. One, I think volunteers more than I think is because if I could, that gives them something to do. And this is something we've got to keep them active in, because in my district, I think one of my biggest projects are working with our seniors with low income. And this is a wonderful idea. And I think if you continue to live, you're going to get old. And this is a I'm a true example of that. So you guys. Continue to do what you've been doing, and I think it's going to be a great project. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Orenge. Behind. I too want to add my voice to the well done job on this report. It's very thorough. It touches upon a lot of issues. But one of the issues that I didn't see touched upon here is that there's a lot of. Abuse of seniors. That's done not only by maybe agencies, but by family members as well. And I don't see a position here that would provide some kind of personal assistance or a personal evaluation of older citizens who might be going through some kind of traumatic experience as they get older, that it may not be as visible as does it as it as you might think it would be because of the visible signs of abuse or any other kinds of trauma that that a senior citizen might go through. So I don't know if there's a plan. I know there's a there's a position for a public health nurse. But I think that this position would probably be just a check on the staff. But I'd like to see some way that we can get a some kind of a evaluation down to the senior citizens to ensure that they are properly situated and properly taking care of the other type of abuse that takes place, which is maybe not talked about a lot, is the abuse that takes place when they're mismanaging their their retirement, mismanaging their Social Security or any other kinds of financin

g that they might get, which leads them to be in a position where they're alone or or in need of services that they're not taking advantage of that. So I think that there's also got to be that kind of evaluation done for the senior citizens as well. And I speak from experience. I have my my father in law passed a couple of years ago. But near the end of his life, he yes, he made a decision on his own, on his own to get into a reverse mortgage. And that just totally devastated the it helped him in his senior years. But once he passed, then there was it was who did that property go to. They went to the bank, or at least they tried. And it took the family quite an effort. Get an attorney, go through some hoops to get that property back and into the family so that it can be stay in the family. So, I mean, those types of counseling services I think are very important for them as well. And they'll maybe you could incorporate that somewhere in your plan here to provide that kind of a that kind of assessment and that kind of service. The service district is has a large number of senior housing. America Gold Star Manor, Bixby No Nos Towers Brethren Manor Vista Del Mar and Pancreas Grant and those are those are facilities that house quite a number of seniors. And I don't know how how connected they are to this or would be to this because we're talking about services to those that can't afford it, those that are that would be in these types of facilities that they get. These facilities are full service and they provide recreational activities. Health care and advice. But I would also like to see it as our responsibility to take care of our seniors, that we're also be able to provide that as well in terms of being able to guide them as they move into their through their senior years to make sure to make it as as comfortable and as livable as we possibly can make it. So. Just some food for thought in that respect, because I see this as an important issue and it's something that we need to take care of our citizens as a as a as it was said earlier, we like to expand a lot of our resources and energy to our youth to make sure that they have a great experience growing up. But we also need to do the same for our senior citizens. And I think that the more attention we pay to them and we give resources for them, the better off the whole community will be from the beginning to the end. Thank you. Okay. Thank you very much. All right. Vice-Chair Lowenthal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to thank. Kelly Collopy and her health department team for the attention that they continue to give our senior population. And and I appreciate and understand our concern, or at least our fiscal concern about creating an eventual office on aging. I know that will be extremely

expensive, especially considering that we are starting from not having even a small semblance of such an office. But I'm hopeful that this city will someday find the resources to do that. I worked in my first

opportunity outside of university was at the city of LA's Department of Aging and learned firsthand how very critical those services were for older Americans, older adults, 55 and older. And regardless of our assumptions of how comfortable one might be in retirement because of their longevity in their careers, I think what I learned 20 plus years ago is that the ability to make ends meet on a retirement income or simply on Social Security is less and less possible for our folks. And so I hope we don't take our eye off that goal and find some opportunity and means to establish an office of Aging or on aging and perhaps start small. And certainly a lot of the programs that I worked on at the time were grant funded similar to the Health Department. I don't think that anyone could imagine that the city of Long Beach can afford to house a health department if it was fully general fund funded. But a lot of the programs, actually most of the programs are grant funded. And I see the Office on Aging as a similar resource that we can house here and seek. The grant funding that's available, whether it's through Title five, the Older Americans Act and all of the other resources that Dr. Khalifi certainly knows exists. So my support is there for that, and I hope you will continue working toward it. Thank you. Thank you. Now, is there any public comment on this item? Please come forward. Good evening, everyone. My name is Karen Reside and I also want to commend. The Health Department and the Recreation Department under the leadership of these two amazing women. They've done a fantastic job. And nobody mentioned that. They did it in. A very short. Turnaround time. They went to several meetings. And were really actively engaged in bringing in the community to. Discuss the updating of this plan. One of the things. That we suffered from the plan the first time was there was never enough. Funding. So a lot of the provisions with the plan were not put into operation. I live at seventh and Pacific in the tall senior tower, 17 stories with over 200 seniors. And I can tell you there is approximately 23 of these buildings in the general downtown area. This is where most of the low income seniors are concentrated. We have residents that speak 11 different languages. The least amount of money. That they live on. I have one tenant that now lives on \$360. A month. And the average is about \$960 a month. The only way that we can survive is by having affordable. Housing that's. Funded and only charges you 30% of your income. Otherwise, many of these seniors would be out on the street. So affordable housing is really, really a key. Component. For our seniors. I also. Wanted to mention that the language, 11. Different languages. We need to be respectful of the cultural differences. One of the things. That I really appreciate about the cultural diversity in our community is the attitude that other cultures have towards their seniors. They revere and respect. Them and welcome thei

r contributions. Which isn't always the way it is in the United States. Nobody tells you how it is to become a senior. You have to learn as you go. And I thank you for bringing this forward and updating the plan. This is really going to be an important issue for our community going forward in the next decade. So thank you for your attention. To the matter. Great job, everyone. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name's Donna Berge 4681 Goldfield eighth District. Just a few comments I. Wanted to make and thank. You again for your report. One issue that came up and one of my. Colleagues I serve on the committee for the eighth District, for the senior advisory committee on the secretary. And my. Colleague, who is the arts director, was mentioning to me. Something that came up. Recently regarding. Seniors and others who are disabled this nursing home. Issues. We visited. A nursing home and. We found some. Deplorable conditions and trying to weed our way through the bureaucracy to try to get at who would help us resolve the. Problem was a daunting task. So I think. That's something that might be included as well down the line. Something that councilman you're under. Said about being connected I think is really, really. Vital. What we don't want to be myself being a newly retired, one year. Retired senior myself. We want to stay connected. We don't want to be the seniors. We want to be part of the community because we're an integral part of the community. We have an intelligent, incredibly intelligent, educated community of seniors, and we have a lot. In us still. So and we work for free, a lot of us. So the other thing is, is we were fortunate enough in the eighth District to have. The Long. Beach. University from the gerontology department. We had an intern there who worked with us hand in hand, and she was terrific. So the university has a huge resource, I think. For us as well. Integration. And the other thing. Is, uh. A small thing may seem small, but building. Friendships is

really important to all of us. Keeping friendships as your friends pass away, as your family members pass away older, you lose your parents, etc.. Friendship is a really important key. And inside those friendships we're finding ourselves. Networking, finding out well what medicine works for. You and what kind of exercise you like. Well, you know, there's an exercise program over here. So we're all networking among ourselves as well. And in that. You. May find use for us as well. So thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. I know. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilmembers, administrators and citizens of Long Beach. Today I saw a senior. I saw a woman who's 68 years old who went to Wellesley. She's running for president. Her opponent is 76, isn't he? The scourge of volunteerism and the expectation that keeping seniors busy is what makes our minds go blank. Learning a new language. Learning a new skill. Having a phone to operate. This is what keeps the mind alive and w

ell. I hope that you will reconsider that this should run on volunteerism. May I remind you that a woman 100 years ago next year at the inauguration of President Wilson had a thousand women standing at the gates of the White House? And you know that Alice Paul paid every one of them. There was no volunteerism in the National Women's Party that won the vote. They were paid. And that's important. Volunteerism crept into our lives in the second wave of feminism, and it is choking us into poverty because people want us to do things and not pay us as if our work is not valuable enough to be paid. My second point is I hope that you will consider that the LGBTQ senior has a certain special problem because marriage equality did not happen until recently. Most of us are single. Many of us are child free. We don't have a family to help us get around or take us after Christmas. That the LGBT concerns are serious as we consider going back in the closet. So we're not particularly abused as senior citizens by service professionals who still carry bigotry. So I hope you will consider all of these when you're talking about seniors. Keep us smart by asking us hard questions and giving us hard tasks and pass because we're worth it. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Surely start searching the Sultan's Swarm group and associates. As I listened to the outline and presentation. When we got to that point where the data was being itemized. I sat there and. Fat fought back tears. And the only reason why I will not allow them to come now is because I need to say what I need to say. If this office is opened before each of you, council persons draw your communities together and reignite what it means to be a resident and a citizen and part of a community, that will be a night that is a day when that office opens. That is grievous to me. We have lost what it means to be citizens. We have lost what it means to be neighbors. And if you open up an office and pay someone to do something that they won't do on their own. I marvel at some of the coffee shops around where they train their baristas to be nice and cordial. But if you meet some of those same baristas getting out of their car in the parking lot, they won't even smile at you. And it's because they're being paid to do so. We have lost what it means to really care from the heart. And we'll lose it even more if you open up yet another office and pay someone to do something that they should do because there are they are an American. You pay someone to do something because they are part of God's created human race. And somehow we've lost the capacity. To reach beyond the Federal Reserve note. And look, somebody's in the eye and say, if I see you follow me, help you get up because I am one of you. \$439,000 will not be enough to do something for people who are become more big, becoming more hardened and stagnant in their care for one another. This city does not need an office of aging. We need just people to come outside your

doors, come outside, knock on somebody else's door and say, How are you doing? I haven't seen you in a day. I haven't seen you in a week. How are you? Mr. Sloop, and I want to commend you. Commend you on getting started. I've been in your district for ten months. And God wouldn't let me leave. And I've been seeing people be coming out greeting me, saying, How can I help? I want to help. You don't need that office. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes, Don Darren, our one of the senior commissioners. I just want to throw in a few additional comments here. I agree with the previous speaker. We need people to be a lot more friendly and outgoing. And I think senior citizens have kind of a nature to do that more so. And people say so often the younger generation has lost the ability to be. Be as courteous as is they should be taught to be. Others are very courteous and I'm so appreciative of them. But I just I thought I'd throw in a comment about how much we appreciate what Health and Human Services and our Parks and Recreation have done in this study. It's really great. One of the things that Councilmember Turanga mentioned is about abuse to citizens, and I think that's something that we could fold in some things with the police department,

the senior partners, the police there do more visiting, and especially when it's known that there's been any sort of abuse of seniors . I think that's a very good point that we could fall into it. Also, I want to point out transportation, for instance, all the senior citizens downtown and a lot of them have difficulty even getting to the grocery store. And even though it doesn't seem that far, maybe a dozen blocks. But, you know, some of them can't walk much more than a block or two. But it takes two busses to get to Vons market. Now we've been working, trying to work with Long Beach Transit to kind of fold in the passport bus to make routes around . And it isn't very far at all, you know, a dozen blocks at the most. To include that in there to these senior center not centers, focuses of concentration where the seniors are, all these big buildings. And for instance, the Cesar Chavez Park is underutilized by seniors because, yes, Long Beach Transit has a bus that goes there, but it comes from Colorado Lagoon. Not many people from there are going to Chavez Park. But the transportation problem could be solved with a circulatory route of the passport bus phrases. And right now, they don't feed seniors at the Chavez Center, but they do a lot of the other parks. We'd like to get them fed downtown, too. So those are just a couple of points I like to throw out in addition. To what we. Heard already. Thank you so much. Thank you, Don. Great points, Councilman Mongo. Actually, Mr. Stout. Right. Like that? Yeah. No. Ma'am. You want to speak on this item? Please come forward. Freedom. Freedom. Right. From yesterday. I'm sorry. Or. And this is on the senior item, correct, ma'am? I'm not. My son's here in case I don't make it

. Okay. You see this black guy? Do you do all of you see this black eye? Yes. I got this black eye outside of that door last Tuesday. I was coming. In here. To talk. And Phil on your sidewalk that was raised three inches high. And it's not a complete hit. My son was pushing me in the chair. He didn't see the sidewalk raised the wheels, hit the sidewalk. I went backwards. He fell on top of me. He got hurt. I got hurt. And that's where I got this black guy. So you can turn that damn clock off because I'm not going to stick to it. I earn what I get. First of. All. Wait a minute. I have to get myself together a. I want our version straight. Just got fixed. And Fashion Street wants to thank a young man by the name of Luis Garcia. He's worth its weight in gold. He gave us a state of the art st. And you should have more employees like him. It's gorgeous. We love it. It just raised our property values 100%. Now. What was I going to do now? I'm very cold. That's why I'm shaking. It's not because I'm falling apart, but at you lose your wood anyway. Of when you if your tax issue gets passed. Is there any way that you could build a structure for the homeless? Because on the West Side they are just. Running rampant in tents and what have you in a home for them where they don't. Have to pay to live with the cafeteria because it would be cost effective because you wouldn't be giving out food stamps. You get grants for it and donations, I'm sure. And we definitely need a bigger police department because I'm following next door and all of you on air. Okay. I follow them every day and I keep copies of everything I see. And so. I in fact, when I came down here, I. Was on it and there was a stalker on 25th and Santa Fe just before I came down here. Last Sunday, I woke up at 130 in the morning, gunshots that behind me by the freeway. We need more police. Put the money where it's going to go to good use. Now, I don't know what you. I know what you have planned. For the future. Oh, please, God. Stick with me. Okay. You're bringing up these three properties. I know, aren't you? The ones on. Broadway. Broadway and Promenade. Yes. They're at 45,000 feet, 280 feet. There later in the agenda. But there will be brought up. Yes. I'm sorry. I didn't hear what he said. Oh, I'm over here. They are on the agenda there. Later in the agenda. They will be heard later today. Well, I can't. Stick around in it. There's things that people need to know. Like the ones. The one that's. No, you don't want me. Okay. You know what? I can't fight you people. I just can't do it. But I got. Information. Because I've been tracking you for two years, and I copy everything. And I want you also to know, as far as making friends with foreigners, I live between Filipinos. And. Hispanics and black, all black across the street. Two years ago, my son and I hosted. For the. Neighborhood. You know what? You'll just have to endure me. It's all I can do to just stand here, and I don't think I'll be able to m

ake it back again. Is it all right with everybody? Does anybody care? I'll leave if you. Want to, ma'am. So what? I'm going to give you a little more time. But just so you know, legally, I have to follow the city attorney's rules on public comment. I have to limit give everyone the same amount of protocol. I'm giving you more time, though. So I want you know, I have given you some more time. I will continue to give you some more time. But I do have to say. I'm not going to be able to do. That. No, I want to give you some more time, so please continue. But I just want to let you know that I

have to also follow the the the mandated rules here. But please continue. Okay. Okay. I guess I. Want to say. Finish that. You if there's anything else you'd like to say, ma'am, please go ahead. Okay, you finish up. All right. Oh, with the with the kids, we had an Easter egg hunt, and because we wanted to get to know our neighbors and talk to them, they did talk my language. And I was lonely because my son's my caregiver. But afterwards, nobody talked to me. They didn't talk to each other. Kids don't play with each other. Nobody. No communication. So then last year. I brought in. £50 of snow, cost me 1200 dollars, and my son built a slide for the kids. And so the kids come over today. They played nets. No, they had a ball. After that, nobody talked to each other. Kid didn't play with each other. It was like. I'd done. Nothing. I hosted a clean up street, whatever. And they all came. But they were all Hispanics. And I, my son. Brought out a patio table. And we filled it full of food to help everybody to accommodate them. And I'm. Sitting there and they all come in card way and then they all take off and walk. Down the street and huddle up in a crowd. And I'm sitting at the table all by myself. Nobody want to talk to me. So that was after that I thought, You know what? I don't know what to do to get people together to communicate because what I'm doing is not working. So that's all I'm going to say, except for the building that you guys have got planned for the future that people should know about. But I don't think I can go through that. I'll come back at another time. Thank you, sir. If I could make it. Thank you very much. By the way, I'm 82 years old, so I'm and I appreciate your senior citizen presentation. Was great. I learned a lot from that. Thank you. Thank you for coming down here, ma'am. Thank you very much. Thank you for hearing her out. I do. Every day. Every day. Think they got. At least I go to work for 7 hours or nine. Thanks a lot. Good evening, counsel. That's a tough act to follow. I just think I'll sit down. But I think an important point was made that, you know, she's going well beyond what most of us do to get to know your neighbors. I think that's wonderful. If we all did that, we'd probably have much more cohesive neighborhoods. And the other point is they were talking about how difficult it is for some seniors to survive. On their incomes

. You know, some people, you know, through whatever reason, they're very stressed when it comes to their finances and. Small differences in expenses make a big difference to vulnerable people. And I think that you should reconsider measure aid, because that can affect seniors in a negative way. Small changes affect people in a big way. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. Stout. Any further public comment on item 25? Please come forward and state your name. Hi, I'm Myron Wohl, and I'm with the Long Beach Gray Panthers. And we wanted to talk about the Duke plan. It would be nice if we had a current copy that we could look at it more closely. I understand it'll be available after today's meeting, but I did see a draft at the Long Beach Senior Commission and I had some comments when I saw that I was concerned about the input from the community. For one thing, that is how much it did. People, seniors were able to see this draft and input and have access to what was going on. So that's one thing, which was the process. I would, you know, like the process to have been better. The other comment I would make is that for all the senior services in Long Beach, the major problem is money. How are we going to provide for seniors if the money involved is limited? I would have liked within that draft a proposal that the that the commission, whatever is set up would make the the ability to look at services, to look at where where money is available, to come up with innovative ideas so that we can have more money available for senior services. Finally, in the draft itself, at least what I saw, some of the statistics looked rather stale going back to 2010. I would wish that we would have updated some of the statistics. Again, if I had a copy of it a little more clearly, I could be more specific about what I how I feel. In general, though, I would like the idea of having such a strategic plan. It's necessary. It's needed. We need to make it better. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes our public comments. I'm going to turn this back to the council then for a vote. And I was seeing Marilyn out and she wanted to tell everybody again. She wanted to make sure that I told everybody again, thank you for giving her time. So I'll just say that again. Councilwoman Mango. I just wanted to thank our eighth District Senior Representative Secretary for bringing up a very, very important program, the ombudsman program that looks in on our senior facilities. And I thought we could perhaps take a quick second to ask Kelly Copley if the Ombudsman program would be a part of our strategic plan and or if we would rely upon county services. I thought I thought 23 I handed off my copy to a resident who didn't have the strategic plan, so I didn't know if you could cite what the numbers were and where we are on that. The Ombudsman's program is a county program, but we have let's see here. I think it was on page 13. We don't have a copy anymore. And and we will be embracing that into our plan. Or

will we be still allowing them to maintain ombudsman services? You know, so the the services that are currently provided by the county would remain provided by the county. That is that's their funding source that there hasn't really been a conversation that they would carve out or end their service here and that we would open our own area. Agency on aging, L.A. County. L.A. City did that. But there are very large city. Generally services are provided by the county. So those forms that they do provide would remain there in terms of their funding, but we would look at additional opportunities for support. Wonderful. Thank you for that. Okay. Thank you. I want to thank all the public comment. Just I just want to, again, thank all the seniors that were involved in this. This is very important work. As you all know, updating this plan is also long term important for us so that we continue to get grants and all the support from hopefully the state and the federal government as well. And and there's clearly a lot of work that has to happen in the in the city as well. And I think we're all going to meet here in the next couple of weeks. So I look forward to meeting with the commission as well on on other issues. And so thank you all. With that, we have a motion and a second members please go out and Castro votes to receive and file. Councilwoman Pryce. Bush and Kerry. Thank you. And if there is an objection, there's one more item that has some babies attached to it that I see in the audience. So I want to get those those little, little, little folks home. So item ten, please. Item ten is part of the consent. I think then they're here for item ten, right? Yes. The Promenade Park. Okay. So why don't we do item? Let's let me let me pull item ten. And if I can get a motion, I can all the consent items that are not. Ten, please. That's fine. Can I get a motion in a second for all items that are not ten? Okay, there's a second and a motion public comment on all items that are not ten. Larry, now would be the time. 17. Item 17 is a report from City Manager and Financial Management. Recommendation to Award a contract to Los Angeles Engineering for the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Phase two B Project for a total contract amount not to exceed 3.1 million. District three. Can I get a motion in a second? Okay. Public comment. Please come forward. Larry. Larry. Good. You clear Casey dressed before I get into the specifics of how I think this can be adjusted better. My support for this concept. I fully supported the concept that I became involved in it. I think it was the second week or second month that Doug Drummond was a council person, and one day when after work workout going home, I had noticed a guy in an orange vest with a surveyor survey equipment, and I asked him what he was doing and he said, Well, well, we're bringing down this. We're creating the Terminal Avenue storm, Barry. And I said, Where are you going? To empty it. And he pointed right to the end of

the Marine Stadium. So Doug Drummond set up a meeting with a bike person who is then Dean? Dean, his chief of staff. We had a meeting and the guy from the county, he was a young guy, was very pleased because he had gone knocking on all the doors at the other end where the floods were and said, Would you like to take care of these floods? Yeah. I said, Did you ever bother to knock on the doors of the people at the other end to see how they like it, i.e. the residents there, but more particularly the water skiers and also the rowers that come in contact with the water. And essentially I told them, you're not crossing the Rubicon and enter into the picture than the good Michael Paul's who started vocal and then the rest of it. They've done a tremendous job on it. My affinity for such projects itself started way back when I was in high school and college, when I had the good fortune to interface, particularly in college, with Rachel Carson. What I think needs to be done here. One, there's a policy that the city needs to change. And I actually before this item came up, I had suggested last week or a week or two weeks ago to the city auditor that we should reduce we have this is this city should have a policy that only the contingency fee for any project will not exceed 3%. I've asked her to give us the figures so we know how much we're paying in contingency fees at the end of a year in all these contracts. And I venture to say not a you know, I don't know. And I think we'll find it to a sizable sum. But one of the concerns I have and I attended some of the meetings and I think that led up to this. And what they had said is that they were going to they were very proud and said, we're going to meet all our standards. I'm not interested in meeting the standard. I want to exceed the standard. And I want to make sure that it's done right. But I don't think as a matter of policy, this city should never have a contingency. Over 3% and 15% really raises the red flag. And I'd get inside of that. But I want. If it takes more money to exceed the. Standard, then go ahead and do that. But cut down to it. Thank you, Mr. Good. You 15%. Any other public comment on this item saying now please cast your votes. Councilwoman Mango. Councilman Alston. Bush and Kerry's. Okay. Item 18. I know that staff is asked to do a brief staff

report at a meeting. Hearing item three. Item three is a report from Public Works recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Find that the area to be vacated is not needed for present or prospective public use. Adobe resolution ordering the vacation of Alta Way between Marietta Court and Olive Avenue, as well as a portion of Olive Avenue, north of First Street, District two. Thank you. Can you please now go on to the staff. We'll have the staff report. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. A staff report was given by Shaun Crombie, our deputy director of Public Works and our city engineer. Good evening, Hono

rable Mayor. Council hearing number three involves vacation of all two way between myriad a. Court and all of avenue. The vacation has been requested by the majority. Property owner and after the request, staff. Did review the situation and found the vacation to be. Feasible and found the property not needed for public use. Petitions have gone out and the majority property owner has. Worked with the surrounding property owners. The recommended action. Tonight will. Conclude the OR conduct a public. Hearing. Find the area vacated not needed for public use and order resolution to vacate the alley. I'm available for any questions. Is your public comment on this hearing? Please come forward. Thank you. Researching consults and so I'm an associate recommendation to receive supporting document to record conclude the public hearing find that the area to be vacated is not needed for president or prospective public use. We haven't asked the homeless. Could they possibly use that property for anything safe light program if it's a structure on that facility with some of them, maybe seniors who are homeless, could they possibly use that property that is being vacated? Has anyone on council asked, is there possible that that some of this property could be used for homeless services if it is not been questioned? If we have not petitioned or questioned our homeless population, those citizens who are members of this community, then we have not done the appropriate research to bring this item to closure. The homeless are part of our community and if they have not been included in this, then to close this this particular item. Without their input, without hearing their desires. Plans for this perspective vacated, not needed for public use. Property. I'd like us to consider that before we move forward with this. The homeless are part of our community. And as we keep adopting plans and processes and spending money and deciding whether or not we can use a closed property without including. Optically the homeless is to say that these people do not exist. We're saying it yet again with this adaptation. We're saying to the homeless, you don't exist. If I were to fill these three seats with the homeless population and they would fill all the vacant seats or line them up outside, what would they have said about this recommendation to receive documentation into the record? Conclude the public hearing. Find that the area to be vacated is not needed for present or prospective public use. What would the homeless have said? Those who are sleeping in their cars yet again tonight. Who could have used this land maybe to park their cars so that at least they can feel a little bit more safe for eight more hours. What would they have said? And not to include them in this argument into this. Public comment is again to ignore that they are breathing guys not pleased with that. How long are we going to continue to do this? Thank you. And I know it's not clear on the description, but

this is the vacation of a partial, Ali. So it's not. A developable area. It is an access point. My name is Richard Gomez and I owned 7 to 5 years. First Street, which abuts this thing, is adjacent to the Serious Regis project. And my understanding from the staff of public works is that I'm going to get a ten by 50 foot section that was formerly the alley. The problem I have is the rear portion of my property has an easement from the Dragon house for parking and for drainage. So what I'm going to have as a problem is I own the first portion free and clear. Then I would own a ten foot section in the rear. And there's this easement in the middle. I think one of the conditions of this would be that Sarris Regis release or vacate their easement. They're here right now. They can discuss this and this way. We have no problems in the future if something were to happen in this thing weren't developed. There's going to be a ten foot section there that, you know, I don't have access over, you know, because my there's an easement between my property and that one. They're here. Perhaps they can discuss it or tell, you know, what we can do. But I ask that one of the conditions of the vacation is that Sarris Regis vacate or release that easement so that there's no problems in the future. With my property. So I know that those conversations have taken place. Hopefully between you and Sara, you have it. Okay, so you should have reached back. Excuse me. No, I was going to say you should have reached out to them. But I'm going to turn this over to Mr. Crumby to address the salient points as it relates to tonight's vote. Our staff will continue to work with the both property

owners to address the easement issues going forward. Thank you. I wish I had known about this earlier, but I just got the information. I got the mail in Saturday, so I had two days to discuss this with your staff. Your staff. You know, we had no conversations regarding that. But I think it's a brutal can of worms. If in the middle of this whole thing you have an easement, you have property, and then you have ten feet behind it and there's no continuation there. Understood. So if you'd like to speak with Mr. Crumby after this item, please feel free to do so. Off to the side. Thank you. So any other public comment on this item? Item three. Can. Councilman Gonzales. Thank you. Members, cast your vote. Vice Mayor LOWENTHAL. Yes. Motion carries. Hey. Item. 35 Vision zero. Next item, please. Report from Human Resources recommendation to purchase insurance policies for excess municipal liability or airport liability and aircraft liability and whole insurance for police helicopters. The total cost of the liability renewal premiums will not exceed 1.1 million citywide. We have a motion. Thank you. Council member Austin. I certainly motion to support this because we need insurance, but I would love to have a staff report. Okay. Staff vice, chair, council members, we have a lot of insurance items tonight

and they're presented by our human resources director, Alex Vasquez, and also our new risk manager, Randall Sellers. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of Council. My name's Randy Sellers and I'm the interim risk manager for the city of Long Beach. There's three separate items I'd like to cover with your permission numbers 22, 23 and 24. They all cover insurance and we buy them annually at the same time. The first item protects the city from liability, which pertains to claims from the public or others for negligence. Essentially, there's \$50 million in coverage and it will be excess of a \$5 million self-insured retention. We're self-insured for amounts now up to 3 million, but we're recommending that that be increased to 5 million. The \$50 million is there to protect us from catastrophic losses. Then we're also requesting two smaller policies protecting us from aviation and aircraft risks. If we go on to the next item, we're recommending the purchase of excess worker's compensation insurance, and we're recommending that that retention, which is essentially a deductible, be increased from 4 million to \$5 million. But we're also going to be getting a lot more coverage at the back end. In exchange for that, we're getting \$50 million in coverage. Raising the limits from 100 million that we currently have to 150 million. And finally, the property insurance covers city vehicles, buildings and equipment, and that premium is paid for one third of it for covering the Queen Mary. So that concludes my presentation there. Relatively straightforward and routine matters we come to council with every year. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Councilwoman Gonzales. Okay. So any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on item 22. Why do we have helicopters? The suggestion is that there could be a problem with the helicopter. That's why we need insurance to guard against the risk. Why would you have that risk if we didn't have helicopters? The helicopter serves no function at all. At all? Has it ever stopped one criminal? Has that been proven? Has it ever stopped one criminal from his mount malfeasance? It has not. It is just something that we're spending millions and millions of dollars on. Not only mentioning the insurance, but the maintenance. Do you have any idea the maintenance costs of two helicopters? Why do we have to? We don't even need one. Thank you. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Thank you. Report from City Manager Recommendation to enter into an agreement with Fuze corpse to participate in the Fuze Corp's fellowship program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 citywide. Councilmember Richardson. I want to just request the staff report. But I do want to say fantastic job. So far, we've been hearing about some attempts to find resources to focus on some of this work. I'm really proud to see this move forward, but I do want to hear that report. Thank you, Vice Mayor Council member

s. Arturo Sanchez, our deputy city manager, will give the staff report as he will be ultimately in charge of the Fuze fellows. Vice Mayor Lowenthal, Members of the City Council. The item before you is to authorize the city manager to execute all documents necessary to enter into an agreement with few score a nonprofit corporation of San Francisco, California, to participate in the Fuze Core Fellowship Program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and increase appropriations as necessary by \$300,000 to offset by grant funds from the California Community Foundation, the Irvine Foundation, and up to 100,000 in savings from fiscal year 2016 election expense. We are really excited about this particular program. We have an opportunity to get executive level experience, experienced folks with executive level experience in private corporations who are willing to take time out from their from their current employment to provide their expertize to us as

new as a new fresh set of eyes to work on initiatives that they have their heart and souls committed to. And so for this particular fellowship program that we are that we are pursuing, we will have an opportunity to have two fellows, one who will be assigned to work with us on the Safe Long Beach Initiative, in particular, focusing and really drilling down into the My Brother's Keeper initiative. And a second fellow who will be and that fellow will be reporting to me directly in the city manager's office as we try to coordinate the safe Long Beach through development services and My Brother's Keeper initiative as well on a citywide basis. The second fellow will be reporting to the director of health out in the Health Department and they will be focused on homeless issues and really focusing on the work that needs to be done to take an already great program and our Continuum of care initiative and take it to the next level and figure out where we can we can leverage the existing programs and make them better. With that, that would complete the report for staff and available for any questions if you should have them. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Richardson, when you finished. When you. Yes. Yeah. I'll defer to the rest of the council. Councilmember Alston. Thank you. And this is a great news. I am going to support this enthusiastically. I want to congratulate our staff and and acknowledge your work to make this grant and this fellowship happen and just say how enthusiastic I am that it's going to be going towards safe Long Beach and somebody to help coordinate our homeless issues here in the city. I think that's a great use of resources and like I said, I support it wholeheartedly. Thank you. Councilman Price. Thank you. I, too, think this is a really great development and I want to thank staff for their efforts on this. I do have a question regarding violence prevention. I spoke with the city manager earlier today trying to get an understanding of the scope of that. And I hear you, Mr. Sanchez, talki

ng about a focus on My Brother's Keeper. When I spoke with the city manager earlier, I I was under the impression that it was more part of the Be Safe program and that there would be programs offered throughout the city. There would be a focus on programs throughout the city to focus on things such as bullying or school violence, things that may not fall directly under My Brother's Keeper. Is that true? The fellow will be working under the safe Long Beach umbrella and looking at a citywide basis across the continuum of work that we do. Yes, but one of their subsets will be to try and develop a strategic roadmap for us. And then My Brother's Keeper. We will continue to work on the initiatives so such as the bullying efforts. And I believe we have a community forum and Ms.. Columbia should be behind me. And she could talk about the fact that we will be having a a forum out in District three to talk about bullying and our efforts to try and address those issues throughout the city. Yes. Yeah. And that's one of the things we've talked about. But in terms of this position where they develop, will they be developing kind of new programing going forward? We will be looking at ways to build on all, both safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper. So they're they're all interconnected. But we'll be looking to strengthen what we already have, including the bullying efforts. That sounds good, because I think the violence prevention piece of it really affects, you know, every district, especially right now. And if we can try to target the violence prevention message to the different communities, especially with our youth, I think that would be a really great way to use this money more broadly. So thank you. Thanks for. Your work. Thank you. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on item 14 saying none? Members cast your vote. Motion carries. Next item, please. Item 33. 33. Sorry. Communication from City Attorney Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the nomination of the property located at 260 East San Antonio Drive as a historic landmark. Read and adopted as Read District eight. Is there a second? Okay. Councilmember Richardson. Is. Okay. I got this. I think being aggressive with it doesn't help. No. Council member Austin. Yes. This is a like I said last week when this came before us. This is actually the first residential property in the city to get this distinction as a historic site. It's a beautiful home, and I would ask for your support. Thank you, Councilmember Superhot. All right. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on 33, item 33? SINGH None. Members Cast your vote. Motion carries. Great. Item 16 report from Economic and Property Development Recommendation to execute all documents necessary with the State of California to accept. We owe funds totaling 5.5 million citywide. Council member Austin. Is. Thank you. Obviously I support this, uh,

this effort to, uh, to get five and a half million dollars of workforce innovation and opportunity funds. I'd love to get a staff report, though. Yes. We have Nick Schulz with our Workforce Investment Board, who is been so successful in getting all these dollars. So, Madam Vice Mayor, members of

Council, this item before you represents our annual allocation of federal pass through funds. This this number before you tonight is about a 3% increase for the funding for the cities of Long Beach in Signal Hill over the last federal program year. This this money supports our infrastructure, staffing, technology, pre-employment and actually physical skill training and development for our customers. With this money, we will see about 35,000 customers within the doors of our career transition center here in Long Beach and additionally pay for hard skill training for about 3500 people. And that hard skill training will run based on individual need anywhere between 380 \$500. That would conclude initial staff report, and I'm happy to answer any additional questions you might have. Thank you. Councilmember Austin. Yes. I just want to salute our Pacific Gateway Department and Nick Schulz for making this happen again. This is this is great news for for our city and for, you know, many who are struggling to get into the workforce, particularly our youth. And so I'm looking forward to support. Green. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Thank you, Nick, for for just being able to gather these funds and get this going for our city. I know you your team is really in depth with all of the funds that you receive. And we often hear about all the successes that you're doing and work for. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Nick. I echo all the thanks and you are doing really excellent work. I did have a couple questions regarding the staff report on this. Just because I'm not familiar with this allocation, is this something we get annually, automatically? Do we apply for it? How does it come to us? With the city of Long Beach, in the city of Signal Hill, our federally designated local workforce investment area. So this allocation is annual. For as long as that designation remains intact, there's no reason to see that designation being changed within the next 2 to 3 years. Okay. And is this about the amount that we get usually or is this higher than it seems pretty significant. Is this higher than what we've gotten in the past? It's about it's about 3% higher than last year, actually, at the federal level, total allocation for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Actually, since 1998, these these funds have been trending down at the federal level. There's about 60% less than there was in 1998. It's distributed on a formula that takes into account population, relative poverty and relative unemployment. So there is some unpredictability year to year in what the funding will be. Again, as everyone is across the nation, we're losing we're losing some funding overall, but we

remain relatively stable over the last three years at the local level. Okay. And then what is our plan for implementation of the youth job skills training component? Do we work with local high schools? How do we roll that out? So that's that's actually changed over the course of this last year. So 75% of the youth money that we receive has to be focused on serving out-of-school youth. 25% goes to in-school youth. And we work heavily with the school district and we leverage their investments in link learning, their career pathway trust investments and some other investments that they have from from the Irvine Foundation to wrap around our services to to provide a more robust set of services to the in school population. The out-of-school youth. Now range anywhere from from 18 to 26 years old. And out of that 75% of the total money that must go to the out-of-school youth. 20 of it, 20% of it has to be focused on work, experience, wages. Okay. Thank you very much. And again, thanks for the report and the great work that you're doing. We appreciate it. Thank you. Vice Mayor Councilman, if I can just button for one of the answers that Nick gave. He's been very humble here when he says that the money just comes to the city through an allocation. If at any point we have one of the stronger webs in the state of California, and if at any point in time that Nick and his shop stumble or anything like that, don't meet any of our metrics, don't pass one of the 20 audits that he goes through every single year through the federal government, then that number could change. So I do want to applaud Nick and his team to keep up the metrics, do the great job that they do, so that we're never in a situation where we're looked upon to receive less funds. Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you, Pat. That was one of my favorite things to talk about. I think that the advances that you've done in performance based outcomes has been phenomenal, and I think it's a testament to the partnerships with our nonprofit organizations and our partner agencies. And I think that that has been demonstrated time and time again. And so I'm very I'm thankful to have you and your leadership to and with the Web. And I think that the diversity of our we are with board is demonstrating that. And I think the quality of our programing has also done that. So I think that all of those are really important factors in increasing and growing both our reputation and our funding. So thank you, Nick, for the work you and your team continue to do. Thank you for the Web members for the commitment, and thank you to all of our partner agencies who without which we would not be able to place these individuals into jobs. So thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yes. Also, I'd like

to thank you, Nick and Erica, you know, for the really amazing job that the residents back to work. The biggest prize by that I'm excited about is to see the grants. You see this going on the agenda because especially it adds vocational training a

nd this gives our, you know, just located workers a second chance, you know, at new careers. And I think that's what everyone talks about during the summer, especially for our youth. And now we talking about individuals, you know, much older, where so much a large portion of this grant will be going to those. So I don't think many individuals now can come running up to me again tomorrow. I want to get a job. All you gotta do is go down to the training center and I think at least you will have a chance to be heard or get on the, you know, application list where you there's a possibility that you could get a job. So I want to thank Eric and Nick again for for just fine job that you guys are doing. Thank you again. Councilman Richardson. Thank you. On a federal level. On a state level. Our our Workforce Investment Board is well respected. And that is clear. And the fact that we continue to receive these funds and we're increasing increasing the level I think should be recognized. So, Nick, this is a fantastic job and I look forward to helping you spend this money. Thank you. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on Item 16? CNN members cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Next step is we're going to do item number, is it that was 16. So I could do item 16. We'll try to get through these as expeditiously as possible. And there's going to be a motion that's ready to go here. So can we the the the item please. Report from city clerk recommendation to receive and file the certification of the petition regarding the regulation of medical marijuana businesses and approve one of the following three alternative actions adopt the initiative ordinance without alteration to submit the initiative ordinance without alteration to the voters to be held on November 8th, 2016 or three. Adopt a report pursuant to California State Elections Code. Thank you. There's a motion and a second device. Marie Lowenthal. Thank you. And Mr. City Attorney, I'd like to add to the motion to prepare an analysis that comes back to this council. Mayor, Vice Mayor. I'm not sure which what the motion is as read by the city clerk. The council this evening has three options. It's it's items two and three from the three options to. To approve receipt of. The clerk certification and then to ask for a report. Yep. Okay. There's a motion in a second. So it's to approve the ballot, the ballot measure that the caucus sent over, but also concurrently to ask for a report that would come back to the council. Yes. Okay. There's a motion and a second. Ah. Any public comment on this? We'd love to take the vote expeditiously. Mr. Goodhue. If it's all possible, I would suggest. Taking whatever steps necessary and figuring out what the cost would be to oppose any actions. And that would end with that would result in having marijuana legalized within this city. If we're prepared to spend \$90 million, urinate away \$90 million on a city hall, we can certainly af

ford the millions to fight this off in court. To forestall what the police department has counseled against the consequences of having legalized marijuana here in this city if we think we had problems here tonight. The day would pale in comparison to what we'll have if marijuana is legalized in this city. Thank you. Any other public comment? We want to take a vote. Quickly, please. Just real quick. Although I would have preferred number one, I know there's no consensus or probably won't be. But I'm here just to say. That the. City clerk really did a fantastic job in what was a very tedious and detailed process. And I'm very proud of the professionalism. That they displayed. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. And now we're going to item and I'm sorry, jumping around. Give me 1/2. I think it's 12. Motion carries. Next item is to 18. Report from Economic and Property Development and Development Services Recommendation to adopt specifications for the purchase and development opportunity at 6013 685 Estrategia Boulevard 6602 6620 Atlantic Avenue. Declare the city owned property a surplus and execute all necessary documents with frontier real estate investments for the sale of the property in the amount of 2.1 million District nine. Vice Mayor Richardson. I want to reserve my comments after the staff report, please. Mr. West. Mike Conway Mayor Garcia, Member City Council. This item relates to a future development. Property located at the northeast corner of Atlantic Avenue and Artesia. Boulevard. This property contains 2.14 acres and is undeveloped. An RFP was released and four submittals were received. The selection panel unanimously preferred the proposal submitted by frontier real estate investments. While the price offered for the property was slightly. Lower than the highest price, the total investment value. Was significantly higher. The developer proposals proposes to develop 13,200 square feet of

commercial and retail buildings with proposed uses that are needed. Within the local community, including. A commercial bank. Staff request the council approve. The recommended action, and I stand ready to answer your questions. Thank you. I'll go ahead and give my comments now, Mr. Mayor. Okay. So I'm obviously thrilled to be approving this project tonight. Having worked, you know, as chief of staff to Councilman Neal, who's here in the audience and working in this community for four, six, seven years. This is the one project that, you know, people for decades have asked about when are we going to develop this vacant lot on Atlantic in Artesia? So so tonight, this is the second of three major ninth District successor, Regency Park properties that's moving forward and really anchors the corner of Atlantic as well as Artesia, the developer Frontier Real Estate Investments has extensive experience and experience in development construction. I was very impressed with the prop

osal that they submitted. They demonstrated a strong focus on community needs, and it was very responsive to community interests. They've committed to civic engagement, continuing civic engagement through the course of this process, setting a new design standard for for our community and helping us to achieve our goals that, you know, we've we've we've looked for for a long time a number of amenities that have been lacking in District nine and North Long Beach, namely a financial institution targeting a sit down restaurant and retail space spaces for the community to gather. And I want to borrow former Vice Mayor Lowenthal comment, the public living room, a coffee shop and a development that really anchors much of the other activities taking place on the Artesian Atlantic corridor. So this is this is pretty huge for for us here in North Long Beach. We're really excited about this. I'm confident that the developer will fulfill the vision of the site and look forward to the full development along the timeline. So thank you. And those are my comments. Councilman Ranga. I totally support this motion and I congratulate Richardson on a successful project. And I also want to congratulate Vice Mayor Richardson, but also staff. You guys worked very hard on this. Very, very hard. And I love all the development that's happening in Long Beach right now. I love it. I love this. I want to fill all these frickin open parcels with development. The more, the better. Come on down. Develop our city, the more. It's missing a couple flagpoles. But besides that. Any public comment? Please come forward. Yes. Josh Butler with Housing Long Beach. We two commend the city for being able to sell all these vacant lots and develop them as well. We just want to be sure and I know a speaker came to council recently to ask if we're following the Surplus Land Act, which requires that these properties be offered up for affordable housing development as well as perhaps parks space as well. This has been a major issue in other cities and including Oakland, which had to turn back around on the sale of many of their properties to provide opportunities for public space, affordable housing and given the amount of public land that we've been selling off on a regular basis here all throughout the downtown, and now we're seeing already a lot sell sold off in other cities. I just want to make sure that we don't come back and have to look at that. We did not follow the Surplus Land Act and if any council members have had any conversations about that at all. Thank you. We just want to go on record as at least questioning this and the sale of other properties as well. Well, Miami property, the Long Beach Boulevard property that was recently sold as well. Questions about whether or not affordable housing developers had an opportunity at purchasing that property. Thank you. We have addressed that question. Mr. City Attorney, do you want to comment on that? Yes, we have complied with the Surplus

Land Act and that notice was sent. I think you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor. City Council and Staff. My name is Tasha Hunter with the Uptown Business Improvement District. And I want to say that we're very excited to have this development frontier come. The community has we've had some focus groups since I've been in the position as the business district manager and one of the common denominators and common things said was that the community wanted something to do, they wanted a place to go, and they wanted they wanted a nice sit down restaurant bank and as vice mayor said, coffee shop, different things. So we're very excited. The business district supports having Frontier there and we look forward to breaking ground. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening, esteemed Mayor. City Council. My name is Steve Neal. Address on file. And I would like to thank the city council and Councilmember Richards, Vice Mayor Richardson, for his diligence in this project. I can speak on behalf of the communities of North Long Beach and they are very excited about this development. This parcel has been sitting vacant prior to my term, going back into the term of my predecessor. So it is well overdue. So I'd like to

commend you on your hard work and thank you for your diligence. Congratulations. Steve, I just want to tell you, we desperately miss you. I just getting your. Let me say something. After after sitting here tonight. I loved it while I was here. But you guys are doing a bang up job and continue to fight. I just get it. And congratulations, Councilmember, on the major appointment. Next speaker, please. Hi. Good evening. My name is Susan Doan and I'm a property owner in Long Beach. I'm also a broker and I really want to say thank you for letting me speak tonight. And Councilman Richardson, congratulation on your magnificent project. These RDA properties have been sitting vacant and unused long enough since the I guess the idea went away in 2011. I have one question. There is over a 500,000 shortage of housing in the state of California. L.A. County alone has 50,000. These are facts that you can substantiate. I also have a client in Long Beach who is an affordable housing developer, and he indicated to me on numerous occasions that Long Beach was unfriendly to to them as far as their developing. So they went out of the area and even out of state. My question is, can we use some of these RDA properties for affordable housing? That's it. Thank you. Thank you. And I do know that just just to clarify. So the way that these properties work, I believe we've actually had about over 200 parcels across the city that we're selling. And part of the process is that the city is also limited on what actually can be develop on the site. And so there's actually a state stamped, approved, approved process of what and how we have to sell these properties. And in many cases, in some cases, it's to the highest bidder. In other cases, it's a pre-d

evelopment agreement with the city. In other cases, it's just a fire sale on the property. And so I just want to also clarify that with the city part of this process, the city lot has lost a lot of control in how to develop these parcels as well. But we have a motion in a second. And again, congratulations on this is fantastic. Please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. Item 16. Let's go back to 17. I'm sorry, did we do it? I don't think we did. 17. So. Is there a 16 also? What is six? I'm sorry. Let me go back one more. Okay. Let me do 16, which I think is being moves forward. So watch. Thank you, Mr. Gideon. Thank you. For those people that had been asking, that's the answer. Check to see. You know, thank you. That was a crime experience. But two years ago. Two and a half years ago. Thanks. Thank you. All right, Madam Clark, we're going to skip to item number 14. Could you please read on 14, please? Communication from Council Member Pearce recommendation to request the city manager to have the LGBTQ Pride Flag fly every day at City Hall to show support until the LGBTQ community has equal rights nationwide. Okay. So we have a motion council member. Is there a second to this? Councilmember Pearce, you want to speak to your motion? Thank you. I want to say I was really honored to put this item as my first item. Long Beach quickly became my home. Once I found a community at the LGBTQ center and I was, you know, raised by somebody that was part of the LGBT community in Texas. And so I know firsthand the struggles that people in our LGBT community face every day outside of of Long Beach and Long Beach, we've come a really long way in the rights of LGBT community, but we still have a long way to go. We have people in our community that are continually facing struggle turned away from establishments based on their sexual identity. We have people that are still struggling to find public accommodations, making sure that we have public education, where LGBT community would be protected from discrimination, and also making sure that our LGBT community has opportunities around federal funding for education and health care. And so here in Long Beach, we all stood outside City Hall, a group of us a little over a year ago to celebrate marriage equality. And what we said was that marriage equality was a great first step, but we still have a long way to go that we wanted to fight for equity. And so I propose raising the flag to celebrate our LGBT community here, but also at a national level. And I want to make two amendments because I know that there's been some discussion about why the LGBT community. So first, I would like to make an amendment to the item that we asked for a report back from city staff to include a report back on all of our flags. How many flagpoles do we have? What flags have been flown? What flags have been taken down? And what's the process for moving forward to raise one of these flags? I also want to make sure we

include how many flagpoles do we plan to have at the Civic Center at our new civic center? My Second Amendment to this item is that we raise the flag starting as soon as we can, and that we keep it up until either this group decides that there's another process for how we raise flags or until the Equal Rights Amendment is passed at the federal level. So it's not a forever situation. It is a until we have rights at the federal level. But I'm open to some discussion about that. I know that there was some discussion about an interfaith flag, veteran's flag. And so I definitely want to make sure

that we have an open discussion about how our city celebrates our diversity, but how we also whenever there is an opportunity to say people in the LGBT community in Long Beach should walk around feeling proud, and we should also have a symbol to say that we respect those rights and that while we are divided, sometimes the city as a whole values equality and equity. So thank you. I ask for your vote tonight. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Councilmember Gonzalez. Yes, thank you, Councilmember Pearce. I think this was a, you know, brought up a lot of good discussion. I, too, am a strong advocate for the LGBTQ community, like many of us here on the dais. I know Councilmember Pearce, his story and it's definitely something I know she she certainly believes in and I think many of us do here in the city of Long Beach. I would also like to see the process unfold to see exactly what we can do. You know, going forward with the new civic center, how many flagpoles we will have. There has been discussions. Maybe we raise the flag. I believe we have. The Purple Heart flag is one of them during November Veterans Month. And so there's a lot of discussions that have arise from this. I think although this was intended for one thing to begin with, it's really opened it up to a lot of other beautiful discussions for many other demographics. So I'm looking forward to hearing that first before we move forward. So thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Councilmember Price. Thank you. I want to echo the comments of Councilwoman Gonzales with, with one exception and rather than many of us behind the dais, support the LGBTQ community. I'd I'd say without a doubt, all of us on this council support the LGBTQ community, and we have done so not just in our actions and our words, but in both and everything that we do. So I don't think that I'm glad that we're asking for a study because for me, while I'm very supportive of the LGBTQ community and the pursuit for equal rights, I want to make sure that all residents feel represented and that we as a city are not giving special attention to one group or another. I would hate to be in a position where we're denying a request to fly a flag from an organization like the Veterans, for example, because that's one of the issues that we've gotten calls about over the last few days, is what about our organization? We'd like a flag to and every single

person who and not just organizations, but that's probably a bad word. Like the veterans aren't an organization, but they represent. A group. Of people who live in our community who deserve to be recognized and protected. And it's to me, it's about inclusion. So I don't want to be in a position where we're not able to. I accept the requests that people make, and I do like the idea of looking at what the flagpole make up is going to be for the new civic center, because it may be that we have, you know, the the flags that are inclusive of all of us, the American flag, the state flag, the city flag. And then maybe we have another poll or a couple of polls where we can highlight additional causes, groups, individuals, anything that women's rights, you know, domestic violence, anything that we want to highlight, we can do so with some additional flags that are out there that give us an opportunity to say yes to everybody. That's important to me, to be able to include everybody and not have anyone feel that they're not involved as as residents and that they're not valued as much as others . So with that, I do want to thank Councilwoman Pearce for bringing this forward. I think it's going to spur a really good discussion and actually probably prompt us to look at something that we hadn't looked at for the nearest civic center. I don't think we've even talked about that. So it's actually a great discussion for us to start having. So thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Price. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I don't disagree with anything that any of my colleagues have mentioned thus far. This is a this is Long Beach and we know that here the city government certainly supports our LGBT CU community. I personally have worked to help elect the first gay male here. Dan Baker had the opportunity to work with Jerry Ships Key, the first lesbian, openly lesbian, a member of the city council and obviously our mayor this is this is a the LGBTQ community has a rich fabric in our community and deserves to be honored. And I think we do so quite frequently with the new Harvey Milk Park. We have a great gay pride parade in celebration and a month that we dedicate to that. I'm the I have one question because I know we have a number of flags flying right now. And there's two parts of her motion. The original motion was to do a study, which I certainly support. The other part is to to fly the flag until. So what comes down? In the interim. Is there a blank open flagpole now? It's my understanding that the last time we flew the pride flag is that it flew underneath our state flag. Or is that correct? State flag that it would be two on one pole. Yes. This is exciting stuff, guys. Exciting stuff. Wow. Sorry about that. There's. If we choose to fly. Below the state flag, that there's certainly room for that immediately. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. And I'll just I can't really queue up, so I'll just make my comments now. I would say thank you. Thank you, C

councilmember Pearce, for for bringing this forward. And congratulations on your first city council item. I'll say that. And I would say that, you know, sometimes sometimes it is good to, you know, go ahead, allow staff to, you know, put it all together, look at it and come with a recommendation that, you know, the whole city council can support. I'm certainly going to support the proposal and what I heard and I want to make sure that this is in your motion. What I heard was you want them to take a look at the gate, the pride flag. You want them to look at the, you know, Purple Heart, Gold Star mothers. You know, those groups, the Gold Star Mothers had a flag and it came down to the process of the move as well as the interfaith flag. Yeah, those are the three you want to make sure are included in this study. I want to make sure that we include those and any others that might be down in the past. Certainly certain and correct me if I'm wrong, the flag come down. It's still there. All right. Thank you. Thank you. Okay, councilman. Subpoena. Okay. I guess I would like further clarification. I thought Councilman Austin's point, I wasn't sure where you're going, but I guess I would make a friendly amendment in that if we're going to do a study, let's study it and not take any action right now. So how would you like to frame that in terms of that? Would that be a friendly amendment. A city, a city attorney? Could you just restate what you understand is the motion? My understanding is that, yeah, I think there's a little confusion here, but the my understanding is that staff is going to look at all the flags together. Yeah. My my understanding of the motion from the second District was that she had requested a report back to the city council on on the flags, the number of poles, what's flying on them, how how you determine a flag is placed on the pole and what is the procedure to do that? And then the second part of that motion was to fly the flag, the LGBTQ flag, until that study comes back. Way I understood. It. And that's what I heard also. I think we have a cart and a horse syndrome here. If we're going to do the study, let's do the study and find out how we proceed. So that would be my I want to call it a friend of the amendment this time. So. So looking for a second on that. Thank you so much. Well, there is no it will. Be a subsequent motion. Friendly, friendly amendment. So if it's not Councilmember Pearce, so you have a friendly to combine the study with the pride flag. Are you open to that? Let me think. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. And I would just ask, what is your timing? Your timing considerations? You get that back in the next 30 days to shorten. We will certainly tell you. Where we are in 30 days, but we'll try to come back in 30 days. Just a recommendation, I would say. Try to bring it back after the budget. Give them a good 60 days so they actually have a report. Sure. If you could bring it back right after the budget, which is September

15th, that. Will come as fast as we can and give you updates. No worries. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Price. Just one quick question. Do we have a flag policy? And if not, can we look at creating one so that in the future, if a group comes and says, we'd like our flag flown, we can have a policy that's kind of consistent and not arbitrary. Councilmember Pierson Members of the City Council. Price Scuse me. And Member City Council, we do have a flag policy. It's actually a. City manager administrative regulation that does spell out and we do have information on the flags. But one of the provisions. Of that policy is if any other flag wants to be added, then it's. There's a discussion at the city council that happens. So we're appropriately following that process. Thank you, Councilman Austin. And as a follow up to that policy, is there in that policy, is there direction on on taking the flag or removing the flag from our poll? Because I have my staff research all of the flags and there's at least one of them that gives me some some concern. Not having committed it to memory. I don't recall exactly about removing, but I don't believe it really talked about removing it talks. About the federal flag and how that should be flown because there are some protocols on the federal flag. It talks about the city and the other flags. We have a list of some others that have been added over the years. There are several flags that are flown every day. But we can certainly revisit the policy that's currently there. We'll talk about that in the report and then we can certainly look at how to remove flags. And again, I think all of that really does happen at the city council level. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. There it is. Thank you. So seeing no more council comic will open it up to public comment. Very good. You click as the address. I would suggest to the council person from the Second District that our energies should be focused 100% and trying to forestall. The bankruptcy that is facing this state, this city, instead of going off on a harebrained idea like this. We fly the American flag, the state flag, the city flag and the flag. And I don't know if the official policy is relative to the gold star that is connected with veterans. Military affairs. Buried. Any other flag can certainly be flown, but not here. At the city hall. What I've long suggested is we create and this and

this is particularly true given well. Let me go back. I've suggested a couple of years ago. Three years ago. What we develop is that in our largest city park, Eldorado Park, we set aside a place where we call pandering park. And on the longest weekend of the year in the summer, starting at Friday till Monday, any group, whatever they are. Good, bad, whatever, good looking, bad looking, whatever group left, right. They can march over Hill, over Dale, over here, there and anywhere they want and get it out of their system period. And that is particularly true when we're talking about

the. Gay flag and the Harvey Milk debacle, which was engendered by despicable conduct of a mayor that capitalized on the tragic death of two individuals. Neither of whom had any connection to whatsoever. But he thought he could make some political hay out of that. That. Will be eventually removed also over to and we can put it in pandering park. But the policies should be these three flags that are flying their. In addition to the other flag that was referenced dealing with veterans. Period. Otherwise, what we've got is every Tom, Dick and Harry with every group from Mickey Mouse. To the Boy Scouts. To the Klu Klux Klan. What about the group that was in here? Parties complaining about the massacres in their country? We start doing that. Stick with those three flags. And thank you, Mr. Goodhue. Thank you. Next. He's. Good evening again, Diana Le Gene. First of all, I do want to commend Councilwoman Pierce for her empathy and to her feelings about this particular issue. My my concern is, is that if you're going to represent one group, then you need to represent all. So one thing that could be considered is like the U.N. the U.N. has flags from all the different nations. So you could have in the courtroom in the area outside city hall, you could have a number of different flags and you could have a number of different groups represented. However, you're going to have to really use your judgment on which ones because you might want to have the veterans flags or what about Black Lives Matter? Or What about the Hispanics? Or. So, you know, you're going to be very careful to be inclusive. One of the things that concern me are that you're going to have to have a flag with a green cross on it because medical marijuana patients are also very underrepresented. So I'm just and I'm not saying that to be funny. I you know, they are legally persecuted. So. So I'm just saying, you might want to be very careful with them. And I do understand wanting to support people who are not being honored. And in that respect, what I have personally done is I will not stand up from this day forward. In fact, I started a couple of weeks ago to stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance because it ends with and liberty and justice for all. And that is just not true in this country. It is just not true. And until that happens and I don't care what it I don't care whether you're black, white, purple, green, medical marijuana patient or you're Hispanic. It doesn't matter to me. It should be liberty and justice for all. And so if you really want to object to that, then my suggestion is you do not stand for I love the country. I just do not appreciate the the empty words of liberty and justice for all. So I'm just suggesting that if you want to truly object to it, sit down. Don't. You know, that's a great way of quietly objecting to the injustice in this country. Thank you very much. Thank you. My name is excuse me. My name is Lynn Roba. I've been a resident here for 36 years. I sugg

est that the lady before me might want to visit some other countries where there is no liberty and justice for all before she stops saluting our beautiful flag. When I found out about this item agenda, my first reaction was, I don't remember getting to vote on this. And so I decided to come down here and give my opinion. I've always bragged about Long Beach as being so racially diverse, and we have a lot of people that we know from other countries that we show around here, and we're so proud of Long Beach and its diversity. It's also diverse and backgrounds and cultures and religions and persuasions. I think it's a mistake to lift up one particular persuasion above another and to honor that persuasion with flying just their flag below these three flags. I think it's a mistake. We all have persuasions and we all are waiting to see our goals be realized. How many flags will there need to be to represent all of us in Long Beach? I recommend that we not approve this recommendation. Thank you. Thank you. Next. Hello. I'm David Pope Grover, and I'm the pastor of Hope Chapel in Long Beach, and I'm a resident here the same time as my wife, Lynn, who just spoke. And I would like to say something about the American flag tonight. We saluted it. Together and we were in unity. And there's so much diversity here. But when we see our flag, the the the red, white and blue. And we see ourselves as a nation under God. We're in. Unity. And this this flag protects all peoples. There. There should be liberty and justice and freedom for all. But I don't feel that it's a righteous act. To endorse what the Bible says is a sin. And we need to get to the root of the matter. We need to get back to the Bible and back to the Word of God. And so I'm here at

Happy. To call you to repentance. And to come back to the truth because it's only the truth will truly set us free and make us find peace among ourselves. God bless you. I hope you'll consider that. Thank you. Thank you. Next. My name is Daniel Cartagena. I live in the first district. I'm a veteran from the Korean War. I was in the first Marine Division from 1951 to 52 and Korea. And I was at the VA hospital yesterday when this discussion started about the flag. At first, you know, I was upset. Because to me, the American flag means a hell of a lot. I know many of you weren't even born towards the end of World War Two, but at the Battle of Iwo Jima. There were five Marines and one Navy corpsman that raised the flag on Mount Suribachi. And to me, that represented the strength of our country. I'm a very proud man to live in the United States. I did my service time. And so when this item came up, I wasn't too sure how hard to digest it. At first I was upset. But then I decided I wanted to come down here to. To find out more about it. And I don't have a problem talking about maybe a policy for flags. But I think I like to everybody to know that, you know, the American flag means a hell of a lot to a lot of us veterans. And

I think that veterans should be included if there's going to be any input on any of this discussion. And I can I know several guys that would be more than happy to come down and discuss this whole issue. So that's my response. Thank you. Thank you. Next. Hi, Dave is Keith resident in Long Beach. I just want to say on this topic of the flag for the LGBTQ being flown. I feel that it's opening up a can of worms and you're going to get some pushback. And lastly, there is inclusion, inclusion, inclusion. The study must be done. Because other groups are going to come forward and say, hey, my flag should be able to fly as well. I agree with you, Suzy, and what you said, Jeannie, all of those things that you mentioned about the issues that the L, g, b, t q deal with, African-Americans are dealing with that. Almost since the beginning of time, and we still don't have equality. So if that is the case, the study must be done because the Black Lives Matter is going to come up and say, Hey, our flag should be flying up there too, because we've been dealing with the issue much longer than the pride community. That is what's going to happen. And this is a hot topic. As a former reporter for an ABC affiliate station. Trust me. It's going to be some pushback in the community and the news is going to grab on to it and you're going to be seeing a lot of stories going on. So I'm not saying that I'm against it. I'm not saying I'm for it. I'm kind of neutral right now. But if. The Council decides to move forward. Then you have to open it up for everybody. And on the topic of flying all year long until equality runs, until equality is achieved, rather than if that's the case, then it needs to be opened up to other groups to. For African-Americans and the Latino, Latinos and everybody else until equality is achieved. So there's a whole lot in there that needs to be considered. A whole lot. So think about it very carefully, because once again, it's going to open up a can of worms. If we move forward. If we go forward. This is Long Beach. Hey, more power to you, but it has to be open to everybody else. Thank you. And one last thing. I agree with the lady. I think she laugh in regards to the Pledge of Allegiance. And justice for all. We haven't got there yet because if we have, we wouldn't be having all of this push back and confusion going on in America. Thank you, sir. Next. Hello. Jim Hutchinson. Again and. Again. I just going to echo some of the same sentiments that have been articulated. I have appreciated the ethnic, cultural and demographic diversity of our city, but I am again convinced that we must put the brakes on this resolution for several reasons. Most of us agree that the American flag is a powerful symbol of unification, patriotism and shared values. However, the rainbow flag does not unify or reflect shared values. It exalts one group above the others, as has been said. And it's going to divide rather than unify. It sends the wrong message, although many w

ill say that it invites inclusiveness, it's going to do the opposite. Many in our community believe the LGBTQ issues and lifestyles are not healthy on many levels, but we respect the community's right to choose as long as it doesn't promote itself above other cultures and values, which also have the equal right to expression. This is exactly the message you will send if you vote yes on this resolution. Cultural flags, in my opinion, are just not appropriate for government venues. Also, many of us feel. Our voices. On this issue are either not heard or ignored, and that politicians, by attempting to pass these. Kinds of resolute. Resolutions, confirm the sentiment and disregarding large segments of the city's citizens who believe traditional and biblically based relationships are the best for physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Please vote no on this resolution a proposition which is divisive rather than unifying. Let us continue to agree to pledge the allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And yes, we do not have liberty and justice for all, but

we're pursuing that. So thank you for the time. This time, I pray that you would consider our opinions. Thank you. Thank you. Next. Good evening. My name is Porter Dahlberg and I am the executive director for the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach. I am also an LGBTQ person. I am here in strong support of Councilmember Pierce's original agenda item. Last night I was in Las Vegas on vacation with my parents as a treat to my mom. I took her to see Terry Faders Puppet Show at the Mirage. After three incredibly demeaning jokes about LGBTQ people, including putting a male audience member in a dress and then proclaiming that he could now use any restroom he wanted, I left, holding back hot tears of anger. I complained to the manager as my mother, who I love deeply and who I know loves me deeply as well, and tries her best to understand who I am. Did not stand beside me, but instead waited down the hallway while I expressed my concern. The manager told me that he was sorry I didn't enjoy the show and gave me the email address of someone else to contact. A gay man interrupted my complaints to tell the manager that he was gay and wasn't offended at all and that quote unquote, we needed to learn to laugh at ourselves. I felt the tears of raw vulnerability, threatening exposure, so I did not get to ask him when the last time he was harassed and a restroom was. I knew his answer would have been never. But the memory of the last time this happened to me was quickly surfacing in my mind. When Caitlyn Jenner accepted her SB award last year, she said, If you want to call me names, make jokes, I can take it. But for the thousands of kids out there coming to terms with being true to who they are, they shouldn't have to take it. And I was one of those kids last night, childlike, full of insecurity, helplessness and doubt. And in that moment with the manager, I knew that I was all alone and no one was

going to believe me or acknowledge my hurt. I did not feel safe in Las Vegas. Symbolism is important. When LGBTQ people see a rainbow flag flying at our civic center. They know we will believe and acknowledge them when they come to us with their hurt and pain. They will know that we are a city that cares enough about LGBTQ people and the messages we constantly receive that we are punch lines and punching bags are unacceptable. And they will know that we are a city that values, embraces and acknowledges how much farther LGBTQ people have to go in the world and among ourselves to live with safety and dignity and without shame. I deeply value the kindness and respect each of you has demonstrated towards the LGBTQ community. Our flag, our symbol of hope, is worthy of official acknowledgment more than once a year. And I strongly encourage you to honor the spirit of the original item and fly the flag for at least 30 days. While this study is conducted, it will go a long way in mending many wounded spirits and broken hearts, including mine. Thank you so. Thank you. Our next speaker. Hi. My name is Dr. Elaine Villanueva. Bernal, and they reside in the fourth District and. I. Support the study. And just so thank you just to and I. Want to share with you. With with this entire audience here that I am also a. Daughter of a Vietnam vet. My dad serve in Danang for two years from 1965 to 67. But tonight I am here to speak about the LGBTQ community. So I'm going to speak from a professional and professional. Professional and personal standpoint. And for. Those of you that know me, I teach chemistry, and I also teach with. Science education at Cal State Long Beach, and I'm faculty there for ten years. And while there has been great strides in. Promoting women, especially women of color like myself in STEM. We have a long way to go with the LGBTQ community. In my. Profession. From my experience being 15. Ten, 15. Years in the STEM community. In the profession, that science is pretty straight, very heteronormative. There was a recent study, Queer in STEM survey with 14 over 1400 participants, respondents where 40% of queer STEM workers reported that they have not come out to their colleagues and coworkers. And just to close this out in the last minute and a half, I want. To share one of my students stories. His name is Victor. He was one of my biochemistry students where when he came out to his parents, his parents kicked him out. And, you know, as far as the studies, it's like a tank. And on a positive note, fortunately, he returned home. Where while there's much conversation and healing that had to take. Place. He's one of our top student. Researchers now at Cal State Long Beach. So it's those things that I keep in mind as far as a symbolism that we need to show as a community and for the LGBT community. I think you. Thank you. Next. My name is Cynthia Newsom. I've been a. Resident in Long Beach for over 36 years. I just kind of want to give a timeline of. Our

world. Our world was created by God. And when he made all the heavens and the earth and all the. Animals and everything, he made. Adam. And then he made Eve. His goal was to be a man. Woman marriage. So what has. Happened? You know, Adam and Eve ate the fruit and. Sin entered

the world. Okay, so. So then we come to Sodom and Gomorrah. Well, God's view. Of homosexuality is. An abomination. And what you know, because they didn't repent. They were destroyed. And so we see throughout the whole Bible that. That God condemns it. So then we've we've got America. We've created America. Most of our founding fathers. Were believed in the Bible. They wrote all these wonderful. Things the Declaration of. Independence, the Bill of Rights, etc.. Okay. So, you know, I would say most of the citizens were God fearing people at the time. Well, our society has changed a lot. Now as far as marriage is concerned. If you look at all the states that have. Voted. For homosexual marriage, it's not been the people. The people have not voted on it. Here in California, twice we put on the initiative. To have a marriage between one man and one woman. And it got shot down twice. And so it's not that the people have voted for it. It's that our courts are judges, our legislators. Everyone has catered to. That lifestyle. And I when I heard that. All of you council people voted for same sex marriage, I was ashamed. I could not believe it. Well, yet I couldn't believe it because I know what kind of influence we have here. But. And then we've got the Supreme Court that totally went against God's law. I will say one thing that, you know, the Supreme Court, they can. Do. Whatever they want to. But marriage was. Created by God. And he's the only one that can change it. Thank you. Thank you so much. New speaker, please. Good evening. My name is James Sweitzer. I live in the third district resident. I actually was not planning to speak tonight. I came to catch up on emails after my four week absence. But I think in light of some of this conversation turning into all Flags Matter conversation, and I think a lot of the other commenters being the perfect example of why this item needs to be discussed and why we need to. I mean, I'm so proud of all of you for even entertaining. This, I think, speaks volumes to it. And I think that I want to let you all know personally. I'm trying without crying. What kind of message you're sending? I don't want to do that with the story. Sunday morning on June 12th, I woke up, um, actually very now when we sit back very early morning on June 12th, I was at a bar with some friends and waiting outside after the bar had closed at the entrance on the street and talking to people and enjoying the space and the freedom that I had there. And to wake up the next morning and find out that the same people who were doing the exact same thing I did were not alive at that same time. It was terrifying. And I remember I couldn't even consider going on social media. Frien

ds that invited me to come out here and join the amazing community out here at Harvey Milk Park. And I honestly wasn't ready for that. As somebody who's gone through so much trials and tribulations and contemplating my own suicide at the age of 16 and struggling with my own identity, not only just as a gay man, as a gay man of color. It was terrifying. And the first time, two weeks after that night, going back to a gay bar and a gay bar because it's a safe space for me to be and be myself and seeing other people and especially people of color and seeing that rainbow flag. I cried. I cried. And to be able to see that and to know that I can look at the American flag and say, that's beautiful. Because as some of these speakers said, that represents everybody. Everybody, whether we're disabled, able bodied, whether we come from where people of color, whether we whatever, regardless of our income, that represents everybody. But the message that you all are sending right now by saying whether it's until we have equal rights nationwide or whether it's just for 30 days to see that everybody is beatable. But right now, we need to care for the specific people in the LGBT community because they are hurting. And I agree with our speaker. If there is a Black Lives Matter flag, let's play that, too, because right now there is a lot of hurt and a lot of hurt right here, not just in our nation, in the world, but in our own community. And I'm so proud of all of you for entertaining this. And I would just encourage you so much. To you know, I know you're for the study, but to really consider this is a very important item for our community. So thank you. Thank you next week for please. Hi. And it's Tom Stout. Information on file. I'm not really. In favor of this ordinance. The bottom line, I think the three flags that are displayed there are what should be displayed at public buildings. Now. You do fly the pride flag. You see it all over Long Beach. It's flown during the Gay Pride Month. That's fine. But I don't think there. Are enough flagpoles for every group that wants to fly a flag at any public building. Maybe you should get one of the RDA properties that you're giving away anyway. And let's make it a flag park and you can fly whatever flag you want there with, you know, certain exceptions. So what do you think? Let's use an RDA proper. You're giving them away anyway. What the hell? All right. Thank you. Thank you. And the other public comment synonym closing public comment. Back to the council. Councilmember Pearce. First turn on my mic. I want to thank everybody. Literally everybody that came and spoke tonight. I want to be reflective. You know, we heard a lot about other community members that

might have been left out of this this flag discussion. And to be clear, members of our LGBTQ community are members of every part of our community. They're veterans. They are Christians. They they're African-American. They are cover every single part of our community.

But there are small minority still that still has been struggling every day. And I want to thank James Swasey for sharing where you were and how you were feeling when lives were lost. Since 2010, we've had over 150 hate crimes on the LGBT community that made national news. And that's not including what happens in our streets. That is not reported. And that is, again, one of the reasons why I brought this item up, thinking about the state of our country and the fact that we lost lives in Orlando, 49 lives, 53 wounded. It is a time that I think sometimes we feel that we have made a lot of strides, but we haven't quite gotten there yet. So I want to thank everybody for the fruitful discussion on the study, which I look forward to staff coming back, and I would like to ask that council members reconsider their friendly amendments. We had some requests from the audience around flying the flag for 30 days or some shorter period of time, preferably 30 days until that study does come back. Would you be open to that? Okay. So I wasn't here when the friendlies were done. So there's a motion in a second. Who was there? A friendly member. Okay. Council member. Supernova. Thank you. And thank you to the speakers, Elaine James and to Porter. I think Porter introduced the 30 day window and by my friendly amendment I someone used the word divisive and that's all I was trying to avoid. So we wouldn't have this here tonight. But it was inevitable to go to a study I think is make sense. I guess what I had question was flying the flag and then tell the point we have a study and then what if the study has the wrong result, then you have to take the flag down. So I like the concept of having the flag up for a limited time. 30 days is fine and then it comes down and then we go to a study. So that's if, if I could revise my friendly, I guess that's what it would mean. Q Thank you. Okay. So the there's a, from what I understand, correct from wrong because it wasn't here. The friendly amendment is to do a study on the flags that are we currently have as far as inventory of what we fly with possibly looking at what we should be flying is that that right and then 30 days for the pride flag. Okay. Yeah. Councilwoman Price. So I really I appreciate the discussion that we're having. I'm a little bit I don't quite understand the 30 days. I mean, the idea of taking the flag down once we hang it to me seems. I don't know. I think I would have a really hard. If we're going to fly the flag, let's fly the flag. I don't I don't understand the concept of hanging it for 30 days and then taking it down. It's not even, in my opinion, unless I'm missing something. This 30 day period isn't even. Coinciding with anything else, a message or a reminder? I don't know. I just I feel like putting it if that is what will make people happy, that's fine. I just don't know the wisdom of that. Wouldn't it be better for us to establish a flag policy, determine what consistent methodology we're going

ing to use to hang flags? And and I really appreciate James's comments. I mean, they they really they they're very touching. And he says, well, you know, if this organization wants it to hang their flag, too, that that's fine. I mean, I actually really like that philosophy is that I don't think we should be saying no to anybody. I mean, women I'm sure there's women who think we need equality. I'm sure there's people of color who think we need equality. And they might come in next week and say, you know what, we want our banner or we want some symbol of our fight and our struggle hung up there, too. And then we don't even have any sort of guidelines right now. We can't even justify what we would say is we're going to hang this flag for 30 days because our colleague brought the item forward and your request alone isn't enough. But if you can get a council person to bring the item forward, then we'll fly your flag for 30 days. I just I don't want to set that kind of precedent. I respect this honestly. The concern that I had when this came forward is, is how do I express my real concerns without it being misinterpreted? And I know a lot of my colleagues feel the same way. The concern is that tomorrow, if an organization comes and says, you know what, my husband's a veteran, and when I was talking about this item with him, he said, you guys should hang the you know, do you have something out there for veterans? And I said, gosh, I don't know. But it was like the slippery slope, like we could we could end up having 20 flags out there. If we are like I, I genuinely appreciate and love the diversity of my community. I love it. But we cannot be in a place where we're hanging everybody's flag because we just we can't we have to have some sort of limit. We represent everybody. And the most inclusive way to represent everybody is through the flag of the United States of America. That's how we represent everybody. So I'm not saying I'm not saying let's not hang other flags. I'm just saying let's have, you know, a method by which we decide. And,

you know. If if. We've hung the flag before on multiple occasions, but they've always coincided to some sort of message. I just I'm missing the message. But again, I want to listen from my colleagues on this. If it's something that people feel strongly that that there's something to that 30 days, I will say I think that. Our. Our actions should mean something. In regards to our commitment to this community, I think our actions should mean something. I know that I represent a district that has in the past not been very active at all in these efforts. And yet for the last two years, I have participated in, supported, done everything that I can to support the community. And I don't want my concerns about allowing one flag because it opens the door for others to be misinterpreted, to mean something that it doesn't. I think our actions should mean something. We live in a beautiful, diverse city with a gay mayor. Turns out he

's gay and he has done a great deal for to educate every single one of us, teach us about everything, include us. And so much he's been so inclusive in allowing us to be a part of his community. And I respect that and I appreciate that. It's made me a better person. I think we should be, as a city, judged by our actions. And the other concern that I have is the way that the agenda item was written. I respect it, I appreciate it. I don't think we as a government entity should be hanging flags or banners in some sort to send some sort of a political message for a fight for equality. Because there are so many organizations and and people that deserve equality. There are so many disenfranchised people in America. We live in a beautiful country. We have a land of opportunity. But we really should be we should be in a position that we say yes to every group that wants that fight for equality. And if we're going to do that, then it's it's we're opening it's a slippery slope. And that's my concern. So I just I have a concern. Yeah. It might be easier thing tonight would have been for me to say, all right, 30 days, let's do it. But. What? What is the meaning of the 30 days? I guess that's just what I don't understand. Why? 30 days? Because we were just told the report's not even going to come back for 30 days. So we're going to take the flag down and 30 days with no report. I don't quite understand that thinking, but if somebody can help me understand that again, I'm I'm I'm more supportive of the community and the message and the fight then, then I can express in my words. And if it takes me voting for a flag to go up for 30 days and come down in 30 days to prove that, then, then I'll do that. But I would hope that my actions would mean more than putting up a flag for 30 days. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mayor Garcia. And so I would I would say that, you know, I was I was I listened. It was my first first time in the hot seat. And I listened. I was, you know, front and center and listened to all of the testimony. And some stuff did stand out. To me, particularly, James, was those comments when he said, you know, a conversation about a single proposal turned into an all like all all flags matter conversation. And that did resound to me because before rushing to and I'm guilty of as well, I also, you know, I threw in the interfaith flag and all those things because I was approached with that over the course of the last week. But I think there you know, there is something to say there about when you step forward to say here is one community that has a certain circumstance and we are in the middle of a fight. Let's talk about this fight. Not all the fights right now. We can study and talk about all the fights that it may actually make sense to me. So if a colleague were to come forth and say, here's an issue that I sincerely care about, I want our council in our city to acknowledge it for a period of time. I also acknowledge all of the

se other things, and I'm inclusive of those as well. But I'm asking for a special acknowledgment. Hearing that and putting that perspective. I think the compromise proposal by Porter does make sense. Now, that came from public comment. Now, the distinction is what I heard. What I heard from from the public comment was, you know, acknowledge the request by flying it over the course of the study. It didn't say 30 days. It said over the course of the study. And that makes that make sense to me along the lines of, you know, the thinking that Councilmember Price said. So I could I could understand I could actually support that, because it does make sense. We're acknowledging the request, and we are also why we go through the process of evaluating our flag policy, looking at, you know, all the groups that made these requests because frankly, you know, certain issues, you know, it's very passionate to a lot of people. And we do have a job as a city who cares about tolerance and cares about diversity and values, differences. We do have a job to look at all of them. So I would just say I'm going to be supportive of the motion. I would hope that it actually just it just aligns with a study to where we fly it until we make a decision as the full council on what our flag policy is. So that's my hope. And it's not a friendly I'm just throwing it out there. That's where I think

where where I think this conversation should go. Thanks. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzales. Again, I'll just reinforce, you know, I think this was a really good, fruitful discussion. I think, you know, as much as we want to, of course, see what the flag study will bring, which is something that we will certainly do. I think that is very important knowing that we have a new civic center coming up. But I will agree, I think in the interim, there's always going to be there's always going to be a demographic that needs our our support. And I think that if there's any demographic here in the city, of course, certainly veterans I'm a granddaughter of a World War Two veteran. That doesn't make me any less caring for veterans. We fly the veteran flag. We fly the American flag. I have the American flag of my grandfather's grave sitting on on my in my mantle at my parents house, care much deeply about that. But I think also there's you know, if if there is a council member that is raising a concern. You know, we can't address it for that meantime. And so I think it's important that we at least address this. I don't think it's unreasonable to say that we will be flying this as council, as Vice Mayor Rex Richardson said for a short period of time, until we can decide what the flag pole study will bring and then hopefully bring a policy back that will be very solid. And so we can move forward from there and decide from there what we need to do. And maybe there's more flags that could come of it. Maybe we take some flags out. I don't know what that discussion will bring, but at least we'll have some s

ort of information. So I hope people can be a little bit more open minded. And, you know, the disrespect that I've been hearing out there, especially from Larry, you know, it's really it's really bad when you hear that type of disrespect, especially with such sensitive issues. It's really disrespectful. And I know you come here every every day, every Tuesday. But to hear things in light of, you know, what people have shown is concerns. I would just ask for your respect in that sense. So thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Pearson. Well, first I have to say, I didn't think my first agenda item would be a flag. We were talking about flagpoles for an hour. So thank you guys for sticking out with us and going through this conversation. I want to just get some clarity because Vice Mayor Richardson, you had made a comment about keeping it up. Was that a. Because right now we have a friendly amendment for 30 days. Sure. So you're just point of order. You're in control of the motion. It's your motion to accept it, to recommend the friendly as a recommendation to change it. And I just simply said the recommendation from Porter, what he said was to go ahead and fly the flag through the course of the study that I think I would support . It's ultimately in your hands there. What? Porter actually went second because the city attorney wanted to say something. Just a slight correction to the vice mayor. The motion now is the motion of the floor. It's been made in a second and it's been amended. And so anybody could make either offer a friendly or a substitute motion. At this time, it's not controlled by the maker anymore because it's now been accepted. And it's it's a motion of the floor. And do you want a city attorney? Do you want to read the motion on the floor just so that everyone's clear? As I understand it, the motion on the floor is to request city manager to conduct a study regarding the flags at the Civic Center and that the flag would fly for a 30 day period. Okay. That's the current motion on the floor. Back to Councilmember Pearce. Okay. So that's a commotion on the floor. I'd like to accept that motion. Yes. I ask for your support. And you mean you're going to. That's the motion that's on the floor that you support, right? Okay, perfect. Hey, everyone. Everyone has a first couple of weeks, so, you know, we got to make sure that we go over this stuff some time, so. Great. So just so just to be clear, Councilmember Pearce, is that there's a motion on the floor which is to do a study asking management and then to also fly the pride of flight for 30 days. Councilmember Pearce. Sorry, I want to get clarity how I think that I've heard from a couple of the council members that we don't want to be in the situation where we're taking the flag down. Sorry. We're we're in that process of taking it down with it. Require a vote. Could we? Is it only 30 days and then it removes that. Okay. It's only 30 days. Are you okay with that? I would prefer to stay up thr

ough the course of the study. That was that. Okay, let me just. Actually, no, no, no, no, no, no. Actually, hold on. The only person that has a flaw is cancer fighters. I would like to go ahead and request that the friendly amendments that we remove the friendly amendments. Yes, that. So who made this? Who made the friendly amendment? Council member. Anon, I remember you guys when you were first new to. Yeah, of course. That's okay. Still. Still? Yeah. So the original motion I would like to ask you withdraw the friendly Daryl Mr. Supernova council membership and all that way we don't have to be in a situation where we're taking the flag down. If the if the friendly is

removed and the motion is to conduct a study in the flag would not be flown at this time. That's not what my original. Original motion said, that you wanted to fly it until there was, I believe, sorry, recognition at the federal level. Yeah. Okay. Okay. Actually, guys from the audience, please be respectful. Thank you. What I would like is the study to be done, and I would like for us to raise the flag until the study is complete. Okay. So there's a motion. There was a second on that motion, I'm assuming from my thing was Councilwoman Gonzalez, is that right? Okay. Is is. Is that fine, Dulles? Okay. So the motion is to go forward with the study. And until when the study is complete, we'll fly the fly the flag until the study is complete, basically. Thank you. And Vice Premier, that technically is substantive motion because the original motion has been now amended. There was no withdrawal the second. But. But can you substitute yourself? Yes, you can. Okay, great. That's. That's we learn something every day. Okay, so. So there's that. We have a substitute motion on the floor, which is to do do a study and to fly the flag until the study is complete. That's from what I understand where we are right now. Thank you. Okay, Vice Mayor Richardson. I'm good. Thank you. Okay. Okay. Not to throw everybody. Sorry, everyone. No problem. Okay. Councilmember Superman. I just have to go on record as saying that I brought forth a friendly amendment based on what the speakers said, and that is what has been rejected. Thank you. Okay. And I just want to make one comment before the vote. Not that I want to add more work to the city manager, but I know that and I wasn't here for the whole conversation. But something that that's important to me that other cities do is other cities, when there's actual private development that happens, they actually require the United States American flag to be flown on private commercial development or large developments. I don't think we have that in Long Beach. And it's something that I even believe the city of Los Angeles does, where you fly the American flag when there's other large private developments. So can we look at those those policies when it relates to the United States flag? Separate of this flag conversation. But for because I think that would be great if

we could do that. Okay. Okay. Any other conversations about this? Okay. So there's a motion and a second on the floor. Members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries. Motion carries. Thank you. Next up, we're going to go ahead and do item number. 13. Motion carries. He was thinking item number 25 Please. Report from police recommendation to receive and file the application of mod pizza for an original application of an ABC license at 4230 Long Beach Boulevard. District eight. Councilman Austin. I want to just say that I support this. This item would ask for your support as well. My piece is a new establishment that is just the latest and greatest in terms of fast food pizza that will be located in our exciting new normal shopping center or actually complete the shopping center there. I have met with the with the representatives from my pizza and I have no issues whatsoever with this permit application. So I would ask for your approval. Thank you. I don't see a need for a staff report on this. So unless you object past Mr. West, let's go ahead to public comment. Seeing none. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. 23 Report from Financial Management and Water Recommendation to receive supporting documentation and to the record regarding the debt issuance by the City of Long Beach. Adopt resolution authorizing the issuance of Senior Sewer Revenue Funding Bonds Series 2060 made by the Board of Water Commissioners on behalf of the city in a principal amount not to exceed 11.5 million citywide. Thank you. Staff report. Yes. We have a cook staff report by our city treasurer, David Nakamoto. Honorable Vice Mayor and members. Of the City Council before you is a recommendation to receive the supporting documentation into the record. Adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of senior sewer revenue bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$11.5 million and authorize the execution of all necessary documents. The purpose of of the 2016 eight bonds is to refund the outstanding principal of 11.25 million for the sewer systems revolving line of credit. The purpose of the revolving line of credit was to it was to fund capital improvement projects for the city sewer system. There was no impact to the general fund as this is an obligation of the sewer revenue fund in the water. Department and will. Be repaid by revenues charged to customers of the. Sewer system. City Council action is requested on August 16th, 2016 to allow the city to take advantage of the. Current low interest rates. This concludes staff's report. Thank you, Councilman Alston. Yes. Just one quick question. What what impact will this have on the rate payers? Direct. I mean, is it going to increase their your bills in any way? Okay. This refunding was part of our long range finance plan. It's been incorporated into our FY17 budget and that is part of our rate increase for the coming year. Okay. I just wanted to make sure we're on record with that. Obviously, this is

something that needs to happen and it's responsible financing. And so I would recommend approval. Thank you, Councilmember Yeager. Okay. Public comment on this item. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item is item 20. Report from Economic and Property Development and Development Services. Recommendation to declare the city on property located along Atlantic Avenue between South Street and 60th Street as surplus. Authorize the city manager to execute all documents necessary with the lab for the sale of the future development properties in the amount of 2.5 million and execute all documents necessary with the lab for the lease of city owned properties located at 5834 Atlantic Avenue, 5870 Atlantic Avenue and 5885 Lime Avenue and 5895 Lime Avenue districts eight and nine. Thank you. We're going to hear a staff report in just a minute. The reason we're moving this up as well is I want to make sure the council gets a chance to join me in thanking Mike Conaway, who is, as you all know, leaving us. And this is probably Mike's I know he does not want me to do this. And he specifically asked not to, but I just think it's really important that we know that Mike's been with the city for a long time and he's really committed himself. These properties and the selling of the properties and the dissolution of RTA could not have been had could not have happened the way they've they've had it not been for Mike's work. He's been incredible with the Economic Development Commission. He's been a great friend to a lot of us. He understands real estate better than anyone in the city, and it's going to be a real loss to us. But we're just very excited for his his next adventure. So let's give him a round of applause, first of all. And with that, Mike, please, this amazing deal you put together here. Thank you, Mayor Garcia, members of the City Council. This item relates to the sale of former redevelopment property located along Atlantic Avenue corridor in Council District nine, including property that was previously approved for sale by the successor agency, oversight Board and State Department of Finance in Council District eight. Lab Holding LLC is a Costa mesa based developer of synergistic and boutique restaurant and retail destinations, focusing on historic preservation, environmental sensitivity, eclectic art and support of local and small businesses. The Lab Holdings projects include the Anti Mall, the Anaheim Packing District, the center and the camp. We have a few visions on the screen here of a few of the projects that the lab is has developed, and these include the Anaheim Packing District. A few visions from the Anaheim Packing District also includes the camp, which is another development in Anaheim. Again, a very eclectic and small business oriented development, and then the downtown Center Street and Anaheim as well. Having this type of a development as a village center concept in North Long Beach, I think will be an incredible economi

c impact for the for the area. And the lab intends to seek approvals to develop the former RDA properties into a North Village center, which has long been contemplated in the guiding documents of the North Long Beach Project area. Staff believes that the lab development will be a significant economic engine and a catalyst to additional investment and job generation and revitalizing the Atlantic Avenue corridor in North Long Beach. Purchase price is based on accommodation of fair market value for the for sale property in Council District eight and land residual value for the future development property in Council District nine. The land residual value applicable to the future development property in the long range property management plan allows the city to utilize an alternative appraisal methodology in order to reflect the land value necessary to support the contemplated project. This is not a city subsidy, but instead a calculation of the land value required to achieve project economics. The lab also seeks to lease government use properties, access to the needs of the new Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in order to better activate these properties as well. The lab is prepared to proceed to acquire the property, with the city holding a promissory note through the entitlement and construction period, allowing the lab to generate a stabilized cash flow sufficient to refinance construction costs and pay off the note after 120 day due diligence period. The lab will acquire the property and begin its entitlement efforts so staff request city council declare the property surplus. Authorize City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the sale of the future development property and the lease to the government. Use property and accept categorical exemption. C 16 dash 190 in this concludes my staff report and I'm available for questions. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First, I want to just acknowledge Mike Conway in the last two months. He's, you know, successfully moved forward on helping the city to encumber every single former successor agency redevelopment lot in District nine. And I have to say, the fact that tomorrow is his last day, this is a this is a strong way to finish. This is a really exciting project. I'm really, really happy to see how he was able to use different techniques that were in the land land long range property management plan to incentivize three

different types of properties for sale in District eight, the Future Development District nine and the government use to really prepare and situate a comprehensive development anchored by the Michelle Obama Library spanning two districts and really a representation of what we've been talking about for a number of years, the Uptown Renaissance. So I can't say this enough. This would not be in this position without Mike Conaway. This is a very innovative approach. We did not know whether this could happen and we made it. We made it happen.

So I'm really excited to take this vote tonight. I want to say that this is this is the again, the third of three developers on the North Atlantic corridor. So we voted to bring in West Linn two weeks ago. We brought it brought voters to bring in Frontier and now it's rounded out with the lab. And we I don't believe we could have found a better developer to complement what we're trying to accomplish here in District nine. So I want to acknowledge city staff one announced, acknowledge Councilman Austin for putting, you know, assembling all the for sale properties the way that they did. And I can't wait to see this exciting timeline that's spelled out in this in this motion. And I encourage my colleagues support this motion. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Well, I, too, will be supporting this motion for obvious reasons. This is great news for for uptown, more specifically for the residents who have been waiting for many, many years for something to happen to make the north part of our city relevant. And this has been a long time coming. It has been it was very frustrating to sit here for several years. And and when the redevelopment process was unwinding and we could not do anything with those properties. To to work on the state led committee and to lobby in Sacramento. To. To get the Department of Finance to approve our land management plan. Once that was done for sale properties were in our storefronts were actually there was interest there was immediate interest in private developers developing those properties. And I can't think of a better, better developer to work on the North Village than the land holdings. I had the opportunity to to to welcome Mr. Shaheen Sadeghi, the the principal of the lab to to North Long Beach, and walked him around North Village. And he looked at other opportunities. And and today we have a deal in front of us that is a, I believe, a game changer for Uptown and for all of Long Beach. This will make our neighborhood stronger. This will make our city stronger. And so I'm happy to support this. And and congratulations again, Mr. Conway, for your efforts, your strong negotiation skills, being innovative to to make this this deal work. I think, along with the Civic Center, this will be a crowning achievement in your career. Thank you very much for your efforts. And I do encourage I vote as well. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. I want to just echo what my colleagues have already said. This sounds like a really exciting project. And I'm I'm very excited for my council colleagues who are going to be welcoming this new addition to their district. I've visited some of the venues that you put up there as I work in Orange County and fantastic. I think they're going to do really well in Long Beach and I support this 100%. And thank you, Mr. Conway. You are totally awesome. We're going to miss you. Thank you, Councilman. Mongo. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Conway for all that he's done for this city. It has been an a

mazing opportunity to work with you. The amount of knowledge and history of property and development and everything else that you have about this city is remarkable. And I hope that we'll see you back often because all of these things you started, there will be many ribbon cuttings to come. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. I want to first just congratulate council member Austin and Richardson, Vice Mayor Richardson, on the transformation that you guys have seen in your districts over the last ten years. It's amazing. You guys talked about the Renaissance and it happened really quickly. And so great job doing that. And definitely, Mr. Conaway, you've been an asset to me in my four weeks here, and I just really thank you for being creative. You've set the bar really high. So good luck. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Congratulations to my council colleagues in North Long Beach. I think it's wonderful that we'll be having this amazing new development. And I also wanted to extend my appreciation to Mr. Mike Conway. I remember years ago you let me run around the old public service yard and we created amazing opportunities for the Willmore and so many different communities . So thank you so many, so much for all of your hard years of work here in the city of Long Beach. Appreciate it. Thank you. Just to close this out in the media, turn over to Mr. West. He's going to say something as well. But let me let me just say one thing real quick, which is really important. I don't think people in the public don't know, but we sold over 255 parcels of land. That's a lot of parcels of land. The city of Long Beach had one of the largest inventories in the entire state of California. And obviously a lot of those parcels you put

together to make a larger parcel. But regardless of the process to go through the state's approval and Councilman Alston is totally correct. The working with the Department of Finance for the last few years to roll out the the sell, selling and development of these parcels has been probably one of the larger economic development efforts that city has done in the last few decades. I will say that if you look at the last few months, Mr. Conway has led efforts to sell and to sell off, I think almost every if not every parcel in the downtown area now, every parcel in the north Long Beach area. And I think we may still have some left in central and maybe a couple in West. But beyond that, all of the downtown and all of the north and some of the central have all been are completed. And that couldn't happen without without Mike. And now what we're going to get is hopefully great projects. We think we will in all of these sites. I just wanted to say also one thing about this developer and this project. I think this is one of the most exciting things that happened in North Long Beach in a really long time. This if you know, if you're familiar with the lab holdings, if you're familiar with with the camp development or the anti mold development or

the Anaheim Packing District, these are really creative and unique spaces in other communities. And the fact that these these developers want to work in Long Beach in a way that's creative and community centered is very exciting for for for the North. And this is this Lab Holdings megaproject, which is really a lot of smaller projects that they're building. A community will dramatically impact both District nine and District eight. I mean, there's properties right there along along that border. And so I want to thank them for investing in Long Beach and look forward to all of this activity in the next few years ahead of us, which will be pretty exciting. Mr. West Mayor, Councilmembers. This is just all about Mike. I've had optioning work with Mike since 2005 and I've learned a lot from him. I'm not going to go on and on about the fantastic stuff that he's done for our community. But I do want to say that if Michael Conway was a swimmer and he's not, he would have more gold medals and Michael Phelps. So there you go. And with that, to get to a transition, I want to recognize we're bringing on board an interim economic development and property manager director. She'll start tomorrow as well. Her name is Catherine McDermott. Catherine, if you could stand and wave. So Catherine comes to us from the port of Long Beach, where she worked for about 15 years or ten years. I'm not which not sure which. And then she went over to the Port of Los Angeles, and she was the number two executive director at the Port of Los Angeles for some time there. And she is a real estate expert, an economic development expert, lives in Long Beach. And while she's retired, she'll come out of retirement to go in Michael's stead until you replace a full time economic development director, hopefully in the next two months. Thanks, Catherine. Thank you. Welcome as well. Thank you. Without any public comment on this item, please come forward. Good afternoon, Mayor Garcia. Council Staff Attendees. My name is Tasha Hunter and I'm the manager of the Uptown Business Improvement District, and I'm going to see how many times I can not see excited up here or how many times I'll say excited. I'm very excited about this development. We all are. The community, the businesses, they've all been asking when it's going to happen. And so I think second to the day actually break ground. This is one of the most exciting times. And we look forward to the bid. Looks forward to working with Labbe to talk about what's going to happen in the future, how we can help them continue to protect their investment with talk about employment and marketing and being the liaison between the city and and the community. Let's see. Even though we have to move out of our office, we're excited. This is a great reason to have to move out of our office because they're coming in and we're excited to get into our new space and watch this process. Just want to say thank you to city manager, to Mike Conway, to Councilman Au

stin, as well as Vice Mayor Richardson in this whole entire process and including the bid. It's been five months for me in there and it's been a great learning process. So please vote yes and congratulation. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Josh Butler with Housing Long Beach and congratulations. To the ninth district in the eighth Council District. This is something that will be great for the community. I do want to once again want to point out that this is a the. Sale of surplus land and that according to the state law, the Surplus Land. Act and conversations I've had with city. Staff are we are to be prioritizing the sale of this property for affordable housing development. That doesn't necessarily mean that council. Or a staff has to select development for that property, but we ought to be reaching out to our affordable housing developers, notifying them of the property and accepting any bids and entering into good faith negotiations. If they do submit said bid, if their bid is not accepted, an affordable. Housing

development is chosen. Such is not the case here. 50% of those units would have to be set at affordable rates. Now, the mayor has referenced the sale of 255 parcels. We would encourage the council to be proactive and reach out to affordable housing developers and put them on that priority list. We understand that it is incumbent upon the affordable housing developers to request to be put on that list. And to date, no developers have made such request in speaking with them. They are unaware. They are unaware of this. They are unaware that they need to make a request. And so as we are reaching out to them to have them put letters in or we would encourage the Council to be proactive and reach out to those developers and. Start moving forward. And honoring the Surplus Land Act and making sure that we're prioritizing. A major need in our community, which is the need for affordable housing. And I thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good. You click as the address. Let me begin by thanking the actually the city clerk for coming up with a new filing system that makes it very easily now. She, as most people may know, the agenda is up, posted on a table there. And it used to be on a paradigm that was very difficult to get inside of and look at all the details where the devil is often found. Now they have an easy thing set for tabs. You can do it. Development as I looked through that. To me, the biggest. Missing point piece. Is any analysis by our city auditor. Period. And I think that automatically raises a red flag. And what raises a red flag even further. Is the absence of a process where you follow what most. Municipalities, states, counties, governments do when they have excess property, they advertise it and say and essentially say, say, we're going to be selling this property and x date x tower. The guy with the biggest cashier's check that'll pass the bank, clear the bank gets it. Absent that,

what you've got, you're dealing more often than not. Not always. More often than not with hankie, panky, period. So I would suggest. That the best course of action for this city, the most prudent course of action for this city that is heading already on a road to bankruptcy. Is to hold this off and wait for an analysis from the city auditor. If it's that good a deal. A few weeks is not going to rock the boat one way or another. You have a fiduciary responsibility to act responsibly. The data in front of you shows that you have no analysis from your city auditor. So unless you've got something to hide. Vote to hold this off until you get a report from the city auditor. And then follow the process most other governments follow. Advertise it for sale on the courthouse step, giving the sale to getting the property to the individual that comes up with the largest cashier's check. Absent that, some of you may be cashiered from your job. Thank you. Thank you. Any other speakers? Please see nonmembers. Please go ahead and cast your votes. Councilmember peers. Motion carries. Unanimous. Thank you very much. Congratulations to Vice Mayor Richardson and council member Austin. We're going to go now right into our budget hearing, which is the start of the meeting and then the rest of the meeting. So let staff get ready for that. Okay. Thank you. We are going to hear now. On second. Item number 13. Report from Development Services Recommendation to receive and file report on the development of a comprehensive cine program citywide. Think I'm going to open this up and then turn this over. As part of my budget that I presented last year, I specifically called out the city investing and preparing a new signage program for the city. So we set aside dollars and the council agreed to do so. I said this for for a few years that our entryways and our signage across the city needs a dramatic facelift. We have incredible opportunity to really grow and develop the way people view our city when they come in, when they enter, when they egress. And we're excited that this is going to be a presentation so we can begin the conversation about citywide signage across Long Beach. And when we're talking citywide signage, we mean the entire city. So from north to west, the downtown, all across the city and on the east side as well, which we see incredible traffic coming in from Orange County. And so this is our first kind of large presentation on this topic. There's a lot of exciting things happening. And I'm going to turn this over to staff to give a staff report, and then we'll go from there. So. Mr. MODICA Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and I think you introduced that very nicely. We are excited to have Sylvia Perkins here to really talk about what this effort is. In addition to what the Mayor had mentioned about wayfinding signage, we also use this opportunity to look at two other areas that we've got some opportunities to do directional signage. And one is how to improve parking, part

icularly in the downtown area. And so you're going to hear a presentation about that tonight and also about our beaches. Our beaches are one of our biggest assets. We've got permit requirements to help get people to our beaches. And so we're also going to be talking about beaches. So with that, I'd like to have Linda Tatum give a couple points of introduction and then we'll hear from our

our consultant. Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the City Council. I this process came about because during the discussion of the fiscal year 2016 to 17 budget process, the need to update the city's entry signage was identified. But we also identified the need for wayfinding signage in the downtown area as well as as the deputy city manager. The Assistant City manager said to our coastal resources. So the staff initiated an RFP back in December of 2015 and as a result of that process we got some pretty extensive responses. And that process we selected Silbert Perkins design. And one of the benefits of of that design is that they've done similar work in other coastal communities, not only in California, but throughout the nation as well as internationally. And a another benefit of selecting that firm is that in addition to their experience, they also have a local project manager from here in the city of Long Beach on the project team. So we're really excited about that. What will come out of the consultant's work is a design template for a comprehensive program that the city can use for various types of signage in the public realm. And that includes the entry sign that was mentioned earlier, as well as wayfinding to downtown parking, coastal access. And over time, these, as well as other different types of signage programs can be used, can use that template that's prepared by Silbert. Perkins. And what we're looking for as a result of this outreach process is we really want to get very broad community outreach so that we can make sure that it's a very open and collaborative process. And the core objective is to make sure that the design that comes out of this process embraces the city's core values and it's its identity. So with that, I'd and this is about a seven month process from the beginning, and one of our key partners in this process is the DLP. They will likely initiate a wayfinding signage specifically in the downtown that would be funded by the LBA. So with that, I'd like to turn it over to Cliff Cliff of Sailboat Perkins to do a brief presentation. Thank you, Linda. I'm Clifford Svalbard of Silver Perkins Design, and I want to thank the city council and the mayor who obviously just walked out. Thank you for listening today. So we could provide you an overview of the work we'll be doing. Long Beach is obviously a spectacular city, one those it's the seventh largest city in California. And this picture shows you just a fraction of the city. When people come here today, though, they can't find their way. And they might want to go to the Queen Mary. The

y may want to go to one of the other neighborhoods. And they can't find their way, really. So we want to develop a wayfinding system. What is wayfinding? We find those signs that direct you from one place to another. They get you from A to B in the simplest form. And we do it for vehicles, trains, busses and pedestrians as well. The benefits of our public wayfinding systems include promoting and reinforcing a city identity, neighborhood identity, establishing a sustainable model and reducing pollution. The way you do that is people read the signs. They actually drive around a lot less to find their parking spaces. And it saves a lot of it. Reduces pollution. Links all transit modes in real time so people can plan their day and really work to connect to themselves. One end to the other encourages tourism physical activity. We found when we put up signs, people walk more. And it provides educational, cultural and historic information. So we could tell the stories of the city. We also would our goal would be to integrate web and mobile app. So in combination with the science, people can use maps and storytelling elements to find their way. It also really benefits the city by promoting local events, stimulating the economy, giving you management tools, integrating maps, and ultimately creating revenue for the city, and giving you a great database for the city. Our goal is really to look at three very big picture elements one of the city entries identifying city entries, helping people find parking around the city, and then finding coastal access to the beaches and the coastal areas of Long Beach. At the same time, we want to enhance the historic character of city and complement the future development, which is very dramatic. We want to link those together and tell the stories from the past, the present and the future. So our goals are really to update the city's monuments and identities at entryways, improve parking signs, improve wayfinding signs around the city for cars and pedestrians, and reduce the amount of sign clutter that's out there. As we put up new signs, we hope to take down a lot of old ones. And there are thousands of old signs that really create a lot of clutter in the city. Our first priority is to look at primary entry signs at the bottom. There you can see some of the existing identity signs. And the city second priority is looking at parking. There are all kinds of confusing parking signs around town. We want to simplify that and then helping people find their way around downtown the coast and the rest of the city into all the districts and neighborhoods of the city. And then making sure it's the regular regulation signs are easy to read and very consistent and unified. So the city feels like a unified city and giving consistent messages to people who look at the map of this great city right

now, those gray dots represent the primary entry points into the city. So this is our first step, is analyzing all the entry points into the

city and prioritizing the ones that would receive a new identity. So, you know, when you've truly arrived into the city, I think a lot of people might know that if you look, you don't always know when you arrive into Long Beach, it's not easy. I've taken numerous roads into the city and don't always know when to arrive. So this will really identify a city. And then, of course, helping people find a place to park. Most people don't realize how much parking there is in the city. We want to facilitate their ability to find that parking and then when they get there, help them know how many parking spaces they have and help them find the way around the entire city, around downtown and around all the coastal areas. We also want to help people get to destination, so we'll be analyzing all the primary destinations in the city and working with people in all the neighborhoods and districts to understand what the primary destinations are and how they want people to find those places in their cars or on foot. And then, of course, we want to help people get to the coast. That's why people really come and that's why tourists really come to Long Beach. They want to see the coast and they want to see all that it has to offer. And your coast has one of the most richest offerings of culture and social activity of any coast anywhere. So we want to make sure people can find those places, find parking, and enjoy their stay while they're here. Other cities have taken on same programs. The Port of Los Angeles we've been working with for many years, city of Santa Monica, Marina del Rey, West Hollywood, and City of Los Angeles. Many other cities are currently taking this on to unify their cities, identify their cities, and help make them more efficient and greater places to live. I'm going to let Linda tell you a little bit about our next steps here regarding outreach. As we mentioned earlier, one of the key reasons that we selected this firm is because of the robust outreach plan that was programmed. And I'd just like to give you a snapshot of what is programmed as a part of this effort. We will be conducting a number of stakeholder in stakeholder outreach meetings, and that's with very specific groups in the city. Those are listed up in the first bullet under number one. A lot of the downtown businesses in this is downtown businesses, including the hotels, Seaport Village, the Pike. We also will be getting feedback from all of the business associations or the bid's the business improvement districts throughout the city, as well as the COBR. And that's another a series of businesses, business associations in the city, but it also includes the Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the Chamber of Commerce. So we're doing a very extensive outreach to the business communities. And after that outreach is done, will actually be meeting individually with the mayor and council members to get their feedback and input, because that will be a critical element of shaping the

design of this program. And next, after this council meeting, we are preparing a draft of a survey, and that survey will be posted online with a much more extensive and robust outreach into the general community so that we can pick up the feedback from residents, neighborhood groups and just a very, very broad a broad reach of the community, including potentially as many of the tourists that come to the city as possible. So we will be working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to make sure we access that group as well. And after that, I'll let Cliff close out the presentation by talking about some of the next steps in the way of design and implementation of the program once his work is complete. When we complete the. Thank you, Linda. When we complete the outreach program. Our next step will be to develop the actual design. And we'll develop a variety of design approaches and present them to the team here in the city. And as part of that, also a phased implementation strategy. Our goal would be over the next within the next six or seven months to actually start implementation. Projects like this can often take years, but the starting point is critical. So people could see that action is happening and then we'll begin installation of that science system and evolve it over time with collaboration with the mayor and the city council in the city. So in summary, thank you very much for the opportunity to present Mayor and City Council and I hope you approve this approach. That concludes this presentation and we are available for any questions you might have. I think I'm going to go into some questions and comments right now. Let me just say, I want to thank you for your extensive work already. I mentioned this to you before when I had a chance to meet you. This is this design group, by the way, which I was not aware of, which Mr. West mentioned to me. Besides working in all this and a lot of the cities that were discussed earlier, they also designed the L.A.X. Airport signage. So that big L.A.X. you see out there, when you go out there, that's one of their larger same projects. And so this is, you know,

a little smaller, but that obviously is very iconic. And you guys did a great job with that big project as well. Councilman Mongo. No. I just want to say that these corridors are crucial to the way people come and go in and out of the city. So I'm very excited about this project and I think it'll gain great benefit for those of us who are border cities especially. Councilmember Ringa. Thank you, Mayor. About 20 years ago, I was a part of a committee that was looking at new signage. And I see the old one right here on slide nine. There it is. And we had a lot of discussion about how we were going to brand Long Beach, and it was all about the branding. And I'm sure you're going to be having that discussion as well as how do we brand Long Beach? And that's going to be an important discussion. So I hope that in your in your outreach

, that you're going to be including, you know, people from from the communities that I represent, especially those that are in those corridors that enter Long Beach, which ought to be one in my area. And then, of course, in North Lawn, which we have Artesia, and then we have Carson in the East Side. So I'm hoping that maybe in part of that branding that we do, that there's some kind of community feel for those areas as well, because there's that's part of the that's part of the the appeal of Long Beach and why people come here. So I'm looking forward to the project. I also noticed one more thing at the last slide, you had the Civic Center and excuse me, the news that New Year's that's going to be coming forward. So I'm expecting that you'll probably have something unique and different about that. And also, just for your information, I also sit on the Coastal Commission. So coastal access is going to be a very crucial component for us in Long Beach and ensuring that people know that where those points of coastal access are going to be. So that would be, I guess, a good discussion to have with our city management in in that regard, because parking is going to be a major, major issue. We already have one going on right now with the Long Beach Marina, with the restaurants. And what about this point and and the other restaurants around that area? So that's going to be important as well. So just to keep those those other things in mind. Thank you. Look forward to hearing all these issues. Thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yeah, thank you, Mayor. You know, I just want to say that these signs make you really seriously make our city, you know, stand out and really reflect the pride that we have, you know, living in Long Beach. But I hope that, you know, the signage program makes its way into my you know, to the central area, you know, and these are some things I think is very important because I think everyone needs to know what the century really is. If you don't know by now, you know, and we have some beautiful, you know, locations like in Riverside that have been sponsored, you know, and sponsored by our residents. So I hope that we can bring some more light to Pacific Coast Highway and down to Anaheim and even Orange and Martin Luther King Street. So of all of this, you know, I would hope that the consultants and the group that makes these signs are really our local businesses also, because we really need that, too. So please understand that. Thank you very much. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mayor. So, I, I, I think this is an exciting process to to begin. But when I visit a city and I like to visit cities, I like to go off the beaten path a little bit. And, you know, when I'm in a certain city, I might want to go see where the locals go, or I might not want the traditional tourist experience. And when I think of Long Beach and what it should be, it's not all focused on tourism in one area, but I think it's a lot of different neighborhood

s that have a lot of things to offer. And this presentation is great. And I like the fact that, you know, they're using data to select different corridors to highlight traffic counts. I think that's important because, you know, not only do tourists and residents look at that, but businesses look at that when they locate on those corridors. So it's important that those are tied into the larger city communication network of sort of wayfinding signage. My my my concern is I need to understand if this scope of work has actual deliverables for the rest of the city. Because when I look at the deliverables, it it's a lot for the coastal areas and a lot for the tourist areas. But I know that there are a number of business districts who are already engaging in wayfinding sign programs. We've talked about it for many, many years, particularly in North Long Beach. We tried it before and we realized our or our ordinance said that you had to have a business district or historic neighborhood. We didn't have either. Now we have a business district and we're struggling to figure out, figure this wayfinding signage stuff out. So like Councilman Andrew said, I would love to see through this process some concrete deliverables that we can, you know, some templates. Something that we can easily hand to a business teacher and say, Here's a template. Go ahead and highlight the new default wetlands of the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library. So my question is, what are the

specific deliverables that are, you know, that neighborhoods or business districts will be able to count on at the end of this? Councilman Richardson, the deliverable that will come out of this process is exactly what you described. It will be a design template, and that design template will cover all manner of potential types of signage or different aspects, including biking, walking vehicles for those entering the city and those driving in and around the city. And you're also correct in that the template would be available to the debate. It'll be available to any of the bids or any of the neighborhoods so that when they are ready to install signage for their neighborhoods, they can they will be asked to use this template and some version of the template. The idea is that all of the signage have a common vocabulary, but obviously the neighborhoods would like to customize it in some way to have some uniqueness for their neighborhood. But it will still share the core themes of the template that's designed out of this process. And in thank you. And that's what I was hoping for that it's, you know, consistent but some level of flexibility for, you know, the business district of the corridor to theme their own individual character. So I guess the last thing I would ask is, can you just restate the timeline for when those deliverables will come out? And I just want that to come out one more time because this is an important conversation. The timeline of this process is is approximately seven months. And we

are looking to have the process complete and wrapped up, I would say, within the first quarter of 2017. Outstanding. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, thank you. I am representative of the downtown area, so I'm very excited about this specifically for the parking attributes that will be added and make it a little easier for residents. And I agree there is an abundance of parking. It's just sometimes hard to find. And so I think that is great. I'll also just mention, I think I trust that both Linda and Amy, I'm sure, will be working with them already. But our historic groups are such a large component of Long Beach. We have about 17 here in the city and working with them to tie in the history with a modern feel. There are some signs already on Pine Avenue that we've created that do just that. And so I think keeping with that element is is always important. And then also throw something out there. I know Councilmember Turanga will agree is some sort of connectivity between West, the west side and downtown or the west side to this side of the river, because a lot of the West Siders feel very disconnected. So I would say that is another big portion. But also agreeing with my councilor colleague Rex Richardson that, you know, hopefully we're working with all neighborhoods because it looks like from here that we're working just with downtown. So I would hope North Long Beach and and other groups would get as much love as as we do here in downtown. So thank you so much for taking up this task. We appreciate it. Councilman Pierce. Yes, thank you very much. I definitely am excited about the branding opportunities and would just like to echo, I think that particularly in the last several years, we have a lot of landmarks throughout the city, whether it's an east side or North Long Beach. And for downtown, it's obviously something that we think about with tourism. But I like the idea of the package to allow neighborhood associations in different neighborhoods to brand themselves. I would also encourage us, you know, thinking about mobility and the fact that we are one trying to ID where parking is, but also where our bike paths are throughout the city. And it would be great, you know, at the end of this, whether it's with you or with the city staff to have a key of the of the city that says here are all the great things that our city has to offer in one vision. So thank you very much for the work. Really looking forward to it. Thank you, Councilmember Supernova. Yeah. The topic is for staff and that is outreach. And this is kind of a follow up to Vice Mayor Richardson's point. The mayor and city council was listed second. I don't know if that listing is c'erano, but perhaps you'd like to consider reaching out to the city council offices and the mayor prior to going to these other organizations and not that were more important that we might be able to identify groups for staff or actually have historical information about things in our district that ma

ybe other organizations may not. My second point would be I know this is the design phase, but moving forward, I hope we can look at local vendors for the building installation. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on this item? Please come forward. Good evening, everyone. My name is Jack Smith. I live at 240 Chestnut Avenue. That's Plymouth West in the first District. I happened to see this presentation at the COBR meeting. The Council of Business Organizations, that's the group of bids in town several days ago. My first thought and looking at it is how very 20th century? It really looks old fashioned to be painting words onto metal plates and strapping them to poles. I think there's much more modern solutions and new technology that can happen that we just went

through Pokémon. I know a business. On North Pine that had to extend their hours and hire more people because they had a Pokemon lure in front of their business. To be able to be flexible quickly. This wayfinding system. This business is new. This way, finding system wouldn't have guided anybody to that business. The technology needs to keep up with the rapid change of our city. And I think that. That this. Kind of signage that you're talking about is really, really old fashioned. A lot has been talked about with. With parking. Well, now, unless I heard it wrong, I thought I heard Mr. Beck during the Public Works budget presentation talking about the new parking app. That will guide visitors and residents to parking places throughout the city. So maybe big ugly pees posted on post around the city isn't really the right answer for that. Is this signage for residents or is it for only visitors? The answer I got in that meeting was, Oh, well, it's for visitors. Well, I think that North Long Beach would like residents of downtown to find North Long Beach so that the wayfinding really has to be accommodated to guide all the residents and visitors throughout the city. The fact that everything is focused on downtown was very disturbing to the COBA group because they are bids from throughout the city. So I think there's much more modern solutions rather than posting metal to pole, strapping metal to poles. It has to be wayfinding for the residents as well as visitors to the city and it needs to be for the entire city. One of the things that is missing from all of these presentations I've seen is there's no estimate of what the cost will be for this, and I think that needs some serious discussion. Thanks. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi, I'm Stephanie Howard. I represent fourth Street Business District. I was also in the same meeting and I just wanted to emphasize something that Rex said. This does focus a lot on downtown, and we want it to be a template that reaches out so that when people get off the train, it's not, hey, you're in downtown and this is how to get here. But hey, welcome to downtown four streets that way. Bixby Knolls is that way, Belmont Shores that way. This is how long

it's going to take to get there. And so that in the future, when we are able to implement these things, it's easy to happen. Because as I also mentioned, the Robert, when you were talking about it, trying to get things done in the city as far as signage does take 20 years sometimes. And so if we have a door so that other business districts can utilize that, that would be great. In 20 years, we'll all just be virtual folk. Come on. Jack. Actually cut to where you're sitting speaking. Go ahead. My name is Karen Reside and I live at Southern Pacific and my hope is that the signage is clear and distinct and communicative. I know that I watch people every day with the diagonal crosswalks, totally ignore the instruction on how to cross with that. So I would hope that the signage would be clear and understandable and also visible. I am about five four, which is the average height. I cannot see any signs way up on the pole if that's what you use. I'm visible for those people with limited vision opportunities. I love the transit signs, the digital ones. They're easy to read. They're at a height that is readable and also understandable across multiple multi languages. And it's about time that Long Beach had some consistent signage. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion on the floor to receive and file a report. Members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. We're going to go ahead to our budget hearing and then go back to the agenda. So I'm going to give counsel a minute to transition. Mr. City attorney. Are you are you doing the first hearing or are you doing hearing to first? Thank you, Director Bolek. And on behalf of the whole Council, welcome. And toward the end of the meeting, we get a little quick with our fingers. So but thank you very much. Let's go ahead and have item number six. Please report from financial management recommendation to award of contract to leader industries for the purchase of for type one ambulances for a total amount not to exceed 1.4 million citywide. Thank you as a staff report on this. Yes. Dan Bernbach, our manager of our fleet operations. Good evening, Vice Mayor Richardson and members of council. The fire department uses rescue ambulances to provide 24 seven emergency medical response around the city. These four rescue ambulances have come due for replacement as they age, considerably causing increased maintenance and operational costs, as well as higher. Downtime that has affected department operations. The rescues that will be replaced by these new units have seen hard service and have accumulated high mileage. The average age of these vehicles is 14 years, and adequate maintenance support has become increasingly difficult to due to their age. This purchase was competitively bid with extensive outreach to ensure best pricing for the city. That concludes my presentation. I'm available to answer questions. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? Seeing nonmembers, please cas

t your vote. Thank you. We're moving on. Item number 15, please. Report from Development Services recommendation to execute an amendment to contract with EA Plan soft for phase two of the Electronic Plan Check System to increase the contract amount by 343,000 citywide. Thank you. Any public comment on this item saying none. Members, please cast your vote. Council motion carries. Vice mayor before we start or go to the next item. Hello. Robert does it all the time. Go ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Oscar Orsi, our new deputy director of development services. He will be responsible for helping to implement electronic plan check. And we are very happy that this is moving forward. And it is just on the heels of what you heard at the last item. You know, we are also moving forward with technology in our own way, and Oscar will be heavily involved in this process. So I wanted to first introduce him and then thank you for your support. On the plan check item. Thank you. Thank you, Director Bolek. And on behalf of the whole Council, welcome. And toward the end of the meeting, we get a little quick with our fingers. So but thank you very much. Let's go ahead and have item number six. Motion carries. Thank you. Item number 13, please. Communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to adopt resolution expressing its intent to prioritize spending of marijuana business license tax revenue for specific purposes. Thank you, Councilman Price. Yes, I'd like any money that that is generated as a result of the tax to go to the items and areas specified by the city attorney in the resolution with a special focus on public health and safety. Thank you. Great. Thank you. And I'll just add my comments here. In August, we submitted this this resolution indicating our intent to use the business license, tax revenue for public safety, public health, homelessness, and general services for regulation and enforcement. And it's great to see that in the final resolution, all of these will be prioritized for spending if this tax passes. So I do want to thank city staff and the City Council for collaboration on this resolution to ensure that the revenue is spent in a way that fully benefits our city and our residents and recovers any costs associated with the regulation of the medical marijuana ordinance should it pass by the voters. So, Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I also want to thank staff for their report that they did previously and just want to reiterate that do want to see the funds go to cost recovery, prioritize that and then additionally making sure that we are addressing things like first responder times both with our police and our fire, that we are using these dollars to bring back our public safety. And then you know that. When we have that in the general fund, I would definitely support any additional funding after cost recovery and public safety. Again, going to issues of health equity and and areas like that that can be addressed throu

gh services. So thank you for your work on this. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Thank you, Vice Mayor. You know, I'd like to thank Mr. Parkins for drafting this resolution. And I would hope that when we talk about public safety, we're not only talking about police and enforcement, but the critical fire service as well. Thank you. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? Mm hmm. Good evening, my Mayor Richardson and honorable city council members. My name is Margaret Dudley and I live in the ninth District. And I would just like to speak on the. The priority for the. The measure a spending funding. I believe you're going to need that for first responders. Police first. Hospitals, mental health care. Also paramedics. You're going to need it also for attorney lawyers because it's going to be a lot of lawsuits. So you need to prioritize that money that you're going to get from Missouri for that. Thank you very much. Thank you, Margaret. Next. Night seven works in Soho district is for two resident. Speaking on this agenda item for two different reasons. One, as I stated before, the current tax rates that are being considered under measure M-A are cost prohibitive for a business that is that is currently built for businesses that are going to be taxed under federal schedule to 80, an effective rate of anywhere between 50 and 80%. So for the purpose of controlling the black market, the best way to meet and to ensure that that will happen is to give support to the businesses that are putting themselves in front of the breach and accepting the registration and working within written to the the created regulatory scheme. As such, it would be, you know, even a business like a business tax that anywhere from 8 to 12% is really cost prohibitive for, especially in the retail sector. Secondly, in the interest of protecting measure, it may and the ability in the city's ability to tax at this particular at at these levels, it's I think the city's being too cute by half by engaging in what is by all means a special tax. Any proposition to analysis that goes into the legislative intent of this measure, especially the ones that are being expressed at this turning time, especially for specific allocations towards public towards public safety and cost allocation, as we're talking about, really indicates something that is a special tax and that's fantastic. If the city wants to raise money for first responders, mental health, public health, I'll go along with

them. But you also are going to be subject to it to the to it towards passing that particular measure at a two thirds rate, not a 50% plus one. Simple as that. Thank you. And have a good day. Thank you. Take it back behind the rail. Let's go ahead. And members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Let's have item number 14. Thank you. Let's move forward to item number eight. Report from Long Beach Airport. Recommendation to execute all necessary documents to amend. Contract with J

acobs Engineering Group for additional community outreach related to the FAA study and increase the contract amount by \$20,000. District five. Is there a motion on this? Okay. Councilman Hooper now. Yes. I'd like to start off by asking staff for some clarification on this item. It's my understanding this was not part of the original request from City Council. So in the interest of transparency. Can we get an explanation on what what the additional costs for? And then I'd also like to ask what the vision is for moving forward to these meetings by the Commission. So we have October 20th, the Airport Advisory Commission meeting, October 25th, the Economic Development Commission meeting, and then a tentatively scheduled meeting at City Council. Is it the intention of staff to have decisions made at each of these commission meetings, then report to the City Council for a decision made on November 15th? Is that what you have in mind or just tell me what what your ideas was? Go ahead and just hear the staff report now. Mayor counts matters before I give it over to Jess. I'll answer the second question first. No, it is not our intent to have the Airport Advisory Commission or the Economic Development Commission make decisions to report to the city council. It's our intent to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in after hearing Jacobs and our staff and city attorney and also to listen to our airport advisory commission and our Economic Development Commission. So any comments that they might make would be in the record. And those comments would be forwarded to the the the city council. So again, we're not asking them to make decisions or anything like that, but they certainly would have the opportunity to express themselves on after the presentation and on information that they would want you to know or hear or how they feel about that. Secondly, back to the consent calendar item. Schneider mentioned that over to our airport director, Jess Romo. If I could just get clarification on one point, Mr. Vice Mayor, on that explanation just happen. Sure. Go for it. Okay. So the if I understand you correctly, the commission's filed a report to city council prior to the 15th. Are you not saying that? I'm not saying that the commission will. The commission will respond. And those we will then prepare that and get that to the city council. But based probably on a memorandum on how the Airport Advisory Commission turned out, how the Economic Development Commission turned out, and basically prepare for the council, the comments that we're getting from the community and also from the commissions. Okay. Thank you. Thanks. Yeah. Maybe the staff report would clarify some of the questions. Let's finish the staff report. Honorable Vice Mayor, Honorable Council members. The item before you is for an allocation for additional funds for two study sessions to be held. To your question, Mr. Councilman. The the study originally contemplated and did have two community mee

tings that were held in March and April of this year as the study was getting kicked off to elicit and gather community input as part of the report process itself. This because those items were held. They they did not allow for the study sessions that are now contemplated to be held here in the next two weeks. So it's the request of staff to hold those study sessions so that we can gather the information. As the city manager noted, prepare that in preparation for council consideration in November. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Yes. And I want to thank Councilmember Suvarna for pulling this item. I appreciate the staff report. I'm not sure that I am clear on on the need or the scope, I guess. You said there are two additional study sessions and not just presentations before the commission. Is that correct? Yes. The study sessions really will consist of presenting the findings in summary form of the report that were the study that has been released. It'll help ensure that the commission who are are presented with these these data that are in the in the study sessions or in feasibility reports can have a full picture of what's contained in there relative to what was originally contracted for the six items, specifically on the feasibility of Annapolis at Long Beach Airport. So I guess the question is at what point in who was it staff that determined that the consultant was actually needed to be present at these study sessions? Well, we believe that this is going to be a team effort, but because the consultant team, which consists of Jacobs Engineering Group, as well as a number of sub consultants, they took fairly deep dives in some technical areas that they're in the best position to present that information at the study sessions. Staff will be

available as well to help answer any additional questions. But we do believe that there's a benefit to having the the consultant team present the findings. So I guess I need to get some details. How many members of the consultant team do we expect to have present? I mean, because it's it breaks down to \$10,000 a meeting and that's just seems a little bit excessive in this regard. I understand being safe and sorry, rather I'd like to be safe, but at the same time, I'd like to be prudent with resources. Yeah. Well, just to be clear, the while there are team members who will be participating in preparing for the study sessions, we and we will have only two members from the Jacobs team in attendance and one principally who will be in charge of presenting the material. But it will take an amount of time to prepare for it, to ensure that the presentation itself is is very solid and thorough. And for that reason, that's what we have budgeted, the amount that we have for the two meetings. So, Mr. Romo, ultimately, I would hope that we are in a position that our staff and our city attorneys are capable of and qualified to answer questions regarding this feasibility study, because the feasibility study, I believe, was

actually developed for our city, not for Jacobs engineering, to continue to to to make make money. And that's a statement more than anything. And so and I guess the question is, do you feel that this is this expenditure is necessary for these two meetings? I believe that it is for these two meetings. I think, again, a lot of work has gone into this, as everybody knows, over a series of several months. We believe that having the team from Jacobs be part of preparing it and then executing it at the next two study sessions would be of benefit and a value for the city, for the constituents that I think want to hear about the feasibility study. So will Jacobs engineering be on hand when they come back to make and when this issue comes back to the city council? That's part of what is covered in the base contract, the precise or the exact nature of how will be presented. I believe that there will be a stronger, greater presence of staff in in presenting the report to council in November. Okay. Well, I'll just make my comments. It just doesn't seems excessive that we have to go through to 30 sessions and incur extra cost where I think we do have staff expertize as well as city attorney expertize. The city attorney I've been reading the the feasibility study as well as the city attorney's opinion on this. And I think the most you know, the weight of this, the study, a great deal of weight should be given to our city attorneys in this regard. And so I don't think I could support this. Thank you, Councilmember Stabenow. Thank you. I have to concur with Councilman Roston and not to put our new director on the spot, but what is the total cost of the study? The total cost of the study to date of base contract cost \$349,000. Okay. And then add to that another 20,000 for the two presentations. Yes. Okay. Yeah, I agree with Councilmember Austin. That is excessive. So I will not be supporting. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. So just for clarification, if this budget doesn't get approved, then we don't have the community meetings. Is that what happens? What's the consequence of us not approving this? We would go ahead and continue to have the meetings. We just would not have Jacobs engineering there. Oh, so who would lead the meetings? Our city attorneys, the. City attorney and city staff. But we wouldn't be able to delve into the Jacobs report as much. Well. Does anyone on staff have a preference as to whether Jacobs be there, or is that an appropriate. Question recommending that Jacobs should be there 100%. And we believe that the two commissions, in order to respect them, that the authors of the report should be there to be able to answer any of the questions, to get into the weeds. I think of the authors of the report are not there. I don't think it's it's not it's not going to answer all the questions of the two commissions. I just, you know, thinking out loud here a little bit, I to trust our our city staff and our city's city attorney's office implicitly. But

I, I wonder this is a very technical report that was conducted. And sometimes I know what happens at community meetings is. There are. Assertions and things that are made that may not be technically accurate. And I wonder if staff would be in the best position to be answering those questions in such a circumstance, or whether it would be more prudent for us to invest in having the actual experts there who can answer questions about their own report. I'm assuming these outreach meetings are about the report that they authored, correct? Absolutely. And you're absolutely correct. If a community member or a commissioner wants to get in the weeds and they question anything in the report, the author of the report should be there to defend it and explain the criteria when they prepared the report. Okay. So, you know, with a great deal of respect for my colleagues, Councilman Superdog and Councilman Austin here, but I have to disagree with them on this point. I think we've already invested a great deal of money into this report, and I don't think

it's fair to put city staff in a position where they have to defend conclusions made by another individual. I think it just would not lead to a very efficient meeting because all city staff would be able to say, as, I don't know, that's what it says in the report, I can't tell you anymore. And the actual person who came up with the conclusions, the expert that we've hired to assist us with this process, good or bad, that's the expert that we've chosen to help us with. This project wouldn't be there to defend their own recommendations and conclusions. So to me, it almost seems like we may as well just not even have a meeting about the report. We should just have a meeting in general just to talk about airport opinions, because if we're going to talk about the report, the author of the report should be there and should be there to answer questions and whatever fee is associated with them. Answering the questions, you know, we don't set those fees. We can argue all day long about whether it's reasonable or not, but in my opinion, it's not prudent to have a meeting about the report if the authors of the report can't be there to defend it. So that's my \$0.02. Thank you, Councilman Pearce. I agree with Councilmember Price. I was going to ask the same question, just the fact that we have already invested a lot in this and there's a lot of issues around transparency and making sure that community members have all their questions asked. And so I would hate for us to cut ourselves short of being able to have a thorough, fruitful conversation on this. So thank you, staff, for answering these questions. Thank you, Councilmember Garrincha. As a member who opposed the study in the first place, I do have concerns about the cost. Oh, I thought it was. Because that we didn't we didn't need to make. But I was proven otherwise by the majority of the council who voted to have the study. But now we're here. And now let's finish i

t. My issue is not the price so much, but how is it going to be conducted? I mean, these are meetings of the Economic Development Commission and a meeting of the airport commission. So I see this going sideways if it's not done correctly in the sense that. There was a lot of community interest when we held the scoping meetings back in March or April earlier this year. There was a lot of community input. If the format of these meetings that we're going to have with the Economic Development Commission and with the airport commission is such as is held here where the public doesn't really have a voice in expressing their concerns, but rather that the the questions are being raised or being addressed by the commissioners themselves to the consultants. I don't I don't see the effectiveness of that, only because you're going to get a slew of people. You're going to get a roomful of angry constituents. Here who are not going to be able to have a voice and to express their concerns and to ask their questions. Which brings I guess brings it all around to the format. Will the public have an opportunity themselves to ask questions? And to engage the the consultants in a conversation regarding concerns they may have about the report rather than just having a 1a2 phased. Exchange between the commission and the consultant themselves without without the community being engaged in this. So how do you. What's what's the plan that you have here? Councilmember and other council members. The these these are commissions that are led by one of the city attorneys in Mr. Parkin's office. So they actually control the decorum of the meeting and how the meeting flows. There certainly are requirements to allow the public to speak, and that's exactly what will happen here. So we we plan to have a presentation from Jacobs Engineering City staff, as well as the city attorney on the aspects of the study that the city attorney's been tasked to do at that point in time. Will similar to a city council meeting, we'll hear comments from the commission, I suspect, and then there will be the opportunity for the for the public to weigh in. And at that time, the commission can then, just like the council can direct the staff or the consultant to answer the question specifically or wait until the end of the questions. And then the commission can then raise those questions that they've heard from the Council for the for Jacobs staff, for the city attorney to answer. So there definitely will be ample opportunity for the public to weigh in and have questions answered. Okay. I haven't heard that. As long as there is going to be some community input and community interaction. I will go ahead and support this item because I, I brought it up in my, in my meeting with you city manager that if there was going to be any meeting to be held, that we needed to have the consultants there. I don't like the price, but that's the price we're going to pay to have this study. So I will approve it. Thank

you, Councilmember Pearce. So sorry. I was just curious, are there other council members that are hosting community meetings outside of these two meetings? Staff we're we're not aware yet. We want to send there could be and we stand ready to support them. But at this stage, we've not had a request or a date to have a meeting through a council office, but we certainly will be there and

would support that. Okay. Thank you. Councilman Austin. That raises a very good point. Thank you. Councilmember Pierce. So if we were to have a community meeting, we wouldn't have the benefit of having the, the, the, the, the, the, the consultants. We would have to rely on staff. Is that correct? Manager Those are some of the ground rules that you set with the company that for community meetings that we'd have city staff there. We certainly have the city attorney, but for the meetings that go before the commissions, we're going to pay for Jacobs to be there. That's exactly why I'm voting against this. Councilmember Suvarna. Just to respond to Councilmember Pierce's item. Yes, this body decided that Council District four would host a meeting. However, I had at the conclusion of this item were talking about right now before we move forward on that. And Councilman Ross makes a very good point that we don't have the luxury of having the I guess if we paid \$10,000, we could have them at our meeting. There you. Go. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? Thank you. Please state your name and you have 3 minutes. Hello. My name is Robert McCarthy. Just listening to what is being said here. Does it make sense to me? I'm not a member. Living here in the city. However, maybe I will one day. But then, you know, the decisions that you guys are making are. Are not making sense to me. How can you expect to spend several hundred thousand dollars on a study and then not have an explanation by the people that did the study? It doesn't make sense, you know, to pay any amount of money on for an expert to do their work should come with their explanation without an additional cost. And that would only make sense to, I believe, everybody in the city. I mean, it wouldn't it doesn't. It doesn't. Jive with what's accepted with doing a study of any sort because. You're supposed to have that explanation, and it's supposed to be clear enough so everyone understands it. Who reads it? If it's only that the staff is going to be available to speak on its. Worthiness to the community, then that should have been included in the bid for the study in the first place that the step or any other person who is going to explain it outside of the. Business that did the study. That would be included in their costs, \$700,000 for a study. And then you guys think that \$20,000 more is. A great thing to do doesn't make sense. Thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further public comment was bringing it back behind the rail. We have Councilman Austin. Thank you. We have one more, please. Is t

here any anyone else for public comment? Will seven line up, please? Hi. I've got just two really quick questions. One would be, if you do a project, isn't there a presentation at the end and isn't that included in the cost of the contract? That's one question. One question two is it is very expensive to have people travel. I used to do engineering projects with a team in Korea and a team in Russia, and we would set up video conferences so people could ask questions. We would have whiteboards, we'd have all kinds of things set up so that we could communicate. And if they're an engineering firm and they're doing a very expensive project for you, you do want to know what the conclusions are. And if they can't travel, you could use video conferencing. That's just a possibility. Thank you. Thank you. So we're going to take it back behind the rail. Councilman Austin. Thank you. I do need some clarification as well because in the the the staff documents, it reminds us that on January 19, 2016, we awarded a contract to Jacobs Engineering and the amount not to exceed \$349,845 to conduct the work to determine the feasibility of a new fire station here. I guess this death. Did we or did Jacobs engineering expend all of the \$349,000? We're for the study. Jess, would you know that? Yes. To date, I think the majority of that has been expended. There are certain amounts to be excuse me, being held back pending finalization of the study. The study is not final. Well, in terms of presenting it to both the commissions and city council. So the presentation to the city council that that was included in the base contract. So that presentation to the full council is part of the 349,000. Should I assume that that's the \$10,000 to present to the council? Because essentially we're actually exceed the contract. The contract hasn't been fully we don't know how much of the contract has been been, actually. Expand it to this point, how much we've actually expended toward that that that contract and help you clarify, please. I think I'm I think I'm hearing the director say that the 349 I believe that that that amount has been expended. And we're going to reach that with the completion of the FISA report. And that's why we're here before the city council requesting the additional \$20,000. We this is above and beyond the contract. So it doesn't it's not something that we have the authority just to allow, which is why it is on the city council agenda to get permission to expand the \$20,000. Otherwise, we want to spend it. Thank you, Councilmember Supernatant. I'd like to thank both public speakers and to the gentleman, you may ask a very good question. And what the public may not realize is that the Council did not decide to take this item to the commissions. So city staff, can you explain that, that we couldn't

anticipate making the money available or extending the contract for that because this was not our call to take it to the two commissions? Council Member Yes, that

is true, and I apologize for making that, for not making that clear earlier. This is something that came about later as the studies going forward and we're talking to the council and the public after we awarded. We all felt that before it went to the city council, we should bat it out in the community through to appropriate commissions, economic development mission and the Airport Advisory Commission. And again, certainly that's something that those commissions exist for and they certainly should have the opportunity to weigh in on those things. And we added that afterwards. You're correct. Thank you. Seeing no more no further council deliberation? No. The no choking scene. No more council deliberation. Members, please, please cast your ballot. Your vote. Motion carries. Thank motion. All right. Next is item 11. Apart from economic and property development. Recommendation to approve the downtown Long Beach Parking and Business Improvement Area. And you report continuing the assessment for the period of October 1st, 2016 through September 30th, 2017. Districts one and two. Mr. West. Mr. Mayor, council members. This is basically the same concept of business improvement district and it goes to the person who runs those for us out of economic development. Jim Fisk. Honorable Mayor and city council members. This item is the annual approval of a downtown Long Beach parking and business improvement area and report and ongoing assessment. The recommended action on this item continues the assessment for another year. There are no proposed changes to the basis of the assessment, nor significant changes in proposed activities or programs. Therefore, staff requests that City Council receive a supporting documentation of record and approve the recommendation to continue the levy on the assessment and authorize the city manager to extend the agreement for one additional year. That concludes my report. Thank you. That was very expeditious. Councilwoman Gonzalez. I'd also like to thank our partner in the downtown, Craig Cogen, who is here. And I am very excited at all of the great work yet to come, but all of the work that has already happened. I see so many different events. The businesses that we're working on as well. And it's just exciting to see the change in downtown for the better. And I would also be remiss if I didn't mention Jim Fiske, who manages all of these business improvement districts. He does a really great job. And oftentimes we get them coming to the council. And Jim, thank you for all your hard work, too. But, Craig, you're you do a great job and I appreciate you and our communication back and forth. It's it's been great working with you. Vice Mayor Richardson. I just think it's great seeing the bids really step up in the wake of the loss of redevelopment and really just keep the momentum going on the economic development front. So, so Craig, keep up the great work. Thank you. And I also just say Craig, very happy. I think the deal is going a

bsolutely in the right direction. And the investments that are happening, the outreach, the the now the downtown Long Beach Alliance. Right. I got to train myself the downtown Long Beach Alliance. And it's focus on our own residents and community I love as well. So great work. Any public comment on this item? Okay. Members, please cast your vote. Councilman Austin. Okay. Thank you. We're going to go now to our second hearing that we have. And so if I can have the clerk, please read the next hearing. Report from Economic and Property Development Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing. Adopt a resolution continuing the Bixby Knolls Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment for the period of October 1st, 2016 through September 30th, 2017, and authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement with the Bixby North Business Improvement Association for a one year term. District seven and eight. Thank you, staff, please. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That staff report will be given by Jim Fisk, our development project manager. Honorable Mayor and City Council Members. This item is the annual approval of the Bixby Knolls Parking Business Improvement Area and report and ongoing assessment. On September 20, 2016, City Council approved a resolution granting approval of the annual report and set today's date for the public hearing. The recommended action on this item continues the assessment for another year. There are no proposed changes to the basis of assessment nor significant changes in approach and proposed activity. Therefore, staff requests City Council received a supporting documentation of record. Approve the resolution. Continue the levy of the assessment and authorize the city manager to extend the agreement for one additional year. That concludes my report. Thank you. With that, we're going to go ahead and did there's nothing additional from economic development, correct? That was it. I mean, note that

said that maybe this McDermott was going to say something. Is that not correct? I know. I think that's the some of our staff report. Okay, great. I'm gonna go on to public comments. Any public comment on this issue? Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council members. I would take more than 3 minutes to talk about what's happened in rolls over the last year, so I'm just gonna give the top line of what's happened here first. We've welcomed over 70 new businesses in the last year, which we're very pleased with covering from services to retail and restaurants. We saw Trader Joe's move into the north shopping center, which is now full of tenants Crunch Fitness, Jersey, Mike's, Tripoli Pizza, Verizon and Pet Food Express. The current retail store from Goodwill called Ed and James will take the Trader Joe's space and open on the first of the year. Last night, our new restaurant, Russell Bok, opened Dutchess Brewhouse, opened the week before the pan, and Lola's restaurants have some of the largest draws in. The Neigh

borhood Liberation Brewing Company has started its demo and the highly anticipated steel craft will open soon. We received we got new markets in the district. I own Pacific Aldi will open in December. Smart and Final will be here just after the first of the year for retail tweaking will open their second store shown to a good second store. Covent Lane will open just down the street from Steal Craft and the merchant will be a new bakery in the neighborhood. A new post office is built out and we're waiting for the grand opening date for that. On the street we are continuing with our facade improvement programs, painting facades and our clean and safe line items remains a priority. That means we continue with our security patrols five nights a week and during the days as well. And currently we're working with ten business owners for the installation installation of safety lights at their property because it's very important that the corridors, front back are lit up and safe for everybody. Our events continue with concerts in the parking lots, grand openings, anniversaries. We have our business breakfast to bring our members together and share relevant resources. Are we a walkable neighborhood? Community, yes. The fictional stories have been walking together for almost nine years now, and there are two new running running clubs that have been formed in the neighborhood. Are we bikeable? Yes, indeed. We've been teaching kids and families bike safety for four years with our monthly critical mass bike rides for reading and literature. Our literacy society has 105 books strong and we will have a drink together each month at a good spirits club. But one of the biggest milestones for this year will be that First Fridays will celebrate its 10th anniversary next month. We've used arts really as a catalyst to spark the economic development in our district, and it's our strongest economic development driver. Some businesses will pay the rent for the whole month just on one night and they look forward to it each month. And we look at it really as as the monthly showcase for the district. We've included everybody from Public Works who installed a temporary separate bike lane this year to the council offices, senator, lawyers office, the city auditor, the airport rentals, retailers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, area nonprofits and our schools and churches. It's really a family friendly community building event. It builds neighborhood pride, and it's the best business showcase. And you can bet that in November we'll have just as much of our surprises and tricks up our sleeves as we normally do. But we don't do it alone. We have to think, of course, the support we get from the council offices for the seventh and eighth. Again, thank you very much for opening the doors and kind of letting us do what we do. Support from the mayor, mayor's office and city managers. All the help we get from public works, environmental services, LAPD, which fire all of our community partne

rs, my board who helps drive the momentum and progress in the neighborhood. And of course, all of our business owners who work hard every day to serve the community. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Well, thank you very much. And thank you, Blair, for that summary. You've summed up quite a bit in a 3 minutes. And pretty amazed that you were able to do that because, you know, the Business Improvement Association is doing a fantastic job and does so much to to enhance the character, not only of the businesses, but both our major corridors and Long Beach Boulevard and, of course, Atlantic Avenue. I can tell you that it has been a pleasure over the last four plus years that I have been in office to work with the BCP. I do see them as an extension of the eighth district office in many ways. They are truly partners in every sense of the word. And it is, Blair mentioned, full of surprises. I'm and I say that seriously. It's good to see you in a suit and tie today. Blair, you look very distinguished. And I also see your family here, your beautiful wife, Eliza, and Marlee, who is well known across the city. I am static with the results and the continued progress that we have with in Bixby Knolls, thanks to the Bixby. And so I certainly stand in support of the

motion to receive and file this documentation into the record and to extend the agreement with the Bixby notes Business Improvement Association for a one year term. I will just say that Bixby knows we've talked and for many years that it would be really nice to to borrow what we have in that community and move it across the city and across the region and in other places. Just yesterday was in an office and there were a couple of commissioners from the City of Compton who were interested in, you know, doing an art walk, emulating what is happening in Bixby Knolls and so many others across the city have emulated. We often jest and say, you know, we're often imitated but never duplicated. But but we're willing to share because it does build a strong sense of community when you have a good, thriving business district, business improvement district that has strong business support and community support as well. And so, again, I would encourage your support for this. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Thank you. I think Councilmember Austin said it all in about 5 minutes. Yeah. All I had to say is you're looking great. Make it look good in the suit. More often, man. You know you are running a business, this great business, man. And I see Marty was very anxious to say a few words while you were up here talking and you were looking over your shoulder like, Oh, she's coming down , but you got a great, wonderful family, very much engaged. And I support wholeheartedly the receipt of our motion that Councilmember Austin is a push forward and looking forward to see more events in the near future. Thank you. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I just wanted to say congratulations on all the amazing work I

know my council colleague Al Austin is always parading about all of the the fantastic work that you all do. And so it's great to have the synergy from downtown all the way up to Bixby. I go to a lot of those shops up there and spend a lot of money that I probably shouldn't. But it's exciting to support local business both in downtown and in Bixby. Don't give me that look, Craig, but congratulations. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you. I just want to say I'm honored to support this tonight. I've seen this transition from I was actually as a college student. I worked at Genesis Motorsports. That was on Atlantic Avenue directly across from the the Cold Stones back then. And just to see that transition from, you know, what it was like back in, say, 2000 to 2003 to today is just fantastic. So I just want to say, I'm you know, this is this is great. I mean, it's just amazing. And I tend to agree. If you could just bottle up Blair Cone and just just take him all over town, that would be fantastic. Thank you. Hey, Blair. Mr. Cohen, you're. I think, obviously, we're all big supporters of you. And I want to just recognize the work you do, not just obviously in the Bixby area, but your work with Kobe. I know you're sitting next year, Kobe partner in crime there next to you. And I think your your work in developing a really new voice for the business community, which is much more community centered and really thinks about bringing community together. It's been really great and I think welcome for the city of Long Beach. And so congratulations on all the success. Obviously, I know I know that you that in many ways it's a it's like an orchestra. There's a lot of moving players out there, a lot of businesses. The council office I know Councilman Austin is always talking about Bixby Knolls, but there's a lot of people up there that are the small business owners who have done so much to kind of roll up their sleeves and fix the street up. So thank you for all you do. And I want to also just take a minute to just say thank you to our staff that work with the associations. A lot of you look at Bixby Knolls and the success. We're also looking at a successful use of tax dollars. And so all those investments, those infrastructure investments, those investments on the street are all because I think we've wisely used the the revenue, not just from the businesses but from the city to improve a neighborhood. And that's what really what what this is all about. So congratulations to you. Congratulations to Councilman Austin. I wanted to make sure I spoke longer than Councilman Austin, which is why. I'm just kidding. I'm just making a bad joke. So with that, we're going to go ahead and take a vote. I'm trying to keep up with Councilmember Price. Motion carries. Thank motion. All right. Next is item 11. Motion carries. Thank you. Adopt resolution authorizing the Director of Development Services to submit a Zoning Code Amendment and local coastal program am

endment to the California Coastal Commission for approval and accept categorical exemptions. C 16 211 and see 16 two two for citywide. Members, please go out and cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. I think there was all five. Correct. Okay, great. Thank you. So we're done with hearing number two. We're going to go ahead. And before we begin the regular agenda meeting, we do have a pet adoption, which we're going to go ahead and do. So please come forward and tell us about who we have. Hello. Oh. Privately. So this is Tarzan. He's a great domestic shorthair, four

month old kitten. He is already neutered and. Microchipped, and he'll be available tomorrow at 10:00 at the SPCA, L.A. waiting for his forever home. Okay, so let's find this little guy. A little home. Thank you. Thank you. What's your name again? Tarzan and Tarzan with the name. Right. Okay. Available starting tomorrow. Okay. Thank you. If I can get a motion in a second for consent calendar. Motion carries. Thank you. Please, if we can just go on to hearing number two. Report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and consider the appeal by warm Lisowski and Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development and uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve it. Approve an addendum to the Shoreline Gateway Environmental Impact Report and approve a modification to site plan review to allow a 35 storey mixed use building with 315 residential units and 6711 square feet of retail restaurant space, previously approved for 221 residential units and 6367 square feet of retail restaurant space as part of the Shoreline Gateway Master Plan to be constructed on a vacant parcel located at 77 seven East Ocean Boulevard District two and authors required. See City clerk. Go ahead with the oath, please. Okay. Anyone who's going to speak on this, please raise your right hand. You and each of you, do you solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. Thank you. Let's go ahead and turn it over to staff. Mayor, members of the city council providing the report today will be Linda Tatum, planning bureau manager and Christopher Koontz advance planning officer. Good evening, Mayor, and members. Of the Council. I'm pleased to present to you this project. Called the Shoreline Gateway Project. This is phase two of a master planned project. The project site is located at 777 East Ocean Boulevard, and that's on the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue. It is also located within the city's PD 30 downtown plan. And for just for context, it is diagonally north and west of the Villa Riviera project and other towers in the area are the International Tower and the Current. This project is part of the. Shoreline Shoreline Gateway Master Plan. This project was originally approved by the city's Planning Com

mission in 2007. The West Tower of this project, called The Current IS has now been constructed and is under occupancy. The East Tower, which is the subject. Power, the subject tower for tonight's discussion, was also approved by the Planning Commission, and that approval included a tentative track map for condominiums for this project, as well as an administrative use permit which allows. Shared parking between the two towers of this project. The site upon which. The tower will be built is. Currently vacant and is now used for parking. Just to familiarize you with the site plan. Vehicle access to the project will be from Medio Street. That is the first street in the north and parallel to Ocean Boulevard. The site is the project will be developed with a five level subterranean parking garage that has 458 spaces. Pedestrian access to the project is from a public plaza that shared. Between the two towers. And the project will be designed with retail on the ground floor, with the residences above. And the retail has been designed so that it faces both Ocean Boulevard and the Alameda Street corridor. The site is lushly landscaped with street trees and other rich landscape plantings. Let's talk a little. Bit about the project proposal. The details of the project is that it was approved with. 221 condominium units, and that also. Includes 6300 square feet of. Retail and restaurant space. The project is intended to complement other developments within the PD 30, which call for a mixed use project that provide a restaurants and retail and other commercial establishments to service not only restaurants, but generally the population of the greater downtown area. The modification of this project. Which has been requested as a part of this approval or is a part of the Planning Commission approval was to increase. The number of condominium units in the project by 94 units and also a total of four, a total of 315 units in the project and that's within 67 100 square feet of residential area. The previously approved project was 35 storeys in height and that will not change to arm. This project is at 35 storeys, approximately 417 feet in height, and that this is not any change from the previously approved height of the project. Briefly. Some of the project amenities include a common open space area on the project, both a podium level garden and open space area. There is also a roof deck, an approximately 8300 square. Feet of roof deck. There are also common indoor. Com. An indoor open. Space area is inclusive of two community rooms. And lounges. And that's in about 7300 square feet of common indoor open space area. That also includes a 2200. Square foot gym. Rooftop pool and spa. And the. Project has. About 93% of the total units in the project, which come in a range of sizes, but they are mostly about 93% of them have private balconies. Briefly to the building design, the the. Tower is designed. To represent a a sale of the mass of a sail, a very graceful curvat

ure of the building accented by the balconies. The exterior materials of the building are primarily glass, but it does have bird safe glazing on the windows and the concrete slabs that give you the vertical elements of the building. It very nicely complements the existing current building in both in terms of the design and the materials of the project. This design, as I mentioned before, is not changed from the previously approved project in height or in design. I would also note that in terms of the project's parking, the height. The setback requirements. And all of the other PD 30 or the downtown plan requirements have been met within this project. As a matter of fact, the project exceeds the parking by 50 approximately 58 parking spaces. I'd like to turn briefly to the environmental issues on the project. The project, as I mentioned earlier, previously, had a certified EIA back in 2006. And in 2007 the project changed slightly and had a supplemental air that was also. Certified for this project with the requested. Change in the addition of units, an initial study checklist was proposed or was conducted, and the purpose of that checklist. Was. To look at each one of the 18. Categories of potential impacts to determine if there were any additional impacts. And that was done due to the unit and the square footage increase. What did occur was the consultant looked at excuse me, they prepared updated traffic studies, NOI studies, air quality. Analysis and greenhouse. Gas emissions for the project. So those were the extent of the technical studies that were prepared. In the basis of. Those studies fundamentally determined that there were no additional significant project impacts. And the basis of these studies. Was the cities or the the decision to proceed with an ER addendum and because. The studies demonstrated. That no significant impacts were going to be resulting from the addition of the 94 units. The addendum was the choice that was made in terms. Of pursuing the. Environmental determination and seek what does allow this when no additional significant effects can be determined? In summary, I'd like to just note that the Planning. Commission hearing on October 26. 26 or. October 20th, 2016. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on this. Project, and they unanimously voted to approve the project. They certified the Environmental Impact Report Addendum. They also approved the the site plan review. Modification for the project. And I would note that during the public hearing there was there. Were. There were residents or members of the public that. Spoke against the project. But there were a substantial number of supporters of the project. Both residents, business. Owners, as well as the. Local business associations came out to support the project. I'd just like to briefly note that the appeal of this project. By a third party, Mr. Warren Plus AFC, he's an individual as well as representing a group called the Citizens for Fair Lo

ng Beach Development, they said. They cited the grounds for the appeal as the improper use of an ER addendum and because the planning commission was the deliberative body, an approval body for the those actions that I noted earlier. The City Council by. By our code is slated to hear the appeal. However, Planning Commission. Decided to. Approve the project and in closing, staff recommends that the City Council uphold the Planning Commission recommendation. To deny they. Deny the appeal and to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve. The project. And also to certify the previously certified addendum to the Environmental Impact Report, as well as the site plan review application to allow the. 35 storey mixed use project with. 315 units and 6700 square feet of retail residential space. This project completely complies with all of the city's development standards and the environmental impact reported. Denim was appropriately prepared in conformance with sequel requirements. That concludes today's presentation. And we have staff available as well as the city's traffic engineer, to answer any questions. Regarding the project or the environmental document. Thank you. With that. Before we get to the council, I want I know there's a few folks that that raise your hand took the oath, did some public comment. So let me go to the public comment for the hearing and then we'll go to the city council. So if you have public comment. Well, hold on 1/2 before we go. If we have public comment, we're going to go line up after the I believe the appellant goes first. Let's go first. Okay. So if we can, please have the appellant, please come first. M city attorney believe that a reasonable amount of time, if they want, is up to 10 minutes. That's correct. Okay. And then everyone else will get 3 minutes of public comment. So please. Hi. Thanks for having me here tonight. Thanks for taking this appeal. And I just want to introduce myself. My name is Warren Lisowski. I represent myself personally as well as Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development. I'd like to start out tonight by addressing a couple of the concerns I had with the staff's oral report tonight. She stated that the original EIA that was approved changed slightly when they created the supplemental air, I believe it was in 2008. That originally

was, I believe, a 21 or 22 storey tower. The West Tower changed to a 35. So calling that a slight change, I think is a little bit of a misrepresentation. And also, I just wanted to note the term no significant impacts because that's going to be a theme tonight as we review the school guidelines and how the city has addressed how to proceed here. So let me just start out by saying that. We're here to establish ourselves as an aggrieved status. One of the ways that we become aggrieved is to register our objections with the City Council and then come and speak here for or against that particular approval in a hearing. I just wanted to go ahead and make the point

that this hearing would not be happening here tonight if we had not made the appeal. The city was fine with the developer to just push this through the planning commission and never have this come up at full council. So I just wanted to know the fact that this may seem like a normal approval process, but it was only due to the objections of some stakeholders that we are now going through the appeal. So we feel that the city is colluding with the developer in attempting to make what are significant changes to this project with significant impacts to the environment to the environment without environmental impact report is a violation of California Code 15162, which governs subsequent environmental impact reports. So I just want to make a couple points as to why the site plan, revision and addendum to the EIA should not be approved. And in fact, it just popped into my mind while staff was speaking that most of the focus has been on the environmental review. But we should also note that in revising the site plan review, that that I believe falls outside of environmental law. And so, you know, there's a lot of emphasis being placed on what are the effects of the environment and is the city and the developer following the law in terms of environmental review. But I just wanted to put it out there that by significantly changing the site plan, the Planning Commission had an opportunity to really let the stakeholders and community members review the changes that were being made to see what best suited not only the environmental regulation, but also what's best for downtown Long Beach residents. So just a couple key points here on the supplemental addendum to the EIA. The project was approved as a condominium and I believe both of the towers were approved as condominiums. And it sounds like from the developer's testimony at the Planning Commission that these are going to be used as apartments. I might be mistaken, but I think there's some evidence that the environmental impact of a rental high rise is possibly different than an owner owned condominium development. Number two, the change in the number of units. The developers proposing to change the number of units from, I believe, 221 to 315. If you do some simple arithmetic, you will find that this is a 40% increase in the number of units. When we look at the supplement to the EIR that the staff has accepted from the developer and I believe it was Rincon consultants, you'll find that 18 categories of environmental impact with something like 100 subcategories have all been determined to have no significant impact. Now, let's just think about that logically for a moment. If you have 220 some units and now you have 315 units, an increase of over 40%, I think it would be logical even for a child to understand that this will have significant impact on traffic, parking, ingress and egress of the building. Regardless of what staff might say and the developer about the parking being overstated by 67. S

ome units, parking is in fact understated, depending on how you count by 2 to 300 spaces. Also number four, I'd like to bring up the administrative permit for these shared commercial and guest spaces that was issued in 2007. I don't know how many of you used to live in downtown Long Beach or use any of the businesses parking in downtown Long Beach. But. Shared commercial and guest spaces is just not it's not going to work. And this administrative permit that was issued in 2007, which is now almost ten years old, the downtown parking plan requirements have changed since then. The densities and ratios have changed. And I saw no evidence that the staff or the developer or the consultants had addressed the issue of the change in the code and if the administrative permit is still valid. At the Planning Commission meeting, staff stated that because the developer used a tentative condominium map that there is indefinite extensions under state law for both the administrative use permit as well as the tentative condo maps. I find no evidence of that under state law that a tentative condominium map would result in an administrative use permit being extended indefinitely. So. Basically to summarize, it appears that staff and the developer, with the help of their consultants, have, quote unquote, backed into the result they wanted. They wanted to make significant changes to the building. The environmental code says that if there's no significant impacts, that there's no new air is needed. And surprisingly, they have a 35 page report

with over 150 different sub items, all resulting in exactly that result, no significant impacts. That's very suspect on its own. Finally, I just wanted to wrap up with the history of this project. It was originally approved at, I believe, a 21 or 22 storey towers. There was a subsequent amended E-R that was issued later and now. So it has grown from a 21 storeys to 35 with 220, 221 units now to 35 storeys with over 300 units. You can see how the city approves one project. And then over a ten year period the project changed and grows. This is called piece meal and it does not give the stakeholders an opportunity to properly see how these developments are going to affect the community. Also, I believe that each of these should not stand alone. They should be looked at as a whole per the school guidelines. And so just to wrap up, I see a couple of paths forward. I spoke here a couple of months ago about a different project. I told the city council that I've been a long time Long Beach resident. I feel that you never listen to public comments. The votes are almost all unanimously rubber stamped eight to nothing, and that I feel that the only thing that the city listens to is litigation. And so I see two paths forward. We can go back, we can accept this appeal. We can make the developer go back and follow the law just like everyone else has to follow the law. Or we can once again litigate, which we're prepared to do. So if you g

uys have any questions for me, I'm sure you don't. I'd be happy to answer them. And with that, we'll wrap up. I'll stick around for the rest of the hearing. Maybe we'll have some surprise tonight, but I appreciate your time. This is sincerely an important issue to me and many other of the residents of Long Beach. And so thank you for your time. Thank you. And now we're going to go ahead and have the public comment, please. So this is for 3 minutes each. So please come forward if you're doing public comment on this issue. And yes, so please come forward. My name is and Prophet. I've been a resident of Long Beach since 1975 and a homeowner in the East Village for more than seven years. I also used to own a home in Belmont Heights, and I'd like to congratulate the Planning Commission and City Council for running once again, showing callous disregard for citizens quality of life. Last month, the Planning Commission rubber stamp the sea, towered ocean and Alamitos. Even though the project is added 13 stories, 94 units and only added 65 parking spaces. How delightful. That does not conform to the horrid downtown plan and needs a new air and secure observation. Obviously, neither Council nor Planning Commission is thinking about the current residents of the East Village Arts District, where ponds do your desire for more people, more density, less light, less air, and insufficient infrastructure for incoming residents? Less parking, of course. I know nothing I say will have any meaning for you, but I ask you to consider the needs of the people currently living here. It's not right to dismiss us as chattel. The West Tower of this complex was approved as a very, very different building from what was constructed. It was supposed to be life like the one that you're going to construct later. No doubt the contractor will flimflam the city once again, send envelopes and make it just as ugly as the West Tower. So once again your callously disregard my comments as you always do, and act in your own benefit. Since none of you live in the East Village. You don't have a clue of the harm that you're causing. But you will once all of this is done, because we're all going to commission for diminished value of our properties, because that's what's going to happen to all of us that surround this area. Thank you. Next speaker, please sit down. Jim. Danno. I live at 539 Daisy Avenue. Do we have any white sage? Because I'm here to support this project. I think it's a fantastic project. The developer's done a great job. Ten years ago, Long Beach was not the city we are right now. Thank goodness we're starting to see some skyscrapers and cranes in our skylines. We need some density. I personally see the maintenance issues on the city on a daily basis. We need people that are going to be living here. More units are better for us. I'm glad that they've switched from whatever it was, 200 condos to 300 apartments where more people can come in and enjoy our city. It's a it's a won

derful development. I support it wholeheartedly. I know local businesses here support it. They need people here to support the ideal that we're trying to have in downtown. Thank you very much. Appreciate you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello, I'm Joel Weinstein. I live in the eighth district. I'm speaking on behalf of myself and on behalf of members of citizens about responsible planning whom you may have learned recently had a favorable settlement with the developer with the Riverwalk project. A little over a year ago. We were here to oppose that project, not because we're opposed to density per say in every place, not because we're opposed to development, but because we want good development in the right place. And because we want to see. The laws of the state of California, which, after all, is what charters the city of Long Beach. We

want to see those laws upheld. We don't want to see scofflaw try to cut corners on the law. Behavior by our city council. But that's what we got a year ago. For example, you approved a new zoning for Riverwalk, which did not exist and could not legally have existed until a week after you approved the project. It just didn't make any sense. Why not do things in the proper order? Take a little more time if it's even more time at all and do it right. We have a situation like that here. Here is an air which is almost ten years old, refers really to a different project. The right thing to do is to do an air that actually refers to the parameters of this project. Well, in place of that, there is this proposed addendum that allegedly finds no significant impacts. Our number 100 category. Well, you know, whatever you ever note about the straw that breaks camel's back, each little bit of straw has no significant impact together. Its tremendous impact. Let me take one example. That is carefully elided over into so-called no significant impacts. And by the way, the addendum tries to use qualitative language when in fact the big impact is that every single impact is going to be an impact on or by 94 additional units. How many of you have ever been trapped in a tower? Lights off because an earthquake has just disrupted the power. How are you going to clear a building with 94 additional units? I have been in that situation and to my good luck, I was not 35 storeys up or even 18 storeys up. I was only five storeys up. I can tell you that even if the building is pronounced safe by the engineers, you're not going to want to stay there. And the emergency services that allegedly exist. Thank you so much. Not will exist on paper. Just see how well they perform. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes. My name is Jess Johansen, 700 East Ocean Boulevard. I've been a homeowner at the International Tower for 14 years. I'm here in support of the project. I think it's fantastic for the neighborhood. I remember when it was a different project, but over the years, which has been quite a few, you know, there h

ave been changes and I think they've all been for the better. Obviously it seems like the focus has been on the increase of the number of units, but from what I understand of the real estate environment these days, I mean, that is kind of the the way things are. I mean, you are getting smaller units. So affordability is still available for as many that can possibly buy or rent in a tower like this. Long Beach should be very proud to have a developer who wants to erect a tower like this. I'm still lamenting the fact that Lennar decided to give up their tower and go with a box for the ocean air. I think that's unfortunate. This not to trash them. But the point is, I think we have a fantastic opportunity with seven, seven, seven tower. I bought it International Tower because that was an iconic tower. I'm excited to be across the street from the Village Riviera, another iconic tower. And I'm looking forward to the time when we have seven, seven, seven tower complementing the corner of shoreline and ocean. So with that, again, you have my support and I would encourage you to follow through with the approval that the Planning Commission made and allow the developers to move forward with the project. Thanks. Thank you. Next beacon, please. Yes, my name is Rick Hopper. I'm the chief information officer for Molina Health Care here in Long Beach. Molina currently has over 8500 employees that work in Long Beach. Personally, I moved to Long Beach two years ago and a year ago I purchased a condominium for my mother here. It's a wonderful area. I work on Sixth and Pine in the old Meeker Baker building and Seventh and Pine and I have almost 800 full time employees in those facilities. Many of them live in Long Beach. I'm looking at opportunities to continue to attract more employees here. And the more housing we have, the better. I think you've built a beautiful building with the current and very much in favor for this project. So thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Thank you. My name is Jane Netherton, and I'm not representing a company or a group, but I'm here as an individual who has watched this project from inception. I was on Redevelopment Agency looking at what we wanted to do in the downtown with the community, wanted to do and what the spirits told us they wanted in the downtown in this project was everything we had hoped it would be. It took a long time to get it going. And I'm here to talk not about the square or the air, because what the staff is has documented and that is appropriate. I've looked at a lot of ERs during my redevelopment days, and even now looking at it through the Oversight Commission that I sit on, what I'm here to talk about is the developer, the integrity, the developer, the stamina of the developer who from 2004 on went to the public constantly to find out what it was they wanted , what they didn't like, what he could change to make them happy. You know, you might block the sun for 35 minutes if you put a buildin

g up. There's just too many things you can go through to say why you shouldn't do something. However, he stuck with it oh, eight, nine tough times. He stuck with it. He could have walked away.

He didn't walk away. And he got very involved in the downtown, actually recommended him to be on the downtown Long Beach Associates board, which he did, and then ended up being chair for either two or four years. So he was very involved in what went on downtown and very passionate about the downtown. He does what he says he's going to do. He carries forward great partner. Led court came along. I must say that not only was I redevelopment, but I did an interim financing for the project through International City Bank. But led court to me just said, Hey, this is a great project I want to be involved in as well. And I think it just showed the strength of the project 2000 2016 and he has 75% occupancy in a building that hasn't even been open a year. That tells us that there is a need for the for the project. There is a need for that for the units. The more people we have downtown, the livelier downtown is going to be. And we have businesses coming in. We need to have housing for them. So I just think the developer is a stand up developer follows follows the guidelines and I would urge the council to approve the project. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. But I close the speakers list, so. Okay. Mr.. Good to hear the final speaker. Good evening. My name is James Sullivan. I reside at the Villa Riviera at 800 East Ocean Boulevard. I actually own there as well. I've been an owner for nearly 14 years. I owned more than one unit. And I also some of the previous speakers have kind of stolen what I was going to say. So I'll just echo what Mr. Netherton said. The builder came and was very, very responsive and open with our homeowners association. I was president of the board back when they first started proposing this. They were very receptive to what all of the owners had to say. And our comments and it's reflected in the project that we see today. I'd also like to echo what one of my neighbors at the International Tower said. I do. This is another iconic building. It's going to fit very nicely, I believe, with the nature of that intersection. And I look forward to it. And I urge the council to uphold what has already been approved. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Members of the. Council. My name is Craig Cogen with the downtown Long Beach Alliance. We're here in support of the project for the same reasons that we've supported this project since day one, spanning over ten years. We have included those reasons and our public letter of support that we'll provide to the city clerk and certainly look forward to your support this evening as well. Thank you. Thank you. And finally, you're good to. Very good. You click as the address. As I see this. This Council is presented with a very rare opportunity that very few co

uncils. They find themselves in this situation they're in are presented with. You have a chance. To try to mitigate or ameliorate. The disastrous decision you made relative to urinating away near \$9,000,900 million or whatever the figure is for the \$100 million for the new city hall. Following a paradigm that almost bankrupt the California state judicial system. My suggestion is you look at this project. And look at it not as the. It's presented now, but it is an opportunity to relocate the city hall. In that structure period. You've got the parking. You've got the building. You know, it's you're going to have to make the requisite arrangements with the developer, do the mea culpa and try to salvage as much as you can. But this you. To pass up this opportunity really would be an indictment. Of this council that will last forever. You represented you made a mistake. You lacked the character as a council to step up to it. And again, as if my information is correct, you were told in a closed session that aside from the elevators. Structurally there's nothing wrong. There's no great earthquake, that potential damage to this building. You've got an opportunity to correct that mistake. I would suggest you lay this over. And review the option that I suggested. Thank you. Q That concludes public comment. At this time, I'm going to give the appellant, if you want a couple minutes to say anything else at the close if if you didn't say. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just one thing. I just wanted to say that we're not against development. We're not against density. We're not against the general plan. We just want the city to follow the law. If I jaywalk, I get a ticket, I pay the fine, and the city runs roughshod around environmental guidelines. So follow the law and we won't have this issue. It's not that hard. We know why the developer doesn't want to do it. The Environmental Impact Report probably cost four or \$500,000. So don't facilitate the developers circumventing the law. The law is there for a reason. We follow it for a reason. One more thing. There was a big court case from the Supreme Court on just this issue that came down last month, and it didn't really clear up the issue very much. The one thing it did clear up is that the standard possibly was changed a bit. And you don't have to do a new air just because you've made small changes. But if there's significant changes, you do need to do it the air. And that's exactly what situation we're in. So thanks so much for having me. Those final comments. Appreciate it. Thank you. With that, we're going to conclude the comments with the public hearing and go back to the city council. Councilmember Pierce.

Thank you. I really want to first just get a question out of the way before I share my remarks. City Attorney Are we following the law? Yes. Thank you. I would like to very much thank the people at Anderson Pacific for their diligent work on this. This has been a project that's been 12 years in the making with

literally hundreds of neighborhood meetings, a thorough review by Development Services, Planning Commission and secret process. One of the biggest concerns for my district, of course, is about process over development and parking. But this project is not that the developers have made sure that the Shoreline Gateway provides community benefits. They've created a temporary park that will become permanent, which provides much needed green space in our district and a path to the beach. We've also included on the lobby floor they've included public space with public art, which is accessible to everyone to come through. Although the city parking requirement is different in the downtown plan, when they've increased the units in this development, they've also increased the number of parking units. My understanding is roughly around one per bedroom, which is more than the downtown plan. And so when constituents ask about parking, this obviously is the first thing. And I think they've gone above and beyond what the downtown plan has requested. In their first building, the current was LEED certified Silver Tower in Long Beach and Shoreline Gateway will be the first LEED Neighborhood Development Gold Project in the city of Long Beach. They're bringing more good paying jobs to Long Beach by committing to pay their workers prevailing wage. And Shoreline Gateway is just that gateway from east side of Long Beach that welcomes people into our downtown. It will act as a catalyst for the East Village and these pieces of land that have remained dormant for decades. Shoreline Gateway continues to be the goal of creating a good, walkable, livable city. And I look forward to continued development in downtown. I think we've done a great job about that challenge we had with enough market rate housing in downtown. And so I see this is one of those projects that continues to do that, knowing that future developments. You know, we will obviously have conversations around diverse housing options in downtown and throughout my district. But tonight, I really want to make sure that my community knows that I've had I have a big stack of letters in support of this project, and I have two letters opposed to this project. And so definitely when thinking about community support and where community is on an issue, that's something that's really important to me. And so I want to ask my colleagues to deny the appeal and to support moving forward with this project. Thank you so much. Okay. And that's the motion, Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes. I also would like to just copy the sentiments of my my colleague, council member Pearce. I think what she said is definitely true. I know many of her residents have been in support, have had many discussions and community meetings. I want to thank Anderson Pacific Development staff as well as our planning commission as well. And I know when we look at many of these being the other half of downtown, if you will, we look at what is going to creat

e a new wave of urban living growing. I'm a downtown resident myself. I think myself along with the mayor downtown residents. We love being there. It is where we raise our families. It is where we patron many of our local businesses. And it's where I hope to continue raising my families and growing many different opportunities there. And when we are looking at projects, we're not just looking them at looking at them solely just as a project, but building a place that creates an atmosphere as this would also transit. We have to think about that as well. Transit oriented development when we're looking at development and growing demand for walkable, bikeable cities, which I think this exactly exudes. So thank you so much for this. I support the denial of the appeal and also Councilmember Pearce's comments. Thank you. Thank you. And I just want to just briefly, you know, I think it's no surprise I'm a huge supporter of this project. I've been supportive of this project ever since I first heard about it. And I probably attended, you know, half a dozen meetings as a as a local downtown resident who had just bought a, you know, a place downtown and wanted to get involved and wanted to learn about what was going on. And so I just want to I know this is in some ways, a conclusion of the of some of this process. And I just wanted to thank, you know, Jim, Jane, Ryan, Craig, everyone that's been involved in this. Thank you for the dozens and dozens of community meetings that you all hosted to get public input on this project over the course of all those years. And this is we need more housing of all kinds, but we also need more housing for for people that want to work. One of the things I hear all the time from the engineers at Virgin Galactic and the people that are that are moving in over at Douglas Park is how difficult it is for them to to

find homes or apartments in Long Beach. And so this is going to provide another opportunity. And I want to just thank you for a stellar project. And we'll also, by the way, be the tallest tower in the city of Long Beach when completed. So that is also, I think, something to be very. Proud. And so, Mr. City attorney. In there, I just wanted for the record to make sure that the Council understood that the approval of this motion includes approving the addendum, approving the site plan, review modification as described by staff, and the increase in the various numbers that were presented in the staff report and the recommended action. Thank you, Councilman Pierce. Perfect. Okay, so there is a motion in a second on that. Please cast your votes. Lucian Karis. Thank you. Motion. Okay. Motion. Pass around. Good. Thank you. A little slow. Let's go ahead and have our number 15 clerk please read. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Pearce Council member, super nor council member. Your UNGA recommendation to request the city attorney to draft a resolution in support of the efforts of the Standing Rock Sioux T

ribe and their allies opposing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. Thank you all for being very patient. We appreciate it. And I want to thank my colleagues, especially the colleagues who supported this item, Councilmember Pearce, Councilmember Muranga and Councilmember Supernova. We've all watched the news, of course, over the past couple of months, the Standing Rock, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and thousands of people from around the country have joined in protesting the Dakota Access pipeline, which would disturb the tribe's water, fresh water supply and over to over 200 rivers, creeks, tributaries, soil and, of course, sacred land. Tonight, with the passage of this item, we will join with many other cities around the country declaring our support for Standing Rock, including Seattle, Saint Louis and many others, and telling the federal government that protecting sacred ground and maintaining access to clean water is, is and should be the priority over private interests. And I want to be clear. This protest and fight is not just about oil. It is about respect for indigenous communities and respect for the rights of the treaties that were signed with this tribe nearly 150 years ago. Over the weekend, yes. And over the weekend, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it would seek alternative routes for the pipeline. And while this is great, certainly it is just a start, but it is not binding at this time. And considering the the approach of the new administration that will take office in a little over a month, we need to ensure that our voice is heard very loud and very clear here in the city of Long Beach. And so I think, again, my colleagues, I hope my other colleagues will come in support. I think the community for coming together on this. I heard loud and clear through Facebook and emails, through many of my council colleagues who are really passionate about this issue. And some people said, well, why are you why do you even care what's happening in North Dakota? Well, we do care. And there's a lot to consider that may or may not and possibly could happen here in our own home. So we have to care about others, don't we? So, again, thank everybody for being here. Appreciate the patience and the time and I hope my colleagues will support. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. And thank you to Sandra Acosta and the rest of the folks who brought forward this resolution and all those that have been active through this. As was mentioned, activists of Standing Rock won a huge victory on Sunday when the Army Corps denied the permit that was needed for the pipeline to undergo dam's selection of the Missouri River called Lake Ahu. And I know I probably butchered that name. I'm sorry. This is the result of thousands of committed activists who braved the North Dakota winter to stand up for their rights, their land and their drinking water. They were met

with disproportionate use of force in substandard freezing temperatures, tear gas, rubber bullets and even grenades. Yet they still remained strong. The Obama administration has sent a strong message that any future projects such as this must take into account serious consideration the impacts that it will have on their communities and our environment. Tonight, we're here to celebrate the hard earned victory, but also acknowledge that the fight is not over. With a new administration on the horizon, we must stay vigilant in our support for Standing Sioux Tribe. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution. It's a first step. It's a right step, and it's a step to say that we are connected, whether we're in Long Beach in California or somewhere else, on the anywhere that we have to stand together and we have to support what's morally right and what's the smart kind of policies to move forward. And again, I thank you all for your courage. And I implore our council to stand with us tonight. Thank you. Thank you. Any public comment on this item? Okay. I'm counting.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. So here's what I'm going to recommend. We're going to instead of 3 minutes, we're going to go down to 2 minutes. And if you and I encourage you, if someone has said the point already, you don't have to reinforce that point. So we can make sure everyone has an opportunity to speak. So. Madam Clerk, please queue up 2 minutes. Let us know who you are and go ahead and start. Thank you. My name is Gloria. R.A. I am a tongva. I am this land, the Los Angeles Basin for the Channel Islands and our center of creation comes out of Long Beach on the campus of Cal State. Long Beach. I have talked to many youth who have returned from Standing Rock, from Southern California, and who have been there. And they are profoundly touched by what they have learned and what they want to give back to the community. They had learned that everybody was so generous and helpful to them as they arrived in anything that they needed. But they also said that it was they learned to test or protect, as they prefer by love, nonviolence and prayer. And they have been met with terrible violence. Many have been very injured. A woman has is fighting to keep her arm. One woman was shot in the eye and is blind in that one eye and they have no weapons whatsoever. Over 2000 vets went out there over this weekend and it was. Very impactful to see that they were that they apologized for what this country has done to the first nation people all across the nation. So I encourage you to support the actions there that they continue in this peaceful, nonviolent, prayerful way. And teaching the young people, the elders are leading it with the youth. The youth actually are the ones that started this whole movement and the elders set what is going to happen each day in these camps. And so we ask you to I ask you to support this. And, you know,

I'm very thankful for everything. And I thank you for your votes. And I hope you will really understand what is going out there, as has been explained by Miss Gonzales. Miss Pierce, thank you very much. That was very thorough. Thank you. Thank you for your time. Next week, a police. He only watched me talk up until I said nope. It shows up at all. Meanwhile, Cody out there to Hawaii where I'm new. How did I march up? Meanwhile, out there to Hawaii, homecoming king guy to hooch, to courage, to wanting you. I greet all of you in my native Dakota language, and I want to thank you for listening to us and Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pierce, for leading this. And I think this is very important. Even though Long Beach is a little bit late to the game. Seattle, Phenix, Oakland, a lot of the Minneapolis, a lot of the major cities already passed a resolution to support Standing Rock. So we urge you to to support Standing Rock. And one of the things that we asked, too, is that if you support Standing Rock, you have to look Long Beach has to look at their own oil addiction, their own. It would be hypocritical for you to pass a resolution to support Standing Rock, but you're benefiting off of oil and fracking, which is destroying our Earth. So if you pass this resolution, that's good and I'll be proud. I'm a resident of Long Beach for the past ten years, and I would be very proud to say my my leaders, this Long Beach leaders pass this. But I would be even more proud if you came back and started making changes here in Long Beach. And it's not about this pipeline. It's about transitioning to renewable energy and keeping fossil fuels in the ground. So that's the bigger picture. And we have the technology to do that. So I urge you to to look at that look at our own history and how it's destroyed our Earth. We want clean water for our children, our young kids here. We want them to have clean water. We want them to have clean air to breathe. So we're looking seven generations ahead. Our great, great grandchildren. What on earth are we going to leave for them? So this is important and it's a human issue, not just an indigenous issue, but a human issue. Thank you for your time, sir. Thank you. Next speaker piece. Mugabe Libya child with all we have here. Took out Angostura local champ, opium sativa. My dear, relatives always like to thank the creator first. My Lakota name is Bear Woman and I do come from Wounded Knee. I was at Standing Rock on October or November 20th. When they shot rubber bullets and sprayed our people. Once Sophia's arm. When she was hurt. And Vanessa, we call her blue corn. When her eye was shot out. Those were very hard things to deal with. They're still hard because for my fiancée and I, we knew Vanessa personally. But I came here to to ask the. Will you please support the gray Lakota Nation? In the North Dakota Access pipeline. But as you do. Will you please make an amendment? In a to help in a class action lawsuit against the Dakota

Access pipeline for violating treaties in Article six. Clause to it declares treaties are supreme law. 1781. Is the people's constitution. 1880. Ah, no, let me let me rephrase that. 1787 is the people's constitution. 1871 is the corporation constitution. The class action lawsuit will be based on the 1933 bankruptcy of the United States due to the fact they failed to ratify dialog and notify 564 federal

recognized tribes regarding this. Thank you for your time. We still have a full life and thank you. Sorry I took up all your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is No Ramirez. I am Artemis now with the protectors of Earth. Mother, I first want to acknowledge the Tongva whose land we are living on. And I hope that we are treating this land with respect and with dignity. I am here today to acknowledge and to commend the city of lives for moving forward with this agenda and support of Standing Rock. But I feel that now more than ever. This is the statement that is about to be given or hopefully be given as needed. Given the statement that the Energy Transfer Partners issued that evening, the Army Corps of Engineers ordered when they halted the pipeline, they said, and I quote, ETP is fully committed in ensuring this vital project is brought to completion and fully expect to complete construction of the pipeline without any additional rerouting in and around Lake Oahe. And quote, I urge the city to issue a strong statement of support because it shows that we are doing our part to shut down that which is a threat to our native land and earth mother in general. And it shows that we as a collective can do our part to avert other pipeline and mining operations. Thank you to my thoughts committee. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. Good evening. Council members and staff. My name is Tiffany Chan, representing Green Long Beach. I'm here today to encourage you all to support this resolution and to draft a strong statement in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Green Long Beach represents and works in each and every district to bring together community members in becoming conscious caretakers of the Earth. And our membership believes that the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, the water protectors in North Dakota and their allies are acting on behalf of the entire nation to ensure the safety and quality of the environment that supports us all. And as we said earlier, despite the denial of the permit, the Energy Transfer Partners declared the termination to construct it without any changes. And if constructed as planned, the Dakota Access pipeline will burst and contaminate the drinking water of over 18 million people while violating federal treaties with sovereign nations. We resolve resolutely oppose this shortsighted and dangerous greed and all actions that threaten the lives and livelihoods of our fellow human beings and the Earth. We are seeing accounts of pipelines bursting nearly every month in the United States alone. And the numbers o

f green Long Beach stand firmly with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and their actions against the construction of the pipeline and our ongoing dependance on oil. We trust that the council members can understand this long term rather vacations of oil dependency at the cost of human life and environmental health. Thank you. Thank you. Next week, Mexican police. Good evening. My name is Kobe Sky. I am a principal engineer with the County of Los Angeles, also very proud to serve on the Sustainable City Commission. And I'm here to speak in support of this item, but also to draw an important connection with two other items that are on the agenda tonight. The first is the item passed earlier that laid out the strategic plan for the Sustainable City Commission and some of the priorities that we were presenting on behalf of the Commission and the residents that we heard from about the future of Long Beach and how to make it more sustainable. And the second is a report that's going to be requested regarding oil and gas operations in the city. Standing Rock is about three key issues indigenous rights and how they're being trampled. Protection of water and climate change. And there are things that the City of Long Beach can do to address those things that would add more meaning and impact to the resolution that you're considering tonight. For example, we were recommending, based on feedback we received to move towards 100% renewable energy, that's going to reduce our reliance on oil and gas. It's going to reduce the impacts that we have. And not just in extracting oil, which is potentially impacting our water, but also the role that we have in facilitating the transport and sale of fossil fuels of all type, which impacts people from not just the US but even from other countries. So we need to address the roles that we have in addressing all of those issues. We can take a resolution supporting the transition from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, for example. It sends a message that we want to address all of these issues climate change and indigenous rights and water protection. And there's a lot we can do locally to do that. Thank you very much. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. Good evening, everyone. My name is Becky Sanchez. I'm a resident of Long Beach for the last 13 years, and I'm also Long Beach Unified School District teacher. I wanted to say that I was also there on November 20th night where the violence happened that finally made mainstream media airwaves. And I wanted. To let you know that I was not there for violence. I went there to help. With the many with Tony School, the children who were there in camp. The youngest water protectors who were there. I went to help those kids because more than anything, this is definitely

about respecting sovereignty. This is definitely about protecting our water. This is definitely about protecting Mother Earth. But more than anything. It's about protecting our children. Because in the end,

they were the one. They will be the ones to feel the brunt. If DAPL proceed. To continue with this project. Someone earlier said that this that maybe Long Beach is coming in late. I see. We're coming in at the most crucial time. We have the support of Obama, but when. Trump comes in, there's no telling what's going to happen. So it warms my heart to know that this city that I love has representatives. Here even. Bringing this to the table. Asking our. City to support the first. Americans, asking our country to stand up to what the Constitution says is the supreme law of the land. I had nothing, but thanks for you taking the time to consider this, to hear us out and hear the cries of people across the country and. Around the. World that I met at Standing Rock asking for the same thing. Please protect our water. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yeah. It's on us. We're showing Phenix and your show. So what did you, me and Sloan and then paper shushing. I said, Hello, everybody. I welcome you with open heart and open mind. I am Cheyenne Phenix. I am a member of the Navajo Nation as well as the Northern Paiute Nation. I am also a resident here of Long Beach City and I attend Long Beach City College for the past two years. I sit on the associate student body or the student body government of Long Beach City College as a legacy cultural affairs chair. And I also am a part of a club called the Native American Student Association, which started last year. And as a leader within my community in L.A., Long Beach community, I stand with Standing Rock. And I have been doing my part in promoting awareness about this critical issue that as a youth perspective, I am very critical about this issue because as a human being as well as we all are human beings, we need water, we need life, and we don't need oil. There are other energy sources out there that are much cleaner than this. I also ask and support the idea of looking at clean, renewable energies for Long Beach because our lives depend on it. Our very lives depend on our clean water or clean oil, our clean water and air here, as well as protecting the sovereign rights of our indigenous people as well as everybody else's rights as human beings are human and civil rights that we have here. Thank you again. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. And a little taller. Good evening. My name is Natalie O'Neill. I am a. Member of the Nikko the Nation. I want to thank Councilwoman Gonzalez and Pierce for their eloquent description of how this impacts the sovereign rights of my ancestors were actually at the sign the Treaty of Fort Laramie in. 1851 for this new nation. My uncle ran his horses. Thunder was a former chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. So this movement directly affects me. I'm a proud member. Of the alumni. Of Cal State, Long Beach. And so from a personal perspective, having my uncle and my aunt arrested on October 24th for doing nothing more than praying, praying for the young.

Men and women that were in the. Front lines. It affects you personally. It affected us so much. And my husband and I both have successful careers. Took our time to go out there to Standing Rock. To visit our home. My home lands. Which are only a couple hundred. Miles up from the Missouri River to. See my uncle's ranch. Right is just right on the Lake Oahu and see what the potential danger that could. Happen if a pipe like that broke, to see the peacefulness that all the people that were there. At the camp. Were embodying and embracing of people of. All nations. And I think a city like Long Beach had always. Has historically embraced diversity. This type of resolution is absolutely in line. With the culture here, in line with what I feel like. The vision of the city is, and for it to continue to be a leader. Of not. Only in California, but also nationwide and worldwide in support of. The Standing Rock Nation. So I thank you for your time and I thank you for hearing us out. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Let's look at Liam at the chimney maker. My name is Mr. Susheela Aguilera. I'm 18 years old and I'm a student at Cal State Long Beach. I am also a descendant of the Mexica people from Mexico and the Tongva people from here. I'm coming to you today, not as a as an indigenous person, not as a student within your city. But I come to you as a human being. A human being who? My language, my ancient languages were taken from me. My lands were taken from me. The last thing I have left is my water. Last thing I have left of my resources. The last thing I have left is my life. Thank you for supporting the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota, but I ask that you also support the younger people from here. I ask that you support the indigenous people from here. I ask that you support the next seven generations of indigenous children who grew up here in Long Beach. I want to be able to take my children to the beach. I want

to be able to bring them out into the light. I want to be able to bring them to parks without worrying. Well, maybe emissions will hurt my child. Hurt my child. Or maybe the water from Long Beach is so polluted that they can't even play water. I was in a history class in which a history professor claimed that American Indians do not exist, that we just came from Asia. And he attributed the Bering Strait theory as a fact. And what I heard there basically was that I have no right I have no right to fight for my water. I have no right to fight for my land. But the truth is, I do. And I ask you to do the same. Thank you, Jim. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Honorable City Council. And also special recognition to the Tongva people and other native peoples who are here today. My name is Alex Montana. I live in the sixth district and I'm with the Filipino Migrant Center and the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns. On Thanksgiving weekend, I was part of a six person delegation from Long Beach that drove over 1500 mi

les to stand with the Standing Rock Sioux and other water protectors against the Dakota Access pipeline in North Dakota. We drove for almost 24 hours. In a packed car. Full of donations and blankets and clothing and prayers and messages of love from Long Beach residents to be donated to the. Standing Rock Sioux. But the most. Extraordinary part was witnessing the Standing Rock Sioux and other water protectors united to protect what should. Be sacred to all of. Us water, land and our Mother Earth. We learned a lot that weekend. We were freezing cold, but we felt warm watching the native dancers and elders gather in front of the sacred fire in the camp. We often forget about native women in our society, but it was the Native women who were on the front lines that weekend who led a women's march onto the bridge and faced a wall of police and barbed wire to chant, sing and declare that water is sacred and that women are sacred. We are often told that we need money to survive. But at the camp, the donation center, the mess hall, the medic tents, everyone was welcome to get free health care, a hot meal and borrowed clothing and blankets. We all survived and took care of each other. I met one Native American artist named Steve Whitehill from the Oneida Tribe who said this was the first time in history that almost all of the Native American tribes are united together to protect what is sacred to them water, land and Mother Earth. And that's why I urge City Council to pass this resolution to support Standing Rock and their struggle to protect the water and the land. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Erin. Erin Foley. I reside in the first district. I want to thank my councilperson as well as Councilwoman Pierce. I'm sorry, my friend Janine. I'm a co-founder of a local community organization called the Friendship Neighborhood and a member of the Long Beach Time Exchange, among several other Long Beach community based organizations that seek to make our city one that works for all. I love this city that I've called home for the past decade and appreciate having the chance to speak to you. Now, I would like to urge you to pass the resolution in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, despite there being basically a media blackout, this historic fight to protect the water source of the Sioux has invigorated indigenous rights movements, environmental movements and progressive movements across the world. Put simply and straightforward. Pipelines leak, water is life and you can't drink oil. Long Beach should stand on the right side of history. By adopting this resolution, we must show that we to see the injustice of moving a pipeline originally set for the white city of Bismarck to the sacred lands of the Sioux. I urge us all to recognize the white privilege that came into play upon the changing of the pipeline designation. In such a way, I can't change history and neither can you. But we can acknowledge the wrongs that have been do

ne to the native peoples, by the colonizers, the stealing of land, the terrible genocide, as well as the continued suffering wrought by both historic and current traumas. We can choose to lead and do all we can to not continue on that path of destruction. And with this examination of white privilege and our desire as a city to lead with progressive, proactive policies, I urge us to also examine them in the context of our own addiction to unsustainable fossil fuels. Urge you to consider the environmental racism prevailing in our own city. What are we doing to move as a city to sustainable, renewable sources? What are we doing to eradicate environmental racism? There are so many sustainable alternatives and we are a city full of innovative creatives and talented entrepreneurs. We might not be able to end oil right this very second, but we must strive to meaningfully divorce ourselves from it immediately. I know we can if we want to. So in summary, no more pipelines, no more enslavement to oil. And tonight, let us stand as a city in solidarity with the Sioux. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Council members and vice mayor. My name is James

Swayze. I'm a third district resident and I'm here tonight. This is a very personal issue for me, but also on behalf of our building of the community's Long Beach Steering Committee. And here, just to echo the amazing comments that were made here tonight, but also to offer another perspective and I know you all do the right thing and vote for this tonight, but offering and reminding you that actions speak louder than words. Right? When we think about the health impacts, then we talk a lot about what happens in the Latino, the African American and the Cambodian community. But often we don't talk about the Native American community here and the large health disparities, the large health inequities that not just in Long Beach, but in communities across the nation and particularly in California. When we look at cities like Del Norte in Kern, in Coachella Valley, where a lot of the native community doesn't even have access to fresh cleaning water. So fresh, clean water. Right. So there's a lot that we can do. And I think a lot of my community members out here have also made those echoes and calls for action and for us to really look at how do we localize this and how do we move forward on actually achieving health equity because actions like this achieve that and get to that conversation where we can lift up the health and safety of everybody. So thank you very much time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor Councilmembers My name is Gerald Mangino. My address, 4301 Boyer Avenue, Long Beach. But I am a citizen of this earth. I come here tonight. Obviously, I'm a white man. I have no no Indian blood in me, no, no Native American in me. But I do represent a group of scouts and we've been around for over 90 years. And what we've taught our boys is. They grew. To men, was respect

of others in respect of the earth. We study the. Ways, the laws and the customs of the Native American, because that's the prime example. Before I read something I want to finish with, I want to just say here's a little history on the Dakota Access pipeline. The pipeline was moved from its original crossing of the Missouri River above the city of Bismarck, North Dakota, when objections were given regarding the potential for environmental impact. If the line leaked and polluted the area's water supply, it was instead moved to the Standing Rock Reservation lands the Lakota have occupied the this land for the Lakota have been there forever. They've been there for our history. It's been their land since we decided to give it to them in terms of our treaty. We acknowledge that they belong there and that they can have those lands and then we take them away, as we've done over 500 times. The pipeline's path was moved down Missouri River to the river crossing on the top of the tribal lands. It was done so because there is a lower population concentration. The Standing Rock tribe, that area and a lesser political financial influence on. Well, thank you for your time. We still have a number of people speak. Thank you so much. Thank you. And thank you for your guide tonight. All right. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Counsel. My name is Anna Kristensen. Born here. Raised here. Still here. I. My daughter is at Standing Rock tonight. She's. It's her birthday. Her birthday present was a gas mask. I never thought I'd have to buy my daughter a gas mask for her birthday. I'm not doing very well emotionally. It's funny you feel good about the last decision, and then you talk to somebody from the National Office of Historic Preservation who said no. They didn't really deny it. They just pushed it further down the line. They they and I said, Are you telling me that they she said, because they were afraid of getting sued. So they're not. I said, Are you telling me they weren't afraid of getting sued by the tribe, but they are by the oil company? And she said, that's right. So. So Standing Rock really is as. As the keeper of the white buffalo. Pipe said everywhere. And it doesn't really matter what race we are. It does matter if we listen. To our elders. And he also said that the term Mother Earth is not. Symbolic. Gentlemen, please. It isn't a euphemism. It isn't. It is our mother. She is our mother. She is not a resource. She is the source. And I'm glad to see the full council is here. Almost the full council. I hope you vote in favor of this. But if you do, we'll be back. We'll be back when you have a vote on the Lo Cerritos Wetlands, a project that will allow 120 new wells to be built, built, built on an active earthquake fault in our wetlands, destroying our pristine wetlands forever. We will be back. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Council. Hello, Mr. Mayor. Tony Taylor, investigative journalist, poet and songwriter. I'm going to take off a polit

ical hat. This is not a political speech at all. Nonpartisan. It's about building empathy. For all people who are oppressed, no matter black, white, whoever we are, especially indigenous right now. And this is something from Stephen Grumet. And his classic book, American Place Names where the New York Metropolitan Museum now sits. Steven Grumet About building empathy. Young children bound in small cradle boards were stuck pierced in a manner to move a heart of stone. Other

pieces were cut off and thrown into the fire. So other pieces were cut off and thrown into the river. So when? Parents of the tortured child or children went into the river to save the young children. The parents were trying to do this. The soldiers would not let the parents come up onto dry land, making both parents and children drown. That was the murder of peaceful Algonquin Indians. In what's now known as upstate New York. So when we know about these stories, whether they're the genocide of Native Americans, African-Americans, Jewish Holocaust, any Holocaust throughout history, it helps us to identify with people not from a cerebral point, but more from a spiritual, emotional point, not a Republican political point, Democrat point, but a human point. So I just wanted to bring that out so we can see it more from. What Marvin Gaye said, keep a tear in your heart for humanity. And that's my point. Okay. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Yeah. I thought I shouldn't be gay in here. Not quite an initial. I can't onyebuchi the agenda. Straight out, another awkward egg on that Latin initial. Hello, everyone. My name's Ewa. I've lived here since August 2011. I love Long Beach, but if someone to tell you that I'm also a member of the Navajo Nation and I don't know if you guys know about the, um, the mine spill that happened in Arizona. Although it's not an oil spill, it was. It still affected water source. Many people think I just affected the water. And then it had long term effects on other things. One of the things that I had affect on is agriculture. We need food, like we need water. And the Navajo Nation, a lot of Navajo farmers had to temporarily close off their water supply because they got it from the San Juan River. Um. I also noticed that we also have a similar situation where water is in jeopardy in Flint, Michigan. They don't really have access to clean water as well. I think it's easy to sit here and think that Standing Rock is an isolated incident away from us when it's not. Just a while ago, I saw Councilwoman Susie Price drink something, obviously, that had water in it, correct? Yeah, I had water in it. So it doesn't matter what profession you are, what your career is, who you are, your statuses. We all need water. It doesn't matter if you're an archeologist. It doesn't matter if you're a doctor. It doesn't matter if you're a council person. We all need water. So I just wanted to reiterate that fact, and I hope you support this talk in its air, water as life. Than

k you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Julianne Yolande Gael. I'm a resident of Long Beach. I am not native. I am Ashkenazi Jewish and Han Chinese heritage. And I'm also a construction worker. And I just spent the last three weeks in Standing Rock because as a non-native construction worker, I believe that we need to be building community. We need to be supporting treaties and native rights. And we we need to be building renewable energy. And we can do all of those things. And we do not need to be building pipelines that violate sacred rights. And I was there on Sunday, November 20th. I got to. Be out there in in subfreezing temperatures as water cannons were being shot at us. And for people living in tents below freezing, that that's pretty much a death sentence. If we didn't have the the medics and the healers to support all the people. One of the people in my camp was handing out hand warmers when she was shot multiple times with a water cannon. People in my camp were shot point blank with rubber bullets. For praying, people in my camp were arrested on their knees, hands in the air, praying, and then put in dog kennels with numbers written on their arms. And even with all of that, the core Lakota value of generosity and. And that spirit was present. Just a few days later, the International Indigenous Youth Council saw that the Morton Sheriff County, the, the main law enforcement there, even though they had just received \$10 million in loans to continue hurting and oppressing, these people, had put out a request about how they need donations for hand warmers and all of that. And the Indigenous Youth Council said, okay, we are generous, we will fulfill every single thing on your donation list. So this is the kind of nonviolence and spiritual generosity that we can support as as Long Beach. And I hope you will support this resolution. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Looks like this is our final speaker. We'll close the speakers list, so please. Thank you. I'm Patricia Chen with Long Beach 350. And I just want to say that I'm very much humbled by the speakers that went before me. Long Beach, 350, supports the proposed resolution for Standing Rock. We would very much like to see oil and gas left in the ground so that there would be no need for pipelines that threaten water supplies and degrades sacred burial grounds and no need for fighting dogs and water cannons and freezing weather. Here in Long Beach. We can do more than just a resolution. Um, under item 16, I'll talk about oil and gas operations, but at this moment, I just want to speak about, um, the opportunity to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. This is an important step forward that we can take in recognition of the importance of our First Nations. Hopefully, it will lead to more and greater steps reflecting greater respect for indigenous

peoples and lands. Thank you. Thank you so much. Going to bring this back behind the the council. So council

member super now. I'd just like to thank all the supporters for being here tonight, and especially to the speakers. I'd also like to recognize someone who didn't speak tonight. That's Craig Stone from Cal State, Long Beach, right here in the front row, and also to Jake Heflin from the Long Beach Fire Department who could not be here tonight. I think he's teaching a certain class. But for those who don't know. Last month, city council for the very first time celebrated Native Heritage Month. And Jake and Craig were instrumental in putting that together and moving forward. The three of us are working on a new project and I will be bringing to council in the very near future a proposal to create a native heritage commission for the city of Long Beach. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce I just wanted to close with just a very big thank you gratitude for coming and sharing your stories and your travels. I think it's really important that we continue to hear those, not just at times when we have something on council. And so I implore you guys to work with our history departments, at our colleges, with the society here, the association, and continue to share those stories. So and also, don't worry, there'll be there'll be items coming down the road. Okay, guys. Thank you, everybody. Thank you. I know I wasn't able to join much of the conversation. I just want to say something briefly for those that I did hear. They had a chance to hear that we're here. I want to thank you. If you were over at Standing Rock and you had a chance to participate in really incredible show of strength and support. I've been following it pretty closely. I've been pretty vocal on social media and in other venues about my support, of course, for the native people there and for the work that was happening. And while I think the Army Corps and the President obviously did did the right thing, all of the credit really goes to the Native people and all the supporters and the water protectors and everyone that did such a great, really outstanding job over there. And so so thank you. Thank you for those that were out there. Thank you. Those that are here in solidarity to all of your other brothers and sisters, this is was a really important issue that I think brought a lot of awareness also, I think, across the country, which was really great to see. And so I appreciate this and I appreciate Councilwoman Pierce, who had mentioned to me she was bringing this forward. I'm a strong supporter of this resolution. I think it's the right thing for the city to do. So thank you. And with that members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Great names. Congratulations. We're going to have just had a request to quickly hear item 19 and then we're going to go to 14. Okay. Next is item 24. A report from Technology and Innovation recommendation to improve the city's open data policy and related standards to implement modern city wide practices for sharing data with the public, staff and policymakers c

itywide. Okay. There's a lot of big items tonight. This is another very important one that we're very proud of. I want to make sure that staff stay with the council, know what we're doing, because it's going to it's going to change a lot of the ways we do business, which is great. So Mr. West. Brian Stokes, our director of innovation and Technology. Honorable Member, Members of the City Council, before use a recommendation to approve our city data policy as it's related to standards to implement a modern citywide practice in sharing data with the public, staff and policymakers. The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines for incorporating an open data framework into existing and future systems and procedures, and to aid in determining which data sets should be made public. How to make those data sets public, and how to maintain the existing published data sets. Back in 2015, the Technology and Innovation Department met with the Technology and Innovation Commission and with the idea of creating this open data policy and in the spirit of openness and collaboration , TID wanted to engage the community as well as city departments. So we had conversations around open data by holding three community forums. One was virtual, one was at Long Beach City College and the other one was at California State University at Long Beach. In addition to those forms, we've also held out citywide surveys and we put out an online on Speak Up Long Beach with regards to open data. All of these results and community engagement came back with feedback and in partnership with the city departments. We've established this policy and that is what is presented to you tonight. And with that, that is my report. Okay. Thank you. I want to just also add. It's really important. I think also that we think a lot of this work is also done by the Technology and Innovation Commission, and they felt they actually were at all these forums. They held the forums, they work with staff. I know that the the chair of the commission is here, Rob Kariuki, who's in the in the back there. I know he's going make a few comments I think doing public

comment, but I just want to thank them for that. They worked very hard on this policy. They got a lot of input to put this policy together. And because of this, we're going to start to start putting a lot of data online for folks to look at and hopefully to use it to make the city more open and accessible and transparent as well. So thank you to everyone that worked on this policy. Councilmember Austin. Thank you. I made the motion here. But Mr. Mayor, I want to commend you for your leadership on this issue. I know this is something that you work very, very hard to make sure was implemented. I want to come in to commend technology and innovation in the IT team for all their great work and most importantly, the community for their input and feedback on this. I encourage my members, my council colleagues to support this idea. Thank you. V

ice Mayor Richardson. I thank the maker of the motion. Said it really well, not much more I can add. Keep up the good work. Actually use those maps a lot. You just, you know, dispelling, you know, things that aren't true about North Lobby. So I support this. Thank you. Councilman Orengo. I think this is an excellent policy. It creates a 24 hour city hall. And you said it already. It creates more transparency so people know exactly what we're doing here. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I just wanted to give our I.T. manager an opportunity to discuss a little bit about how we plan to integrate that data with a bigger surrounding community. So what many of us know is that many cities are doing open data, and then the county has an open data site that has a lot of data, especially for cities that contract out more of their services to say, the sheriff's department or animal control, L.A. County or any of those. And I was hoping to at least get a little insights to the community on where we're going next and how we can integrate that on a wider scale. Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman. I'm going to have staff respond to that. Yes, Councilmember Mongo. The intent in our soon to be release portal does look at avenues to incorporate not just data sets that are solely owned and managed by the city, but also data sets that can be not just regionally but globally. So, yes, we would reach out if they had and wanted to share certain data sets, we would incorporate them into the site as well as any APIs that they may want to share. And vice versa. Correct. Wonderful. Because right now, when you go on to the larger model to look at the animal data right now on an L.A. County site, the entire Long Beach area is just blink because they don't have our data as well. And so hopefully they'll be able to click on it. It would bring them back to our site, which would then create a loop of people engaging with our open data portal. So I look forward to seeing that. Thank you so much. Great. Thank you. And now we're going to move on to public comment. Public comment, I think we have Rob here. And as it's coming down, the this will this will initiate the launch of our actual site that all this amazing data is going to be on the for the public to use and see in real time. It's going to be really exciting. So. Mr. Chairman. Thanks, Mr. Mayor, in a city council. Thanks very much for taking this issue up tonight. I think that Brian did a really excellent job of outlining what the portal is going to do. But and as you alluded to, Mr. Mayor, this is a very big deal. It's a big deal for the city of Long Beach. I think there's not an issue on the agenda tonight that open data would not contribute to the discussion, too. It helps inform administrators as they work among the various departments, helps inform residents about what's going on in their city. And then ultimately you as policymakers can make use of it as well. I've worked on this issue in a lot of different jurisdiction

ions. I sponsored legislation at the state level on the issue. It was discussed the stakeholder process that we went to, and we had a lot of really great engagement in shaping this policy. We'd be the 10th city in California to adopt such a policy, and I think just the 50th nationwide. But I want to talk just briefly about the three kind of macro opportunities that I think this policy presents. The first is to spur innovation in our community by freeing up this information, allowing folks to combine it with other jurisdictions. As Councilwoman Mongo mentioned, you can create new apps, you can learn new things, and the community can really aid the city in trying to solve some of its more pressing problems. That data is also of inherent value, so that spurs economic development. The McKinsey Global Institute pegged the worldwide value of open data at over \$3 trillion. And so, again, Long Beach could be at the forefront of this. There's a lot of great firms in our city that want to make use of this data, and they'll have their hands on it soon. The second is to spur innovation within government, to allow departments to collaborate with one another, to allow cities and counties to share information among themselves. In the city of New York did a study after the implementation of their policy, they found they're saving \$10 million a year annually just on Freedom of Information requests through their portal. And then the final and possibly the most

important is I think this affirms the city's commitment to open, honest and effective government. It's a critical peg of transparency, and it's going to invite the community into the goings on to the city and invite them in to help shape policies in the future. So last point I want to make is to specifically call out Brian and the staff of our commission and of the Society Department for the terrific work they did. I think they've craft the best policy I've ever seen, and I encourage you all to endorse it here tonight. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks again. And you guys you guys did a great job. And don't forget this community. We have these amazing commissioners who are volunteers who are working on this stuff for us every single day, and we're very grateful. So, Councilmember Pierce. Yes, I just wanted to, you know, thank Rob for his work on the commission, but also really thank you, Mayor. I know whenever you were elected, transparency and open government was something that was a key part of coming on. So I wanted to clarify this would also include our PD to our police department as well. Yes. This includes data that is available through the city. Whether it's any specific department, all data would be available as as it goes forward. Okay. Thank you so much. Great. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. See no other public comment. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Now we're going to here real quickly. Item 12. Motion carries. Thank you. 15, please. Item 15 is a report from Technology and Inn

ovation recommendation to receive and file report and presentations on data LP, the city's new open data portal citywide. Thank you. Their staff report here. Yes. This is the receive and file to talk about data. Long Beach, which is a new, fantastic program that we're launching. I'm going to turn this over to our technology innovation director, Brian Stokes and his new bureau manager, Jasmine Frost. Honorable Vice Mayor and members of the City Council. On December 20th, 2016, the City Council adopted an open data policy. And last week, in fact, two weeks ago we launched our new data portal data MLB. This allows us to offer opposite. I can never say that word. Operationalization lies the city's open data policy to allow for new public information to be represented geographically and for the exploring and visualization, downloading the data for everything that we make publicly available. Long Beach is one of the first cities to embrace open data in a more interactive way, and this portal allows the users to analyze and combine open data layers using map viewers. In addition, users may create their own web maps applications with the data that we provide online. So providing data online is not a new concept in government. However, the City of Long Beach wants to drive beyond presenting just data online. And our Data Lab portal is an innovative approach which allows the public just that access to use it in a more effective way and committed to the city's commitment to transparency. It's a new way of thinking about deploying open data, and the city developed LWB as a civic engagement platform and extended these systems to the whole community. And with that, we'd like to present you a short video. Want to know what's going on in our city. Like to know where Missouri funds are being spent. Want to know what's being done to make Long Beach more livable? Need local data to make business decisions or even design a new killer app to answer these and hundreds of other questions. We all need access to information, but not just raw data, but data that is organized in a way that helps us quickly see patterns and tell a story. Now with Data, MLB, the new portal developed by the city of Long Beach. All this and more is possible. The City of Long Beach is one of the first cities in the country to embrace open data in a more interactive way, with data lby the data sets published by the city will be centralized in one location. But then, instead of just giving users the ability to access this information online data, MLB provides an engaging environment where the data can integrate with maps, charts and more that quickly tells a story. And the best part is that data LWB also brings together regional and global data as well, providing even further insight and fostering more collaboration . Think of it as layers of information. For example, use the measure a data set to map the precise locations where projects will be funded then by clicking on any specific site. A dee

per, more detailed set of data is revealed. Having all this at our fingertips allows us to see our government in action and better understand what is being done. The added bonus is that data LBE also provides various application programing, interfaces or APIs, which allows business owners, community members and entrepreneurs linkage to data that can become the building blocks they need to develop new applications. Those are just two examples of the hundreds of ways this versatile portal will help us explore. Visualize, build and share data so we can create meaningful dialog, encourage public engagement and drive innovation. To get started, all you need to do is go to the data lab portal. So this deployment was not just solely lbe did. We had a great partnership

with our Technology Innovation Commission as well as our partner Ezri. And Mike switches here from Azeri just to talk about a little bit of our engagement. Thank you, Brian. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richards Council. What I really wanted to speak briefly on tonight is really to kind of bring home and qualify how proud we think as we add as we think Long Beach should be about this. This is not any old open data portal. The back story on this is a couple of years ago we had Ezra who, you know, we have over a thousand cities using our open data system. Our founder wanted to take kind of a different approach and start working on the next generation of open data. And to do that, we thought out some of our partners that we've worked with closely throughout the years. In fact, we've worked with Long Beach since 1982. So we started working on this on this idea. So 11. is that Long Beach is actually only the second city to actually do what we call a hub. That's the our term for this next generation open data. And I'll talk very briefly in a second on, you know, what we think that is. And Brian hit on it already. But in doing this, what you've seen here, Long Beach is really the first city to kind of do everything that we think a next generation open data city should do. And a testament to that was that last week we had a press conference that the mayor did. And immediately afterwards, I was inundated with emails and social media posts from Rio de Janeiro, Toronto, Dubai, New York and several others. Because they were all watching, because they're going to be the next hub of next generation open data cities as well. So they were all watching it. It wasn't just something that Long Beach did. You really are kind of a bellwether that people are are watching. So we wanted to be sure that council was was aware of this. And just so you know, kind of, you know, what makes it different. Brian mentioned one of the key things is this idea of sometimes open data is thought of as, you know, kind of a passive thing where you say, here's all of our data. There you go, have fun with it. Next generation open data is all about being kind of operational and active where you create applications that tell the story so tha

t when someone comes to the site, you know, wanting to know the answer to something, you kind of package it in a way that's going to be best for them . The other thing that's very important about this is the bringing in of the broader community. So we see it as kind of an open data, not just for the city of Long Beach, but for the municipality or the whole community, I should say, of Long Beach. And we've already started working with Long Beach State, Long Beach City College and many other kind of regional entities as part of all this. So that that. Thank you. So with that, that's the end of our presentation. I want to thank you and we're open to any questions. Thank you. And what a great presentation. Thank you for that. I just have a couple comments on my own. I would say, you know, the video was fantastic. The open data platform, I looked at it on my phone, looked at the mobile version. And when I think of open data, I don't necessarily just think of it's, you know, just a platform for developers or to show how great things are. I think, you know, I want to see staff using this. I want to see community groups using this. I want us to be open and transparent about even data that we're not too proud of. You know, I'd like to see, you know, how we can use this as a platform to really change the narrative on the whole tale of two cities. Right. We just you know, we went forward over the last couple of years on the My Brother's Keeper initiative, and our health department is moving forward on equity. And I want to make sure that that's featured in this in the next iteration, the same way that measure is featured here. So I don't want to just see the good things. I want to see the areas where we do need work. And and I think and I'd like to see our city staff actually be and you know, it's heading that direction. But I wanna see our city staff continue to be more data driven. So that's just my thoughts on this. Councilmember Pearce. Oh, I'm sorry, Councilwoman Gonzales. I didn't see you. That is okay. I think this is fantastic that we're at this point, that we. Have. Started open data and the dialog around that. I would also like to see I don't know if this. Is already happening, especially with your interactions with LBC and Cal State, Long Beach, but some education. On how to visualize data and how to do it effectively for a specific industry, whether it's real estate or. Economic development, because oftentimes we don't want it to be passive. We want people to be able to maximize that data as much as possible, but they have to learn the tools. And that sometimes is a little difficult for for novice beginners utilizing data. But thank you very much. This is fantastic. Thank you for your work and for coming to council. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I wanted to also think the staff and everybody that's worked on this. I think that you guys made a lot of great comments about data can be used to be passive. It can be engagi

ng our city. We do have a tale of two cities and we do need data to tell that story. And when we started, the people say the city where we now have about 500 people that come and have a presentation from community members, it's data that we try to find on Long Beach, and we have not we've struggled in the years to try to find the right data and everything from greenspace in our city to, you know, how many calls for service we get everything with PD or fire, all of that. The more that we can be including that in this, the better city we're going to be. Because when we're transparent, we're able to be held accountable and we're able to build on that. And so I'm really excited that Long Beach has really spent the last two years talking about transparency, accountability in data. And so everything from, you know, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, which we tried to get out there to Cal State, Long Beach to get some data on. We have the data. It's about pulling it together. And so I hope that we can use this platform as an opportunity to try to get some things that we've tried to outsource in the past. So, again, thank you, everybody. I'm really looking forward to what is going to come. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I appreciate the colleagues my colleagues comments on this. I don't disagree with any of them, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and applaud the the team in the innovation and technology department for getting us to this point. Not many cities are even here. And so this is, I think, pretty pretty significant in terms of a giant leap for for Long Beach. And again, we're setting the standards in terms of data and what's possible. I think the the the options are or the possibilities are limitless in terms of what we can get and learn from from our city. And so the suggestions made here, I certainly hope, are taken into serious consideration. I'd like to to just throw this out here. I'd like to host a community meeting and to Councilmember Gonzalez's point, maybe a workshop on how to utilize this new data portal for for our residents who may have an interest in learning more about this. And so I'll certainly be talking to our I-Team in our city management about setting that up as well. So congratulations. And, you know, like I said, the possibilities and the the information is really limitless in our future. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I'm very excited about the Open Data Initiative. I look forward to seeing much more data incorporated into the platform. I also look forward to a significant increase in the amount of interchangeability between us and the neighboring cities and the county of Los Angeles as a whole, so that our residents and our media sources and everyone can keep us accountable by knowing the facts. So this is a great first step. But I'd like to see an aggressive next 12 months. And I think those community meetings that my colleagues

have mentioned are a step in the right direction. So I look forward to helping in those opportunities and watching to see what IT team says. Thank you. Is there public comment on this item? Roy Moore. So again, you guys talk about data and being accountable for you guys. Action. I came here almost three months ago and told you guys that I had been involved in the housing authority, the multipurpose center. You know, things were said to be Andrews that was falsified. And you guys said, okay, we're going to look into that. It's been months. I have not heard anything where y'all are standing accountable for the things that they're doing. So how is it that the data is going to be represented on all levels, meaning the community and you know, the different resource centers are regardless of whatever is going on, how are we able to see what data is, you know, smeared or not, what is in it? Because certain people don't want to say, hey, I did wrong or I overlooked something or I was wrong. So who's to say that they're going to be truthful on their statistics are on their numbers are saying they do a survey just to find out have any homeless people are out here and they come back saying is only a couple of hundred when it could be thousands out here. I mean, will someone look over that and audit that person or how would that, you know, really show that you guys are really standing firm and the mistakes you do make, you know, you are human just like us. We're not saying that you guys are perfect, but it seems like when your guys make an error is overlooked or easy, race is never brought to the front page. Hey, look, we did do it. Is it in or we gave this fine thinking that it was going to do one thing and unfortunately, funds went somewhere else where we apologize for this. I mean, I feel that the city has every right to know what's going on, how it's going on, and how certain, you know, services are mistreating the people that come in for these type of services or whatever and then give shine away or told we came as issue are be really insulted where a person feels like, hey, now I don't even want to go to certain offices that I need to go to to have these resources because I'm being mistreated. So I think you guys really need to look at who's doing these data report, and maybe that's why you guys are not coming out with the right numbers because they're trying to hide the truth that they're messed up or they used it for they own

benefit at the end of the day. Thank you. Seeing no further public comment. Members, please cast your vote. Thank you. But you guys are doing great. You know you're doing great. Okay. Thank you, guys. All the all the all the bike folks. You guys are awesome. You are always fighting the good fight. Always out here. You're always with doing things. Thank you guys so much. We're going to do out of 17. 216, first or 17th. All right. Report from Human Resources Recommendation to adopt resolution approving the 2016 to 2019 MCU with th

e Long Beach Police Officers Association citywide. Mr. West. Alex Vasquez is going to give us a quick report on our police officer association contract that was voted upon, but with 97% approval recently by the police department. Alex. You have before you a memorandum of understanding. Hey, guys, if we're going to have conversations, I need to be outside. Thank you. You have before you proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the applicable resolution between the city and the Police Officers Association. The City staff and the Police Officers Association had over 13 sessions since May 26 to discuss a successor and will you play represents approximately 800 sworn police officers. The city conducted an independent salary survey and also conducted a salary survey in conjunction with comparable police agencies. What we found was that Long Beach ranked on the bottom compared to ten benchmark agencies. Specifically police officer salaries rank last and sergeant tenants rank ninth. The city also met with the police department and Civil Service Commission and found that the city was having difficulty in recruiting candidates for police officer. The proposed annual U provides modest salary increases and changes to certain skill based systems to compete with these agencies. Some of the key terms of the proposed, and you include basically a third year, a three year contract, 9% over three years, 3% each year, and also modification, as I indicated, to certain skill pay. The total general fund cost. This contract is approximately \$14.3 million. In the fiscal year 17, the cost is \$6.2 million. And I'd be happy to answer any questions or get into any of the specifics of these like. Mr. West, anything else? No, we just strongly support this and we appreciate all the all the work behind the scenes that the city council put in on this many, many months of negotiating that Alex did with our team and the direction that we got from the city council to get a 97% approval rating from our police officers. Mr. Richardson, vice mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And just quickly, I think I want to thank city staff, mayor, entire city council and peel away. This contract is modest and fair, but it also brings us bring us to a point where we can, you know, have better retention of our of our police officers. That's something we're really proud of. And we want to just say thanks to our our men and women of our fire, to our police department for coming to the table. And I think it says a lot that we achieved a 97% vote in support of this. So this is all good stuff. And congratulations. Councilman Price in the second. Thank you. I, too, want to thank city staff and everyone who worked on these contract negotiations. I think this is a very good contract. I appreciate the work that our police officers do day in and day out. And frankly, they were incredibly underpaid for many years. And I think that investing in our police department, investing in policies and procedures that

will allow us to continue to recruit police officers to the city of Long Beach, making us a desirable location for them to work is an important goal for us to have. I know that I'm in the industry and I know that it's very difficult to recruit good officers, especially at this time, given the sentiments that some police officers feel when they're out doing the work that they're doing with very limited resources. So anything we can do to support our police officers and allow for a police department that continues to be attractive to new police officers who are interested in coming here or lateral transfers, that would be fantastic. So thank you, everyone. Thank you, Councilman Superhot. You know, we can go to public comment first before I speak. Sure. Without objection, we're going to public comment. Please come forward. I am back and the name is Larry Boland and not the other Larry. I heard that back when the recession if you remember that 23 2013 that the police received an extra 9% and it was just kind of a rumor around that oops, we made a mistake on that. If that's true, since 2002, what is when? And you have to remember, during 2000 and 2002 until 2000, 2008, 2013, the average person out there was losing their job. 15% unemployment. Nobody could ever get a raise at 3%. And I think during that time, the police got 9% now and the fire and the other employees. And as long as the city uses the inverted pyramid, it says, we're going to go and look at see what the other guys are. You're always going to be escalating and it's going to be an inflationary it's a very inflationary use of a term. There's no checks and balance in government, not necessarily talking about Long Beach, but when you go and picked the ten highest guys, you want

to be in the middle, you're always going to get an increase. But in the private sector, there are checks and balances that don't exist in the government. Big government, all government. Because we're in a company, a guy says, Well, I want to attract good people, but I can't afford to pay that. That's why private sector salaries lag in government salaries because of no checks and balance. Now, the guy who can figure out the solution to the problem should be president. But you see what I'm saying? That there's something wrong here, that we we always have an increase. We never say, well, we can't have one. And by the way, when the remember, the in lieu of thing that we paid the 25 million a year and the employees only had to pay 2% of their share of the 9%. You remember the letter that came down from the union boss in Sacramento that said to all employees, do not accept anything from your government employer for the in lieu of that does not make you whole. So what Mayor Foster did was real simple. He increased he took away 8% and he gave everybody an 8% increase. So the 25 million was eaten up by the 25 million increase in salaries. Anyway, I just want to express that thought about it for a long time and I know we need g

ood police, but something's wrong. Needs to be fixed. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Any other public comment? This is Steve Downey, and I'm a homeowner and taxpayer in the third district. I sent an email to each of you earlier. I just think that this what the public has been given lacks transparency. We've asked for this so called market analysis in the benchmarks, and we're told there's there's nothing on paper. Well, how can there not be anything on paper when the announcement, the press release first came out? We come to the website and we look for the memo. You it's not there once you're going to be there. Well, we're still working on it. I don't know how you're still working on it when the play had two weeks to vote on it. I guess that suggests that the members of the play didn't get to read it. My big concern is not knowing. The changes that are in this whole new section, whether those changes are spiking the pension. And that question should be asked how many changes are adding to the pension computations as compared to before in terms of the bonuses and the incentives and things like that. And then the last thing, it's just something that's been on Microsoft for a long time. We have the. Millions. Brown Act that provides all of the working condition representation that the play needs is provided for in law. But on top of it. We are paying full time benefits for the past 17 years. Why we have allowed an individual with no experience in the field to promote from policeman to sergeant to lieutenant. How can we do that when he has no experience in the police department? And what really bugs me? They have a First Amendment right to go back. The Washington and New York. And to vote for that toxic play. Thing and a vote for Trump. That's your First Amendment right. But they're doing it on my dollar. They're doing it with a taxpayer dollar. And we have the Miller the the Milius Meyer Brown Act. It's plenty. Let's roll that back. Let's give something back to the taxpayer. Thank you. Thank you. See no other public comment. Go back to the council. Council member supernova. Thank you. I have a question for staff and maybe the city attorney would like to weigh in on the document under item two, skill adjustments we have with \$3.8 million for recruitment and retention. And as opposed to taking a look at this in three years and see if it worked or not. I think it's in the interest of the taxpayers and also to the DOJ to have some benchmarks in here to see with what we come up with if it's working. So what I'd like to suggest is, is maybe a progress report come back to the city. If Chair Price will agree to our public safety committee and we get some type of benchmarking or some type of report as to what systems are in place and how they are affecting the numbers. Council member. Sure, we could work with the police department and the Civil Service Department to put together a report and provide you. An update on how. They're making progress in terms of bein

g able to recruit and fill their. Positions. Okay. And I probably would have been a lot more articulate about 4 hours ago. But I just want to be really clear that that this is about we have a need here. We have a \$3.8 million need. And we just want to make sure it's working and do our part here on behalf of council. Thank you. Thank you. Council member Austin. Thank you very much. I just want to congratulate you. I'll start by congratulating the players. I expect we will ratify their IMO you this evening. Our our director and her team. I believe that this and I work in the labor relations field. I believe this email you and about financial packages is consistent and in line with many of the public law enforcement agencies in the IMO use that have been ratified in other agencies in the region and throughout the state. And I do believe that we need to do all we can to make sure that we are retaining and recruiting quality police officers for the city. The taxpayers expect us to to do that. Public safety. When you when we do surveys during the budget season, when we talk to our

residents, at least I can speak for myself. When I talk to my residents and residents, public safety remains a top priority for our citizens, and I do believe it is a very high priority for our council as well. So I'll be supportive of this and more you. But I will just close and state to our police officers to whom much is given, much is expected. I know you guys will be great professionals out there and you'll earn your the money that you have gained in this contract. Thank you. Councilman Mongo. I've been very fortunate to travel the country and talk with police agencies and be able to share great stories about things that we're doing in California and things that are being moved around. But one of the things that I always try to do is promote the Long Beach Police Department and some of the programs that we have, and people are always excited to hear that we have openings. Until they realize the cost of living. As we look at the pay here and we compare them to some of the places that I've traveled to in the last year in Colorado and Florida and other places. Police officers would be ecstatic to make that amount of money if they lived in those cities in Florida, in Colorado, in those places. And so I would really implore us to take a strong look at what kind of housing incentives we can offer to our police department locally, because the only way we're ever going to get solid good transfers from out of state is when they can move here and have the kinds of private sector benefits they give to move someone to a region that is so expensive as ours is. So I look forward to seeing some things with that. I know I've talked with some of our police staff and the Pope about it. The cost of living variance. I mean, the dollars per hour were astronomically higher here than in Sanford, Florida. But Sanford, Florida, you can get a three bedroom, two bathroom house for \$74,000. That'

s not even in the range. I think a two bedroom, one bathroom in the fifth District is 600,000 right now. And so it's just not a same quality of life opportunity for these police officers and their families to move here. So I hope they'll move here eventually. But I think we need to address the housing component, too. It's not just about pay. It's about everything if it's going to be for transfers. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Gonzales. I just wanted to thank Alex and, of course, our police department for all their hard work. I know it's you know, it's always tough sometimes getting to this point, but we've gotten here. I think we're in a good place. And I will say similar to Councilmember Super Na I and Councilmember Austin who mentioned about recruitment and I think we'll hear that a lot. We want to make sure we're recruiting good police officers. And I know that some of the conferences that have been attended by the chief, I've been looking at some of their conference program agenda and they do have really good ideas on police recruitment. So I don't know if any of that has been put into action, but it'd be good. As the evolution of recruitment evolves that we maybe take a look at some of these conferences and what they have to say regionally to bring that back to the city. So thanks so much. Councilman Austin. Now everybody's ready to vote. But I did want to ask our H.R. director just a couple of questions, just so that our public at home can understand the some of the recruitment challenges for a lot of these people. PD Mr. Vasquez, can you explain the the difference between the pensions? The pension package for for Long Beach PD and competing agencies across the region and state. Today for new, new hires. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question? The pension formula for our police P.D.. Our public safety versus public safety in the region and throughout the state. Can you explain the difference or is there a big is there a difference here in Long Beach that that impacts our recruitment? Most agencies that are in the CalPERS system have the same formula at this point with Keppra. The differences might be if the agencies provide any. Support in terms of. Picking up the employee cost of their pension. Some of the other our competitors, such as. LAPD and. L.A. County sheriffs, have their own pension system. So that might also vary. But I think the. Biggest difference what we. Found when we did our survey was. Actually the salary. So again, as I indicated, we looked at agencies such as Santa monica, Orange County, LAPD, Lasso, Glendale, Pasadena, Huntington Beach. Santa Ana and Torrance. And we were. At the bottom just in terms of base pay and also in when we added in skilled pays that are provided across the board. They add to that? One area that we do see some challenges is with laterals, because Long Beach was one of the very first cities to take on pension reform and we were a leader in that area. We actually have a lower pension formula fo

r people coming into our established police officers coming into our organization. So that is a challenge for us because we've been a leader in the past on pension reform. I think that's where I was going. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Members, please cast your votes. Motion passes seven zero hearing to. Report from Development Services Public Works

recommendation to receive supporting documentation under the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution approving an update to the bicycle masterplan as a technical appendix to the mobility element of the Long Beach General Plan and accept mitigated negative declaration number and d04-16 citywide. Thank you. I'm going to turn over to staff for this. Thank you. This is a really important one as well. So I know it's it's late. I hate hearing stuff like this at this time, but. I just don't want you guys to, like, rush it either, because it's important. So thanks. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We absolutely agree this is a very important update and a hearing. So I will turn to Amy Burdick and Craig Beck, our directors of Development Services and Public Works, to give the report. I will ask Eric Winston to join me instead of Craig Beck. So, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, thank you for your time. I will go quickly, but take my time as well explaining this. As you well pointed out, the Long Beach Master Plan is a milestone effort in our long range planning efforts. This was last updated in 2001. So we are a little overdue in updating it in 2013. You as a City Council adopted a groundbreaking mobility element that was very progressive for its time and proceeded Los Angeles in their mobility efforts. So we are very pleased to be always one step ahead of our larger neighbor to the north. This mobility element that you adopted in 2013 called for a great expansion of our mobility efforts citywide, both on the pedestrian perspective and then in other mobility modes of transportation, including bicycles, transit, as I said, pedestrians. So with that, in 2016, we kicked off a very significant planning effort to update that mobility element, which, as I said, was last updated in 2001. So we were focusing on safety for road users, equity across the entire city, environmental perspectives, public health, quality of life. All of those outcomes were critically important to us as we strove to reach the goal of creating a more livable community and continuing to progress the city forward. As I said, 2001, we adopted the first bike master plan, 2013, the groundbreaking mobility element. And then today we're considering the update to the bike master plan. It does coordinate with other efforts. You have been adopting these piecemeal, but we as staff understand how they all linked together. You recently adopted the TOD in downtown pedestrian master plan, the green tie plan, the mobility element, and then a couple of other documents. This will also tie into our land use planni

ng effort that we are trying to conclude this year as well. Some of the recent progress you've all seen in your neighborhoods, we've got separated bikeways across the city. We launched a bike share program. We've got road diets and buffered bike lanes going on throughout the entire city. Newly separated bike lane on Artesia Boulevard. Signalization and bike lanes on Shoreline. We've got grooved bike ramp installed at the beach access lot, a new beach path renovated with a new beach counter, shared lane markings and then bike lanes also on Seaside Way. So you've seen these throughout the city. But one of the things that we needed to do is try to figure out the best way to link all of these different improvements together and to try to match that goal of creating access and equity throughout the entire city. So here's our existing maps. They look pretty okay. There's a lot of activity down towards the south and towards El Dorado, some of the major East-West corridors as well. But there's a lot of white on that map that needs to be filled in with new access routes. You can see also that this is a pretty telling map because it does focus on the bike collisions and where in most of them occur. And the focus of one of our goals of safety is to reduce those bike collisions to the greatest extent possible, actually, through an effort also called Vision Zero. This had extensive outreach that took the form of open houses, community events, pop up workshops, going to some of our open street events, having focus groups and then survey responses both online and in person. We did set the goal of trying to design these bike facilities so that they were fully accessible, increase awareness and support efforts to enhance bicycling throughout both programs and social equity, and identify, develop and maintain a complete and convenient bike facility network. There are four types of bike riders and there is a strong and fearless, which is our city manager, the enthused and confident, which is our Deputy Director of Public Works, the interested but concerned Director of Development Services and the no way, no how. I'm not sure who they are, but we're working on getting them into the yellow. That would be Mr. Super nor apparently we're going to work on him, getting him into the yellow in the summer. I'm a blue, but in the winter I'm a yellow. So here is something. It's a maybe a new concept for some of you. It's called 880 facilities. And we learned about this over the last couple of years where we are trying to establish a citywide network where an eight year old or an 80 year old can feel comfortable accessing that network. That is how safe and accessible and equitable that bike network or that mobility network is throughout the entire city. So it's called an 8 to 80 network, and that is really a

key focus of our entire system. I want to highlight the recently completed Artesia parking protected bike lane. This was an effort that we tried out where we physically rel

located the parking spaces away from the curb. It has been proven through scientific research that the safest type of bike lane is separated from traveling cars. And one way to do that is to separate the bicyclists from the traveling vehicles through parked cars or other forms of barriers. We also have a number of bike boulevards that we've we've implemented in some roundabouts, some of those bulb outs that you've seen, some of those median refuge islands, those are all in efforts to enhance safety and slow traffic down in order to reduce those bike collisions. Again, here's some of those 8 to 80 pipeline facilities that we're focusing on in this master plan. And then you can see that we are trying to layer those with other facilities that the more confident rider might feel comfortable in. And then we're focusing on facilities that close a gap in the system between protected bike lane or a another kind of bike lane where there is frankly a gap. And it's not very easy for a cyclist to traverse the city. So this map focuses on where we would do those gap closures. And then there are vision network facilities. This is to try to reduce those collisions to zero and what it would take for us to implement a Vision Zero network throughout the entire city. So with that, our plan focuses on the vision. The traditional table of contents. Introduction, existing conditions, our community input process, what we were trying to achieve and how we're going to implement it through administration and funding that will come later. And then here we are today. We're asking for your consideration to adopt to this. We intend to continue this. This is not in any way a static document. It is a living document that our mobility folks, particularly in our traffic engineering section, work on on a regular basis. We will use this for grant applications. We have submitted a couple of grant applications already for a couple of specific protected improvements. We do have also have a number of improvements under construction that some of you are familiar with, Sixth Street in the Third District and then Daisy Bike Boulevard going in a North-South direction as well, particularly in the seventh District. So I believe that concludes my staff report. Eric with Strand and I are available to answer any questions. We also do have our consultants in the audience and then various members of staff who worked on this effort for the last year and a half. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I just want to thank everyone who played a part in putting this together. And I did read the entire plan. And the reason I went through the entire plan is because I actually saw my neighborhood represented in in throughout this plan. So it was really interesting to me. So I see the intent. I heard equity twice in the presentation. I saw equity in the plan. I see there is a real intentional effort to make equity a part of this. And I see there was an intentional effort to

make sure all the neighborhoods all the neighborhoods were represented. And, you know, if this is a direction, we're happy we're heading in. I'm happy. I'm happy with this. This is a good direction to go. So I'm really proud of this. And I think this is the kind of document I will be proud, I will be legitimately proud to put in front of our residents and say, I stand behind this. You've seen this coming. You've been engaged in this process. And they would they will believe. They will remember. Taking part in different different points in this process was good stuff. And, you know, last thing I was just say as a part of this is and Councilwoman Gonzalez would probably agree with me, we were we got a chance to go with Skegg to Shanghai and Beijing, and we were able to see like true multi-modal. There were just as much on a small street, just as much road dedicated to bikes and, like, mopeds and things like that. As as cars. The cars the area where the cars were was much more dangerous in the areas where where the bikes were. And, you know, it might have seemed chaotic, but it was a lot of ways safer. It seemed a lot more safer, more walkable. And they were way more dense. And and, you know, I know that city staff has done different, you know, visits to other communities to see that stuff. I support that. I think we need to continue to look at what things are happy with, things that are happening around the world and make sure they're implemented and integrated into our planning. So thank you and keep up the good work. Councilman Gonzales. Yeah, I'd like to reiterate the same. I think this is a really great document, very comprehensive of the whole city. And I also what struck me was the education component, because I know all over the city, but particularly in places like downtown, people are not super educated on where you can ride and what the safety rules of the road are. And so I think it's great that we're going to be emphasizing education in that sense. And even, you know, small points of facts like 11,300 Long Beach residents do not have access to an automobile. I think is is great to

point out and so wonderful plan. I look forward to seeing it evolve. And thank you for your work, both of you. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I also wanted to congratulate everybody on their work. This was something you guys have done a lot of before I was in office. And I want to say on both the presentations, I know Vision Zero is something that's extremely important. To a lot of residents in my District, both around Rose Park and around AOC seven. And so I appreciate it seeing that. We're trying to include parts of that where we can because it's a. Really big lift. I did have a resident question around the Anaheim corridor. You know, it's not in my districts. AOC seven shares that area. And so can you expand on that for me since the councilmember. And part of that area isn't here? Certainly, we believe that Anaheim Street has a role as a multi-modal

corridor. We don't know if it's feasible to have bikes on that street or a protected bike lane on that street in particular without removing parking. But that's something that we could continue to study as we go forward. Okay. Thank you for that. Great job, everybody. I look forward to seeing this come to fruition and also really happy to hear the word equity and things that, you know, when Charles first came and started doing the single bike lanes as a constituent, a lot less just one bike lane, you know, and you get a little frustrated because like what what's the point of one bike lane of A to see everybody really advocating for an entire network, a bird's eye view of how we're really connecting the community? It takes a big vision and it takes a real commitment from the city. And so I'm really proud of all the work that you guys have been doing over the last couple of years. So thank you. Councilman Price. Thank you. I want to echo the same thing and thank staff and our consultants who are involved in this project. We have been the beneficiary of some of the innovative traffic enhancements that have been going on throughout the city. And change is very, very difficult for folks to accept. But I think that all the improvements that I've seen have been very positive. So I want to thank our staff for giving us the the confidence and the support that we need to make changes like that. And I look forward to seeing this plan come to fruition and of course, seeing the Sixth Street Bike Boulevard come to CD two and three. So thank you. Councilor Mungo. I want to echo some of the comments of my colleagues. First, I want to thank the staff for the work that they did, not just in the plan and the implementation, but in the recovery that we've done a little bit through the communities as some of these have rolled out, because similar to what Councilmember Pearce said, someone sees one bike lane go up and it's not connected to anything and. Some think it's beautiful and some think it's atrocious, and the community's come out and they're upset. And so it's important that we do this and continue to do outreach. You did considerable amount of outreach. I would only recommend that in the future before bike bollards go in a residential community, that we notify that residential community and gain their input. I look forward to potential modifications as we roll these out and connect them to understanding the difference between what belongs in a residential community and what belongs in a commercial corridor, and how that all connects together appropriately. Because I think that we're going to have to make some minor changes along the way. But I think that we're open to a. A period where they're all together and connected and then an assessment of modifications and what that looks like over time. And the most important component is maintaining things every time the council brings up great ideas that make the city better. We also have to talk about what do

es that cost us long term and how are we going to pay for that and how do we make sure that it doesn't take from other important infrastructure needs and public safety needs? So I will be supporting this item and look forward to a 6 to 12 month turnaround and modification as needed for residential communities. And just to reiterate that you are committed to doing before and after studies on these projects as they go in and afterwards. I appreciate that. I know that a lot of the community is very happy to have the road diet that is created by the bike lanes because it does slow down the traffic, or at least I feel that it has. I like Amy and probably in the yellow section. I've been biking a little bit more since the bollards have been up, mostly because I feel like I have to. And like these, these bollards are here. I better go biking and see what that's like in the BOLLARD area and I had not done that before. I'd only really stuck to the riverbed because I felt safer there. And so now I'm out in the community. But it is scary when you go from a protected lane to a completely out in the open. I have I will I don't I don't know how to bike down, Clark. It's just a scary experience and I probably won't do it again. But we have a lot of college students that do that every day. And I thought to myself, Man, I should try it. Oh, my gosh, how do they do this? So I look forward to creating that safety for both cars and bikers and also maintaining the esthetics and

beauty of the community. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I'll be brief. I think both of my colleagues have said it said most of what needs to be said. I'd just like to thank everybody and appreciate everybody who contributed to this or most importantly, our staff and our residents who who I know for a fact, at least on one of these projects, the Daisy Lane, we had close to 18 meetings, community meetings, too. And I don't think we ever reached complete consensus on that. We got a few nice roundabouts and some treatments in the neighborhood, and we're looking forward to the Linden Project coming on board really soon as well. This active transportation mode is where we need to go for the future. I think these both presentations, the pedestrian as well as the the bicycle master plan will help us get there and make our city much more livable. And so, again, I just want to salute the staff and the consultants and the residents and everybody who had anything to do with this, this plan. Councilor Entrepreneur Yeah, briefly. I was just being facetious. I'm not a no way. No. Hi. No how bicyclists. In fact, I'm assuming you may remember I think it might have been like 2010. You had a meeting at many Gan school. I think Alan was probably there too, and I was the only attendee who rode a bike to your bicycle meeting. So but I just want to mention, because Clark Avenue was brought up that there is no bicycle lane planned for Clark Avenue in the fourth district, that is between Atherton and

d PCH. And what Councilmember Monga was referring to would be north of the four or five freeway. I believe I'm correct in that. We actually don't. Have one either. Okay. I just won't bike there anymore. Okay. I'm just trying to say it was both a lot of calls to our office. Thank you. Thank you. We're going to go to the public in a minute. Wanted to say a few things and then turn to Mr. West. Mayor. Councilman, I. Just want to actually, I'm going to say a few things and then turn to Mr. Smart. That's okay. So just a couple of things. So first, obviously, great document, very supportive, have been, you know, since I was on the council of all this stuff. I'm I just really want to make sure that we're like really pushing this stuff. Mr. WEST Because I know that sometimes it's I feel like we're making more progress and and other times we're making less. And I know that's important to all of us. But are we being aggressive when it comes to infrastructure when we're doing our cap? Or are we going to see a lot of this progress implemented through the budget process? Because there's a lot of projects in that they're not adequately funded. We can have like Eric Wickstrom. Give us a quick little report. He's been he and his team have been extremely successful in getting a lot of Metro dollars that are going to come down the pike in the next 12 hours. And now we're going to get more of this. Well, we can put that in a report or something. But Craig and his team have been very, very successful in getting infrastructure dollars to implement a lot of this and make it reality. Well, I mean, do we have a lot of dollars to implement this stuff? Eric So, Mayor, we have. We've been successful with a lot. Of the grant funding. I think historically some of it's 25 million we've gotten. But how much do we have now? Now? Well, that's kind of we're still implying with that, but we've been going after grants continuously. And you saw that we've got the Spring Street and Orange Avenue backbone networks that will be submitting a grant application for we've got money in the pipeline for Artesia coming for Metro, coming online in several years. So it's a it's a continuous effort going after grant funding. Is there is a daisy project fully funded the Daisy project. We have a federal earmark. We're waiting to get processed. So there's funding there, but it's a process of swapping dollars. Okay. So when when does that start construction? Daisy We don't have a. Timeline yet because we have to wait for the. Dollar. We've been talking about. We've been talking about that project for like five years. I know. Okay, so when do we start construction on the Daisy project? We're hoping to get dollars finalized this year and then start construction later this year or early next year. So this project is way behind what it should be. Yes, correct. Okay. And what about the Sixth Street project? Sixth Street. Bids open on that tomorrow. So construction will start this summer with completion b

y the end of the year. Because we've been planning the Daisy Street project, even when the six year project was a twinkle in the eye. Right. Okay. So that's concerning. Not that the other one is an important because it is, but I just want to make sure that that north south connector connecting the north of the city to the south of the city has been put on the back burner over and over again, it appears to me. So I just want to make sure that that gets the priority it deserves. Absolutely. Okay. Mr. West. I just wanted to point out, Mayor Councilmembers, that we've always had active mobility coordinators in the city. We have three out of the four that we've had in the audience tonight. We've got our first mobility quarter. So Meghann is here tonight. Yay, Sumi. We have our second mobility

corner. Charlie Gandy is in the audience tonight as well. Our third coordinator, Al Crawford's in the audience tonight. Nate Burgess just left us and we're recruiting right now for another one. And we also have our bike ambassador for a long, long time, Tony Cruise, in the audience. They've obviously been very, very instrumental in the whole effort. You guys are the best. So thank you, guys. Any public comment? Ford. Let me start this off, Alan Crawford. I was the former white coordinator. Representing Bikeable Communities, and I get to do a lot of consulting with communities throughout. Southern California on putting. In bike. Facilities and in walking facilities. And I assure you, everyone is jealous of Long Beach. One of my colleagues in the San Fernando Valley the other day said, You guys are 20. Years ahead of us. Not sure it's quite that good, but we're certainly leading. And what's so cool about it is that it makes Long. Beach such a desirable place to live, to work, and to play. Look at what's. Happened to downtown just in the last few years, since we've put in the separated lanes. We're doing things that make people want to move here. We're making things where people want to build businesses here. We're transforming it because we're making it biking and walking friendly. Eight years ago, I was at a meeting with then Councilman. Garcia at Jennifer Peyser, and he had just gotten back. From severe Seville, Spain. And we had looked at a world class city of infrastructure. And he came back and was, we can do something better. There was a woman that stood up. She said. Mr. Garcia, I. Have three children. One of them goes to Cabrillo High School. One goes to Stevens. Elementary and one goes to Jefferson Middle School. We get up very early in the morning, we get on our bikes and I drop each and every one of them off at school. I don't do it by choice. I do it because I can't afford anything else. She said. Can you please do. Something to make it safe for me and my children to get to. School? What you have just done, what you are about to do, will accomplish that vision that Robert had of eight years ago. Bike lanes make a difference. Third and Broadway. We've dr

opped. Ex crash rates pardon me by 50%. While we've doubled. The number of people walking and triple the number of. People biking. Vista Street Bike Boulevard. We had nine crashes at the corner of Park and Vista in the corner examined on Vista in the two years before we put it in. In the three years after we've had one, we dropped accident rates by 40% on that court, or we increased the number of kids walking by 100%. We increased the number of kids biking to school by 150%. You are going to make a huge difference in our community. I'd like to thank Dr. Dr. Garcia, Dr. Lowenthal and in particular, Pat West, who has been just a phenomenal. Champion for this whole biking movement. Thank you, guys. Thank you for our support. Appreciate it. Yes. And good evening. All right. I think that language really needs to be recognized for the fantastic job they've done on bike lanes on Saturday and Sunday. I'm sorry. I'm going to say something very politically incorrect here, and that is as I drive around the city, there's nobody using them. I used to go down Second Street from one end to the other and look at that green thing on the ground. And there's not one bike there. The bike along the trail, along the beach. We can use the bikes on the river we can use. But I'm sorry. I've lived here all my life. Rode my bike to school. Didn't need a bike lane. I'm still here, but has any. But I didn't hear the word utilization at all in that presentation that was just done. Utilization. What is it? From my perspective, the mind may be all wrong, but I think you've got an underutilized system with a lot of money being spent. And what I was hoping not to hear was the word grant. It seems government thinks that Grant is free money. No. When you get a grant from the state, where do they get it? Taxes. You get a grant from the feds. Where do they get it? Taxes? Well, they print it, I guess. But anyway, I'm sorry to throw that on there, but I think. Maybe you could ask staff to give you a utilization of the first bike paths that are in on every day and make them different colors. Don't you know, start out slow but make the people who are putting these bike lanes in show utilization. Why do we want to spend the money? It was not being used. And you're not evidently tracking the utilization of the current bike paths we have in it. Mr. Mayor, I know you have a dream, you have a vision. I appreciate that. But Vice Mayor Richardson, as we were talking, I got thinking of the pictures of Vietnam, Sully spikes or somewhere in the Philippines or or in China. This is not China. We have 28 million cars and trucks. In California, you have 3 million in Colorado. Just to give you a thing, this is a car place. Anyway, please do a utilization study and require the people who make the plans to build this stuff to measure what goes on to it. Thank you very much. Next speaker. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Laura Mary Field and I'm representing the walk bike Long Beach Steering Committee.

Walk Bike. Long Beach is the newest chapter of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, and we're an all volunteer group who is really looking to center the experiences of working class folks of color in our equity, in our mobility movement. Really looking at those who are using transportation, active transportation as a necessity, as a utility beyond just recreation. Bringing the improvements that we've seen in our downtown, across our city, we were able to participate in the Bicycle Master Plan process. Through some of the great outreach events like the Open House on Anaheim, the focus groups surveys. And there's a lot of exciting things in this plan. But for us, one thing we saw, we really engaged community members around Anaheim in the Anaheim corridor. And it struck us that Anaheim really should be on that map. And the biggest reason is that heat map you saw earlier in the presentation when you're looking at collisions. Anaheim corridor has a very high rate higher than any straight corridor. But it's not been prioritized for bicycle improvements. We do understand and our members actually know this story. One of our members was who is a cycling instructor, has tons of experience, was hit on PCH in Anaheim. Really due to insufficient streets and infrastructure. So what we're looking at. Um hmm. Re going over my I was, you know, 1030 good times. But really. For us that it's just important and imperative that Anaheim is included on this plan. We understand that it is a transit priority, but we also believe that being a transit priority doesn't mean it can't be studied and looked into as a bicycle priority as well. We think these things can go hand in hand. We know great things are going to be done on 10th Street and 15th Street to make those streets better. I ride my bike every day on 10th Street. It's a safer street than Seventh Street or Anaheim, but people are still going to ride on those main streets where the destinations are, where they're thoroughfares. To get places. So we know that the improvements on the other streets are great, but it doesn't take away the need to use these streets with destinations with several business districts and many opportunities. So we encourage the City Council to consider the study of including Anaheim in the Bicycle Master Plan. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker. Hello. The mayor and council members. My name is here on the. And I'm the policy and outreach coordinator at the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, also known as L.A. CBC. We are a countywide bicycle advocacy organization with about 3000 dues paying members and 30,000 supporters throughout the county. Our mission is to make all communities in the L.A. County a healthier and safer and more fun place to ride a bike. We strongly support we strongly support the city's new bicycle masterplan. However, we are concerned that the key quarter, like Anaheim, used by hundreds of bicyclists, were removed without enough community

engagement and proper assessment. People who walk and bike on the street know the best when bike lanes are needed before removing the street from the plan entirely. We urge the city to reexamine Anaheim Street as the bicycle quarter and assess the mobility needs of all road users, including people on bikes. Oftentimes, a lot of cities in the county and even in the nation look up to Long Beach for its great infrastructure and mobility. Innovations made earlier than many cities in this region. We appreciate the city's national leadership in bicycle infrastructure, but we truly hope that Long Beach steps up, takes a wholesome approach to the bicycle infrastructure system from the mobility equity lens, and listen to the real needs from the communities through meaningful community outreach processes. Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. I'm Michel Morey, native Southern Californian Beach alumna, and I live in the third district. I've been a non motorized transportation planner for a little city west and northwest of Long Beach for almost 23 years. So I've been doing this a long time. As the region becomes more dense and complex, we have an increasing need for multiple modes of transportation, including transit, bicycling and walking. As we are on the brink of an obesity epidemic. It is important to safely offer modes of transportation that get people moving. With all due respect, there is not a current bikeway network. We have a fragment of abandoned bikeways that don't connect. And until you connect the network, we're not going to have people riding and actively using that space. I encourage you to connect the existing bike lane bikeway facilities and ask for your. Yes vote on the plan. Thank you. Thank you, Nick Speaker. Hi there. My name is Connor Locke. I'm in the fourth district. I studied city and state development in Munich, Germany, where I rode a bike all over the place, walked all over the place while I was exploring Europe and the modern infrastructure they have there with some of the projects that are trying to be put in place by this plan, I learned that the Dutch opened their car doors and I didn't hear this in terms of education. It might be in your briefing book, but they open their car doors with their opposite hand, so it forces them to look over their

shoulder to see if there are cyclists coming in those protected bikeways. So this is something that happens in Amsterdam, in The Hague, in cities all across Northern Europe, and it's something that I think should be raised. It's something I just wanted to get up here and bring up because it's a super simple, easy and effective education technique to get this made safer for everybody. When I first moved to Long Beach, I would ride my bike every Friday morning before work from the Bixby Village area all the way up the river and then back down the Studebaker. After grabbing a donut. And the amount of times I had to dodge around, people who just

threw their car door open was pretty shocking, especially on a Friday morning at like 7 a.m. But it's just a super simple thing. I don't think it adds really pretty much any cost. And if you have thought of it, awesome, then I'm not a broken record, but if you haven't thought of it, I think it might be a good idea. So thanks. You speak? Hi. Steve Gerhart with Long Beach. The bicycle masterplan is an important update to our active transportation puzzle, and I applaud the efforts that the city has made so far. A few years back, bike bike facilities were being installed so quickly around town that there's no way a plan could have kept up with it. And we have lost some of that momentum. We'd love to see it come back. We're super excited about the ADT concept. It's a great way to design our streets and the city and the idea of closing gaps. That's really important to make the network complete, and we want to stay focused on that. That's really all I had to say. I did want to point out that I just had a conference of healthy community activists all around the country, and when I told them I was from Long Beach, he said, You guys are doing amazing things and I want to keep it that way. So let's stay ahead of that curve. Thank you so much. Thank you. Speaker. Darling. Thank you, Mayor. Council people. My name is Charlie Gandy. I'm a citizen of the second district. I'm also a bike advocate. And I support, obviously, this bike master plan. As a professional in this world, I see a lot of plans and this is state of the art. I think it's going to be something we as citizens of Long Beach are going to be proud of. But I really came tonight to talk on behalf of a friend, and that's Mark Bixby. He wanted to be here, but he couldn't. And so he sent me. Mark was a serious bicyclist. He was also a serious runner, a serious swimmer. He was a businessman. He was a community builder. And of course, he was a family man. So he would endorse this ambitious bike program. He'd endorse a serious swimming program. He would endorse anything to encourage people to get out and enjoy Long Beach under their own power. And because he saw what the potential would be if Long Beach became a place where people could be free range kids and get around town by bicycling or walking or transit. So he endorses all this as a business man. He knew that this was going to be an important part of Long Beach narrative. He knew if we wanted to attract young people and new businesses, we needed to keep up with these sorts of trends. And he would have said, go big or go home with this kind of program. So as a community builder, he saw bikes as influencers. He saw police in recognizing that if kids were cranking on bikes and learning to build bikes, there were less kids that were trying to steal bikes. He saw that the Health Department was carrying on all these active living programs and endorsed the concept because he knew that he wanted his kids to be raised in a place that they could be active. A

nd they knew the public works department recognized that these facilities were invitations for people to get out and ride bikes. And so all combined Mark knew and embraced active living. He knew that it was good for his hometown. It was great for his city, his family, his friends and his neighbors. He influenced us all, and he continues to do so here. So in his name. Let's go big. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker. Hey, Mayor Garcia, council members. My name is Tony Cruz, and I'm the bike ambassador for the city of Long Beach. And I just got to say, it's really nice to listen to all of the previous speakers because I think it really shows how much support we have, you know, not only on the consultant side, but just, you know, community members. And then as well on the planning side for our bike master plan. And your guys's support for updating that plan is critical, and especially if you look at the network that we are envisioning, you know, having here in Long Beach. And so for me personally, I do a lot on the education side with kids. And my number one goal is to teach kids how to ride from one does or to ride to a destination, to pick a destination and then figure out how to get there using bike infrastructure. So I typically run a 3 to 5 week camp and by the third week all the kids in my group can tell you what the type of infrastructure that they run on. And also by the third week, a parent will usually join. So it goes from just being a kid type of activity to now I have parent involvement and it becomes a family activity. And so now I if I'm out on the beach bike trail or on trail close to home, I'll run into families riding, you know, after taking a class like this. So

it's really important that we continue to be leaders in the bike advocacy and infrastructure world so that we can, you know, build a better network, obviously, for our community and be that example for, you know, cities like L.A. and others. So that's, I think you. Thanks so much. Next speaker. My name is Jim Dorsey. I'm a longtime resident of Long Beach. Three generations in the ninth District. Councilman Austin and Councilman Richardson, I. Share your pain. Long Beach does not stop at Del Amo Boulevard. It actually goes on beyond that a little bit. And I know, Mayor, that you know that because we spent some time together at the opening for the Artesia Bikeway. And I'm glad that the plan does include so much, so many of the areas of the city that often get left out of these things. Councilman Mongo. I'm glad to see that you've kind of come around on this or or maybe understanding a little more. I was in attendance at the Eldorado Public Comment event and. To see that you're not willing to throw the baby out with the bathwater on this is very encouraging to me. I think that something probably will get done about those bollards and make them a little more attractive. But I think. As a user of. All of the bike lanes in the city because I do like to cruise around the city and che

ck out all the different bike lanes because I'm really interested in that and, and, and being involved in. Go into the public comment meetings and and getting involved in this process. I started writing my cycles about again because I wrote them with a kid. I started writing again about ten years ago because my I met Tony Cruz. I don't know if that was a good thing or not. But getting out on the bike. I've learned so much more about the city that I've lived in all my life and about some of the other neighborhoods that weren't necessarily accessible. To me because of the natural barricades that they get put up. You have freeways, the 91 freeway cuts, north Long Beach right in half. And these things are important to the quality of the quality and the connection of the city so that. Everybody gets to see more about what's going on with the city. And I think the last thing we need to do to really improve bicycle safety in the city of Long Beach is to get pet West to learn how to ride a little more safely. I'm just kidding here. But that's what I and I just. I think we're headed in the right direction. I want to be Portland at some point in time. And and I think this is an important step in the right direction. Thanks. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I appreciate many of you staying after the meeting to talk with me. I've learned a lot. My fiance and I bike shopping. I've had the same bikes in seventh grade and I've recently had to replace both wheels. I've learned the difference between a bollard and an armadillo and a bunch of other things that I didn't know that I had any importance in my life. But as I learn, I hope to grow. And I think that's a big part of being a council person. And we have to go in and listen to our constituents and those with the loudest voices often get heard first. But that does not mean that that is the end of the argument. I've always said that. Research and knowledge and speaking to all the constituencies, even the ones that aren't loud, yelling the loudest is very important in the decision making process because sometimes the most supportive people are the quietest. So thank you. Thank you. And we're going to go to a vote and please, please fix the connection between the cycle track and then going on to First Street. I know I've been complaining about it forever, so it's an easier connection ASAP. Please. It's annoying me. Okay. Please cast your votes. Motion passes seven zero. Thank you. But you guys are doing great. You know you're doing great. Okay. Thank you, guys. All the all the all the bike folks. You guys are awesome. You are always fighting the good fight. Always out here. You're always with doing things. Item 20 East Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson Council Membership in Councilwoman Mango and Council Memo Durango. Recommendation to request the City Manager to work with South Coast Air Quality Management District to report on the impacts of the City of Paramount air quality to Long Beach residents. Council

member I'm sorry. Vice Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Here in Long Beach, we border a number of cities, and in the ninth district border, the cities of Paramount, Bellflower, Bellflower, Lakewood, Compton, and the community of Rancho Dominguez, an unincorporated section of L.A. County. So issues commonly across across commonly cross city boundaries. What's important that we stay up to date on manner matters that can potentially impact our residents? Our request today focused on a recent air quality concern with businesses located in City of Paramount, which are both only about a half mile away from District nine Long Beach neighborhoods. In October 2016, the South Coast Air Quality Management District began investigating two metal processing facilities in the city of Paramount after detecting hexavalent chromium, a potentially cancer causing metal. And in the interests of transparency, we placed this motion on the agenda to request city staff to do our

diligence and coordinate with HQ, M.D. and City Paramount to better understand any impacts that this incident has had on our Long Beach residents and their quality of life. So tonight we're beginning that conversation and that discussion and will ask city staff to come back to the City Council with their full findings after engaging HQ, M.D. So we'll start with a brief staff report in a few questions now. Diana Chang, our manager of Government Affairs. I can talk a little bit about this item. Vice Mayor, Council and mayor. We are aware that there are concerns that the City of Paramount and accused have around their metal. Facilities without. Getting into too much detail on on. The findings that a Camden Paramount have been. Discovering. We are willing and interested in working with the Air Quality Management District and our neighbors on figuring out any impacts to Northampton and the city of Long Beach. Okay. And I just have a few questions, Miss Mustang two, and I would hope that the responses could be included in whatever report comes back. I'd like to better understand what hexavalent hexavalent chromium is. I'd like to know the difference between a regular metal shop and the ones that have hexavalent chromium emissions. I know that we have Weber Metals here in Long Beach and Paramount and a number of metal shops that are not necessarily hexavalent chromium emission emitters. And so we want to understand the difference between those two and understand where they where they are that are in Long Beach and close to Long Beach. So we want to understand that and we want to confirm and maybe you can answer this for us now, who is the lead agency that does evaluate potential potential impacts of air quality of businesses that surround Long Beach? Sure. So the US EPA establishes health based air quality standards that all states must achieve. And in California, the California Clean Air Act also establishes requirements for cities and counties to meet. It is the company's responsibility for developing pla

ns and regulations to. Achieve these public health standards by reducing emissions from business and industry. So and it appears that ACME is is the lead on this. Okay. And we have already engaged them, correct? Yes, that is correct. Okay. And so when do we anticipate to have some report of the findings of that discussion back to city council? We think we can have something back to you in about 45 days. Okay. Have we spoken with the City of Paramount as well? Yes. Our office has been in contact with the city manager's office and Paramount. Okay. So and so in 45 days, we'll have a report back. And can that include potential next steps if we do find that there is some impact along beach neighborhoods? Yes, certainly. Well, thank you very much. And so that's my motion to come back in 45 days with a report. Any other accounts, comments, seen, any public accounts of your anger? I want to I want to thank Vice Mayor Richardson for bringing this forward. I know how equality is important to his neighborhoods as it is in mine. So I'm glad that you're bringing this forward and I strongly support it. Katie, public comment CNN. Okay. We'll go ahead and do the this motion for this for this report. Then with consensus, no objection. Next item. To. Item 21 is a report from financial management recommendations received for the fiscal year 2016 year end budget performance report citywide. Adam, 18, is communications from Councilwoman Mango Councilwoman Gonzalez. Vice Mayor Richardson. Recommendation to request the city turned into draft resolution in support of the state of urban manufacturing report. Gentlemen. Yes? I want to thank everyone for waiting. I know it's been a long night and we're already at almost 830. Many of you know that the. Presentations get filled up pretty quickly in the beginning of the agenda, months and months in advance. But I felt that this was important enough to make an agenda item. The State of Urban Manufacturing Report is a 24 2017 workforce and industrial development study across 13 U.S. cities, and the language has been identified as a potential pilot city for this study. The leaders of the study are Urban Manufacturing Alliance, a national nonprofit organization with approximately 500 member organizations and city partners who are focused on revitalizing manufacturing in metropolitan hubs. And what we're talking about is the high paying job manufacturing. Ezra has partnered to integrate the study's data into the data lab portal, and we are really excited for this opportunity with that. I think that our speaker on the matter has stepped away. And so I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this resolution by. Any public comment saying none. There's a motion. Who's a second K Vice Mayor Richardson. All those in favor say. I also want to say that Lina was really supportive of this, but she had to be home with sick baby Luca tonight. But she was very supportive. Any public comment? I was in favor, said I. Others no. Oppose. Sure. Li

ke. So tonight. Can you hear me? I just want to say. Great work on bringing this item forward. I think that it's definitely the right direction. And I wanted to make sure that when the item comes back, that they also include some next steps, policy ideas, because that wasn't necessarily laid out in and the agenda item. Yes, this is just the resolution to support the study. And once we've had some preliminary meetings with multiple council members, actually. And so there's a lot to come. Okay. So just to be clear in that in that study that comes back, that part of that study, because I know that the organization does do some policy recommendations or ways to make sure that that's carved out. So I just wanted to say it's a great next step. Okay. All those in favor of should I mention carries. I guess we just did that. So item 816. Adam 23 A report from Water Recommendation to adopt resolution increasing appropriations in FY 16 in the Water Department by 11,250,000. Citywide k there's a motion in a second by Councilman Andrews, seconded by Councilmember Ranga. There's really a public comment on this item. No, but I'd like to make a comment. Absolutely. I'd like to thank our director, Chris Gardner, for his excellent leadership at the water department. It's it's particularly relevant now, although it doesn't relate directly to his appropriation request, but his swift response to some of the issues that we had with storm activity throughout the city really saved the day, especially for those living in the coastal zone and along the Alamitos Bay. And so I want to thank you personally for that and on behalf of the city, thank you for your excellent leadership and very, very efficient and high quality work product. Great job, Greg. Excellent. See no other comment from the council or the. We went to the public. There was no comments. Okay. Without objection, we would consensus. Next item. Item 24 is a report from Development Services. Recommendation to Declare Ordinance Amending the Long Beach. Melissa Picone by repealing Chapter 2.66 relating to the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. Read and adapted as Read City. Hearing item one and authors require. It's a report from Development Services. Item one involves the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the development of real property located at 3655 North Norwalk, below a project with 40 detached single family homes. And the appeal of that recommendation by Warren, Blair, Starsky and Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development District five. Thank you. Before we begin to do the oath now. Yes. Okay. Raise your right hand. You and each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the court now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. I do. All right. That's handle. So, city manager? Yes. Interim deputy city manager Anita Will Dempsey will introduce this item. Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of the council. We're asking

our planning bureau manager, Linda Tatum, to provide the staff report. Good evening, Vice Mayor, members of the City Council, I'd like to give you a brief overview of this item. It is a proposal for a series of discretionary approvals that would be required to facilitate development of a a new 40 unit single family subdivision. We're really excited about this project. It has been some quite some time in the making and there are so few parcels in the city that are available for single family detached subdivision. So we're really pleased that this project has made it to this point in the process. First. I'd like to just give you an overview in terms of the site itself. It's a five approximately five acre site. It's located in the very far north part of the city. And just to orient you there, that the street on the right of the property is Norwalk Boulevard. To the north of the property is 226th Street. So that's a rough area in the far northwest part of the city in terms of this. Immediately north of the project site there, just south of 226th Street is a senior housing development. And that project is actually within the City of Hawaiian Gardens. This property is literally on it. It abuts the city, limit lines on the north and to the south. There are single family dwellings in the city of Long Beach. And to the to the east, there are also single family red residents. And there's a drainage channel immediately west of the project site. Next slide. Just to give you a feel for the site. It's an existing there is an existing church on the site. The church was developed back in 1957. It was a drive through church. And you can see the church building is still there. After the church was the drive through church was established. The church itself was built and it had a series of expansions that continued through 1972. So this is the site, what it looks like generally today. And that open space in the rear of the church property was just used by the church for various activities. Next, the approvals that are requested. This project requires several actions. I'll read through each one of those actions briefly. The first one is a statement of overriding consideration and findings in order to certify a final environmental impact report. The second item is to amend the city's general plan, and that request is to amend the general, the current general plan land use designation, which is institutional. The current zoning reflects the church use that's there now, and the request is to change that land use designation

from from institutional and schools to elude. Number one, which is a single family residential general plan designation. The next item would be a zone change. Again, the zoning on the property is currently institutional and that reflects again the use of the property as a church and the request is to change it to a single family residential zone. r1m And that reflects the proposed density of the project. The next action that's requested is approval

of the vesting tentative tract map, and that is what would actually subdivide the property, the 5.7 acre property into 40 residential lots and one common area. And the the next action that is being requested tonight is a site plan review. And that site plan review is for the review of the single family homes and all the appropriate conditions of approval. And lastly, a an appeal for this project was filed when the Planning Commission heard the item. And the final action that's being requested is for the council to act on to uphold the designation or the recommendation on the project by the Planning Commission. Next slide. This is a summary site plan of the project. Again, for purposes of orientation, the Norwalk Boulevard is there to the right of the screen to the north. And. Is the senior project. And this just gives you an idea of the orientation of the project. And I'll briefly go through some of the some of the amenities on the project. This is a view of the site of the proposed site from the entry. You can see that it would be a gated community with gated access, very lushly landscaped there at the entry of the property. Next slide, a couple of other key features of the property. You can see on the slide at the upper right that there is a meandering walkway that separates the both the backyards of the properties. And all of that would become an open space that would be used by the residents of the property. So in addition, you can also see that there are there's an outdoor play area. There is a picnic and barbecue area and of course, seated bench areas. And to the lower left, that's again, another schematic of the entry, the the circular entry with the gated access to the site. Again, this gives you an idea of the parking and circulation on the site. The site does have all of the code required parking for single family residents. In addition, they have provided guest parking for the site and that the guest parking is up north is highlighted. In addition, there is parking on one side of the street. This gives you an idea of the architecture and design of the project. It is influenced by the craftsman style architecture, and the units are three and four bedrooms. The the smallest of the units is about 2400, and the largest of the units is 2700 square feet. And you can see that there are three different designs and a couple of different design styles within each one of the unit types that makes for a little bit of a variety. In terms of the unit selection within the project. Look. Like to talk a little bit about the environmental review and why a project like this required an environmental impact report. The rationale for requiring an environmental impact report is that the project did have a a historic church, which was the drive through church that was on the site or is was previously operated on the site, was determined to be a historical resource and accordingly a draft environmental import impact report was completed. However, after the a

nalysis of that report was completed, it found that the proposed project would have potentially significant and unavoidable unavoidable environmental impacts in the area of cultural resources. Regarding the chapel structure and of course the historical drive in church facility. And because the it is significant from a cultural perspective being that it was the first drive in church in the region and the architecture of the church itself was an example of a mid-city century, modern architectural style that was applied to an institutional use. So those two features made the project, the actual church itself, a significant historical resource. And after looking at the potential alternatives, there is no alternative to move forward with the project except with the demolition of the church. And because that is a historic resource that cannot be replaced, the that is a significant and unavoidable impact. So after the mitigation requiring archival documentation of the church and the chapel, the impacts related to the demolition of the building would remain significant and unavoidable. And therefore the City Council, if this project is to move forward, would be required to adopt the findings and to approve a statement of overriding considerations for the project. And that statement has been prepared. And I mentioned earlier that the mitigation requirement would be that there would be a full documentation of the resources on the site as a part of the mitigation measure for this action. I'd also like to point out that the appeal that was filed for this project, it was quite unusual because typically you file an appeal for an action that would not otherwise have to be heard by the City Council anyway. However, an appeal was filed on this project and the appellant in summary stated that they felt that the project was inadequate in the openness and the transparency of the planning and development process relative to the secure, the air and the historic buildings. So that's a

summary of the application, the appeal application that was filed and a copy of which was included in your packet. So I'd like to summarize and to close out by saying that on January 5th, the Planning Commission heard this item and voted unanimously to approve each of the actions that I've mentioned and recommended that the City Council approve the project, including the ER and all of the other associated actions. And so staff is recommending that this project move forward. I would like to go on the record and say that today we did receive a letter of support for the project. And with that, I would like to close the staff comments, but I would like to acknowledge that we do have our environmental consultant here to answer any detailed questions. We also have the project planner, Monica Dick, of work and who worked on the project, as well as our environmental liaison, Craig Shell, Fonte and Rincon. Our environmental consultant is also here and will be available to answer any questions y

ou might have on this project. Thank you, Ms.. Tatum. Before we begin the council's deliberation, we have public comment. Is there any public comment on this hearing? Now be the time. I believe the person that filed the appeal. Okay. So the appellant gets to speak first. That's correct. Mississippi attorney want to outline how this. Goes, the way that this should work. Mr. Blazer She is the appellant in this case, speaking, I believe, on behalf of himself and a group that he's identified in the appeal. Staff has already given its report. Mr. Lisowski now gets a chance to make his presentation. Then we would open it up for public comment and then back to the City Council for deliberation and determination. Thank you, Mr. Lisowski. You have the floor. And before you begin, let's clarify what is the time constraint here? I think in a hearing such as this, we provide a reasonable amount of time, but there's no set timeframe. Okay. Let's say let's start with 5 minutes. Oh, how about ten? Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I've got my own clock up here to here on behalf of myself and Long Beach Citizens for Fair Developments with respect to this project. Staff noted that it was unusual that we appealed the planning decision. Well, we wanted to make sure that we opposed the environmental impact review process in its the way that it was carried out. I've entered a letter from our attorney, made a copy for each member of the council and handed a copy also to the city clerk. And I would like to read some of those comments into the record. The air is inadequate. It should not be certified and it should be revised. The project is an exercise in impermissible spot zoning and should not be approved. The alternatives analysis, discussion of historic and cultural resources and traffic analysis contained in the EIA are inadequate. This letter and my comment tonight are intended to inform the council that the E.R. and the statement of overriding considerations prepared in relation to the project are inadequate under California Environmental Quality Act secure. And that if you approve this development as planned, you would be exercising impermissible spot zoning. I won't review the project because staff already did that. I'll just start with the fact. Let me highlight the high points. Number one, the E.R. failed to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives as required by secure. Number two, the E.R. underestimates the campus's historical significance. Number three, the E.R. contains inadequate analysis of traffic impacts. The number for the project is an exercise in a legal spot zoning. And finally, the E.R. violates secure in approximately 20 other ways, which I will briefly run through. The alternatives analysis in the Environmental Impact Report is flawed because the E.R. only analyzed alternatives that meet almost none of the project objectives. The project objectives are to have desirable housing be created. The ERs should be required to consider a reduced developmen

t alternative that meets some of the project objectives. They should have also considered the project involved develop some housing and also keeping some of the historic structure, which is the chapel. The E.R. should have analyzed the alternative of building homes to the extent possible without demolishing the chapel itself. Such an alternative could potentially meet all of the project objectives and reduce the impact on historic resources. Instead, what happened was the E.R. impermissibly analyzed project alternatives that met almost none of the objectives. So they only looked at destroying the chapel. They should have been an alternative up zoning of neighborhoods nearby to allow for the level of development that's contemplated by the project. By only rezoning the chapel parcel to allow higher density development is a problem. And finally, the E.R. should have analyzed the alternative of building the project at another site, which did not have such historic structures . A little bit about the historic significance. This drive in church came about at a time when it was originally broadcast from their weekly national television broadcasts for a ten year period between 1971 and 1981. The buildings are historic. Examples of the automobile centric

development in Southern California, also associated with early televangelism, which gave rise to, excuse me, televangelism and as a phenomenon in American history. More notably, the building was designed by Beano Fisher, who was a Nazi war camp survivor. He also designed the Los Angeles Martyrs Memorial, and he helped design what became the Crystal Cathedral with Richard Neutra, a world renowned modern architect. So we've got this example of mid-century modern architecture. It has this distinct expanses of glass. It's a beautiful space if you've seen the pictures and it is eligible for listing on the California historic resources and for a designation as Long Beach City landmark. As you know, myself and other organizations are pretty upset about the destruction of historic buildings like the Jurgens Trust building. And so this would be another example of a historic building that could be saved here in Long Beach. The traffic impacts the way that the air analyzed the traffic impacts was merely to assume that there would be less traffic coming and going in a residential setting than there would be with a church or a preschool or other use. And the project is also an exercise in a legal spot zoning. Spot zoning is uniformly frowned upon as a poor you poor land use planning that that points towards favoritism. It's our understanding that. If we want to challenge spot zoning, there's a lower standard because. Spot zoning constitutes a blatant example of discriminatory land use legislation. There's some government code sections, for example, 65 852 that requires all zoning regulations to be uniform for each class or kind of building or use of land throughout each zone. But the regulation in one type of zone may

differ from those type of zones. I think the council people, I hope, would see that when you're looking at the slew of approvals that need to happen from changing the general plan to changing the zoning in that particular spot to approve any site plans, it's all being pushed through in a business as usual type sense. Briefly, the E.R. also violates secure in failure to analyze and mitigate traffic impacts. Air pollution impacts biological resources. Also, we see no evidence that under the California code that the Native American organizations were consulted for any significant Native American prior uses of the site. Also, there was no analysis of whether the building can be relocated. We've got one of the 40 under 40 designees is has a business that has been supported by this council specifically for the purpose of saving buildings and moving them. Unfortunately, the transition did burn down, but we have those abilities here in Long Beach. And so school requires the E.R., the Environmental Impact Report, to have a significant description of existing environment that may be affected by the project. And this just does not meet those guidelines. And like I was saying, I don't see any evidence in the report of consultation with Native Americans as required under Senate Bill 18. Just to finish up here, when we looked at the A.P., there was no notice in the A.P. there was alternative uses being suggested. One of them was for a technical college that wanted to use the site to retrain veterans returning from war. And they were begging that this not be spot rezone so that they could possibly purchase the property to continue being used as a day to day school, Montessori day school, preschool and also a place to retrain returning veterans. And the single family use of this doesnot does not for the best and highest use of the community and does not follow. That's been about 8 minutes, 45 seconds. If the vice mayor wouldn't mind, I would like to save a minute or two for any rebuttals that might happen later. And I'm also available for any questions that the counsel or staff might have. Absolutely. So we have the applicant here and they have a right to speak before a public comment as well with the applicant, like an opportunity to speak. Go ahead. Proceed. Give us your name and go ahead and proceed. My name is Brian Coggins. I am with Preface. We are both the applicant and the land owner. So good evening to the council tonight. Vice Mayor We just want to say a few quick thank you and address a few of those comments. We are. We had a great experience working with staff, so I wanted to thank staff. We originally brought this project to staff and it was the same number of homes or lots, which was 40 a couple of years ago. And staff asked us, they said, look, we're very, very pleased about large homes for families in our Long Beach community, and that's something we'd like to see. And it's very rare and this is an are one very low density project. So staff sai

d this is a great project, but we'd like to push you to bring more communal or common spaces into the project so that the gated entrance, the quarter mile loop inside the pocket parks, the picnic areas, the barbecue areas, the project is designed such that kids are playing in the streets, kids are shooting basketballs, everybody is hanging out, you know, doing barbecues together. It's definitely intended to be a communal atmosphere. So I want to thank staff because they really pushed us in that direction to address, you know, there's a lot of approvals necessary tonight. And he he

mentioned several of those. The only reason tonight that we need a general plan amendment and a zone change is because of those common areas in your Long Beach City Code, as Linda will certainly tell you, are one or a low density residential project is absolutely approved approvable in the institutional zone. So in your zoning code, this project is absolutely allowable. But again, credit to staff, they wanted to see this much cooler community, an interactive community. So that's the reason for the general plan, amendment and zone change. 40 lots are allowed under current zoning. I want to thank Councilmember Mungo's office. She was fantastic, facilitating large, large community outreach meetings with the stakeholders. And then want to thank the the excellent Eldorado Park Estates community adjacent to us. We, within weeks after buying this property, met I think there was 115 people at the first meeting. We had three or four other very large meetings. So I've been doing this 15 years. I've never seen something like this where hundreds of people from the adjacent community come out and they support the project, they help you design the project, they talk to you. They say, We want to see a gate, we want to see these colors, we want to see these number of bedrooms. So big credit to that to the community there. I think in the back of your packets, you'll find 70 excuse me, 70 to 80 people who are supporting this project adjacent to us. And we did not go seek those comments. They did that organically. We as the developer did not ask them to do that whatsoever. So I've never seen that in doing this for 15 years. Just a couple of quick comments. Spot zoning is typically when you put, say, a residential project in the middle of an industrial zone, this has a residential all around it, northeast, southwest. This is not spot zoning whatsoever. Traffic, a low, low density six units per acre residential project is substantially less traffic than a a church use which is there today. He mentioned high density. This is actually the lowest density in your city, the absolute lowest. And then he mentioned alternative projects. But, you know, this church was in need of capital and they put the property up for sale. They've since moved on this. The church is still thriving, but they downsize. So we're seeing that in a lot of a lot of places. But myself, Derrick and our whole team, happy to

answer any questions you may have. Thank you. Thank you so much. We we did allow you the one minute if you want to take it. Otherwise, I'm going to pull the comment. Mr. Borkowski. One minute, please. Before public comment. Mr. Lisowski, you have one minute. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I would just want to respond to the developer and say, why don't you try to save the church steeple? And one more point here is that the way that the city did, the E.R. process. They submitted a draft E.R. and there was significant new information under public resources Code 21092.1 and guidelines of Sequel 150885 that a new fine. Before the final air was distributed, the city failed to recirculate the air or any portion of the air as as a result of the city's failure to recirculate the air, the public and other public agencies were being deprived of any meaningful opportunity to review and comment on the project. And just finally, the 700 foot zone that that you'd notice residents, local residents on projects. I mean, that zone is nowhere in sequel. That 700 feet. That was something that this council did by ordinance a decade ago. And that zone could certainly. Thank you. That zone could certainly be expanded. And also we could use technology. I see. Thank you. Excuse me. I see all of you on Facebook, Twitter, etc.. We could certainly have a place for citizen input to where a draft air could actually have input and not from the restricted. Thank you, Mr. Boesky. Thank you. So at this point, we're going to open it up for public comment. If you have it, if you want it, if the public would like to comment on this, please come forward. And there's 3 minutes. Please give us your name and go ahead and begin. And Cantrell and I live in Eldorado Park Estates, not exactly adjacent to this proposed development. And I know of other people that are not as thrilled with this, especially the people that live along Ring Street in one story houses. And these are going to be two story houses looking right into their yards and houses. I'm a little concerned, confused about whether this is three or four bedroom houses. I understood they were all going to be four bedrooms with three baths. Tonight I heard that they're three and four bedroom houses. Nonetheless, they're very large houses, over 25,000 of 2500 square feet. And I agree. Long Beach needs more housing, but I think they need low cost housing. These houses are going for 700 to \$900000. This. The cultural. You're being asked for overriding considerations to destroy this culturally historic church. As Mr. Lacasse said that there was an organization that the College of Industrial Technology that wrote to the Planning Department and offered to buy this to train returning veterans and injured workers. They said that they would retain the church. They would retain all the buildings. The church they care of that has been going, been there before, could continue. And I never saw any response to this proposal from them. I think there

were other alternatives that could have been explored in Institutional. You can have hospitals, you can have medical offices, you can have schools and. Of course, this doesn't make the money that 700000 to 900000 houses do. I question the trip generation? Because according to the table with single family homes there, there will only be eight. In and 23 cars out for a total of 31 cars in the mornings and a total of 40 cars in the evenings coming back. Thank thank you for your time has been 33 minutes. We have to stick to the rules. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. My name is Diana, but I'm from Wrigley. I attended the Planning Commission's report on the final. Ali al e where they were. Packing people into regularly on the West Side and central Long Beach and said there's no place to do any building on the east side. And here suddenly we've got a place and we're going to build elitist homes when we have a housing shortage, a need in this city. And we're going to put we're going to increase the density in in my neighborhood where that's ten times more than in this fancy neighborhood you're building. It's time you got some some creative architecture to make some some multiple storey housing for people at the VA, Cal State, Long Beach and and start equalizing the city by putting your your your multiple housing on the east side instead of packing us in on the west and central side. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yeah. My name is Robert. Pete and I. Come and they met Trump. So I agree with her. Everything she said as elitist, wrong you. She's got multiple housing. Don't try to keep this. That's the problem from Carson in the Alamo and that's the problem with our neighborhood soon as we got 18 ain't no ain't no apartments out there so we had a choice. You can either go to Hawthorne. You can go to L.A.. And go to Compton. You go to Long Beach. And most Alamo people choose Long Beach because rent's low and it's nice. You know, unlike what Josh Butler said, the rest rent is highest in the world, is low and is nice. So the thing is, is though by the college. That's true what she said. I mean, that's an elitist stuff to only make houses. And that's kind of what they did in my town. They kept houses, no apartments except way over by Scott Park. So everybody ends up having to move out. And now Carson isn't winning no more championships because when we were there, we were the kids and a generation after some grandkids with us, great grandkids. Carson High banning is sorry everybody knows that because we ain't had no new kids coming any young people some different so whatever you know come on do the right thing don't be elitist multiple story, you know, get that going. Listen, what that lady said, she's right. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Barry Harris. I live in the Eldorado Park estate and I frequent frequently talked to my neighbors because of the business that I'm in real estate. And I asked them what they thought

about the project going in in their neighborhood. And I have to say, overwhelmingly, I got very positive reviews from many of my neighbors. I did have a few negatives, but mostly they were all positive. They're glad to see more help me going in the area. We don't have enough homes in our area to house families. And so we're thrilled to see some home, some larger family homes going in the area to bring families into our area. Thank you for your time next week, please. Good afternoon. Councilman Malcolm Bennett, a business owner in Long Beach and a 42 year realtor. I certainly support this project. There's not a day that goes by that every newspaper article hears about the housing shortage. Long Beach has an opportunity to take a stand and really make something happen. Stop talking about housing, start really do something about housing. When you think in terms of the jobs, the income, and in order to create housing, you have to have move up housing like this, maybe a little on the high side. But if people in current places don't have anything to move up to, then you'll never be able to bring in more in terms of affordable housing. I've served for three years on the California Association Realtors Housing Homeless Committee. Tomorrow we're meeting with the Regional Homeless Advisory. There's just a lot of talk about housing, but someone needs to put a shovel in the ground and build some houses if we're going to get people off the street. So I support this project. As the gentleman said, has very low density and we just can't keep saying no. And people are looking for every loophole there is to prevent a project from moving forward. We need to set new standards and we need to wake up and realize we have a housing shortage. If we don't build houses, we're going to continue to have a housing shortage. And is that simple? People need houses to live in. You have a project that that meets all the environmental and all of the other steps and takes. And so why would we then just look at every little nitpick and loophole to prevent this project from moving forward? Thank very much for your time and consideration. Thank you, sir. Our final speaker, please. Excuse me. My name is Ryan Bailey. I grew up in Long Beach, just down the street from this site. This is a great use for this property. The

church is long gone. So, you know, instead of having a homeless encampment, which it's becoming, to put in some nice houses would be a good thing. Thank you. Thank you. So that concludes public comment. So at this point, we'll close the hearing and take the deliberation behind the rail. So is there. So, Councilmember Mongeau, are you making the motion here or is there a second here? Okay. Five motions to read. All right. So it's been moved and I think I see Pierce. Okay. And so let's go ahead with our deliberations. So first, I want to thank the developer. This has been a long process, a process that has been open and transparent since the very beginning. While there h

ave been comments of more density, I think that even at the very first meeting, the developer gave those options to the community, that a meeting where over 100 people attended the community had, I think, little sticky dots, where there were multiple options of where what do you want to have as your next door neighbor? And so the community who was there really responded. I think that it was very interesting to hear how many of the neighbors who actually live adjacent are in homes developed by a developer, S.A. back in 1964. And they are actually being aged out of their homes because there are no bedrooms on the first floors of many of the two storey residents there. And so in the discussion about some of them are either three bedroom or four bedroom. There's a den option in one of these where if you decide to buy a lot, you could have your master bedroom on the first floor. So should you have ailments that don't allow you to move up and down the stairs as you get older in life and these properties are made in a way where they could be changed later in life and or start in a position where you have a bathroom and a bedroom on the on the ground floor. So I think that that was really important to a community that everyone who lives in this site of Long Beach wants to stay in the site of Long Beach, but perhaps is in a financial position where they could give their home that's no longer suited to them, to a family member, and perhaps move adjacent to a neighborhood and stay nearby. With that, we talk about open and transparent. The developer has been open and transparent throughout the process. They've had meetings both on site and in the neighborhoods adjacent, and I think that that's been remarkable. They've gone through several plan revisions, which has gotten them down to the 40 homes and they've taken every single comment from the planning department. We appreciate Linda Tatum and her team who've brought in a wealth of knowledge and information to ensure that this community is the best and brightest. The neighbors adjacent are very concerned about property values. And so they want to see like housing, housing that is most similar to the housing that they have so that they can maintain their property values and that those homes will sell in the range of the high seven hundreds or more. And I know the one thing that's still outstanding, I hope that my colleagues will support me on this. I will read the five motions, but also there's a lot of discussion about the school district. And while it previous discussions, Superintendent Steinhauser had said he'd be open to letting this development into Long Beach Unified, it is not currently along each unified school district property. It would actually currently be with the neighboring school district. So we want to make sure that those homeowners have options so that your neighbors don't have to go to a different school than their next door neighbor. So we'll keep that in mind as we move forward. The res

idents have reached out to me and said approve it and approve it quickly. We don't want a vacant lot anymore. We want to take down the tarps and build and we want to see and get past the dust and dirt that will be with construction. So we. Enthusiastically. I ask for my colleagues support in one. I make a motion to uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council. And then I the appeal of Warren Liszewski and Lombard Citizens for Fair Development. Motion to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Adopt a resolution clarifying final environmental impact. Report 04-16 and adopt findings related there to adopt a statement of override considerations and adopt a mitigating monitoring and reporting program for 40 new, detached single family homes located at 3655 North Norwalk Boulevard. Motion to adopt a resolution amending the land use element of the general plan from a flood number ten Institutional and school to lady number one Single Family District. Motion to Declare Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map by amending portions of Part 20 from Institutional II to single family residential AR 1 a.m.. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading and Motion to approve the vesting tentative tract map for the subdivision of 5.76 acres into 40 residential lots and approve the site plan for 40 new, detached single family homes located at 3655 Norwalk Boulevard, suite five votes, correct? Yes. Excuse me, Vice Mayor Richardson, that

we can take those in order. We have to have separate votes on each of those. We can refer to them as motions one through five. And I'd point out for three of the motions, one with the zone change, one with the best intended map, the other with the site plan review. There are findings in your packet. Those motions include adoption of the findings, as is our normal practice. Okay, so we'll just go through. So we're going to call for motion number one. So that's been moved in second. It all in favor of motion number one. Say I any opposed? Say nay. Motion number one is adopted. Motion number two. Moved. Second. Second move by Mongo, seconded by Andrew's councilmembers. So all in favor say I. I'll. Oppose they may oc motion number two is approved motion number three move by mongo seconded by. Seconded by Pryce all in favor say I any oppose seeing none. Motion three is approved. Motion number four. Okay, Mongo. And I think I heard Austin and all in favor say I. Okay. Thank you. We're now at our time certain for our study session, a little beyond that. So we just need a minute or two to just get the presentation and everything ready and cued up and we'll start the study session. And then once that's over, we will go back to the regular agenda of the city council meeting. So just give us one minute. We'll begin in just about a minute. Think we are. All set up here for the study session. And again, if you're if you were

here for the council meeting portion, that probably won't happen for we won't restart that part of the meeting probably, I imagine for for a little while. So we're going into the study session right now. Okay. Well, I'm going to go ahead and get started. I'm going to make some opening comments and just kind of give everyone, since we're doing a study session about what the process for our study session is tonight, we will have I'll make some opening comments. I will be then turning it over to staff who will make the presentation for tonight, which they've been working on pretty extensively. And then I'm going to invite Assembly member Bonnie Lowenthal to make a few remarks, who headed up the study group for the housing study. And then we're going to go to the city council. And of course, like we always do to ask questions and to make any comments. And then, of course, we'll be public comment like we do for all items of study session or any items before us. And that is the process. We have a draft report in front of us. So as you all know, the the process is that draft report, once comments are received tonight, will become a final report to the city council, we imagine, in the next couple of weeks. So in the next few weeks, that draft report will be final report and it will be presented to the City Council for recommendations to adopt the report as as policy. Okay. So let me go ahead. So we'll go ahead and get started. Tonight, we're having a study session on affordable and workforce housing. It's certainly a topic that has been discussed much, not just in Long Beach, but we know across the country, but especially here in California, we know that California in particular is having incredible demands when it comes to housing, whether it's for working families, whether it's homeless veterans, whether it's students. But we know that there is a housing crunch that's happening across the state. That housing crunch is also very real here in the city of Long Beach as well, because we know that this has been a challenge. The city has been embarked for many years on affordable and workforce housing policy. A lot of people don't don't realize this, but cities are actually mandated through this, through state. Ask that we build affordable housing every single year. And so the state actually sets numbers for the four cities, Long Beach included, to build affordable housing every single year. It's it's safe to say that Long Beach, along with most cities, normally fall short of the targets that are set for the state by the state of California. But we are expected to build affordable housing stock year in and year out. And we have obviously done some of that work in the city of Long Beach. At the same time, over the course of the last year, there's a few things that happened, which I think I think we're very good for the community. One was we hosted some community citywide conversations. These community conversations were organized with the help of the Afford

able Housing Study Group that we put together through staff and through a lot of folks that were involved. And so I want to thank everyone that participated in those three sessions. There was included in those sessions was one session where we had the public and public comment and advocates from across the city that weighed in on the issues. In another session we had developers and so we brought in both public and private developers, both those that develop affordable housing and those that develop only market rate and private housing. Also at our roundtable to get input from the development community on what is what's happening and what is what are the latest policies happening across the country. In addition to that, we also had a conversation with housing advocates and that also happened in the course of last year. So all three were well attended, they

had a robust conversation and those concluded towards the end of the last year. Picking on that topic, picking up on that, we had the study group, which was also health and staff by Mercedes Marquez, who's here with us today, who is a national expert in this area, as well as our staff. We were able to produce the report that you will that you'll be presented to in just a few minutes. The report is a comprehensive look at what the need is across Long Beach. It's a look at what we're already doing. So what has the city of Long Beach actually done over the course of the last five, ten years? And then a look at what are some of the best housing policies that are happening right now across the country? And what are some opportunities for us here locally as well? I want to say, just as we as we begin the report, that about two, maybe two or three months ago I was having a breakfast at one of my favorite cafes, and I. Most of you have probably been to this place. It's very well known in Long Beach, and there's a cook there who's been working there for eight years. He lives in our city. He's probably made breakfast for most of us at some point in our lives. He's a very hard worker and him and his family have been living in our community. They make our community strong. Him and his family are great contributors to our city. And he's been working at this place now for almost 20 years. You know, it's difficult for him to be able to get to a point where he can reach homeownership. And I think that as a community, we should want for folks like him and others to be able to be in a home, to be able to purchase their first home for him and his family. And so I think part of that conversation tonight is ensuring that Long Beach, for all the amazing things that are happening in our community and we see what's happening with home values, which are going incredibly, incredibly well for most neighborhoods across the city, we see what's happening with development. We've got to make sure that the cooks and the folks that are cleaning our parks and the workers remain an important part of our community because they

have made our city strong. And I think that they're important part of who we are as a city. In addition to that, and I've said this before as well, we need to ensure that we're building housing for the thousands and thousands of professional graduates coming out of Cal State, Long Beach. Every single year we have and I attend almost I try to turn almost every graduation and I get to shake the hands of these amazing teachers, engineers, nurses, young architects then that if you're a teacher and your graduate going to Cal State, Long Beach and you marry another teacher graduating at a Cal State Long Beach, you cannot buy a home in Long Beach. And it'll it will be highly unlikely that the two of you are have no support if there's no parental support or no other support. It's very difficult for those two to be able to purchase a home or have a dream of homeowner homeownership in the city of Long Beach as well. And so that's also a challenge. We got to make sure that we are we are building and of housing for our graduating students that we're building and of housing for our workers, and that we continue to build all the great market rate housing that we're already building. And we're building some incredible quality housing that is providing folks of all levels with opportunities to enter the workforce. And so I'm excited about tonight's presentation, and I'm looking forward to obviously to the comments of the of the council and its course and to the comments of the public as well as we've been having this conversation for over the course of the last last year. Again, thank you to the group. We're going to hear from them, I know, later on today. But with that, I want to thank city staff and to turn this over to Mr. West, who's going to think open and open things up to our planning staff. Mr. West. Thank you, Mr. Councilmembers. This is a long time coming. I'm going to turn this over to our Director Development Services, Amy Bodak, and our Director of Housing, our senior housing manager, Patrick Ray. Amy. Mr. West. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the City Council, thank you very much for your attention today and for scheduling this study session on such an important topic. You know that you have a few agencies within the city family that work on housing, but today is our opportunity to recognize their work and then also expand that conversation with the community. So first, I want to acknowledge that the board members of the Long Beach Community Investment Company, which is the city's wholly owned nonprofit, is your production and rehabilitation entity for the production and rehabilitation of affordable housing. And we do have Vice Chair Diane Arnold here in the audience. I also want to recognize you in your role as of the Housing Authority, play a very important role in providing affordable housing to many members of our community. And we also have housing authority staff in the audience. Kelly Collopy, Alison King and Keesha Nathaniel are also in

the audience for questions that you may be having. What you may not know is Patrick and I. You usually see me up here for planning issues, but Patrick and I also serve the lby CIC as the president

and vice president of the city's Affordable Housing Development Corporation. And in that role, we work with them to utilize our resources for the production or rehabilitation of that affordable housing. But our resources are limited. And part of today's discussion is to talk about opportunities where we may be able to expand those resources, but then also constraints. So our big question is, with the public funding dwindling, how are we going to move forward in invest in affordable housing as a legitimate infrastructure investment? And what policies can we implement to stimulate housing development, both affordable housing and market rate housing? How can we incentivize developers? And what's new? Revenue sources may be available that we can capitalize upon. So one of the big questions is what is affordable housing? And everybody has a different definition of what they think affordable housing is. There is the definition that is in state law. There's the definition that HUD uses. There's the definition that a constituent might use because they don't believe that they have the ability to move into a bigger unit or they're facing or for affordability issues or overcrowding. But here are some types of affordable housing that exist that we have all been a part of. Either developing or rehabilitating special needs housing for certain segments of the population that have special needs. Certainly Section eight is a huge component that is now called housing choice vouchers. We have emergency shelters, transitional housing, senior housing, supportive services. We have large family housing, group housing, and then, most importantly, covenants that go along with the protection of those houses. There's two ways, basically, to develop affordable housing. One is providing special financing that underwrites the market rents for those units in exchange for underwriting those market rents. We we achieve covenants that that require that the affordability of those units remain in place either for 45 years or 55 years. The other way we do that is through direct rental subsidies, most commonly through the housing choice vouchers. As you probably know, emergency shelters typically provide temporary shelters on a very, very short term basis. Transitional housing is more of a 3 to 6 month type of housing environment where you can stabilize an individual or a constituent and then get them into permanent housing. Supportive housing is where you combine different types of services to that individual community, whether it is additional child care, additional job training and computer training or work readiness training, or whether it's actual counseling that can be provided on site. This next chart demonstrates the housing need for the city of Long Beach. If you look on the left h

and side where it says Long Beach households, we broke the city out into population based on their average income or average median income, which is am-I. You can see that the majority of our individuals, 38%, are above moderate income. We do have a moderate income of about 17%. But if you look at the low, the very low and the extremely low, those are very high numbers that we have in the city of Long Beach. On the right hand side is the state's regional housing needs assessment. These numbers are assigned to us by the state on a semi-regular basis. We get these numbers handed down to us every time we have to update our housing element. And so I'll go into more arena numbers later. But what this does show is that our greatest need for housing units is both in the above moderate category and then in the combined low, very low and extremely low category. So our arena numbers generally do reflect our income for our Long Beach households as well. That's the good news, that there is consistency between our need and who our population actually is. So clearly we've heard quite a bit about what the housing issues are that we're facing in the county, as well as the city of Long Beach . Low paying jobs and poverty, rising housing costs both at a regional and a statewide perspective. Housing cost burden, which I'll get into. And then clearly the reduction in financial resources for the production of these units, rising housing costs. This chart should give you an example of the rising housing cost that we have seen since January of 2012, both for L.A. County and for Long Beach, both for one bedroom and two bedroom units. So you can see that there is a clear pattern over time of trends and housing costs increasing. This is our renter versus ownership rate. This is something that we look at quite a bit and really does impact the type of communities we are developing within the city. We have generally been for the last 15 years a high renter proportion community that is inched up over the last five years. It used to be about 58%. Now we're inching up to 59. 60% renters. You can see that that is not too much higher than the county, but certainly higher than California and certainly higher than the United States in general. It could be because of our immigrant population. It could be because of our ethnic breakdowns that we're much more diverse. Or it just could. Be that housing costs are much higher in California than nationwide in general, and that could affect the ability to create homeownership opportunities. I wanted to compare housing cost burdens for all households. Housing cost burden is when the

federal government defines a burden as when you or your family are spending more than 30% of your income on rent and you are considered severely overburdened if you're spending more than 50% of your income on rent. So we did a comparison of several cities that are both comparable in size or in our diversity or our housing stock to see where we stood within Calif

ornia. You can see that for cost burdened perspective, about 40 to 47% of all of our households experience paying more than 30% of their income towards rent. Of our entire households, 24% of that, those total households spend more than 50% of their incomes on rent. Compare that with Los Angeles. We are slightly lower than Los Angeles and we're slightly lower than Anaheim, slightly higher than Oakland. But interestingly, San Francisco gave us quite a pause because we weren't quite sure how such a high cost city could have lower cost burdens. But that is, frankly, because the incomes are so much higher in San Francisco that they're able to actually afford the high cost rents in San Francisco. And we're not too far off on San Jose either. Four renter households. We did the same comparison of the same cities. And you can see across the board where we're kind of in line again with Los Angeles and Anaheim, Oakland as well. San Francisco, great difference. And then San Jose. You know, we're also sort of in that range as well. So really, this is not a Long Beach specific issue. It's not an L.A. County specific issue. It is a California issue that contributes to the issues that we're facing in Long Beach. This chart should be a little bit telling for those of us in the business. This shows the decrease in revenues that are available for funding of affordable housing. It's a very expensive proposition to develop affordable housing, and the resources that used to be available have frankly plummeted. The green, which represents the smallest amount of cash, represents a local and other state funding that we can get, usually through CAL Home grants or other state grants there. They tend to be competitive one time grants. We've been successful in getting them, but the money's just really not there for us to do anything worthwhile with it. Federal home funding is in blue. You can see that there was some high points in 2009 and ten, but again, those revenues have expired, have decreased greatly, and we probably only get about 2 to \$3 million a year in federal home funds as opposed to the peak of \$5 million that we used to get several years ago. And then clearly, the red represents redevelopment. And in 2012, those dollars went away as an ongoing funding source. We still did have revenue coming in 2013 through 2016 through debt repayments of the redevelopment agency. But you can see that from a high of \$35 million in 2011 to a low of \$7 million in 2013. We just don't have the resources that we used to have to produce affordable housing within the city. So I mentioned this earlier, but there are several entities, two entities besides the city council that play a key role in the development of affordable housing. One is the housing authority, which the City Council sits as the governing board. They focus on the disposition of housing choice vouchers, VASH vouchers, which are focused on veterans programs. They focus on homeless assistance programs, and then Hoppa

, which is housing opportunities for persons with AIDS. And then the Long Beach Community Investment Company, which is the city's wholly owned nonprofit, they focus on new affordable housing production, rehabilitation. They also have the ability to focus on economic development. And then they're the ones that make recommendations to the City Council on the use of our CDBG block grant dollars. So here's what we have within the city for existing affordable units. This focuses on our stock of publicly assisted rental housing. This includes multi-family rental units assisted under federal, state and local programs, including HUD, state bond programs, density, bonus and redevelopment. The Public Housing Units in Green 713 that represents the County of Los Angeles Carmelita Project, north of Delano. Publicly assisted rental units represent in the light blue represent those units that we have 45 or 55 year covenants on and that have been funded through home KAL home or redevelopment dollars. And then the housing choice vouchers, the dark blue, 6600 units are supported through housing choice vouchers through our housing authority, totaling approximately eight and a half percent of all of our housing stock is either covenanted or has protections for affordability covenants on them. This is an interesting slide because this shows how we're able to leverage our dollars and we work the Long Beach Community Investment Company and the city works extensively with developers who are experienced in the production or rehabilitation of affordable housing. I want to make it clear that the city of Long Beach itself does not produce the units ourselves. We assist in the financing of units, and with our dollars we have been able to leverage developer dollars for a 3.8 times ratio on all of these dollars. So the L.B. CIC in the city put in \$141 million. In the last ten years. Developers contributed \$401 million for a total

investment of \$543 million in affordable housing investment since 2006. This includes actual units produced or preserved, rehabilitated and newly restricted or first time homebuyer assistance where we offer mortgage assistance through some of our programs. And as you can see, over the last ten years, 4500 households have been directly affected and influenced by this investment. I just want to spend a few moments going through some of our completed projects and planned projects so you can see what the face of affordable housing looks like in the city and what we've been able to accomplish. This project Gallery for 21 is a market rate project, but 26 of those units are affordable units with covenants that were achieved through a density bonus project process. And so while it may look like a market rate project, it is a market rate project. But there is mixed income in this building, which is a great ability, a great use of the density bonus program. On this page. We've got the Long Beach and BURNETT Apartments on the upper left hand corner in District s

ix. That's a new construction that was recently completed. 46 units on the upper right is the Puerto Del Sole on the third street in District one. New construction, 62 units. The family comments at Cabrillo is in District seven in the lower left hand corner, 79 new unit construction project there, and then Pacific City Lights at 1643. Pacific Avenue is also new construction in District one, and there are 41 units in that project as well. A couple more examples. The Decora apartments are scattered sites throughout North Long Beach and District six. This was a significant project, 308 units that were rehabilitated. Bellwood arms in the upper right hand corner District nine for 34 units for rehabilitation collage apartments was also a rehabilitation in the lower left hand corner in District six. And then Evergreen Apartments were also rehabilitation. So you can see where we we take a project, we increase unit sizes, maybe we decrease the density in the neighborhood, and then we put a lot of money into it to rehabilitate those units, bring them all up to code, and then put covenants on those buildings so that those affordability units remain affordable. A few examples of some senior and ownership housing projects. The top left corner is the Ramona Park Apartments. They opened up a few years ago in North Long Beach on Artesia Boulevard for 61 units of new construction. The senior arts colony, which is on the upper right hand corner that's at Anaheim and Long Beach Boulevard, new construction for 200 units. Those are senior assisted lower left is all of court in District six, 44 units of new construction, and then the Coronado Project, also on Atlantic Avenue and District six, 48 units of new home ownership construction. Special needs. Housing is very important. We spend a lot of time working with our partners, century villages at Cabrillo. We've got the Cabrillo Gateway at the Villages at Cabrillo, which is 81 units of disabled and supportive housing. The Palace Hotel, which is in District four, which was a rehabilitation of a historic building for transitional aged youth. Those are youth who are transitioning out of foster care and may not necessarily have life skills to be able to survive on their own. And they are extremely link income limited. And then also the Long Beach and 21st Apartments, which is a senior slash special needs project on Long Beach Boulevard. This last one is just opened and will be having a grand opening in the next couple of months. This is an adaptive reuse of a historic church building in the second District at Obispo and a third obispo or Zama Obispo in third. This is the Emmanuel Senior Housing Project. Well. I wish we could show you before pictures. This was an incredible project. But they we the city put in two and a half million dollars into this. Total development costs was about \$13 million. We also have a number of projects that are underway or have been approved. You can see Anchor Place again, that's another proje

ct at Villages at Cabrillo. This is new construction for veterans and that is underway right now. And then we have 612 units pending or on the books. So they are either in negotiation or under construction. So we've got about 337 units under construction with another 275 that we are negotiating the financial package with various developers. You can see that the type of housing unit ranges the gamut from homeless to disabled to family to family with special needs. So we do run the gamut of how we assist projects. This is the new construction at villages at Cabrillo. An example of that project, again, \$4 million and getting \$42 million worth of investment. New construction. This will go next to the senior arts colony on Long Beach Boulevard in Anaheim. This was a little bit more pricey for us. \$12 million in assistance to get \$80 million. Different unit mix with very low, low, extremely low income residents, disabled veterans and seniors in this combination as well. We've done a lot of preservation. You just recently held a tough for a hearing for this very project. This is the preservation of units to keep affordability covenants in place. Century Affordable Development is doing this project and we did put money into this project as well in order to assist them in

upgrading it. And in exchange for that, we do get covenants in place that previously did not exist. Habitat for Humanity. This is a four unit project. They are moving into density instead of just single family homes. So this is their first attempt at a multi-unit project. So this is a townhome project that we worked on with Habitat for Humanity, and this is a proposed project at Long Beach Boulevard and PCH. It is a vacant site right now. It used to be the old King Taco building right near the blue line. We are in negotiations with Amcor for this development project and are already committing three and a half million dollars to that project where we would get potentially 100 affordable units out of that project. Just a quick correction, because I'm trying to. I think you meant that. Is that the guy the guy or hero on the corner? Is that not. Talking? Sorry. Yes. All right. I used to go there. Tacos. Do you know what? King Taco used to be there and then it moved. So it's not the current King Taco. It's where King Taco used to be 15 years ago. So it's still there. So this one is a new project that we're working with, Link Housing Link is based in Long Beach. This will be their first project with us outside of the Palace Hotel project. We're looking at 95 units on Long Beach Boulevard at the 1900 block of Long Beach Boulevard. We're looking at \$3 million in assistance for a total development cost of around \$40 million. So I wanted to get into our resources. As I said earlier, we our resources are diminishing. We no longer have the ability to receive ongoing payments from the redevelopment agency. But we did get a number of loans repaid through the redevelopment agency, including someth

ing called the SERAPH, which was the. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Fund special education, revenue, finance, something or other fund. It was a fabulous state to take away of redevelopment dollars to augment education back in the early and mid 2000s. The redevelopment agency borrowed money from the housing fund. We did have to pay that back upon dissolution. So that's \$8 million. The downtown project area, also back in the 1970s and eighties, deferred some housing payments to the housing fund. Those were also required to be repaid. So those were repaid to a tune of about \$16 million. And then here and there we get other loan repayments that come in, but we can't really guarantee when those those happen. They're sort of like early Christmas presents for us when we find out we're getting a loan closing and getting a little bit of money from a loan repayment. And then as a as debt that the redevelopment agency owes, the city is repaid. 20% of that debt now goes to the housing fund. And so we are starting to see a couple of dollars coming our way into the housing fund. This is the first year we've seen it. It's less than \$900,000. So it's not a very sustainable source, but it is still something. So we started the year with \$35 million. We expect to get another \$6 million in debt repayment, but we've got pending commitments of about \$28 million, which leaves us about \$14 million. Sounds like a lot, but that could be two or three projects and then that would be about it. We also, as I said, get home dollars and then our housing choice vouchers program through our housing authority is a substantial resource at about \$70 million. So all told, if we net out our pending commitments, we have about \$86 million that we have available to invest either through our housing choice vouchers or through additional production of affordable housing. Some of the other things that we do that may not be known and that get talked about as great ideas, but we do it all the time. Are developer impact fee waivers for affordable housing projects. We actually do this all the time. Are affordable housing. Developers know about it. They do the paperwork and we grant them fee waivers. It is in the municipal code to allow them to do that. So you as a city council have already taken that step to waive developer impact fees for affordable housing projects. And I gave you a couple of examples and the dollar amounts of those that assistance. We also offer density bonuses. We have had something on the books for quite a while. The state has recently adopted a new density bonus law that we will have to revise our ordinance to match the state law. But it allows you to it allows any developer, particularly a market rate developer, to add units, go above the height requirements if those units that they're going to construct are going to be dedicated and covenanted for affordable projects. And so this really results in a mixed income project where it might have started out as a market rate p

roject, but because they asked for a density bonus, it becomes a mixed income project. And I gave you an example early on of Gallery 421, where we have 26 units of affordable housing, we have 26 affordable units in there. And those were achieved through a density bonus. Density bonuses do require us to reduce some of our requirements, most often a reduced parking requirement. So we do look carefully at where those density bonuses occur because they do have the ability to impact parking in certain neighborhoods. We also are required by state law to relax certain development

standards as well. And so we also have some new state law that says if you are developing an affordable housing project within a transit area, which we consider to be a half a mile from a transit stop and you are requesting a density bonus, you can also really reduce your needs as well. Just to clarify, when you say transit stop, you mean a rail stop. I do not mean. Any transit stop. Correct. Okay. Yes. We traditionally think of it as light rail, but state law does define it as any any transit stop. That has a headway of less than 10 minutes. And most of our city has a headway of less than 10 minutes for transit. So that theoretically could be anywhere in the city. We tend to focus on light rail because that is fixed and transit routes do have the ability to change over time. But our next focus after light rail is on corridors because we know that transit typically remains on corridors over time. So as the mayor said, this discussion really started over a year ago with a call to action at the mayor's State of the City address and focused on convening a group of individuals and communities, stakeholder leaders to really explore this issue in detail. And that was led through by former Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal. And there were a series of meetings that have occurred over the last year with the Informal Housing Study Group. Those meetings also culminated in three specific roundtables and a resource fair that that staff participated in in the fall. And then that led to the assembly of the report that you have before you. A lot of the issues that we heard in the public were not a surprise to us who have been here working for a while and who understand what some of the community needs are. There is clearly a lack of developable land. We have very high we have very low vacancy rates in our housing stock. We have aging housing stock. We have rising rents. We have density that is focused on one side of the city as opposed to the other side of the city. We need to address mixed income. We need to address seniors, special needs, disabled veterans, low income, large families. I mean, all the different population types we have heard from and and we don't have the ability to accommodate those in the need that that we need to. We also heard from the study group who participated in these roundtables and who participated in these community forums, that that there really needed to be three

branches of our focus, if you will. One was to plan and prioritize. The second one is to protect and preserve, and the third is to produce and promote. Planning and prioritizing is really focusing on making sure that this this discussion about affordable housing is, is community wide and that that there is an education piece to it and that we understand that housing needs are are that those are the needs of the community that we're trying to address. And if you can resolve housing needs, a lot of your other needs in the city tend to diminish as well, protect and preserve where we're kind of good at that. We do a lot of rehabilitation, but we do have an aging housing stock and we do have programs that have been put in place by this city council like Prep in order to protect and preserve those units. But those tephra hearings that you sometimes hold are exactly that, where we are protecting and preserving affordable units that may go off the market if we're not able to do those those tax equalization hearings and then produce and promote production of affordable housing is extremely expensive, both for the affordable housing developer and for the city, as you've seen, but promoting the need of affordable housing, promoting the ability for landlords and the willingness of landlords to accept housing choice. Vouchers throughout the city is extremely important as we promote the the need for housing. And then once the need is there, once the need has been identified to actually produce units to address that need. We did hear from the study group that there's a number of data points that they would like us to address. We've not been able to get all of those addressed for this evening, but these are important conversations that we want to have and turn anecdotal discussions into data. So we would rather have a discussion about the facts surrounding utility shutoffs as opposed to the anecdotal evidence on whether it's increasing or decreasing. So these are some of the questions that the Affordable Housing Study Group has posed to the city staff, and we are trying to address those and those those data points will be addressed in the final report. So getting on to tranche number one, the strategy of planning and prioritizing, again, building the case for affordable housing, also celebrating the successes which are part of tonight is to celebrate the success of those units that have been produced or purchased or protected, and then mobilizing broad based community support about the need to provide quality, affordable housing. Synthesizing is making sure that that all of our requirements line up. You know, we have obligations under our housing element. We have obligations under our various housing action plan, our consolidated plan that we do for HUD. All of those documents need to speak together and they need to be, frankly, focused in in the same direction, since they are all housed in one department in the Department of Development Services. We do have th

the ability to synthesize and make sure that those documents, goals and objectives all speak to each other. And then we also need to look at what everybody else is doing to make sure that we're not missing the boat on something. There may be some very unique way of financing or producing affordable housing that is foreign to us and Long Beach. And so it's it is our obligation in to make sure that we're up on those trends and that we can capitalize on those opportunities when they come up. Strategy again, number one, ensure that, you know that this affordable housing plan is the centerpiece of an entire system of community investment, so that when we invest in housing, we're also investing in the surrounding infrastructure. That includes the traditional infrastructure of parks and roads and libraries, but it also includes education. And education is a is a huge infrastructure component that we need to really pay attention to as we're developing our affordable housing. And then also, of course, maintain a database of opportunities, opportunities whether it's city owned land or publicly owned land owned by other entities. Where can we where do we have opportunities to increase density or to produce affordable housing? And then accountability. Make sure that there's continual accountability by the city council, that staff is held accountable, that the city council is accountable to the residents, and that we continue to pursue affordable housing as a legitimate tenant of of a safe and healthy city. Strategy number two for the affordable housing group was protect and Preserve. I talked about that a little bit, but we do have ideas that they've presented and we would like to consider in order to reduce displacement and protect the the investments that people have made in affordable housing. This includes potentially limiting the ability to convert apartment buildings to condos when there is very low vacancy rates. This could be a one for one replacement of all housing units that are lost, and then certainly preserving the stock of affordable housing, which we try to do as much as we can. The third strategy is to potentially look at a local bond measure, certainly encouraged mixed income housing through the adoption of an inclusionary housing policy, and then addressing zoning and regulatory impediments that may be serving as barriers for the creation of affordable housing. As you know, we have recently adopted the down the Midtown specific plan. We also have the downtown plan. Those two came with program year that reduce the requirements of developers for having to do standalone secret documents. It reduces time and it reduces the dollar amounts that they have to spend on that. And so that's an example of a regulatory impediment that we've been able to reduce. Again, continuing to partner with our developers and other community stakeholders continue to frankly go through all the state resources and see if any of those are applicable to us. Encourage proj

ect based basing of housing choice vouchers. This is a way for us to capitalize on the ability to put housing choice vouchers into a project to create long term financial stability for the project as well. Adopting an ordinance that paves the way for the development of accessory dwelling units, which we'll be talking about later. And then also addressing the needs of college students, because those are sort of an an unheard from population. You know, you see students, you think they're busy going to college, but there is there is significant homeless issues and affordability issues related to students, college students in this city that frankly aren't addressed. Again, communicate our policies to the state. Focus on streamlining state issues that may be impediments to the local development of affordable housing. Explore new financing opportunities through enhanced infrastructure financing districts. And then providing staff resources. Other staff recommendations that we also came up with was to moderate modify the moderate income definition, to expand it to folks who are earning 150% of the area median income. That was brought to us by our fabulous consultant Mercedes Marquez, support seeker reform at the local and state level. And that would be a dream. And then reduce parking requirements to reduce the cost of affordable housing development citywide. So with that, what we'd like to do is turn it back over to the mayor, get feedback from the study group, the council members of the public conduct additional research, which we discussed, that there was still some research data points that we need to address, finalize this report with recommendations, and we come back to the city council in the near future with housing policy recommendations and then see if we can move this conversation forward. So with that, we've got a number of people here who can answer any questions you might have. But at that, at this point, I'll conclude my report. Thank you. Thank you very much. And I want to thank staff. You guys did a phenomenal job of putting together some data and information. And I know on behalf of the council, the study group and everyone, just thank you for for all that information and for your work. The housing team that we have at the city is the group of unsung heroes. We do a lot of work every

single day, and some of them are here. So we can just give a round of applause to all of our housing team because they really do a great job. Thank you. This time we're going to keep going into our study session. I can mentioned before we had different components of this process. We had the roundtables, we had the discussions with developers, with housing advocates, with the community. But we also had this study group led by Assemblywoman Lowenthal, who is, I would say an expert in this area, has done a lot of work on her time on the council and certainly in the legislature and has the relationships in the legislature to hopefully, as we look for resources

in the future to help to help have those conversations as well. And so she's going to make a few remarks on behalf of the study group. I want to ask you, as she approaches, I'm going to go ahead and mention them here as a group, and then I'll turn over to Assemblymember Lowenthal. I want to thank of course, I know part of the group. We have Renee Castro, who's here. Thank you, Renee, for your service. We have Andy Kerr from Housing Works. Not sure if Andy's here, if I see him here yet. I know that Brian D'Andrea from Century Housing, who does more to help house veterans than almost anyone in the city. So thank you, Brian for for for your work Christine Pettit and James Scalzo from Building Off the Communities. Jenny Chang from the California Endowment. Josh Butler from Housing Long Beach. Porter Gilbert from the LGBTQ Center. And Professor Moore, Willie Moore from California State University, Long Beach. So I want to thank them for numerous meetings, a lot of work and for us and for being an important part of this discussion as well. Thank you. Give them a round of applause. Sally member. Yes. Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. We all want to thank you for this opportunity that we've had to discuss the issue. We've met over the past year. We've talked about every possible idea in the world. And I think Amy has done an amazing job of putting it all together in the most comprehensive report about affordable housing that I've ever heard in this city. And I think I've been listening to these reports since the eighties. So I really want to thank you, Amy, and your staff and Patrick, who worked with us, as well as the team. We all worked together on this, and I think everyone is equally passionate about this subject. So hopefully, as you saw in that report, we've worked to incorporate the input from the community, from all of those community meetings, the housing advocates, the developers, the apartment owners and other constituents into the report that you heard just now and that you have in front of you. So it's our hope that the majority of their sentiments are included in the report that you're going to be reading. Their recommendations were vetted by us in our many, many meetings. You saw that we had three major steps. Prioritize and plan affordable housing. Protect and preserve affordable housing. Current housing and producing and promoting new housing. So let me highlight some important context for tonight's discussion. As Amy said, it's an extremely difficult time to find funding. That indeed is your biggest challenge. And we hope you're going to dig deep into every possible source of funding. We have some thoughts about what they're looking at in Sacramento, which is a real estate recording fee, a transaction fee. And that seems like a real potential, particularly an opportunity to fund the housing trust fund, which, you know, has been on the books since I was in your shoes in the 2000. So I'm hoping that something like a real estate recor

ding fee has great potential, as it does in the Pacific Northwest, as it does in the city of Philadelphia. And we look forward to hearing your discussions on that. We also believe that we can leverage funding from state and county sources, you know. City of L.A. passed a measure H, H, H. And we have an opportunity you have an opportunity to consider doing that here in the city of Long Beach. So while we hope and I know you hope because you voted on it, that the upcoming measure H would pass for support services. There's a potential for the city actually passing its own bond measure. We'd also like to encourage a deeper partnership with the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services because of their integral connection between health and housing. Housing is one of the social determinants of health. They have a501c3 Long Beach Cares, which could potentially receive moneys that the city itself cannot. And it's pretty clear that tonight we weren't able to discuss the issue of renters rights. That was a decision that we felt comfortable with, despite the challenge that so many people are having with displacement. But that's a separate issue that has to be discussed at length, at length, at a separate time. So that's really it from our point of view. We want to thank you for this opportunity. We look forward to continuing to work with you. We are available both to city staff and council members as we go forward. And again, Mr. Mayor, I want to thank you. It was such a timely task force and hopefully we've been helpful for this

city. Thank you. Thank you. Assembly member. And I'm going to turn this over today to the council in just a minute. I want to thank, of course, her for her service. And so just so that I can just explain kind of the process. So essentially, I hope most people have I know you saw a presentation, but there's actually a pretty detailed report. And so I would encourage anyone that's interested in this topic to please download this report. It's available on the city website. It does say draft on the front of the report because it is a draft. And of course, we're hearing input from the council tonight. These everything that's being discussed tonight that was discussed by staff are ideas, suggestions, conversation and any change that would happen to any sort of housing policy from a built from a building more workforce housing or affordable housing would happen at the council level. And so that would be discussed when the report comes back here in a few weeks after tonight's discussion. So I just want to make sure everyone's aware that this report is online, it's in draft form. I encourage you to download it and please, please read the report. And again, let me go ahead now and turn this over to the City Council for questions and input. Staff is looking forward to hearing from all the council tonight so that this can come back, hopefully with your input and then council can make any decisions that they would like moving

forward on this too. On the on the topic of revenue tools and incentives for the production of affordable and workforce housing. And I'll start with Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes. Thank you. I want to thank you, Amy and Patrick and all of your the members of your team for this hard work, as well as the task force. I know many of you and I know you've worked very hard with the mayor to make this all happen. And so I really want to thank you again as well. And so just a couple of questions. I'm really glad we have a comprehensive report on all of these items. Kind of gives me personally a good idea of where we're at here in Long Beach relative to the county and other cities, and also just looking ahead to the years ahead. So first question is the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, what is the current status of that program and what type of outreach have we done? I know it was a very successful program, but I haven't really heard much about where it's at currently. Correct? The Neighborhood Stabilization Program was a series of three different funded grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We got a total of approximately \$25 million for three different stages of that. We've expended all the money and we've benefited approximately 100 different households. Essentially what we did was during the foreclosure crisis, we were able to either purchase homes ourselves, rehabilitate them, and then put affordable families in them, or we were able to assist those individuals in buying homes through the foreclosure and then working with them that way. Essentially, the program is wrapped up. We do get some program income from that program, but it's essentially wrapped up. Okay. Thank you. And is there any other type of program that could be? I mean, I don't know what HUD will look like, you know, as it's formulating right now. But is there anything else that we can do statewide, locally, any other programs that we can get creative on that are similar to this? You know, that was a really good stimulus program that we were able to capitalize on to stabilize our housing stock as well. Patrick and I and Elm Hugo's our grant administrator for HUD. We're actually at a HUD conference last week. So the timing of it was really interesting. We are hoping, frankly, that HUD just keeps our budget stable. If HUD is not able to have a stable budget and the United States goes with adopts a different kind of budget, that that results in cuts to HUD in particular, that will clearly impact the resources that the housing authority gets and then that the resources that we receive. We do understand that housing choice vouchers have a higher priority for HUD than home dollars or other grant programs. So if their budget is cut, it is likely that the L.B. CIC would see less money and they would try to preserve the housing choice voucher program to the extent that they can. But that is clearly an ongoing concern. Is the federal budget and how that's going to

impact us locally. We did do a bunch of research that we have some of that detailed in the report about potential innovative solutions and how other cities were looking at policies from a land use perspective as well as revenue generation. I'm always careful about impact fees because I want to make sure that we do not unduly burden one half of the house in order to achieve revenue and the other half of the house. So we are trying to find programs that would not create an undue burden for development to occur as well. So some of those ideas are detailed in the report. Thank you. And a couple more questions. So SB 744, obviously, you know, will basically state that parking requirements could be lessened if we are near transit stops. So now that we've clarified which stops means exactly is there a way that we can and I know we do this anyhow, but how can we push it a

little further to be able to provide or work with our developers to provide more bike and pedestrian friendly infrastructure within the the buildings and around the buildings because. Yes, we see that enough, I guess. Yes, actually, that is a that is a follow through of the adoption of the bike master plan is to actually implement a modern ordinance citywide that would increase the bike infrastructure both on site for new development and then also offsite infrastructure as well. So that is a to do list with the Department of Development Services and the Department of Public Works to revamp our ordinance for those types of requirements. Okay, great. And I think I'm done here. The only other thing that I'll mention is it's great to see I see so many amazing projects in the first district that I've I drive by and I'm excited about because they are you wouldn't even know that they have affordable housing components in them, which is exactly what we want . I would like to see that we can permeate that same thing throughout the whole city, whether the east side, north, wherever that it isn't just in specific pockets that we're really permeating that throughout the whole city and ensuring that the infrastructure around, just like you've mentioned, is up to standard. So thank you very much. Thank you. Next up, we have Councilmember Pearce. Okay. I just want to say, first of all, that I'm very thankful for the time that staff spent on this, very thankful for the year that the community members and the committee spent on this. I know that as a member of the community that's worked on access to affordable housing for the last decade, that this is a critical time for us. And so, above all, I want to thank the mayor for your leadership and making sure that we're having a really thoughtful and thorough discussion around our housing market. That bird's eye view, I think, is so important where sometimes we we struggle to really grapple with project by project. But looking and being able to redo our bureaucracy in a way that really is supporting affordable housing overall is really important. And to s

ay that the situation of affordable housing is becoming urgent in California is just simply an understatement. I think the report outlined that through 2025, there's a shortfall of more than 1 million rental homes to extremely and very low income households in Long Beach, along with 46% increase in rents for one bedroom apartments in the last five years. The highest cost in my own district. That today is very timely. And so I do have several questions, and I'm going to try to go a little slower than I typically do. So I don't miss any things that I have to come back and talk again. So wait with me for just 1/2. I think that strategy one, strategy two and strategy three are all extremely important. And that most importantly, whenever we talk about in strategy two, could you explain to me what we already do with limiting condo conversions? Because I believe there's already something on the books on that. We do have something on the books related to condo conversions. It's frankly antiquated and it's something that we need to address. We talked about it briefly as a work item of the housing element, where, first of all, the process to convert to condos and then also the fee that is assessed for condo conversions is is antiquated. So we would like to modernize our condo conversion ordinance, potentially put controls in place where condo conversions would not be allowed if there are high, vacant, low vacancy rates in the rental market. Great. Thank you for that. Can I just add one thing, Councilwoman, and one thing that I think is important on that conversation is one thing I heard loud and clear from seniors across the community is seniors that are living currently in housing that is affordable to them are really terrified about what's happening in other other parts of the country and the state in losing the ability for seniors to stay in their homes. And so I think part of that conversation, Councilwoman, we also have to involve and I know that our senior commissioner and others are very interested in ensuring that housing for our seniors across the city, there are an incredibly low fixed income that that we can retain that housing for for seniors across the city. Great. Thank you for that, Mayor. I think obviously some of this conversation I know today, we're talking mainly about housing stock and how do we increase and preserve existing housing stock. I think that conversation goes along with the renter conversation when we talk about the fluctuation and making sure that there's stability for our seniors and those that are living on a fixed income and so on. The other question coming up on the one for one replacement, it says one for one replacement of all housing lost to redevelopment. Is that only redevelopment projects or does that include any affordable housing that we have in the city? If a. If A, it's in the coastal zone only, is that correct? It's currently we only have the one for one replacement currently right now in the coastal zone. So

if a developer buys a unit project and the income levels of those residents are very low and that developer decides to demolish that housing project and build a 12 unit project, they are supposed to

replace those units one for one and make eight of those units affordable. But that is only limited to the coastal zone right now. And so that is, again, is another antiquated rule on our books that we'd like to modernize. Great. I want to just say, I support making sure that we modernize. Not only that. But hold. I'm sorry, because I know this clarified, but isn't that a statewide. Isn't that a coastal statewide regulation? It is. But the issue is whether or not that should be a city wide. I understand that. But yes, but currently, just from my days on the coast commission today, the state of California requires one for one replacement up and down the entire coastal zone in the state of California, correct? Yes. Okay. And or that in lieu fees on the Melos Act, is that determined at the coastal zone? I mean, at the Coastal Commission? No, we can set those as well. And that also needs to be modernized. Great. So I show that we're around 10 to \$30000 per unit. Yes. And so as we bring this back, looking at if we can increase that to a more, what does it cost to build versus just a \$10,000 a unit that obviously isn't enough to build a a new affordable unit. Correct. Great. Thank you. Okay. Then the other thing on one for one replacement and having the conversation about how do we expand that to city wide outside of the coastal zone. I think before we can even have a discussion around a policy on what that might look like, we go back to the conversation around data and looking at something around a registry. We're able to see how many people are either deciding to move on because they're out of cost. So looking at a rent income survey and potentially looking at a renter eviction registry where we're not necessarily tracking who the landlord is, but we're really tracking how many people are moving on and that why are they leaving so that we can identify the actual housing needs. So I want to be really clear on that one because I haven't talked too much about that. But as I looked at this, just trying to really think about how do we know what housing we're losing if we have individual owners that might decide to convert , which is their right. But knowing what we need to fill in the gaps on, I think is really important. And then the last, I have two more things. There was a conversation around our schools, and I think Assemblymember Lowenthal brought up a great point around the fact that we have so many college students that find themselves couch surfing or sleeping in their cars and that there's a great need for more housing for our students. I'd be curious to see if we could use the Joint Committee to explore using school property to do joint use agreements for college and high school students. And so want to make sure that that was in the report to see if

we could explore some of that opportunity, because there's so little land, as we already know, in our city. And then finally, I would like to just talk a little bit about one of the things that we've been doing is talking about the shipping container and knowing that we haven't built any, you know, homes in Long Beach using shipping containers. But knowing that there are a lot of cities throughout the U.S. that are and looking at a program where we're able to ease maybe the permitting process or talk about what we're doing to incentivize some of that use, because we know that while a standard unit, you know, at the Villages might cost anywhere between 150 or, you know, \$350,000, to build that, we can do shipping, container housing anywhere between 50 and \$200,000 to build, depending on the type of model it is. And obviously, we're here at the port with a lot of shipping containers that are left over from a bankrupt company. So there is a. A unique opportunity for us. So I'd like for us to explore what we're doing to incentivize creative housing opportunities there. And I just want to echo what my colleague said. Councilmember Gonzalez If we are looking at reducing parking requirements, I obviously a second district councilmember could not be very supportive of completely doing that. I would need to make sure that we're talking about biking infrastructure and what we're doing to incentivize all of that. I will end on talking about the importance for local funding. I think that you guys have put together a great program here and research for us, and I definitely have read this thing through a couple of times. And looking at the let's see, looking at the Philadelphia model is something that I would like to ask the city staff to to dove in deeper as we bring back our next report. I think there are some great opportunities there to really fund, you know, our housing trust fund. So, again, I want to thank everybody for your work and thank the mayor for working on this. And I know that, you know, we have had a lot of discussions as a part of the downtown plan. We were able to incentivize development in downtown, and that's been really great. But the fact that we weren't able to develop one affordable housing unit in that downtown plan means that we are in the crisis mode that we're in today. And so as we look at funding sources, I want to make sure that we're not looking at funding sources that are projects that can happen in ten years, but projects that can happen in three that can happen in four. So thank you very much again, everybody, for your work. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank

you to my colleagues who already spoke a number of questions that were raised, the thoughts that were raised. I can strike off my list now. Thank you, Chair Lowenthal, on the whole task force for taking on the least controversial issue in our city. Congratulations to you. Good job, city staff. Fantastic job on this report. I got to tell y

ou, I love the images. I, I, I, you know, I think and I use this pretty commonly, I show that Bellwood arms project directly next to a market rate housing apartment complex. And I got to tell you, the, you know, I wouldn't say right next to I don't want to single out individual apartment owners, but in that area there are some really bad apartments in really bad shape and the Bellwood arm stands out and it looks great. And sometimes when I speak with residents and neighborhood folks, I'll say, Which one do you think is the affordable housing? Which one do you think is the market rate housing? They can't tell which one is which. And when I tell them Bellwood arms is actually affordable housing, they're blown away. And these are single family homeowners. These are these are homeowners who really care about their community and they're turning their entire perspective around about affordable housing. That's a good thing. And we have to continue to look at imagery like this. So thank you, Amy, and the whole team who put this presentation together. So my my perspective here. And so I grew up as a renter and when I was 25, I bought my first home. And for me, it was it was like achieving an American dream. I was able to really set roots and focus on what I wanted, you know, my next steps in life. I knew where I lived. This was my community. I made a real a deeper commitment to that community. And arguably, a lot of the things that happened since then likely would not have happened if I didn't have that opportunity to purchase that home from being married. When I got married, having my children, when I had my children and making the commitment to serve the public may not have happened if I was still a renter. And I'm concerned and I want to, you know, just shout out the mayor. I'm concerned that that opportunity is slipping away for a lot from a lot of people. They may not have that opportunity to go and pursue that that dream of owning a piece of property. And so it's important that we do address this and we're open minded and we keep all our perspectives together. And we take we we really look at perspectives. And I'm going to use the example of the balcony in the dance floor. Around the dance floor. You know, if you're like me, you're paying attention to the person who's right on the dance floor, which if and you probably spend a little bit of attention not falling over, tripping over anybody, and when you get off the dance floor, as people may tell you, you may if you ask, how was the party? So it was great. DJ was great, had a lot of fun. My dance partner was great, or if the deejay was terribly so, it was a terrible party. Not many people there wasn't fun. But if you were standing on the balcony looking down, you see the changes on the dance floor that are impacted. When the deejay changes music, you'll see the impact of those changes on the dance floor. Other trends are people leaving the dance floor? Are they joining the dance floor? I think

both of those perspectives are important and that means we have to bring everybody to the table. The the you know, not just policy makers on the balcony, but people on the ground. You're talking about renters. You're talking about it's small property owners, large apartment owners. You're talking about renters, you're talking about realtors, you're talking about homeowners and folks in the market searching for home. All of those perspectives matter in order for us to get this right. And so and an example of that, I'm chair of Housing Authority this year. And, you know, I learned a lot about the challenges that housing authority is facing with the lease up rate. And we had an opportunity to start beginning those conversations with apartment owners about why is this happening, aside from the fact that, you know, we know that when the market when there's not a lot of vacancy, when rents are up, it. It impacts our housing authority. We know that. But we sat down with them to begin a conversation and we found there wasn't a lot of, you know, a lot of current information about the housing towards voucher program or what we call the Section eight program. People didn't know that you can receive up to a 20% market rate on that program. People had issues with navigating the process. They want more a more streamlined process, more hand-holding with the city. And by sitting down and having that dance floor conversation with the department owners. There's a lot of productive activity and movement happening. So I do want to acknowledge Alison King on the knowledge, the apartment association, all of the apartment owners have been at the table for these conversations. We're going to continue those conversations like as of right now. And that was a big number on the screen, but that represents about 600 families that we can place in housing today. We have the resources to, but we can't find the units to place them.

And it's difficult. The stock isn't necessarily all there, but there's enough for us to move the needle a little closer to the touchdown line if we can, you know, just get more people into housing. So I know. So just a couple questions. I want to get into the context of this presentation a little bit. So I noticed on the slide listing existing funding for affordable housing, the number 86 million in total available funding. But of that amount, almost 70,000 or 79, 70, 80% is the housing choice voucher program. Have we ever in the past used that funding for construction of affordable housing. Not for the construction of affordable housing, but when you project base a number of those vouchers, it does assist in the in the construction of housing. So we have worked with housing authority to provide a specified number of vouchers specifically for a project. And they that helps those the bottom line numbers of that project. It's also my understanding that when you project base, it's not necessarily coming directly from your overall allocation, but tha

t you can get an allocation from HUD directly. And Alison says sometimes. Okay. So so as of today, we haven't. But there may be a path to either leverage it or use it directly. There is definitely a path for leveraging housing choice vouchers, for helping the pro forma of an affordable housing developer who is looking for secured rents. Great. Okay. In the slide that refers to rising housing costs. I noticed that the median rent, it said one bedroom was about 1202 bedrooms, about 2000 based on Zillow. And, you know. Zillow looks at a picture over a set period of time of people actually looking for houses, looking for an apartment. They look at listings of people actively searching in the marketplace. But what it doesn't take into account is those folks or those units that haven't had to go into the marketplace because they have long term tenant tenants. Is there a baseline of data that's that's more a more accurate perspective on what rent actually is in Long Beach ? Because, you know, that's one perspective that sort of drives a narrative that rents are at this level and does create a little bit of a demand on. Someone mentioned grandma who who's had that apartment for a long time and may not be willing to go anywhere. It creates a perception, more of a perception than it might that might even exist that, hey, if I boot grandma out, maybe I have a I can collect this rent. But I mean, that may not be the truth. Do we have have we conducted a study? Is there more accurate data than zero in Zillow on what the actual picture is in terms of our median median rents? If you're asking if there if we know of a database that provides existing rents of units that are not necessarily on the market, the answer is I'm not aware of any database that does that. But if somebody out in the audience knows of that database, we are happy to. If anybody knows. You're. Here. You can talk to us later. But we could certainly explore that as part of our additional research. Okay. Well, thank you. I think that's important to understand. Basic, you know, concrete data, what the real landscape is if we're going to use that as a foundation for a public policy conversation. So let's talk about vacancy. So what is what is. I heard it mentioned the low vacancy rate, but I didn't see it in the presentation. What is the vacancy rate in Long Beach? It's about two and a half to 3% right now. So that means that in any given day, of all the units that we have in the city, which is approximately 160,000 units, 160,000 units, 2 to 3% of those may be vacant. Okay. So and what is considered a healthy vacant rate? Vacancy rate. Anything over 5% is much more tolerable. If you get more in the 8%, 10%, that's too high of a vacancy rate. So something between five and 10% would be much more tolerable. So we so it's safe to say we have, you know, between two and 4% gap and where we want to be. Yes, we are constrained. Now, what what does that mean for an apartment owner? What does that mean for

a renter when there's low vacancy? What does that what does that mean for them? Well, I'm sure that there is apartment owners who will be able to better address that than I would. But what it means for a tenant is that if you are looking for a place to live, you are in competition with with everybody else who's looking for a place to live. The vacancy rate does not necessarily mean that all of those units are available either. Some of those units may be vacant because they're being taken out of production to be rehabilitated or, you know, somebody's daughter is moving back in and, you know, a family member is going to take it over. So it doesn't necessarily mean that that unit is available for rent. So it increases competition and puts pressure on folks who may need to make very quick life decisions on where they're going to live. And so in a no, we're not focusing so much on on, you know, renter protections in this. But I think it does make sense. And I know that someone mentioned it here today. I think we do need a picture of those who are actively displaced or, you know, under threat of displacement. So we have an understanding what we're dealing with. And the other thing I think we need is like that 3% that 4% of housing. Like, it would be good to me if

I understand not necessarily the arena number, but what is it? How many units have to be built for us to be within that vacancy rate within our goal? Right. So how many units is that? 2000 units. That 3000 units. How many units we need to build to bring us into a healthy vacancy rate position? Certainly we can calculate that. Okay. And so and so I'll end with, I think with the conversation, the recommendations on on affordable housing and more housing development. I'm supportive of a lot of the things that I've seen specifically in terms of having a real conversation about density, supporting some of these things that we've we've learned about today with density bonuses. I thought transit oriented development was limited to light rail. I didn't I did not know that those incentives also extend to transit lines, basic, you know, bus lines. And so and, you know, I would like to see us figure out a real strategy around that. So I'm supportive of those things we can do to really incentivize affordable housing. Thanks. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I like Vice Mayor Richardson was very young when I was able to afford the American dream. I worked full time through college and saved my money so that when I graduated from college, I was fortunate enough to buy a condo. And one of the things about this that that is really striking to me is how low our home ownership is. And so when I look at the condo conversion owners, the condo conversion, I see it as an opportunity. But I also see that we need the occupant to have the first opportunity to buy the unit, and we need to look at down payment incentives and incentives to allow them to transition from being a renter to being an owner. Had I no

t been able to purchase that first condo, I might not live in a home today because I was able to afford that build up. Sell that property and then move into the home in the community that I had desired. But but part of this is also that there there's not any inventory. Those that I know that want to buy a home are still stuck in the rental market because people are holding onto units. There's a woman in my neighborhood. She owns multiple homes in both Long Beach and Lakewood, single family residences. And she cannot fix up those homes in the way that she wants to to put them on the market. There are lots of things that would get called out in an escrow process. And she's inherited some of these properties from her elderly mother and she doesn't have the resources. I would love to see a program where we incentivize people to sell their properties so that there is more inventory. So young people and people who have lower incomes will have. There'll be greater competition among the sellers and that thus those prices will be a little bit better. Specifically, I'd love to see programs that incentivize and provide down payments or down payment assistance or zero interest rates for police officers that want to transfer and be a part of our police force here in Long Beach. And we go across the country and there are some cities in the United States where police officers make less than \$30 an hour. There's a particular city. I think they make \$22 an hour. And so so there are incentive programs where whether it's the Police Officers Association and Partnership nonprofit programs, they come together to find a way to reduce that that down payment in the same way that veterans can do a zero down payment with no mortgage insurance. And we also need to not only look at police officers, but we have a high shortage for preschool in child care teachers that are preschool and child care certified. We have a shortage of preschools. We have a shortage of preschool teachers. We have a shortage of people who are credentialed teachers in our child care programs. Let's look at those incentive programs for them as well. First time homebuyer grants are very valuable. I feel that they are a huge component of our ability to be successful. I'd also love to see low income down payment assistance programs. Low income down payment assistance programs can help people move into that dream and pull them out of the rental market. It's supply and demand. The more people we can move from rental ship to home ownership, the more control they have over their expenses for the rest of their life. Page 23 of the report. Which I want to thank development services in the task force. This is an exceptional report. It's a lot of data. Also want to thank the city staff for the amount of time they've spent with all of our council officers going over the report so that we could be informed, coming to council today and and bring information and have dialogs with our community. On page 23, it talks a

little bit about the program allocation for home funds. In the first category, it talks about owner rental. Does that mean that we're still giving these programs to owner occupied units? So let me first explain, Toto. When we get home dollars from the federal government, we are required to spend allocate 15% of those dollars towards a certified housing developer organization. And so that's what each photo is. Each photo is an entity who has been certified through HUD regulations and that they are eligible to achieve these dollars. A TOTO organization can either acquire and

rehabilitate or build new. And so they can do it for owner or renter units so they can build condos for low mod or they could build apartments for them as well. I think that there's a great opportunity in when we do use the home program, which I know is very limited that we use it on. If we use it on single family residents, which I know are not currently in our plan, but if we do that, they are rental units, rental units with a timeline for sale so that there are opportunities for the people who live in those units to either do a wraparound program or other types of opportunities for financing where a low income person could afford to buy that single family residence. For those that don't know, a wraparound program is when you sell your home over time to the person who lives in it. And without bringing down that that one time cost to a reasonable rate where they be able to qualify in a future year. And I think that those are some great options as well. Additionally on page. 30. 24. I have an item on the agenda tonight. Item number 24, coauthored with Council member Austin related to Granny Flats. We have a large inventory in our city that is off the books and the state of California has already determined that we need to bring it on the books and there are opportunities for us to do that. And we need to make this process easy and convenient and incentivized. We need to know where those units are and we need to make them available. I would even go as far as to say that we need to partner with our open data portal so that people similar. Well, I don't want to claim Zillow for this because as many know, if you look at your actual home value in an appraisal and in Zillow, you'd think you are rich. But people can take ownership of their home and say, I live here. And through our open data portal and a partnership with perhaps the county regional planning, L.A. County Fire, who also does address assessment and verification, and then also the assessor's office. We might be able to find a way where Long Beach homeowners could state. I'm an owner occupied. I have a rental property and here is what I rent it for or I'm a renter and here's what I rent it for. So we could start creating that data ourselves, young people, college students, if we provide the platform. And if our open data portal data be was where we need it to be. And this would be a great opportunity for us to put that in

to the market very quickly with partnerships through the Apartment Association, better housing for Long Beach and the other landlords in the community. We would be able to have a wealth of data, especially if we incentivized it. There's a property that I was talking to the property manager and in January 20 units became available and she's using standard marketing and paying for rental websites and all of those things. But if we had our own portal, it would make it more affordable for both the landlord and the renter. It's so expensive as a renter to go on and pay the fees to get your background check and all the different components. And it's expensive and so we need to bring that down. I have a serious concern for real estate recording fees that they'll be passed on to the renter and or the home owner or buyer, and then that makes it even more out of reach. There is such a stack of fees when you buy a home, it is shocking. Your closing costs and fees are astronomical. We need to find a way to partner with the state of California and build that fee into the property tax increment that comes in in that first year. So if you have a home that was originally purchased in, let's say 1990 and then. It has been incrementing through Prop 13 and now goes to the new value which will again be protected by Prop 13. Somewhere in there we should be able to find a way to to subsidize this program. And I look for that to be a policy that we pursue at the state level. I think that that would be very helpful. With that. I want to take a moment to appreciate all of you that came here tonight. I look forward to your feedback and comments. I think that this is a great start and I know it could not have been possible without the lift of many volunteers and a staff that is already hard, hard at work on 17 other priorities. So with that, I want to thank everyone for that. And I hope to hear support for our accessory dwelling item that I think is long overdue. Thank you very much. Next we have council member going to. Take us back to what I had my voice to welcoming everybody here and thanking you for being here. And I want to especially thank the task force for tackling this very complicated issue. There's a lot of moving parts, obviously, to this, where we're talking about affordable housing. You're talking about affordable rents, and we're talking about land use and we're talking about just land that we know for a long time that Long Beach has been built out basically in terms of there's very few opportunities now where we could have an empty plot somewhere and put in a housing development in there that would address all the important issues that we're dealing with tonight, such as affordable housing. One of the most important things of any family or any one individual is to own a home. I mean, it's one of the this the the the point of that to establish a status within our society. If you own a home, you you own the world basically, because you will have somethi

ng to sustain yourself with, you know, something that you can go back to, to talking about putting your kids through school, you know, taking a second, owning your house to pay for for tuition or paying for childcare or buying a car. Housing is one of those important issues that affects all of us in one way or another. And unfortunately, as I say, writ large, which is built out there, there's not that that opportunity. So we have to look at other ways of making affordable housing in Long Beach that would create that opportunity for our citizens and residents to get into that dream of of home ownership so that they could do all the other. Uh, things that are important to them. And with that, I had I had a bit of a bit of an issue with some of the verbiage that was being used earlier, because I, I just it just, it just was that this newspeak that we're into nowadays where we talk about protect and preserve. Protect the preserve what? Depends on what you mean. Because you're talking about protecting and preserving, you know, affordable housing and real rents were also me protecting and preserving those areas that are high rent and and and unaffordable for other people. So we I want to be careful with that because if we say, you know, protect a preserve, let's mean protect and preserve low rents, low cost housing and those areas there. And let's not confuse that with a an area that eventually becomes gentrified, because that's what that's what it means as well. And I have a question about that coming up to that. But, you know, gentrification is a big issue. I'm seeing that everywhere. As a member of the Coastal Commission, I see many properties that developers buy and it becomes gentrifying. And that's a big issue because then you're pushing people out from from where they were living before in terms of affordable place to be. And then a developer comes in, changes the model, and before you know it, nobody can live there anymore other than those with with the with the incomes to be able to support that. So having said that, I have a couple of questions that I want to that I want to come to here on pages 30 and 31. When you talk about the density bonus and assembly bill 744 Um. Are these is this bill in terms of, you know, providing those breaks, we're talking about, you know, increased density, obviously reduced parking and relaxing some development standards. Are these options for a developer or are they are they permanent in nature? Are there in perpetuity or are they just for that owner? What happens is happens often. You know, a person buys a property, gets the benefit they want from it, and then sells it, and then another person comes in and then what happens to that property at that point in terms of the density bonus or the the the application of a bill 744 comes in to that property at that point, what happens there? Councilmember We do have density bonus laws on the books right now. 744 does increase the allowance for the density bonus up to

35%. But in answer to your question, in exchange for these waivers of development standards like parking or open space requirements or a unit size, the developer does have to covenant those properties to remain affordable for 30 years. And we do have someone on staff whose job is to focus on every single covenanted property in the city and do annual inspections and income verifications to ensure that those units remain affordable. So when a developer does get a break from providing parking for those units or whatever that that development waiver was, there is a expectation that those units would remain affordable for 30 years. Now, what happens at the end of that time is they can convert to market rate units at that time unless they have sought additional funding from us or, you know, which we saw very recently, was a naturally occurring affordable housing project that was going to be sold, and it was purchased by an affordable housing developer that we worked with that we're providing additional resources to. And in exchange for that, they will be permanently covering those. And when I say permanent 45 or 55 years, depending on rental versus ownership, so we do get something in exchange for the waiver of those development requirements. Is there a number is there data information about how many of those units are there now? Are there some? Yes. Is there a a listing perhaps? Can't find the words right now of of those housing that are maybe at the 30 year limit or this is fairly new that that we're still right in the middle of that 30 year term for individuals to be able to qualify for converting the property. We actually have a listing in the housing authority and excuse me in the housing element of all of those that were achieved through density bonuses and then all of the covenants. And when those covenants expire, we also have a program in the housing element that call for us to monitor those properties where the covenants may be close to expiring so that we can intercede and try to create future protections on that. A recent example in your district was Springdale Apartments. So Springdale Apartments, those covenants were expiring. The developer went through a refinancing process in order to reinvest in that building, and in exchange for that, they agreed to extend their covenants for that

reinvestment. So that did protect those units, which could have converted to market rate units. So we do have the data on those units. We also have data on the number of density bonus projects that we have within the city of Long Beach and when those covenants expire. Thank you. As I was mentioning earlier about the. The land that's available. I noticed during the presentation that many of the projects that you put up there were. West of Cherry, to put it lightly. Are there any efforts to incorporate Siri as a whole? I mean, we have we have other you know, we're 55 square miles. But it seems like a lot of these properties that we're looking at being afford

able and these projects that are up and coming are in specific parts of the city and don't address other parts of the city. Are there be are there efforts currently being pursued that might incorporate a city as a whole to make affordable housing, say people, individuals who would be interested in living in the in the third District or in the fifth District or in the fourth District, in other areas other than the usual suspects by seven, six, nine. The short answer to that is yes. It's called the land use element. And where we encourage density is where we would like to see development of all types of housing units occur. So there are certain resources of land that were owned by the redevelopment agency or by the Long Beach Community Investment Company, which do make it easier for us to offer that land up. Land is also more expensive in certain parts of town, which do increase development costs. But it really comes down to density and zoning. And where we can encourage density and zoning throughout the city is where we'll be able to see housing developed. Okay. On page 38, I see that you put it here, the working through a voter approval or a local bond measure to establish a one time source of capital raising the city's housing trust fund. I recall that there was a trust fund back in the 2000. That money would. Me mention to, of course, because you were in council at the time. And I recall that at that time there were there was a significant amount of housing trust moneys that were helping to address this housing issue back in that day. What is the status of the housing trust fund now, and is there a history of how those monies have been expended, where it is coming up again? Mean, I would think that we would have wanted to keep that fund healthy. And apparently it's not. So what what's what's the status of that? So the housing trust fund exists is it needs to be modernized as well as from an ordinance perspective, it is narrowly defined so that we do not have the ability to place all of our housing asset money in the housing trust fund. So the housing trust fund exists. It has approximately \$160,000 in it. It's very, very limited in what it can do. Instead, we like to focus the conversation on the housing asset fund, which is a very specific fund within a sub fund within the cities accounting, where all of our affordable housing dollars reside, whether it's home dollars or housing trust fund dollars, etc. That's what we get when we talk about the \$28 million. The Housing Trust Fund is a subcomponent of that. But really we should be talking about the housing asset fund. And it is our hope that one day the housing asset fund and the housing trust fund will be one in the same. What what would be a projected amount of money that a local bond if we were to put one on generate for either an asset bond or the trust fund or in this case you're talking about combining for both. But what would be what would be a guesstimate as to what we could do with

that? Should we put something in the on a ballot at a future time? I sit next to John GROSS in the department head meetings on Wednesday mornings. I have not answering that question. I really need our CFO of the city here in our Treasury Department to be able to answer that question. I couldn't even take a wild guess because I don't want to set expectations. We can certainly research that and get back to. You if we're if we're going to be asked or we're going to have to we're going to have the need to address this issue through a bond measure. I think it would be important for us to know. Understood. Thank you. That's all questions I have for now. Q Council Member Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and I want to thank my colleagues, first of all, for an answer, asking most of the questions that they actually had. I want to thank you, Ms.. Bodak, and your staff on your team for an excellent presentation. I think we all learned something this evening. The the eighth District, where I live and represent, is home to a few very large of our affordable housing communities. I'm not sure if they were mentioned or in that data. But you know, obviously, the Carmelita House is a county housing facility with over 700 units. We have Gresham 94 units, Northpoint, which was recently refurbished and renovated. They have over 528 units. They're all six and eight. By the way, Seaport Village is right next door, another 200 units. Most of our SEC are Section eight, managed by abandoned. And the we're also building as we speak, over 200 market rate units in my district as we speak with three development projects underway. And so we've been focused on housing quite

a bit. There was one question that I did have regarding the housing choice program data from other housing authorities. Um, are the Section eight vouchers currently being utilized in the City of Long Beach exclusive to our housing authority? Or do we share with other housing authorities in the county and city? We do not share our vouchers. So we are a direct recipient of vouchers from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. So the vouchers that we receive are expended by the city of Long Beach Housing Authority. So we're. Vouchers from, say, a COLA. The County Housing Authority allow four properties in Long Beach to be utilized under the program. Only on a portability basis. What does that mean? What does that. Mean? I'm going to. I'm going to ask Alison King to come on down. She is the manager of the Housing Authority. Okay. I mean, those are from the county to the city. That's it. So a housing voucher is issued based upon the jurisdiction of the housing authority where they have been assigned or allocated. It does, however, allow for any voucher holder to move about the country to any other housing authority with a program. So, for instance, a person from the Long Beach area can decide to move to the Antelope Valley utilizing that voucher and taking it over to the county. They can actually even put

it to Hawaii anywhere. There is a program. An individual may use their voucher in those programs. Thank you so much. That clears quite a bit up for me and I was actually going to my next point was regarding data from those housing authorities and are those reflective? But it sounds like if they're portable, they have to report to our housing authority anyway. And so we would have data for all six and eight or anybody using a housing choice voucher in the city of Long Beach. Would that be correct? Absolutely, because our utilization is down based on the low inventory. We are what you call administering the vouchers. So for the most part, you get a choice of either having that voucher absorbed by the housing authority that they put it into. And right now, because our lease up is down, we are absorbing. So the county is fairly leased up because of Measure H and some of the programs that they've done to incentivize owners to participate. And so they don't have a they ability of additional vouchers. And so they administer our vouchers when they go from Long Beach to the county. But if they come from the county to Long Beach because our lease up is down, we absorb that voucher into our allocation. Thank you so much. So I moved to Long Beach a little over 20 years ago. I rented I had an opportunity to purchase a condominium. I took my realtors in here somewhere. I bought a home a few years later where we have been for the past six years. And I've got to say that having a home, having a place to call home, it makes makes all the difference in the world in terms of vesting in a community. And I think everybody that that is the American dream and everybody should have that opportunity. One thing that really kind of jumps out at me is this rental ownership rate. And I'm curious in terms of data, how that or has that changed and where the changes has occurred? Right. Like, is it was it ten years ago that did we see a shift? When did it shift? And where has Long Beach always been at this ratio? We can do a deeper dove into the data, but ten years ago it was approximately 56, 57%. Now we're at 58, 59, almost 60%. So it is creeping upward, but we can certainly go back further using census data to see what that breakdown was. And oftentimes talking to some some of the residents. On on an intimate level. Many of them really, really want to progress. They want to change their conditions, even if they are in low income housing. They want to have that that American dream. They want to to one day own a home. And whatever we do here, I understand. I mean, there is a need to create affordable housing. But I need I know we need to also think about families who are looking to progress on and on and on. Obviously, that is improving our our college promise to our our public school system and making education available. But I also don't want to lose sight of the importance of of us creating great jobs here in this city, because I think that has been something that has been

missing. And there may be a real correlation to the the issue of affordable housing and the lack of good paying jobs here. We've lost a lot of jobs over the last 20 years. Shipyard Aerospace. I mean, and I'm not talking a few hundred jobs. I'm talking thousands of jobs that were great paying jobs here. And that has really, really, I think, impacted this, the DNA of this the city in a lot of ways. And so, you know, we had a big debate about the minimum wage of last year. And, of course, we all support that. We want to make sure that residents are being paid for what they paid a decent wage for, for what they do. But obviously, the minimum wage is not going to address our affordable, affordable housing. And so we need to be way more creative in terms of creating great jobs here in the city. I like I said, I was going to be very brief here because most of the the points that I wanted to cover have been covered already. And I'm really looking forward to hearing from the public. So

thank you very much for your time. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. Thank you. I just have a couple questions on the report. Can you talk a little bit more about a covenant and how that comes into play, an example of one and what the standard covenants might be? Sure. A covenant is a restriction that is recorded against the property that in one way or another restricts the ability of the property owner to utilize that property. In the case of an affordability covenant, those are recorded through a regulatory agreement with the city of Long Beach and we and the property owner agree that in exchange for financial assistance from the L.B. CAC, they will comply with the covenants. And those covenants are set the term of the affordability. They also we also agree on what affordability level they will be covenant those units to. So when we talk about specific projects and we say 29 units are for very low and 15 units are for low, that is because we have agreed on what the financial value of that of that unit is and what the rents they will be receiving from that unit will be for the life of those covenants. And so that that amount to that determination is basically based on the market value of the property, other properties in the same building and that same location. What amount? The amount of subsidy, yes. We try to subsidize as little as possible is the short answer. How about the amount in terms of the number of units, whether they're very low, moderate, that amount. So that really depends on the availability of additional funding sources that the developer is able to acquire. Typically, what we are seeing right now in this current environment, and I'm going to say right now, is been the last five years is a typical development project for affordable housing will have upwards of six. Eight. Ten and even 12 different funding sources layered together in order to make the project work. Some of that assistance is through the city of Long Beach. If they are awarded tax credits, the

y are. It's a competitive process to receive funding through the state tax credit process. They are specifically earmarking their project towards a specific population. Some housing developers specialize in veterans supportive housing. Some developers specialize in family housing, so they will go after funding sources specific to those those categories, if you will. They then come to the city and say, we have a gap. Here's our pro forma. We have a gap of X millions of dollars. Can you assist us? We basically review their performance, determine whether their rents are acceptable per per all the standards. Look at what their other funding sources are. Look at what we our needs are. Do we need more veteran housing? Do we need more senior housing? Do we need more family housing? What is going to be good for the neighborhood? This neighborhood? Maybe we shouldn't have families, additional families in this neighborhood because the schools are already impacted. So we look at that as well when we talk to the developer and basically structure and negotiate financial packages that way. But the developer is the one that comes to us typically and says, here's my income breakdown. I know I can get money for these income levels. Here's the project I'm pursuing. Are you supportive of that? Yes or. No? Okay. Okay. And then in regards to the density bonus, where there is a density, where can a density bonus be offered? So if there's an area that is operating under a specific plan, let's say. Could there be variations in the specific plan in order to offer a density bonus, or would the density bonus be already encompassed in the specific plan? The density bonus is not encompassed in our rezoning or our specific plan. So a developer can come and say, I'm no, I'm only allowed to build a three story project here, but I want to build a five story project because I'm going to do 80 additional units and they're all going to be affordable. We say, thank you very much. Okay, I can you explain what a micro unit is? We hear that term a. A lot, and I would love to have you explain it for everyone once and for all. And Micro Unit is essentially a very efficient, small unit that has the standalone bathroom and has some kitchen equipment in it, but can be as small as 250 square feet for the entire unit. Our current code does not allow for micro units in the downtown area. We do allow units to be as small as 450 square feet, but that is only a small percentage of the overall total of the units in that project. So we are average size of a unit in the downtown must be 600 square feet. You can deviate, 15% of those units can be as small as 450 square feet, but the overall average within the building must be 600 square feet. Okay, great. Thank you. And I want to thank my colleagues for their comments. I heard a lot of great answers to questions that I had as well. Staff really has done a tremendous job with what I consider to be a very comprehensive overview of the issue, and it's s

upported by data, which is very valuable. I know that senior housing is a major issue that I hear about repeatedly in the city of Long Beach quality senior housing. And so I think for me, that's an area that I have a lot of passion and interest in in terms of what options we're providing our our

residents who are on a fixed income, who don't have or choose not to live with family and who still want to have independence as they age. And so I think that's an area that is definitely worthy of further exploration. And, of course, Councilman Austin's comments regarding homeownership and those of Councilman Mongo are also very important. I think those are areas where we want to be focused on incentives and assistance to the extent that we can to assist our residents in achieving that great ultimate goal. So thank you very much for the report and thank you for the team and the collaboration and feedback that you provided. Thank you, Councilman Gonzalez. Great. And I think what Councilwoman Pryce just said kind of segways to what I had forgot to mention, and it was I failed to mention the California Energy Commission has currently a it's called the Energy Innovation Challenge. And I think it's a local government challenge that was derived from Kevin Dellums, Senate Bill 350. And I'd like us to look into it a bit more. From what I'm understanding, it's an energy efficient mortgage that provides 5 to 15% off a loan for low income residents. And so this was derived from leftover refunds. That was just that was just voted on in the legislature this past year. So it'd be good to look into what we could do there. If there is any program that the the city of Long Beach could connect with the state on, I think that would be worthy. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Yes, I had. One more thing. I also left off my list. And I do want to echo on home ownership as someone who feels like there are lifelong renter, definitely support everything on increasing homeownership and the micro units. I think when we're looking at downtown and we're looking at some of the unique buildings that we have, reevaluating the need for micro units in a place where we say we want to live, work and play without a car, that those micro units might be an opportunity for us to get more housing for people like in the tech industry. I have several startup companies in my district and probably four of them have come to me and said, You're taking away our parking and we don't have access to affordable rent in in a walkable area. And so really making sure that when we're thinking about energy and that is really important. And then I did have some questions about the recommendation, the last recommendation that says to go to 150. Hold on 1/2. Let me make sure I call this on other staff recommendations and modify the moderate income definition from 82 from 80 to 125. Am I to 80 to 150? Who is the city the one that defines what that is? Or is that at a state level? So we can try t

o broaden that at the local level where we have discretionary dollars. So we can start at the local level, increase our definition of what a moderate income resident and their earnings would be in order to assist moderate income residents with specified programs. And then I believe the discussion is to start having those discussions both at the state and federal levels as well. Okay. For me, I guess sort of at a first glance, you know, on the fourth slide, you said that we had the greatest need in between low, very low and extremely low, and that it would seem, you know, to try to increase that AP to 150 isn't really addressing the deepest need that we have for low and very low housing. And so it's I know that it's in here. It's just an area that I guess I have a lot of concerns about. So I wanted to just go on the record and make sure that legally that's something that we could do and that we would continue to be able to get funds for for that . Am I. So I'm putting that out there. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Just something to think about, Councilman Pearce, as we do increase the wages in the city and we do work towards those additional jobs that will be created. One of the things that I think we've done really well and I didn't realize we've done it as well in this report, is the balance between the percentages of people in each income category and the balance of percentages of the units in each of those price points because as we have those individuals. Break those income barriers as they grow their income if they get priced out of a plan. That's where we have a lot of interesting components of how a person who was housed for a good amount of time can then become homeless and cycle into that process. And so I would just caution us against overinvesting in any one income category that that balance has been very healthy for us and successful in allowing our community to grow themselves out of poverty. Just a thought, but I need to add in and I know that our staff will continue to work on that. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to a couple of brief comments here that were not in the report. And I'm going to go to go to public comment, just staff, just some things to consider as we move forward on finalizing this report. One is I'd love there to be some additional focus around our veterans initiative. I think the discussions around Measure H and the funding and I think the Assemblymember brought up Measure H, H, H, which also is a huge veterans component. I think what's happening at the villages at Cabrillo, as reminded today when we were there on the campus and housing veterans, has been incredible. So if there is more conversation about veterans housing, what we're able to

do, I know there's some restrictions on that. I'd love to see a little bit more of that. It's an opportunity also to think, I know that the apartment association is here. We we housed in Long Beach in the last two years, 700 veterans that were experiencing homelessness,

700 in the city of Long Beach. And a big part of that was thanks to a lot of the work that's happened here with the villages of Korea. But also, I want to thank the apartment association, because you helped us out and reached out with your members to house a lot of these veterans as well. And so I wanted to mention that areas that we could also I think additionally add is Metro Transit has incredible opportunities now with grants around affordable housing. I know we're just beginning to look at that now. Now that I know that I'm on the board, if there's opportunities to maximize some of those dollars around transit nodes, I'd love for there to be some exploration. Miss Bodak around whatever system we come up with of pushing the envelope when it comes to what we can develop up and down the blue line, I think that there's incredible public opportunity for us to do to be, I think, have a really robust program when it comes to getting those density credits from Metro and getting funding. So I just want to see a little bit more on that, which I know that we're we're working on as well. I am very supportive of micro units. If you read, there's a lot of research and data out there about these micro units. This is an ability for for people to be able to. I know for most of us are crazy. You know, we wouldn't live in a 300 square foot unit. That sounds nuts. But at one point in my life, I would have and I think there's a lot of people out there that would be willing to, if they're able to, to go into that first their first home and be a micro unit that is, you know, 300, 350 square feet and be able to live there, be able to be at a price point they can afford. And I think that's very advantageous to some partnerships with the university and some of these tech startups that are looking for that micro unit support. Let me also just add, and this wasn't mentioned much, but I just want to I want to mention as we get comments as well. I'm a big believer and I support this report. Building housing across the board is important because we know if you're if you're if you're reading what's going on right now in the housing conversations and in the kind of academic studies and in what's happening across the country, when you because we have such a housing shortage and we're in a crisis of actual housing of all types. When you build more housing at for low income folks, you're providing opportunities, obviously, for them to get into the housing market. When you're building more housing, workforce housing or for or moderate income housing, you're allowing folks that might be in substandard housing or in housing that maybe is more low income housing to then move into that middle income housing. And you create space which then incentivizes other folks to move into some of the other housing. Same thing happens when you build market rate. And so I think for Long Beach, it's important that we have a robust program that we we have been building market rate housing in the

city. I have supported that effort. That effort will continue. But we also need to look at ensure that we're building all types of housing. And this type of housing affordable in particular right now is where we need the more resources when it comes to state support and a consistent support of revenue so that all the seniors and working people and veterans and others that need that additional support are continue to be part of our of our community. And the last thing I'll say, as a reminder, I want everyone to keep this in mind that what I've been telling folks is over the weekend, the state what I believe we've got to build housing because it's the right thing to do. The whether or not people think it's the right thing to do or not, it's a requirement of the state. And so we have to continue building this housing and we have to continue having this conversation that it's what every city is grappling with. But it's important that we also follow the mandates we're getting from the state of California. And that's an important part of this conversation as well. With that, thank you to everyone for their comments. Please. The mic is open. Come forward. Please say your name and and please give us your comments about today's report. Eric Garcia Councilmembers Don Darnell. I'm a commissioner on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. And first of all, I think Amy Bodak and Pendleton Services and Bonnie Lowenthal and her committee really deserve a big, enormous star or something. I mean, they've done such a terrific job. They've given us an encyclopedia on housing. I tell you, it's great. So anyway, I want to thank them. And also, I'm very impressed with the engagement that the council members have here, showing your interest and your really sincerity on things. This is something that I've been overwhelmed with, and I really applaud you for it. The senior services excuse me, the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission has involved in a lot of things, including housing. But for instance, the low income nutritional lunches at this community centers,

especially at Chavez Park, we're trying to develop and expand the passport bus for seniors to be able to get better transportation. So that's what I'm really concerned with right now among the housing issues. But for as far as housing, seniors are the fastest growing element of our population, in case you don't realize that. And also, they're probably the most vulnerable for displacement in housing because they're where they're living is it's they wanted to live their lives in place. And a lot of them been there a long time. And when something is renovated, who's getting kicked out? Mostly seniors. So that's something that you should be thinking about. The seniors not only are the fastest growing population. But their being the displaced most. So I think that they're suffering the most then. And I want to bring that to your attention. Also, the LGBTQ community is suffering from housing issues also. I just want to

make sure that's included somewhere in our studies. So I just want to bring those forth to you. So include those in your considerations. And I thank you. Thank you, Don. Thanks for being here. Next speaker, please. Good evening. That was certainly a very informative report and congratulations to all of you for all of your input. There were just a couple of things that I that came to mind. Now, I was not able to come to the last meeting, but I do understand that you passed something on the East Side, which was on Norwalk Boulevard, which is a very easily accessible place by transportation. And yet you put in here, we're talking about having affordable housing and creating more housing. And yet that project ended up being an R one very expensive housing element. And I was very disappointed to see that. So it sounds like you're saying one thing, but you're doing something different because that could have, you know, it was a large piece of land in that could have been used for work on the East Side. Roberto It could have been an East Side project. So I encourage you to look at that. You know, the disparity there not to forget the law of economics, supply and demand. If you don't destroy incentives to build or to, you know, create, and that, of course, ends up being a return on money, then you destroy the incentive to build. Please do not forget the cracker boxes that were built in District two absolutely destroyed those neighborhoods. So be very please be very cognizant of density. Something else that could be used. I really like the idea, which I know is coming up in a minute, the granny flat idea that could really go a long way for students and for for the seniors. I mean, you know nice little place in the back of somebody's are one lot. I very highly encourage that micro unit so very much support. I think that's very possible. I've been to Europe, in fact, 85 countries and they do have those kinds of things. And one other thing that no one has brought up is grandfathering in some units that may be illegal, but that, you know, haven't been permitted. So maybe if you could create a process to allow those permits and there's lots of room on the campus for more student housing, I hope you encourage that. And I love the housing project on the Emmanuel Church. I think so. So I think there's some good things that you haven't thought of but continue going on the same path. And certainly we want to be inclusive in our housing. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. Bill five, Council District three. Thank you for giving me a chance to speak here. A lot of my questions or what I wanted to say have already been addressed by council. So thank you for having the foresight to know what I was thinking. What I wanted to say is about the medium income. So as a current jobseeker, I see opportunities out there for \$11, \$12 an hour. So based on that high definition, somebody earning that would have to pay \$520 a month for rent. So we obviously

don't offer that in our city, but something to put in the back of your head. The other thing to address is extremely low income for those people who make extremely low incomes. I don't know who they are, but again, a knowledgeable peer is something to consider, especially what Mr. Downer said regarding LGBT persons. Trans people earn the lowest and have the most difficult time securing a fair paying job and housing as well without suffering from other tenants who don't like their personal identity. What I'd like to address, though, while I was sitting here listening to the study session, was what if you would go across the ocean and we look at Japan where they have, you know, 20 storey tall apartment buildings and this is the way people live all their lives. We've never consider this. We look at studies across the country and maybe in Canada, but never like Japan, where we have a city at a major world city that's actually houses on a daily basis and it is a family generation after generation lifestyle. I'd kind of like to see that kind of explored. And maybe as Mr. Tauranga addressed people's ideal as to home ownership, we may have to think about home ownership if we become a Japan or I mean Tokyo, or if we come to New York where we're stacked up that high up, you know, home ownership may have to be redefined. And how we live our lives and the

residences that we choose may have to be redefined. Right. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. I'm Myron Woolen. I'm the president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. And as the Great Panthers, we're concerned about senior housing. And I want to echo Don Downer's report or comments, rather, about how housing affects seniors and how seniors become homeless. And we talked about homelessness as an issue within the council, and this issue of housing affects homelessness and affects homelessness of seniors. I several of my concerns have been echoed by council members and just want to repeat what council members have said. Council a former council member, Lowenthal, talked about HGH and how we should support a bond issue. And I would echo yes, let's support bond issue, but also passed by the L.A. City was. Jay and that was also an approach to trying to find resources to to create money that would be used for housing. And J.J., if you know, if you remember what it was said, that if there any developer would come before the city and ask for a change in zoning laws, then they would be affected by rules that would say that they would have to have certain percentage of the housing that they were planning to create would go to affordable and low income housing. So this I would urge the council members to think about passing something similar to JJ. Now. My other concerns were also echoed by council members. That is the strategic goal number two of protect and preserve. And I would think about is protecting preserving affordable housing. I would echo council member Council member Pearce's comme

nts about how do we know what is there, what is available. Whenever a affordable housing unit is removed because it becomes market rate. The council member should pass a resolution that they should then be it should be known and as part of a database that the council creates, that when the housing is lost, the council member knows about it, the council knows about it. They can use this information then to figure out what what housing is needed. Finally, I would like to talk about something that council member Urunga talked about. What is that is how do we know what our needs are? We need to create some kind of a see a database, a way of figuring out one. How what kind of housing do we have? What kind of housing do we need, and what kind of a plan within take ten or 20 years that had how much money we would need to eliminate or go for a goal of removing or pardon me, creating affordable housing within within the city of Long Beach. So I would echo council members concerns. And if there are concerns of of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Members of the city council, Gary Shelton. I'm the president of the West Gateway Community Association, which in which we are right now the civic center and 50 square blocks to the north and east and west of here are West Gateway Community Association. We are also concerned about affordability of housing. In fact, that's on our agenda. It's been passed as a as a as an item of interest and concern and activism for us. What I wanted to address this evening, and I hope you guys can make note of this somehow I had trouble shuffling through my copy of the report , which I got from the city clerk today because it was not in sync with the presentation on the screen. But I didn't do too bad of a job. But on page 15, we talk about affordable housing and maybe can just make some kind of a note about that. Whatever affordable housing is and it doesn't say affordable to whom, and I express that more precisely. Talking about on pages 23 and 24, the arena documents the regional housing needs assessment, where the various income levels are expressed in the numbers of people and the numbers of housing that are needed for those people, but not in the dollars that they earn. And it's very important, I think, to understand that median below, median above median low income, very low income, extremely low income, have specific definitions that I think could be included in this report for clarity. For example, I believe that the median income area, median income for a family of four right now is about 62,500 , which would make 30% of that for very low. About 18,000 people who are making \$18,000, less or less a year may not think of themselves as in the extremely low income category, but they are. So knowing that could help them. Pages 20 and 21 have a chart on there that shows on the bottom line of the the chart shows that the net available housing asset fund, that's the hou

sing asset fund that was spoken of, where all the money reside is about \$14 million. Well, earlier in the document, it expresses the average amount if you do the math of what a housing unit costs. What this means is that we have enough money to build about 180 housing units out of the. What we learned on the rent document is a need of about 2860 unit. So I don't know. I can't do the math on that 180 houses over the next five years into 2860 more needed. I don't know what that really

means, but it's going to be, I think, decades before those houses are built. Finally, I wanted to point out that on the list of the current and in-progress housing units, there's five or six pages of those that if we break that down into new housing, which is going to expand the housing accessibility to people, only 75% of those units that are listed are new units. The rest are rehab units. And that itself equals only 28% of the arena numbers. Now, I have 8 seconds to make my last point, which was I'm concerned about the classicism that I believe I heard related to home ownership compared to renters. And I think if we were to ask the people out in the community, about 60% of them watching tonight would say, I'm a renter, I'm not a homeowner, but I'm invested in my community. Thank you for hearing. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. I'll try to make this as quick as possible. Good evening. My name is Dr. Johnny Rick. Soda, and I'm a resident, a proud resident of the ninth district. I read the current affordable housing report with great interest for a couple of reasons. I'm a property owner and thus am always interested in the city's efforts to address the issues of housing. Additionally, I work for the University of California as a statistical consultant, and I'm always very interested in the data presented in these types of reports. After reading the part, I had some concerns about the types of data sources used in the background, as well as some of the statements in the report that I feel are unclear and lacked the references to support some of the conclusions. Let me list some of these tonight with the expectation that these issues will be appropriately addressed before the final report is submitted. I have some concerns about. Using data from Zillow as one of the main sources of information on median rent for one and two bedroom apartments. I noticed that if you examine the zip code level data, you will see that it includes very few Long Beach zip codes with the main zip codes being that you see being 90803, which is the Belmont Shore. I think we can all agree that we don't want policy based on data that may be skewed to over represent higher income areas of the city. So I would ask the commission to contact Zillow to verify what zip codes are included in their data and then include those zip codes as part of the report. So with that in mind, I would encourage the Commission to additionally verify these estimates with at least 1 to 2 other in

dependent sources. Two I also want clarification on the choice of comparative cities use when discussing housing cost burden. Is there a reason why we don't compare our housing cost burden to other direct neighbors, including Carson, Compton, Paramount and Bellflower? In the report, the commission references L.A., Anaheim, Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose. My question is, are these cities presented more comparable to Long Beach and other metrics that make them good standards to compare ourselves to above and beyond our regional neighbors? I think some explanation of necessity is necessary. On why these and other specific cities were chosen. Third, the report also discusses issues related to overcrowding, stating that overcrowding has become increasingly prevalent. The long these statistics cited in the report are sourced from a publicly available census data. If you go to the website, there was a report called Measuring Overcrowding in Housing, and this report discusses the fact that there are several ways to measure overcrowding, including people per room, people per bedroom and people per square foot. They acknowledge the fact that depending on the measure used, the extent of overcrowding may be under or over estimated. Additionally, they say the prevalence of overcrowding has actually decreased, not increased over time as people standard of living and home ownership has increased. It's important for this report to both cite what metric of overcrowding is being used, as well as provide some longitudinal data on estimating overcrowding in Long Beach. And why do we observe the same decreases over time? Fourth, sometimes the report makes statements that need factual support but are presented to the public as if they may be taken at face value. An example of this is under the multifamily rehabilitation section. It states a great deal of the city's existing multifamily housing stock is older and in need of repairs and upgrades. No supporting documentation, reports or statistics are cited here, even though it makes a very strong assertion. I would ask that the statement and others like it only be included when appropriate research can be presented to substantiate the claims. I thank you for your time and listening to my concerns and I look forward to these issues being addressed in the amended version of the report. Thank you very much. Thank you. Let me actually just go up to Ben Rockwell, who's up there. Ben, go ahead. There is no microphone down here. Okay. Actually, we'll wait to get my copy. We're going to go to the next speaker and I'm going to make for you. Okay, Ben, please go ahead. We'll get your mic. Someone up there, okay. Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council members and Assembly Member Barney Lowenthal. My name is Linda Lander. Sorry, I am with Long Beach Affordable Housing

Coalition, and on behalf of our Board of Directors and our Executive Director, Jonathan Newsome, Long Beach Affordable Housing Coalition would like to

state our support for the recommendations for the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force established in 1993. Long Beach Affordable Housing currently offers 109 affordable housing units in the city of Long Beach. Long Beach Affordable housing strongly realizes much more affordable housing is needed in our city. We are committed to work with the city and other non-profits and for profit developers to address this need in the coming years. Long Beach Affordable Housing will be seeking to develop new award winning, innovative, affordable housing to help address this critical, critical need. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on those important on these important recommendations. Thank you very much. Someone getting a mic up to Mr. Rockwell. Okay, let's go, Mr. Rockwell. Okay. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Ben Rockwell. I've been living here in Long Beach for 29 years as of this May. We have been just told that the building that I'm living in, Beachwood Apartments, has been just now approved for another 55 years on the very low income, affordable income for persons with disabilities as well as those that are seniors. I thank God that I'll be able to live there until I'm 126 and I plan on loving that full time because I don't plan on dying very soon. As most of you know, I am endeavoring to remain active in keeping this community going strong for all people of all different disabilities and levels. And those of us that are aging and have disabilities, many of us are able to keep strong and advocating for others within the community to help make it go. I thank God for sentry housing and what they're doing to make my apartment units and my apartment better and bring it up to a better standard than what has been. And I thank God for all those of you who have been supporting the affordable housing here and our city. And I thank God that we have the best affordable housing for persons with disabilities of any city in their state. And it was much easier for me to get in 29 years ago than what I could get in to any of the other cities around here on Southern California because I was homeless for two weeks and I got into the apartment building that I'm in. And so I'm still here. And I'm going to remain here, and I'm going to remain active and helping others to have the housing that is needed, especially those of us that are on the very low level of income and need to have a place that is comfortable and affordable. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Rockwell. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council members. My name is Shana Llewellyn. I work for AME Living Service. We have been here in Long Beach for 27 years and we have 85 clients. Our clients come from Harbor Regional Center in Torrance and I am a supported living service provider as well as a housing specialist for our company. I work with individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. We try to help our clients to become more independent, and that

is may include assistance accessing affordable housing options. However, this has been a great challenge lately. Most of my clients live on SSI of eight 8940 a month. The average rent for a studio apartment is \$1,000. There's no rent control here in Long Beach, and that needs to be changed. So does the requirements for renting to low income people. The criteria for writing today is too high for my clients to reach. Landlords expect you to make two and a half to three times the rent, have a 600 an over credit score, and have all the money ready to move in. My clients do not meet any of these requirements. The average wait time for the low income housing is anywhere from 2 to 10 years on a wait list, and no one can sign up on those waitlist right now. You have to apply for more than one at a time because there is a great competition out there and a great need for the housing. So each apartment that you apply for, you have to pay a credit check fee of \$30. So therefore, if you decide you want to go for five. To see where the numbers are, all you're talking \$150. And most of my clients don't have these funds either. The ones that have saved and scrimped and saved enough money for some of the security deposit, that money comes out of that. So, again, putting them in a position where they don't have enough security deposit. No one will accept anyone else's report either. Each apartment building has to do their own, which again takes away from our clients money. If you have someone to cosign their requirements or even hire and many don't even accept cosigners. Another issue is Section eight Housing recommends a website called Go Section eight dot com. It is not run by them or monitored at all. The listings are old and it is an outdated source of information for anyone on section eight. Also, there are quite a few landlords today that don't even accept it anymore. Delmar Properties has moved into downtown and bought up many of the buildings like Beasley Investments and have begun injecting our clients out into the street, telling them they have a relocation expert to help them find a place which is simply not true. I have two

clients right now that need immediate housing within a month or they will be added to the homeless population. One is a 68 year old man. Thank you, ma'am. Just please wrap up. Time's up. Your client, Shannon, is here to explain her problem that she is now facing. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Shannon Ryan. Okay, I'm living I was living at 545 Linden Avenue, apartment 21. We found out around Christmas time that Domo Properties bought our building. They promised to help me find a place. They said they lied about the how they are. They now say there is nothing they can do. On January 22nd, my ceiling room caved in from the rain. And. From the rain. But due to the heavy rain we had the new owner Domo properties. But no. I'm terribly sorry, my worker, for me to deal with, not the owners of the new the new buil

ding. Gohmert told my worker to tell me to deal with it because the roof caved in. And after the after she spoke to him, he came over to the assess the damage and said that I would not stay there. It was not safe. He graciously put me in a hotel. I've been there for most of February. He only we went to the hotel room one week at a time. We told him we were hoping to find an apartment. We haven't had any luck. So once the course of the first week. We had an inspector come over and he said. Janet, can you come help me, please? Was. Unsafe and it was contaminated due to black mold and the cockroaches that came down with the ceiling. I lost all my belongings, clothes, pictures, furniture in my apartment. There are only gave me three days. 3 hours to get all my belongings. I can't. Can I finish reading for her? Okay. She's on. She works part time on air and food stamps. She has no credit, no money saved. And we've been looking for over a month and no one wants to rent to her. She can't afford high rents like DOMA's that they were going to do. Once everyone was out of the building, they will get it and raise the rent as of the 28th of this month. She will be homeless. She is not asking for a handout, just a hand up. Thank you very much next week and please. Good evening, Mayor. City Council staff in Long Beach Community. My name is Walker Rivera. I am a volunteer program director for Labor Day. Long Beach. Residents Empowered. But I'm also speaking to you as a very low income renter, and I'm impacted by the housing crisis that we're experiencing last year. Leveraged launched with the housing crisis bus tour. We shared stories of rising rents, unjust evictions, displacement, overcrowding, unacceptable habitability issues, harassment, discrimination, as well as all the impacts that these issues have on our health and overall community. Leveraged directly is in support of creating more affordable housing. Yet we want to ensure that you are creating it for those people that are most in need. The extremely low and the very low income people, not just the moderate income or workforce housing. As we learned through the Developers Forum, not only do you need to dedicate a permanent source of funds for them, you also need to work with them in order to give them the time to put these projects together for a more immediate solution. You need to consider policies such as inclusionary zoning and again making sure that you're making it available to extremely low and low income communities, not just moderate income. I hope you can even agree that there is no way that we're going to build ourselves out of this crisis. One reason is because of stories like you just heard. People and families are losing what's already affordable to them faster than you can even build it. For example, four, four, six Linden Avenue, about 20 units, corner of 16, Linden, probably her building about 20 units, all issued 30 to 60 day notices by Mike Dunphy Group of Donor Properties 744 Pine

about 20 units, seventh and Pacific Avenue, about 20 units all issued 30 to 60 day notices to vacate. That's approximately 80 units in less than six months that we've lost that have been affordable for families. And these lives have been uprooted, disrupted and communities altered. And for what? For profit. This is an injustice and a downright tragedy. We understand that this study session is about creating affordable housing, but let's not forget that we desperately need resident retention policies to keep people in their homes. Now, we also understand that the solution to our crisis is not is a complex one, but it's an achievable one in order to achieve it. It will require us to have creativity, ingenuity, commitment, responsibility, and most importantly, courage to do right by the people of our city. I'll leave you with one of my favorite quotes by Edmund Burke. All that is needed for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing. This is your opportunity to do something with equitable, equitable benefits for us all. Addressed the need and not the greed. Thank you. Thank you for it. Next, the police. Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Sarah Schoolcraft. I have lived in this town for 30 years as a renter. I am a transgender female. I am a student at Longreach City College. I'm an active member for his congregation, Congregational Church of Longreach. I participate in various activities like MLK and Long Beach Pride. I am

speaking as a recent member of Libra, Long Beach Empowered. Up until recently I was reading 97, my primary 16. The building was being sold late last year. The sale closed January of this year. When I found out that the building was being sold and Dome a copy was involved, I feared what happened to the tenants of London was going to happen to me. That's when I contacted Libra because I read in the paper. They were. They were trying to help. I've been living there for two and a half years. I pay my rent every month, even though some months I struggled just to put groceries in my house. Even though I am on a fixed income. The rent was paid and it was affordable to me and I was able to pay it and continue going to school. All that changed when so when the property was sold and Mike Dunphy management took over. During the sale, I experienced harassment, intimidation, threats of being evicted or having my rent raised the point where I couldn't afford it. My neighbors and I formed an association to fight looming displacement, either by eviction or rent increase. We were living there with many health and safety issues, like heaters that were not being or not working. We asked for repairs to get done and we got little in return. We called city code enforcement into those days. Heaters have still not been fixed. One by one. Jim Tamara, who works for Mike Duffy, offered cash for key settlements. People. Out of the unit so they could rehab an increase in rents. We are told the rent would be increased 300 and we were

first promised a right to return. But who can afford an increase of 300? When you're on a fixed income, not me. I was a victim of constant pressure and to settle and I just couldn't take the stress adding to my life. Now I find myself homeless. Not being able to find an apartment that is affordable as that one was not only the victim of owners putting profit over people. I am also the victim of gratification of a giant gentrification happening in here due to the downtown plan, because there's not a single affordable housing unit is in it. I'm sharing my story because I am one person out of hundreds. This is happening to. So when the city is considering building affordable housing, you need to build it for people like me. At the same time, you need to create more resident retention policies that will protect good renters for me from being displaced and our homeless population . Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Nikolai Russia. I live in the First District. I'm actually in the West Gateway area, and I am a resident of one of the properties that was highlighted here tonight, which is the gallery for 21 apartments by me and my spouse. My husband moved into the area in 2012. We chose to be downtown urban residents and currently I am a member of a neighborhood organization. I have been part of other organizations that have dealt with housing issues. I've also been a co-chair for the First District Participatory Budgeting Committee, and so I have been involved in my community. This report and this discussion has been very illuminating. It has been able to provide a lot of the fragmented pieces of information that are given, disseminated and provided to the public. I've attended a lot of meetings over the course of the last two years of being involved within my community. And only now is some of this sort of coming to the more understandable. But there are components that are sort of missing. One of them would be that and I have to read from this piece because it's in for referred to be included into the report that. The information that has been provided is based on the density. The encouragement of urban density and being partnered with policies such as the downtown plan, the Long Beach housing element and adaptive reuse ordinances, all of which are intended to provide a sustainable road map for growth, is the reason that I understood that efforts to streamline both permit processing and development for construction of projects have promoted other projects containing commercial and residential units. One of them in which I live in. These these are resulted in some notable changes. For example, the rent was raised \$380 when it was time for my lease renewal, along with other tenants at that time. Since we have a monthly community meeting, we tend to sort of talk about these issues just months before the opening of the Current and the Edison, because these are now at the fair market pricing of quotes. This year, the state

d increase for this year's renewal are \$600, which reflects fair market pricing for rental units in the downtown core. This city has lost some very talented young professionals which have chosen to reside in Long Beach and enjoy the quality of life of living in an urban area. This may account for the drop of average household income that of 69,091, which was reported in 2014 with 59,709 in 2016. As stated in some of the documents provided by the deal being, the housing burden for moderate income households has a direct impact and effect on all of the other categories within this report the low income and the very low income. So this effect is not actually put into the report of keeping track of the rent increases and how this impacts quality of living as well as the spendable

income to be used for the relations that are built with neighbors as well as with merchants and patrons in this area. Thank you for you to consider that, please. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Yes, my name is Hollis Stewart and I live in the First District and I'm proud to be here. I'm a member and one of the leaders in the North Pi Neighborhood Alliance and an activist. And I want to say a couple of things here and on other people have covered all the issues of affordable housing, I think, fairly well. Now, since I live at the corner of Fourth and Pine, I'm very much part of the downtown community. I also walk through the West Gate area and I walk up through the will and are in different things like that. And I see a lot of the kind of people who are being described as though they're not. Though they don't need the housing. The low income people, the very low income people, they need good housing and they need housing that is consistent where they're retained able to retain your house. I grew up poor. It's important that poor children have the same school from one year to the next so that they get a grounding and an education that makes them feel like they're important. That's what takes people away from being in things like gangs and stuff like that. It's when you have a lifestyle and a way of living so that in fact, you have some pride about yourself and your family. And if you get pushed out all the time and forced into lower and lower and cheaper looking housing, you feel like. I'm not very worthy. And that's a very bad thing. A very bad thing. I was a psychology major at one point. Nothing is probably worse for people than to feel like they are worthless. And we can't have that Long Beach because all of our people black, Latino, gay, lesbian, transgender, everybody here is a person of Long Beach. Our mayor came from another country as an immigrant. And we have to take in respect and honor all these different variations and make sure ours is a place of love. And that's what I came up to talk about. I also wanted to share with you, though, that somebody put up leaflets up on the front desk outside the look that was put out by the city that refers to outside

agitators and people looking for. I am not an outside agitator. I'm not looking for a cushy job. And I'm insulted that my city would have this out there or I felt like I was put down before I spoke. I live in a fairly good building there fourth. And I hope the city didn't put that out there. I don't know. I think I would be surprised if we put that out there. Good. Because I got a group that I want. I won't use their name because I heard people being yelled at a couple of weeks ago. I won't do that. But it hurt because this is my city and I love all of my representatives. I think we have a great city council, a great mayor, good people, and this city is here for all of us, all of us, the landlords, the tenants, everybody knows that's we have to keep nothing we have to build on so that our children. Grow up to be the best they can. So thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Rudy and I live on district and the third district. I get very emotional because this is something that is I'm just going through. I have lived in my current address for five years and a total of 26 years and Long Beach. Would you mind? Tell me what lived on? What? Around where? It's good for me. Okay. Third District. Okay. Belmont and ninth. To be precise, I am speaking today as a renter, a resident of Long Beach and a member of Liberate. I became involved with Libera because of the injustice that I'm personally experiencing. My building was sold a year and a half ago. Since the new owner took ownership. My experience. He changed the whole arrangement of the building and put a lot of pressures and on on us. And raised my rent 270 with a 60 day notice. Um, these. It's a two bedroom. This caused me to lose the roommate that I had, which this. The only way that I could afford. Where I'm living now. I pride myself on being a good tenant. I pay my rent on time every month because if I don't, I get charged \$150 plus, he says, \$50 thereafter. For each day. So I've never been late on my rent. A He raised my. I a about a month ago, which is in less than a year and a half. He raised more than twice a last month. He raised my rent again, \$75, and I lost the second roommate that I just acquired. Okay. So I had to quickly find another one so I could keep the place. When I submitted to. Him the name of the prospect, he said, he told me, Do not get another roommate. I call him up. He did not answer my phone. Two days after that. He served me a move out. A 60 day move up notice. I understand this is I understand this session is to investigate. Options to develop more affordable housing because we are in. A. Housing crisis. I agree with the building. I agree with building. More affordable housing for very low income. Families. Not just for moderate income people. In order to accomplish. Is, the CD needs to consider secure. Impermanent source sources of funds. And policies that are inclusionary zoning. Thank you, sir. Thanks. Thank you. Next speaker, please. G

ood evening. My name is Neil Richmond and I live here in Long Beach and I'm active with Lee Bright. And I want to make my comments short to the point. I want to reinforce the importance of a dedicated source of funds that will support affordable housing development. Because, as you know, local, local subsidies, local funding is the foundation on which you can grant tax credits and state and federal and nonprofit funding and really build these complex structures that some which take four or five years to build. And it's really what it's a match. It's a critical match. And the type of funding, whether it's inclusionary, whether it's in lieu, whether it's a bond, those require a deeper level of analysis to look at their feasibility, their economic feasibility. But I want to reinforce the conversation and congratulate the staff for focusing on that issue. There's been a lot of discussion here about purchase and rehabilitation, where people's units get transformed. But for another group, non-profits and other affordable housing providers can come in and purchase buildings, make them affordable, do rehab, use project based Section eight. And the most important thing is therapy one for one replacement in the units. And the other most important thing is that is the right to return for people who live in those properties. And then the final point I wanted to make was on this 150% of AMI for moderate income households, it would be \$90,000 for an individual household. So I really want to encourage us to target the resources, as Councilwoman Pierce said, to those who are in the greatest need. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Makes me completely. Hi. My name is Evangeline Ramirez. I have been living in this community for the last 24 years. I have two kids in college. One is in UC Santa Barbara, the other is in Cal State, Long Beach. And it has been involving my community working like volunteer with different organizations, gladly helping communities at children's clinic helping and the district one for almost 17 years now living on the sixth district. But right now, I'm the community organizer for Long Beach Residents and Power Labor and Europe. You are saying that you bill about affordable housing. But my question is affordable housing for who? We need affordable housing. Yes, but any affordable housing that is built must be built in the most impact that any person families who are living with extremely low, very low and low income people like me, I'm working every day, 12, 14, 16 hours. My it my payment is 10 to \$15 by our. And it's really hard for me to parent that. Right now, it's almost 1600 a month. Between 2009 and 2000. We advocating for at the time plan had to include mixed income housing with at least 10 to 15% housing units developed for lower income families and at least 10% of the unions and uniper and new apartments and condominium developments should be set aside on site as affordable to long working families. We also, as the city, to

ensure that displaced residents have priority preference for affordable units built within the downtown plan area. We love the campaign to include community benefits in the downtown plan. And now exactly what we said was going to happen is happening. The downtown plan is causing large scale or direct and indirect displacements of low income communities of color. We have long resided in downtown. The downtown plan include approvals for 5000 mark and rate the units. Millions of squares fit commercial and retail uses, and a hundred hotel rooms did not include a single unit for affordable housing. Now the renters, they try to take bachelorettes. Every time that I am looking for an apartment, I have to pay to 25 to \$50 for applications and I have to do an application for each one of my kids. It is crazy. I have three kids and for each one I have to pay \$25. I cannot have found a place where to live because I cannot pay the place where I'm living. I ask you. I ask you. I really ask you to. Keep people like me in Long Beach because if I don't find a place, I have to move in. It's not fair that I have been living in this city for 24 years, working in the community, giving hundreds of thousands hours. Volunteer and I have to move. That's not fair. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Wayne Murchison, second district and affordable housing, especially low income or extremely low. My business ended in July, on January 1st in 2011, and I became an active activist by the end of that for social justice. At that time, I became homeless. I was living in my office. There's a lot of people living in offices that you don't even know about. Got to tell you anyways. So I've been essentially homeless for the past last 5 to 6 years. Section eight. It's a long wait, five years, they say, and the voucher is only good for a certain amount of time. And as has been mentioned, a lot of people don't want to rent for that. I've been they've been denied this a disabled status both as a US vet and a regular disability. So my income would be classified extremely low at this time. I basically have no hope of a place to call my own and in the future there'll be an even greater number of people becoming extremely low income homeless people. For many reasons. Somehow income is never tied to. Outflow or market rate costs. It just doesn't work. The numbers. Don't mix. They don't clash. They don't go up. Income just

doesn't go up. It doesn't stay commensurate with the cost of living. That's kind of. Horrible. There will be more homeless. People coming out for various reasons you've heard. Here, as well as job losses and everything. Fourth generation robotics. We've got to address reality. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Suzanne Brown. I'm a senior attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles in the Long Beach office. And we want to thank the city for dedicating so much time this night, tonight for this important dis

cussion. We haven't had a meeting dedicated to housing in a very long time in Long Beach, and we're excited to engage. In this dialog with you. As you've heard from the speakers before me, our housing crisis is incredibly complex and unfortunately there is no silver bullet to solve our crisis. We need a multi-pronged approach to fight this battle. We need tenant protections. As you've heard, people like Eva passionately share her story. To protect against displacement, we need affordable housing creation strategies to build more affordable housing. And we need affordable housing preservation strategies to preserve affordable housing, whether it's a covenanted unit or just an older unit that perhaps a low income family can afford. We also really need better data to capture the magnitude, the massive displacement that is happening across the city as people quietly disappear with 30 and 60 day notices because they're too scared to fight it and get eviction on their credit report. If we could have this data, particularly to show the displacement in downtown, it would be incredibly compelling to help you as policymakers. We're currently in the 2014 to 2021 housing element planning period, and SCAD has calculated that Long Beach needs to build 4009 affordable units, not affordable to 150% of AMI, but to the lower income levels by 2021 to meet our existing affordable housing needs since 2014. In the first two years of this planning period, the city has completed 160 affordable units. So we are nowhere near the need that we need to be at. The city's focus on creating high end residential development, particularly in the downtown plan area, has created enormous pressure on our city's residents. This is why resident retention strategies have become so critical for our population and why it's something that's been repeated so much tonight. Again, we thank you for your time this evening and we look forward to tackling this housing crisis with you. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. City Council members and Mayor Garcia. My name is willing to go. Yeah, and I live in zip code 90 310 District seven. I have been a resident of Long Beach for 25 years. Most of my life I have resided on the west side of Long Beach. I am currently a student at Colby Master's in Social Work, and I'm here speaking in solidarity with liberty. Most importantly. I'm a single mother of two children whose ages are six and nine years old. As a parent, I have a duty to ensure that my children have a roof over their head. I currently work part time at a nonprofit agency making \$16 an hour, and that is not enough to secure my own housing. I work with homeless families and every day I am reminded that homelessness is always knocking at my door with all of my responsibilities. I am currently working six days out of the week, not to mention the time I have to make to complete school assignments. I have the energy to help my children with their schoolwork. I personally pay 5

7% of my income towards rent in addition to having to pay for childcare and transportation. When my daughter comes to me and asked me, Mom, I wish I had my own room. It kills me to tell her that I can not provide a space of her own. I will be graduating in May and I'm still fearful about not making enough money to rent an apartment for my children. The average rent for a two bedroom apartment on Long Beach right now is about \$2,000, and even if it was less, there still wouldn't change my situation. This means that I will have to make. About \$6,000 a. Month to meet the criteria of making three times the rent. This is my reality and the reality of so many other residents in my community. As part of my graduation requirement, I'm assessing the needs of the city of Lumberton, and I have been able to connect and communicate with many families who have been frustrated and fearful of possible displacement. I hear stories of insecurity with being able to make rent, having a hard time finding affordable apartments, and even having to double up with another family to make sure that children have a place to put their heads. This is the reason why I wanted to share my story and let the city know that when you're thinking about building affordable housing, consider building it for the low and the very low income families just as mine. And please consider affordable housing for mixing in communities. I currently have to travel seven miles to take my children to Mark Twain Elementary because I want my children to get a good public education and be in an environment of mixed ethnic groups and cultures. Please hear my story because it reflects many others. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, ladies and

gentlemen. My name is Alberto Munoz. I am a member of Livre and also the managing attorney at a nonprofit by the name of Basta. I lived here about when I graduated from law school. I came to Long Beach. I loved how diverse it was economically and ethnically. You could go to a bar, a restaurant, meet a teacher, meet a longshoreman, meet an attorney, and meet somebody who's in a garage band all in the same place that is being lost in the city. And the reason it's being lost is because people are being displaced. I asked to today's meeting. I want to congratulate the City Council in the efforts that you guys are doing to help future Long Beach residents. But nothing is being done to help the residents are living here and who are in the process of being displaced in the framework. In the report, I believe Vice Mayor Richardson mentioned something about a database allocating and keeping in. Keeping in place or just keeping the data of the people that are being displaced out of our communities? I want to make sure that that's included in the report. Another thing I believe that there is a covenant database. Where. People are developers that are getting financial incentives for the city are to comply with with that with those covenants

. We want to know whether those developers are complying and what the numbers in that database are like at the end of the day. As many of you know, 58% of Long Beach residents are renters. I congratulate the council members that are not renters and have been able to escape this this area. But if you are if you truly care about what's happening to the displaced members of our community, I invite you to go to the apartment s13 across the street . Any morning of the day, you'll see around 30 to 40 people being evicted from their homes, losing their homes with nobody to protect them. And that protection should be you members. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council and city staff. Thank you for bringing us all together tonight. That's what we all need is to come together. The city, the nonprofits and the individuals in. The private. Sector. All of us working together because we. Do have a housing crisis. I think we all agree on that. And so we're all saying to ourselves now, having heard all this good information, and I commend you on what you've already done, but we all know we need to do more. What can we do? We all are asking ourselves that. Well, I jotted down a few things that make sense to me. I hope they will. To you as well. I think we should all get. Out there and vote on Measure H. That will. Bring in \$355. Million. Annually. To our area, to the long term, the Los Angeles County. That would be an easy thing to do. All right. And then I'm also hearing that it's easier and cheaper and faster to renovate existing buildings we already have here in Long Beach. So let's get together. Let's have some fact finding meetings. Let's meet with the development services. And the housing authority. Let's stop the sale of any more redevelopment property that could be utilized and use the surplus. Mayor Garcia, I commend you on all the roundtables and meetings that you have held. And at the developers meeting. I heard an interesting statement there. That I would like us to research further, and. Many of you may agree on that too. One of the developers mentioned that in San Francisco. It's also impacted in dense population. But in San. Francisco, they're buying up any parking lots. Then they're digging down. They're making parking six stories, all the ways under the ground. And on top of it now they can build more apartment buildings. Why don't we look into that, too? It's a good idea. Yeah. And let's look more seriously to into all those cargo. Containers we have at the port. They're available. To us. And it's possible that they may be a way also to to quickly get more housing, go down and take a look at Porter Lane in Orange County. There is a lovely area down there that we might want to, you know. Take a look at that, too. I think Councilmember Robert Garcia's statement that he made that maybe we could create our housing asset fund in our housing trust fund. We know that years ago Boeing contributed \$250,000 and sta

ted. A housing trust fund. Let's just do some research. Let's see if we can combine those and make it useful. We need more funds to. Work with our. Landlords too, because. They're losing out in accepting section eight, usually by up to 60 days. That's two months rent. Some of this could be used to help them. Thank you. And let's all work together because that's the only way we're going to solve it. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Elizabeth Waite. I am a junior. Transfer student at Cal. State Long Beach, and I am also a homeless college student. I want to speak a little bit on the issue that was touched on, which is college student homelessness. We are in an in a historically unprecedented state of affairs. We have 13% college student homelessness in this country, and we have even more students who are insecure in terms of their ability to access food. So that is insane, other than the fact that there is a blatantly obvious ethical imperative in front of us when we have people who are without homes that we must respond by

addressing that need. It is economically unsustainable to have your intellectual capital that you're investing in not have a stable place to live because they cannot continue to attain a degree and attain education that makes them competitive and gives them an income if they're at risk of dropping out because of the risk to their physical and mental well-being that homelessness presents. I heard that housing in terms of home ownership was mentioned, which is a great goal. But for a lot of. Us, we've given up on home. Ownership and we can't even enter the renter market because it's so competitive. And even if we did enter into the renter's market, we there's nothing legally protecting us from being evicted for some erroneous or unjustified reason. Like somebody else came along and wanted to rent for, you know, more money or whatever, which that's a completely side issue. But what I am saying is that college student homelessness is rampant, it is unprecedented. And it is a. Threat to the economic viability of our city, because college degree attainment. Is so much more. Difficult when you do not know where you're going to sleep at night. And I would highly recommend going on National Public Radio. They recently published a study with the 13% figure in it saying this is an unprecedented issue and absolutely must be addressed. Another thing I'd like to bring up in terms of the scarcity of area provided are available in the city, I would highly recommend that we look towards school busses, repurposed school busses that could be converted into living domiciles because they are very easy to convert. They withstand the elements and it's a trend across the country in terms of where they would be placed. It's a separate issue. I'm sure something could be creatively worked out with people who have driveways or backyards or whatever, you know, means that they would feel free to rent too. But since we don't have

so much space to work with, let's work with. The vehicles are actually at our disposal to create safe living environments for people. And yeah, that's that's basically what I have to say. A college student homelessness is it's horrifying. And you're not going to be an economically we're not going to survive economically in a competitive sense if we do not invest in our intellectual capital's basic security. Thank you. Thank you very. Much. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name's Ed White. I'm a. Retired machinist and also owned a little property. Up on Pacific. Avenue. You might know it as a couple of storefronts and some apartments upstairs. And but my best tenant used to be the city of Long Beach, you guys. And when it was the Wrigley Place Community Center and you asked about all the data points for average rents in Long Beach. I can only speak for myself. I've got one bedrooms I rent out for 780. I got a 12 bedroom with a garage. I rent out that for 975. So, you know, I'm just a mom and pop landlord trying to take care of his family, trying to build up a pension pot. For myself and my family. You know, and I think most most of the landlords and landlady in this city is a mom. And pop deals is the same with small businesses. They're all mom and pops. I mean, they're the lifeblood of these of any city, of any community. And I don't like to be compared. With the. Big shots in places on Ocean Boulevard and God knows what. You know. I raise my rents in a while and. And I'm and I rent control. Because. You know, for various reasons, put it that way. But the main reason why I'm able to offer low rent. Is because of Prop 13. It's a life saver. Imagine if I was paying. If my building was. Reevaluated at today's market rates, I'd be telling my tenants, I'm sorry, I'm going to. Have to raise your rent big. Time to cover my overrides. You know, I mean, it's common sense. You know, there's we need a balance. There's so many good, decent landlords and ladies. Out there who need respect as much as, you know, the people over tonight. You know, the renters. They they. Certainly earn the same amount and. Respect and, you know. Don't get don't mess with Prop 13 because. It will be. It's not a good idea. There's a lot of. I had a friend who was a landlady. She died recently. She was charging low rents. You know, the new owner boarded up and he had to raise the rents. Big time in order to pay off his big time mortgage. So it depends on the individual situation. And it takes you know, we've had an amazing crisis since. I agree with the mayor. Let's bring in micro units. Let's whatever up to single room. Occupancy that. Was supposed to be introduced in the late eighties, early nineties. I hope that they're still going. So there's a lot we can do and a lot we can get on with. All right. Thanks. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Hi there. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. And, you know, I don't even know what district I live in, but I am a resident of Long Beach and I'

m really glad I came tonight because I was kind of picturing a different crowd and different stories. And my heart goes out to each and every person here. And if I had a big building, I'd stick them all in it and I charge them 500 bucks a month or nothing. If they couldn't pay it, I would. And that's why

I love this city. It's diverse. We've got an eclectic people here of. All. Economic levels, all different education. It's what makes our city so beautiful. And I really wonder, this housing crisis, somebody said it so beautifully. I think it was George. He said, you can't build your way out of this. And you know what? We can't. No matter how many homes we build, we'll never get out of it. I'm afraid we have more of this coming. But what I would like to ask the city council to do, each and every one of you is to please let's look at this in a different way. Who here has brought a new company into their district or entertained an employer to come here? I love it. That's great. I mean, we lost Boeing. We've lost lots of companies here. And that was really when our city started to slide down. If more people had jobs, that would really be the way to really alleviate some of this housing crisis. There's no reason people shouldn't make a decent living. Every one of them, they're all intelligent. Also. Why don't we? Why not educate people a little more on their rights as renters? I rented out my room for a very reasonable fee of 650 a month. I would love you to come and stay at my place if you want to. 650 I'll even maybe give you a better price than that. But my point is, I really I'm really serious. I love this city. I moved here from the shitty Alby, which was Laguna Beach. This is the real Alby. I love it. Woo! And I mean, I, I would like to see them get educated on their rights. Then they could really hold these people's feet to the fire and be protected, which they should be. And I nobody wants to put anybody out in the streets. But one more thing. Oh, I would like to volunteer. Anybody who investing another way to get ahead in this life is to invest not at the bank, but in the stock market. And I'd be happy to help anyone do that. And I kid you not. That was how I was able to buy my first place. You just buy, you know, stocks that are solid, that are companies. You know, you don't have to have \$5,000 to invest in the stock market. And I can show you how to do it. If anybody wants to see me after the meeting, let's do it. Okay, that's it. That's it. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Karen replied. I'm a resident of a had low income affordable housing building in the First District on seventh and Pacific Senior Building. And you're in a great building. It's one of the better ones. Yes. And this has been a great conversation tonight. And I think some real creative solutions have come out of this. I just wanted to mention a couple of things that I didn't notice were in the plan. The covenants that expire. When the covenants expire, the owners have options

on what they can do with their property. We're experiencing this in the affordable housing. We found out due to a friendly realtor that our building had been listed surreptitiously on a real estate listing. Meanwhile, the management company and owners are reassuring the tenants that they have no plans to sell the building. Why was it listed on the listing if there were no plans? So this is a scary thing for a seniors on fixed incomes and we need to look at Airbnb and be. I didn't see that mentioned in the report. You know, Airbnb. There was an article on the front page of the L.A. Times that you guys that generated fake news were doing it from their Airbnb apartment that they rented in Belmont Shore. And, you know, we're not addressing that at all as part of our housing crisis. And I think it is contributing, particularly in the wealthier areas and also the empty properties. What's going on with the breakers building? What's going on? Rite Aid. Rite Aid has sat empty. There's five floors in that building and only one is occupied and there's numerous properties in the downtown area that are in that particular classification. Why can't we provide some incentives to the the owners of those buildings to create some creative housing there? And 300 square foot units sound really good to me that live in a 320 120 square foot unit. So thank you for this opportunity and thank you, Amy laughed. I just wanted to say what a great job that her department did and all of you on bringing forth this topic for discussion. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Thanks for your time and thanks for having us. The report was very thorough and it was a really well well done report and so congratulations and thanks for the work put into that. I'd like to talk about a potential policy solution that I didn't hear about, so I thought I'd give it to you. And you're more than welcome to talk to me more or anyone else in public or any council members of the mayors more than welcome as well. One of the issues that we face when we talk about development and this is the catch 22 or the contradiction of gentrification, is that as we bring these nice projects, which I saw on the screen in their beautiful, is that the the public is doing everything they can. A lot of private landlords, they are doing everything they can to provide housing. All of this work that we're putting in to the city to make our city grow, to provide housing for people when we have a nice project that comes up in an area. What happens is all that investment and all that money that goes into that specific lot, it beautifies the entire neighborhood and all the properties around that lot go up in land value. And this is basically a form of theft, and most of that money makes its way to the banks. So this city, when it focuses, for example, on its bike paths, which is wonderful, that actually

makes our city more desirable, that causes land values to rise, which causes the rent to rise, which causes

uses mortgages to rise, which makes it more expensive. So the very good things we do and the good work that we put in and the hard work that we do to make this city great is also what makes it expensive. And that's because there's this giant wealth, this giant bank of money, which is called land values, which is what is forcing the housing crisis. The cost of construction for homes has not gone up in the last 30 years. It's easier and cheaper than ever to build a home. There's plenty of lumber, plenty of electrical wire, plenty of plumbing, plenty of plumbers, plenty of people with the skill and the knowledge and the assets to get the job done. It's just that the land beneath our feet is always going up more and more expensive. Anyone who's a landlord in this room will tell you that capital is a burden. If you own something, you have to maintain it. You have to fall under regulation. The other fold is laws. It's actually expensive to own a house and to try to maintain it. So it's not. The house that goes up in value is the land underneath it. And I have some policy proposals that would help us capture some of that land value, since that land is a product of all of our generative work, including the city and including private development. Like I said, that land value currently is getting sucked up mainly by banks in the form of mortgage payments, even though the banks did nothing to create that land value. That's something the city of Long Beach created, and it belongs to Long Beach and its people. There are policies that can be implemented that would not burden production, that would not weigh heavily on consumption, that could not be passed on to mortgage payers or to tenants. That would reduce mortgage interest payments, make it easier for people to buy a home, make it easier for people to rent, and the funds could be redistributed into schools, into parks, into housing vouchers to let people stay in their home or purchase the home for the first time. There's so much you could do with this money, and it would raise real amounts of money for the city of Long Beach again, without burdening consumption or production or weighing heavily on entrepreneurship. So I would love to talk to you all about that and anyone else in the public as well. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name's Kevin Yeager, and I live in the second district. Mayor Garcia mentioned that as we build more moderate and high income housing, it would allow people to move out of substandard housing and up into those creating more low income housing. And this sounds great, but I'm skeptical that this reflects reality for most workers. Real wages have remained stagnant for decades. Among young college graduates, they're actually in steady decline. So those who do have raises, I think they will be very happy to afford their skyrocketing rents. I don't see them moving up into better housing. I'd urge caution before assuming that all housing developments ben

efit our low income households rather than just accelerating gentrification. And I hope to see Long Beach acknowledged that we don't have the socioeconomic mobility that we once had decades ago and ensure that we're prioritizing our most vulnerable communities as we work through this crisis. Thank you for your time. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Robert Tornado. I was born and raised in the city of Long Beach. I love this city and I love its progressive attitudes towards affordable housing and all the other things that it does that other speakers have spoke about. I think that it's very important that we take in consideration the smaller landlords like myself. This is my retirement. This is what I've done. I have a small business and I don't have somebody funding my retirement. So my investment is my properties. Rent control is not the solution. Rent control would actually make me want to sell my property. And of course, you know what that's going to mean. I'll go sell and buy somewhere else. I have tenants that have been with me for over 15 years, and I think that's a testament to the type of landlord that I am. I take care of my property. I maintain the property. They're nice, they're clean. People want to live there. Not all landlords are the same. So don't think that they are. I know we've heard a lot of stories here that landlords are terrible, but they're not all terrible like that. Rent control is not going to be the answer to this solution. And rent control is not in this report. Just want to make sure they're pretty clear. Right. And I urge you to take a look at the real reason why the tenants on Linden were actually evicted. There is more to the story than they were evicted. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Gary Mikovits and I have some handouts I would like to have all of you have and be part of the public record. As I said, my name is Gary Markovich. And, uh. We already use 30 seconds handing out the paper, so I hope you give me just a few more seconds. I came to Long Beach 24 years ago with my husband of 33 years. He's an immigrant to this country. I

am the grandson of immigrants. Refugees from Eastern Europe, war torn World War One. I certainly understand what poverty is. I grew up on the South Side of Chicago and I can only share with you. It's very disturbing to me to see what's been happening in our city, where certain organizations, where we have individuals paid to work for these organizations who've been using racial divisiveness and creating tension based on economic disparity that I find very intolerable. But that's not really what I wanted to speak about today, but I really wanted to talk about is the fact that my husband and I over the past 24 years since we came to Long Beach, we're small time investors and we've invested in our community and we've certainly been able to provide affordable housing. I think it's important for you to know that there

are landlords that, like myself, have worked with families to keep a roof over their head. During the recession, we didn't raise rents and just recently we raised rents the first time in three years and the highest increase they had was 1.6%. My retention rate of my tenants is over five years right now and 70% of my buildings are minority occupied. And I guess why I'm saying this is because I found it a little bit disconcerting that somebody said earlier addressed the need, not the greed. I want to remind all the renters here that as a landlord, I have to pay a carpenter, a plumber, a tile guy, a roofer, a carpet cleaner, a gardener, an insurance I pay insurance taxes and these fees go up every year. They need to understand what we as landlords are challenged with, with the cost that we have to incur. It's not about greed. And it's very disturbing to me when I think that of the families that I have kept in their homes, when they would have been out on the street otherwise and worked with them. Today, though, what I really want to talk about and ask you to put that out. Oh. All right. Sorry. I had a tenant in 2008 who was renting from me with three other Cal State Long Beach Girls. And I'm speaking for her today because she's not here to come and speak for herself. The other three girls who were in the apartment with her had said, We're afraid of her boyfriend. We want her to move out. And if it weren't for the fact that she did move out, I would have had four dead bodies in my unit because three weeks after she moved out, she was found dead in her apartment near the university. Value the roommate that she currently had under just because of addiction. I would not be able to ask that person to get out. Would not be able to get them out. And I speak for her. Her name is Kate Sue. She was 19 years old at the time. I provided you the information on it. This is not something that is easy to even talk about because frankly, I had developed a personal relationship with her. She used to call me, struggle to pay her rent. I understood what a struggling student was going through, and I always worked to try to keep her in the apartment. But the bottom line is. We just try to wrap it up. All right. I'm giving you some more time, but just wrap it up now. As landlords, I have always felt the stewardship both over my buildings and my tenants. And I believe that it is both my moral and ethical duty to do everything possible to provide safe and well-maintained housing. And if Kate had refused to move out of my building under the policy of just cause eviction, it would have been impossible for me to have Kate move out. And it makes me wonder what might have happened to those young girls. Thinking closing, I will continue to fight for the cause for the cordial and respectful relationship that Henry and I have had with our tenants and will continue to speak out for people like Kate. Okay. I'm sure if Kate were here today. We have we have to wrap it at last sentence

, please. I got to have the same time for everybody. Thank you. If she were here today, she would say just cause evictions are bad policy. Mayor, thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. I think. Good afternoon, honorable mayor and council people and. Certainly like to thank Assemblyman Lowenthal and Amy Bodak for that great report. You know, it's one thing, first of all, Malcolm and I am a realtor here and a business owner in the city and a member of better housing for Long Beach. You know, it's really one thing to talk about affordable housing, but it's another thing to really be involved into it. And I think this report really gets to the point. You have some positive things that you've put. In this report. These things are really actionable. There is no silver bullet, but we have to take one step at a time. And when we look at some of the positive things in this program that was so well talked about in terms of density, bonus, reduced parking, looking. At impact. Fees that have a nexus to the development, these are. The kinds of things that encourage and just like our governor has and it's the latest state of our redid his program in terms of looking at as apartment. Owners we're not developers but in order to develop housing we need to have some incentives for developers and instead to have an overaggressive legislation looking at incentives to move people in. And I certainly recognize a lot of the accounts. People like Vice Mayor Richardson

put us in touch with the. Section eight housing. So we come together to work at better being able to. Utilize how to use those resources. And we look at Stacy mongers. I guess we'll come up later. Sensory housing signed on by Austin. These are all positive things that the council is doing in order to look at these. And obviously the housing crisis is not new to Long Beach. It's it's throughout our state, as so. Many people see. Land costs in California is high. Just what it is. So instead of complaining, we have to take positive steps, as you guys are doing now, and we look at what are the barriers to affordable housing. And that's what we have to address. We have to look at funding sources and all the other things that are available to us. And I think we could just commend the the council and the mayor for putting together this report. I think Assemblyman Lowenthal did a great job. And just one of the thing I'd comment about, there was been a lot of questions about our regulatory agreements. Our company, we manage a lot of properties. They have regulatory agreements. These things are so monitored by the state every year we have to put in all the income certification. These things are so well monitored that they're not going to slip through the cracks. So once again, I'd like to commend the council, the mayor, for taking a very proactive step in working on dealing with this housing crisis. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Before we up next, Speaker, I'm going to go up actually to Dan

who's up there. But I also want to make sure that I think Elaine is the last person. So she's the last person on the list. I'm cutting off the speaker's list. There's more people. Okay. I just. Okay, so then Brenda was the last person on the speaker's list, and then that's it. People need to be in line so that we're fine. Brenda is the last person on the speaker's list. Hunt Before you start, are there more people coming? Okay. I'm going to. We're going to cut it down to 2 minutes here in just a minute because it's going wait. The rest of the agenda is going to move forward. So please try to try to just be as soon as possible. So as is who's the last person that line. My name's Joni. Joni. Joni. Joni. You're the last person in line. Okay. Okay. Great. Please continue. Okay. My dad's going to go. And you're gonna go after Dan. Okay? My name's Dan Mulheron. I'm a councilor. I'm a resident of the eighth council district. I'm very active in a number of political organizations, in other groups and Long Beach. I'm also a landlord and homeowner. I've lived in Long Beach for over 25 years, raised two children with my wife, Beverly. My youngest is transgender, and through Oliver, I've had as many as nine transgender students stay in my house, and at present, his best friend lives there because she was kicked out of her house for being trans. I have been a landlord for many years and have always attempted to try to work with people and overlook some past problems. The proposed renter protections that we have right now would make me pause and not be able to do this. Tenants with past mistakes and lack of work history would give me a problem I'd have to consider after to consider marginalized people that before I would take a chance on them. I'd have to have a strong cosigner, and with these proposals I would have to. If they were to become law, I would be forced to take larger deposits, limit my liability, because like many small landlords, my rent is part of my retirement income. I believe tenants deserve a decent place to live. And but as a businessman and a landlord, I have to pay my bills. I personally am an advocate, as Al Austin knows, for low cost housing for seniors and transgender youth. But is this where the youth would work and get an education? And I know private and public parties can achieve this. However, as a long time housing provider and a homeowner in Long Beach, I believe that these proposals proposed onerous regulations will negatively impact tenants by exposing them to lawbreakers much longer than necessary, hurt homeowners by negatively affecting their property values and the city by adversely affecting neighborhoods. Thank you. Thank you program. Before we go to the next speaker, because I've had multiple council members ask me to clarify this. There are no rental protections that you're talking about in front of the council. So there are some things that are being brought up tonight that are not in front of the council. We're talkin

g about building affordable and workforce housing. That's what's on the agenda. And so I know there's other discussions. I know that there's discussions on both sides on different issues. But this is a study session on that issue, not on either on on those other issues that are being brought up. So we want to make sure people know clearly what's on the agenda. I'm also seeing fliers and other things being passed out that have nothing to do with the study session. So I just want to make sure that we are focused on what's in front of us. Yes, ma'am. Good evening. My name is Vicki Nelson. I used to live in Long Beach. I'm an investor, landlord, caregiver and property manager. I have been president of Town and Country Homeowners Association in the eighth District. 5021 Atlantic

Avenue. And I have to say I agree with Roberto Durango regarding the development of affordable housing. And I was wondering why the eighth and ninth District wasn't looked at. Or will it be looked at? I work very closely with Section eight programs. I have been with them for about 20 years. Have good tenants. I'm a very strict landlord and I am going to do my background checks just like I had to buy a house. My first house, my first home was a condo and I work with different programs. I was very poor. Coming up, had roommates. Any means necessary is how my father taught us. Any means necessary? Lived with five or six roommates. Roommates are good. Roommates are bad. Same as landlords and tenants. There's programs out there that help the homeless. I live in Orange County now, but I work with programs such as path topics, harp wa 211 weinger and they pay up to 6 to 1 year tenants rents. But there are guidelines. You can't be using drugs. You can't be moving people in the same guidelines as Section eight. And frankly, I love Section eight program because they monitor also the tenants. I just wish there was more affordable housing in the eighth and ninth District. And in order to clean up 5021 Atlantic, it took a partnership and it took a lot of time and money to get rid of a lot of drugs. I work very close with Long Beach PD. I put six or two's on the properties. You know, it's just I think some of the tenants don't realize what a landlord goes through. At all. And you have good tenants and you have bad. And I'm a grandmother and I am raising three grandchildren. And I have good grandkids. I have bad grandkids. Okay. So I love them. But the bad ones have to know you can't you're not going to rent or live with me if you're not going to keep a job. And do what? Needs to be done. And I always tell them any means necessary. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. And, ma'am, I just. Just to clarify, there actually is we have built and we will be building affordable housing in the eighth and ninth District. And both the vice mayor in councilmember did speak to that. And we're interested in that. And so just want to make sure we clarify that as well. So thank you. Next speaker. Thank you.

Well, let's swing the pendulum tonight. Protestants and Catholics. I'm sure there are quite a few of us before me. Before we continue, I want to make sure I know where that speaker lives and it's getting larger. And so the gentleman in the green shirt behind Brenda is the last speaker. No. Joanne, are you going to you on the line? Okay. Raise your hand. Okay. Last speaker. That's it. No more. Let's go. Thank you. My opening statement was the pendulum swing both ways. When you see a appears if it's going to go north, it's going to go south, east to west. So in order to do something different, we have to do differently. So I know they are probably atheists or agnostics in the room, but I'm not going to speak to you tonight. Not tonight. But Protestants and Catholics, the next time you go into your parish or your church and those doors open at eight, 11, 9 p.m. am and Wednesday night, Friday night, Saturday night, look at the walls. Look around there. Look up at the ceiling and look down and and then know this. When you walk out of that building, it's going to be empty until the next time you walk in. Those of you who tithe, those of you who give, offering love offerings, peace offerings, wherever you name it, and you put that money in the plate. Write this down. This is your ownership. Deuteronomy 26:12 and 14:28. All that money that you drop in the plate, some of that belongs to the homeless and the poor and the widow and the orphan. Not just your priest, not just your pastor. And you're going to get mad when they buy a Bentley. But you can keep putting that money in that plate because you're not reading your own text. You're not reading your scripture. And then you come to these people here and you're expecting them to do something in faith that you should be doing. Now, we shook a hand shoemaker arm January 25th. Every year we do it every year. But this is where religion meets the road right here. You keep putting that money in their plate and some of it belongs to the poor. They're not going to tell you. So I'm telling you, I'm a pastor. The rabbi, next time you go to the synagogue, any of these places, the faith. You're putting money in those place. They belong to the poor and you think you play it and God doing it. And here's one. And when you going to read your own Bible, your own text, your own religious text. The pendulum is swinging the other way this year. You should know that by the type of president we have. These people appear can't do nothing beyond your own motivation. Landlords if you have people who are homeless. Why allow the city to keep taxing you when you can just say, well, I have a vacancy coming up, let me call somebody and get them in here. When are you going to keep. Start owning your Americanism. Owning your religion. They can next speaker, please. John dilatory address on file also have apartment complex in the second district. And I think you know and I appreciate all the work that went into putting together affordable h

ousing. I think it's a great idea that we're finally looking at this and moving forward. And I just have a couple of questions I think that we should still be looking at as well. You know, when you look at those ratios, that 60, almost 60% rental. When I look at the development that's going on, we're still just putting in more and more rental housing and don't know if that's a good or a bad thing. And I wanted to quote from an article from Voice of America this kind of look at this from January 2017. And it looks at homes and why we don't see that many available anymore. This is one of the biggest reasons that young Americans are waiting to. Buy their first home is student debt. Millennials, who used to be considered the prime homebuying age, are an estimated 1 trillion in student loans, according to the U.S. government. So so I mean, it's great. And that's where we need to ask the question, are we looking more at rentals and increase in our rental base and affordable rentals, or are we really looking at affordable housing that people can buy? They you know, they go on to say that in their view that, you know, the millennials, they're buying nice cars, they're going out to dinner and they're staying in apartments. And one of the reasons is because they're moving a lot. The job stability that a lot of us grew up with is not there. We're not working for one company anymore. Most of us are going to have 15. The young woman, young person like her, they're going have 15 jobs in their lifetime. And that means you have to be moving. So really, we have to look at what is this affordable. Housing that we're going to be moving towards. You know, when I look at the college graduates that I rent to in the second District, and that's another thing you kind of have to look at, you got to break them up in different ways. You have people. Probably working. On their bachelors, their high needs, student housing. They've got zero money. They're the ones that are actually putting themselves in debt. When I look at those that are actually working on their masters programs, I get a lot of people like that. They're sticking around for two or three years. Usually it's a couple. One of them's working on their masters. The other one may afterwards, or they're moving for whatever reason after that. So there is affordable housing for our students. It just depends on where they are. And then I know you said you want us to talk about this, but since Councilmember Pearce and also Assemblywoman Lowenthal brought it up, that proposed rental restrictions, they both brought that up. I do not think that should be part of looking at. This affordable housing. They both said that it should it. Should not something totally different. And so I ask that we do not put that in part of this affordable housing. Thank you. Thank you, Mike. Good evening, Mayor Council. My name is Mike Murchison, and like everybody else, I'm proud to be from Long Beach. I'm born and raised here. Growing up in t

hird, I now proudly live in the eighth. Thanks, Al. My comments are very short tonight. I represent a lot of business groups, everyone here this evening. I've worked with developer community for at least the last 15 years. And I can tell you this from an affordable housing standpoint, and that's all I really want to focus on in terms of new development. We have to start now. And what I mean by now is everybody's talking about, well, we've got to figure it out. We got to come up with solutions. I'm telling you, Mayor and council, having worked with Amy's department Development Services as fast as they are, it still takes time and it's going to take a year to 18 months to 24 months, depending upon if a property is contaminated or not. So if you want to try to get developers to work with you, whether they're affordable developers, if they're mott income developers, whatever they are, you're going to have to find ways to give them some relief to move things forward quicker, whether it's through development services , whether it's sequel relief seeked at the state, whether it's fees that are waived, whatever it is. But if you want to build housing, that's the only way that you're going to get developers to do it on private property. I will tell you one other thing. One of the most creative ideas I've seen today in Long Beach, I worked with Councilwoman Pierce on it was her idea about containers. I thought that was one of the most unique ideas that ever come across. I was happy to be involved in that. I think you have a ton of containers down on the port that are well worthwhile to pursue. There's plenty of land out there, just depends on how creative you want to be about it. So I would encourage you to continue working with her on. I think it's a fabulous idea. But as it relates to developers, you're going to have to really work with Amy shop to go figure out what you can do to get developers attracted, to want to bring their money forward, to put it in, build affordable housing. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is David Kinsler, and I was going to say something that was a rebuttal to something somebody else said. But since you asked us not to do that, I'm going to not do that. But I will take this opportunity for all the people in the audience that loved Long Beach. I am part of a community group called West West Eastside Community Association. For the last 17 years I've come out every fourth Saturday to pick

up trash in the alleys in the area around Redondo and Cherry and PCH. So if anybody is interested in making Long Beach a more beautiful place this Saturday or use of a park at Arizona Avenue and 14th, we are going to meet at 8:00 in the morning and go clean. Somalis, you're all welcome to come and join us. Thank you for doing that, sir. Next speaker. Good evening, mayor garcia and members of the city council. My name is Elaine Hutchison and I am a resident progressive. And I have to say with third district and a

housing provider and manager, I am here this evening to commend you, Mayor Garcia, for guiding the process that has resulted in this much needed and comprehensive study of affordable and workforce housing. Thank you for bringing this study and draft report forward. I also want to thank the Affordable and Workforce Housing Study Group, chaired by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal for your work and also for the consultant Mercedes Marquez for your investment of time and the expertise given by each member. I also want to thank Amy Bodak and her staff for the many and I know it is many contributions to this report. We are very pleased that the study is focused upon bringing increased affordable housing to Long Beach, whether newly constructed, reused or rehabilitated. Thank you for considering all possibilities. It was a delightful experience to also see reported and pictures of the good work the city has already done over the last decade. We believe this draft report with all of the research. And that it is the mayor's report. The top elected official in Long Beach puts a bright spotlight on the potential in Long Beach that will attract new development. This is the thing that will ultimately result in the solving the problems more housing. We in the housing provider community look forward to the opportunity for continuing our contributions on the housing issue as the report moves to its final report. Thank you, Mayor Garcia, for your proactive focus on creating new housing in Long Beach. We also thank in advance the Council members for your consideration and time. You will also invest on this report. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi. Good evening. A mayor and city council. My name is Brenda. As many of you already. Know, I'm a not Long Beach native. Born and raised. I've been blessed enough to still be here in Long Beach. As you know, I. Know the councilmember around. There mentioned gentrification. I was definitely affected by it myself. And 3000, just about \$4,000 into just move was definitely hard into doing. I definitely feel that you guys are heading into the right direction with with building affordable housing. I commend you guys for the tremendous work that you guys are doing to facilitate this. And I do want to echo a few of the speakers in terms of like this is a long term solution. This is definitely great and it's going to alleviate. But what we're dealing right now, the the housing crises that we talk about, I don't really think that you guys really understand or comprehend what that means. I do have the pleasure of working with housing Long Beach, and that has exposed my just my vision to as far as what Long Beach really is dealing with. I was there on the other side with you guys and I was never even a bit close to understanding what what people go through until now. I mean, just shy of working for months with the organization. I had two mothers of officers that worked for the city of Long Beach who thei

r mothers were being evicted, and they came to us. And I say, why don't you address the fear? They were hush hush. They did not want to be identified. We are here. We try the much as we can do, but with no rent protections, there is nothing we can do. It is legal to to ask folks to leave in 30 to 60 days. There's nothing that protects these folks to remain in place. And just to. Answer, I. Believe was councilman Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, who asked he'd like to see the folks who have been displaced. Well, I'm kind of I hate to say it, but folks are fearful to come out here. The folks that call me every day, they email me. They're always constantly in our legal clinics on Monday nights between 530 and eight. Those folks don't want to come out. They're already either fearful because they're being retaliated against with or they're already in March of being out. And I've gotten. Referrals from you guys. You guys here help them out. And I like I hate it because it's like there's nothing we can do unless there's a renter ordinance that is passed, like a responsible renters ordinance in which we can all collaborate. Along with landlords, tenants and our legislators to work. Together to find a simple solution to help our renters to remain in place. We need to do something together. Otherwise, we can continue to build and find long term solutions. But what's happening to the folks now having to those children that are being pulled out of the schools and folks who have to relocate? I know it's not easy for you guys to see because you guys are it's not your reality. It's not what you're facing. But I would ask you to reconsider and passing a responsible renters ordinance. Don't be misled. I do have the materials that I'd like for you guys I believe you guys can have.

Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Just the clerk. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. It's been a long time since I've been before you. My name is Robert Fox. I've run for city council myself. I'm the founding president of Alameda Speech Jeanine, and I've been here rather a long time. I want to commend you all on having this wonderful housing study. I think it's really marvelous. I do want to give you a little input because I think it's important we're talking because I want our statistics to be correct. When we were talking about the rental housing of Long Beach being \$2,000 for a two bedroom unit, if that's coming out of Zillow, that's not really reliable information because we have a lot of other sources like Craigslist, for instance. I happen to own property here because I was a renter for 25 years, although when I founded Alamitos Beach. But by the grace of God, of my hard work, I bought apartments, you know, and they're in the elevator speech. And I'm not a slumlord, and I don't charge a huge rent because this is my community. But we have to talk about what rents were when I moved here in 1984. I had an \$850 apartment. I was making \$2,738 a month working for detail

s, Gene Shape and Patty Moore, God bless them. But, you know, that was 47% of my wage. And you know, as time went by, that didn't really change. I made a little bit more money, went down to 46%. But this idea that 30% of your wage makes you low income or something. That was a statistic that was actually brought out by Hubert Humphrey in 1972 when he introduced the first housing plan under Lyndon Johnson, which became Section eight housing. So I want to remind you all that we're using a we're using a pro forma that is very outdated, and we need to relook at that because the economy has changed completely. And let's face it, I have a house God bless in Hawaii and I have a house here and. Housing is not real affordable. I get it. So I want to bring another little subject matter up to you, and that is about this restriction on conversions. May I please include in this because of Alamitos Beach having so many own your own apartments, which we do. I think we need to encourage the conversion of own your own apartments into ownership. And here's the reason why nobody can mortgage and own your own. So how would you buy it? Except with cash for 125,000 or 150? If they were converted to condos, you could get an FHA loan with 3% down and that's how you get into homeownership. So I want us to expand our dialog in terms of how we're really talking about because I was a renter and alamy the speech at 1825, 28/2 Street, and then I bought my home on Broadway and it was a struggle, get me, you know, macaroni and cheese for six months. But I did it. And I want to encourage other people to be able to do that, too. So let's look at that conversion thing and maybe. Tweak it a little bit. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you, Robert. Next week, next, bigger but last speaker. Good evening. Thank you. Mayor and Council, for listening to me tonight. I'll make this very brief. My name is Johanna Cunningham. I'm the executive director for the Apartment Association, California Southern Cities. I just briefly want to thank Amy and Patrick for all the work that they did on this study. I appreciate the phone calls and the questions. When they called me and asked, tried to provide them with some information and some input. And I want to thank you for acknowledging the work that the Apartment Association has done. As we. Continue to work diligently and collaboratively with you to try and solve these very severe issues as we proudly work with all. The groups. In the city, we are part of the Hart team, so we work with Section eight, we work with the Housing Authority, we work with the veterans. We work to help housing. You acknowledge that we will continue to work with all of these organizations to help resolve and hopefully come up with solutions to these housing issues. So I wanted to thank the Council for their work on this. Again, I wanted to thank Amy and Patrick for their work on this. And we want you to know that we are here. We're willing to continue to collaborate.

I live in the. Second district as well. I love Long Beach as well. And we're here to help. Thank you so much for your time. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. With that, I appreciate all the public comment tonight. We're going to go and there's a motion on the floor and a second on the floor to receive and file the report, which is the motion as part of the study session motion by Councilman Gonzales and seconded by Councilmember Pierce. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you very much. So now staff will be back with the final report. And thank you all for coming. We're going to just take a 1 to 2 minute recess just so we can all start the council meeting. Killed at night. Okay. We're going to go and start the council meeting. So I just need everyone to please exit the council meeting or take a seat, please. I can take a roll call, please, and have the council members back at their seats. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Pierce. Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Supernova. Councilwoman. Mango.

Councilman de Andrews. Councilmember Durango. Councilman Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. Mayor Garcia. Thank you. There's. It's been moved in second. Is any public comment on this item? Seeing nonmembers, please cast your vote. Motion carries out a 19, please. Item 19 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to Adopt Set Specifications Award contract to Cape Toyota of Long Beach for the purchase and delivery of vehicles in an annual amount not to exceed 7,500,000 citywide. Councilman Austin. Yes, I moved the support. But I also would like to mention that it goes to the work contract award, goes to more than Cape Town Toyota. I think it is. A number of vendors here, Caruso, Ford of Long Beach and a few others. It gives our Fleet Department some opportunities to shop for the best price. Thank you, Councilmember Hugo. I'm glad to see that the two of the awardees are members of the seventh District. I appreciate that. Thank you very much. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item saying number of members to be please cast your vote. Thank you very much. And I know our public works director made a note as well. I saw him actively writing. Great. So thank you for that. I'm going to go back to the hearing, Mr. Modica. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The staff report will be given by Linda Tatum and her group. Good evening, Mayor, and members of the city council. This is a public hearing for a project. It located at 2610 North Lakewood Boulevard. It is a project for a new hotel. And the the subject hotel is at 2016, North Lakewood. And it also includes properties at 41, 41 through 4217 Willow Street. The actions that we're asking the city council to take on this new hotel proposal include a conditional use permit, a site plan review, and to accept a mitigated negative declaration. Like to give a brief presentation on the project. This is a vicinity map that shows the current zoning of the property and the

location. What you're seeing there is the four or five freeway at the Lakewood Street Interchange and shown in green there with the arrow is the proposed project site at the site. There is a an existing gas station that is adjacent to the hotel which surrounds the gas station at that northeast corner of Lakewood and Willow Street. I'd also bring to your attention on the other side, on the west side of Lakewood Boulevard, there is an existing commercial car wash and retail establishment. Next. As I said on this project site, the proposal is a new 13 storey in an existing Holiday Inn 13 storey, but also is a vacant two storey hotel that was constructed back in 1978. The proposal before you tonight is the approval of the requested discretionary actions that will allow the existing two storey hotel to be demolished . And they would construct a new six storey hotel and a new two level parking structure on the site where the existing two storey hotel is to be demolished. So again, the entitlements are requested that are being requested are a zone change, a site plan review and a conditional use permit. Just a little bit of background. The zone change is to request an expansion of the existing PD 27 zoning on the adjacent property. That existing PD covers the site that shown to the left there in black. And that's essentially a plan development project that allows hotel and limited commercial retail in that project area. The proposal is to expand that PD 27 to include the subject property on the right that's shown in the red, which would be the subject of the new hotel site. And again, the the existing property owners have for not only the hotel site, but the gas station as well as the property adjacent on the other side, on the west side of Lakewood have approved consented to the requested zone change. A little bit of detail about the proposed project. It is a new six story hotel project with 125 GUESTROOMS. It also has some amenities. Those amenities include additional conference room space. There is also a new fitness facility in the in the hotel room there also including a new a new parking structure that will be atop the existing at grade parking. So it will essentially be a two level parking structure for a total with a total of 385 parking spaces. They will also add a new outdoor pool area and enhance the existing landscaping on the site and around the entire property. This next slide shows the configuration of the site. You can see the existing the round building is the existing Holiday Inn that will remain and you can see the configuration of the parking just to the east of that. You can also see the enhanced the green areas of the enhanced landscaping areas. You also see that they are requesting the closure of one of the driveways on Willow. And you can again see the two level parking structure and of course, the location of the outdoor pool, which is just north of the existing Holiday Inn . And again, just briefly, you can see the building

elevations, the six stories. They've you can see the modern architectural style with the two tones of the color and the accent banding and the spaniel class that surrounds the property. It's been designed to complement the existing Holiday Inn structure or to complemented. Also like to just

summarize the environmental action that was done on this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. We staff completed, along with a consultant, we completed a mitigated negative declaration for the project. The public review period was from November 16th through December 16th, and staff did receive a couple of comments from public agencies during that review period. And there were two mitigation measures incorporated in the project. Those two mitigation measures dealt with cultural resources, requiring monitoring of any of any disturbance of the soil on the project site and observance or having monitoring done by Indian tribes. The other mitigation that was required was related to any disturbance of the soil during the excavation and that no construction or other soil disturbance would be carried out during breeding season to make sure that there are no nesting birds on the site at the time construction occurs. Those were the two mitigation measures, and with those mitigation, the Planning Commission considered this project on December or I'm sorry, January 19th of 2017, and they unanimously recommended approval of this project. And staff is recommending that the City Council uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of this project. I would note that we had there were no public comments during the the period since this project has been posted online. And I would like to acknowledge that closes staff's presentation. But we do have our environmental consultant available as well as the case planner, Gina Cassius, who did the work on this project. That concludes staff's presentation. Thank you, I think, for that presentation. We're going to go ahead and go first to any public comment on this case. No public comment on this issue and the council comments. Councilwoman Mongo. Yes. We are very excited about this project. I know that it has been in the works for several years and it has taken a few different. Changes along the way, but we're very excited to have this new opportunity and additional places for people to stay. It is very difficult to find a room on the east side near the airport now with the amount of business that's going on. And we're very proud to have our new corporate partners and our corporate partners do trainings from individuals all across America and sometimes international, and they come to Long Beach to be trained. And so these are great facilities for them to stay at, especially for those longer term stays, especially for their trainer. So we're excited about this project. Thank you for the work that's been done both by the team at Holiday Inn and the support that they've received from the Conve

ntion and Visitors Bureau and the support that they've received from the city staff to make this a fair and balanced project that takes all needs into consideration. I think we have come up with a solution that meets everyone's needs. So if you haven't made it there to see the first revision, we did a ribbon cutting for the Holiday Inn tower several months ago, and I look forward to a groundbreaking and ribbon cutting for this facility. Thank you. Council member Supernormal. Thank you. This area of the fifth District borders the fourth and has kind of a quirky sense because our border is is the four or five freeway. But in this one section, the border changes to Willow Street for a couple of hundred yards. So the property is in the fifth District. But a lot of my constituents ask me about this all the time. I just wanted to ask staff. I know during a construction period, especially something of this magnitude, you would meet with the police department and work out the September requirements. And September is an acronym that stands for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. And prior to construction starting this, these meetings will take place and you work out all the details. And our police department or in particular has its Espinosa officer in East Division, would work with the construction firm to make sure all security measures are in place. Yes. Council member of the the police department during the course of the site plan review for this project and every other development project, the plans are related to the police department. So PD has had the chance to review the plans prior to their being finalized and they had did provide comments to staff. Those comments have been reflected in the project design. However, it is generally my understanding that police may also be involved during the construction process just for general monitoring of the site as necessary. Okay. Perfect. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. Just want to make sure. For the planning staff. Just a note that the. The tower. The current tower has obviously a a lighting scheme that's pretty bright, which I know they've changed and upgraded recently. Which is which is fine. I just want to make sure that the new building that we're paying attention to, what the lighting is going to be for the new building, and so that the two are not in conflict, but that the lighting the lighting scheme is looks great both at night and during the day. Certainly they are. We can make sure that that gets addressed so that they are compatible. Okay. Thank you. Mayor. We need four separate votes on this item. Great. So we'll go

in. We have we're going to take four separate votes. We've done public comment for the whole item. And so we have the first of those votes as a motion. In a second, please cast your votes. Motion passes. Okay. You can just please plug in for the second motion to this. You want to read this? Madam Clerk. The. Decker to declare ordinance amending the

zoning district map. Okay. Pleased that the motion to second Castro votes. Motion passes. Okay, third vote. Declare ordinance amending the Willow Street Center planned development. Okay. We're just a little delayed on the machine here. Like. Motion passes. Okay. We just need a. So into motion. Can we get a motion in a second? On the third. There we go. Okay. And this is the declaring the ordinance amending the zoning district map. Perfect. Okay. Thank you all very much. And we will be moving on to the next item, which is 21. Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Pierce, Councilwoman Price recommendation to request the city manager to work with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Commission on Youth and Children to update their purpose and structure to better serve the youth of Long Beach and report back within 90 days. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think a lot of. Mr. Mayor, your attention on the commissions has opened up some opportunities for us to update and modernize. So the Commission on Youth and Children was established in 2003 and is currently overseen by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. At that time, the purpose was to advise and make policy recommendations to the City Council of the Needs, Concerns and Problems of Children and Youth promote coordination with Long Beach Unified School District and other youth based organizations, and to review various city plans that are now outdated. The Commission is a youth adult board consisting of ten adults and nine youth. You know, we've we have very highly, highly qualified and capable committee members, but according to staff, has been challenging to fill all the positions, particularly youth seats. And it's been increasingly difficult to reach a quorum because of that. Currently, 13 of the 19 maximum positions are filled. Additionally, I've spoken with a number of the adult commissioners who feel there's a lack of clarity from the Commission's point of view on the purpose and scope of work as it relates to current city priority priorities. So in working with the mayor's office and working with staff and commissioners, it seems like a good point in time now to pause, assess the current status of the Commission and evaluate how to ensure that the Commission has an updated purpose, a more defined scope, a scope of work based on the city's current programs, our current initiatives. And so while I know that many of our separate Council districts have youth commit youth advisory boards or youth committees, we're also exploring, you know, what might look like if we were to explore the feasibility and advantages of a separate citywide youth youth led commission and an adult commission. So we want the so essentially this motion is asking our commission to look at these things outlined in the recommendation in the background and make some recommend some actionable recommendations that the city c

ouncil can, can, can do to make sure we update this commission and take on some of our fantastic work to support our youth. Thanks. Thank you. Councilwoman Pryce. I think I'm. Next. Oh, I'm sorry. You're right. I messed that up. Councilman Gonzales. Well, thank you. I just wanted to thank Vice Mayor Richardson for the opportunity to speak on this. I think it's great. So many of us have middle schools and high schools and definitely elementary schools. And so to be able to get a better understanding of what this commission will provide and do for all of the youth in our city is going to be great. So thank you for bringing this forward. Vice Mayor. Thank you. Councilman Price. Thank you. I, too, want to thank Vice Mayor Richardson for bringing this forward. This this committee has so much potential. And I know that he and I and Councilwoman Gonzales and Councilwoman Pierce all have young children that we're raising in the city, along with other people on the council. And I think that, you know, about a year and a half ago, I brought an item to council that asked the Commission on Youth to come back with an analysis and a report for us on after school activities. And I still haven't received that report, and it's been a year and a half. So I think there's a lot of opportunities for us to really emphasize and focus on the structure and help them give them the support that they need. It's not a criticism. It's more of a maybe just some assistance is needed because that's an area where I think as a vice mayor, Richardson has pointed out to me on several occasions, we all have a common bond, so I want to thank him for bringing this forward. I think it's great and I wholeheartedly support. Thank you, Councilmember Pierce. Absolutely. I want to thank Vice Mayor for bringing this item up. I know through my years of work in organizing that

often spaces where we have youth and adults, sometimes our visions are different. Sometimes the way we work is a little bit different, the way that we learn is a little different. And so if we are going to prioritize this commission, which I think we should, I think we also have to challenge ourselves and start to think about how do we engage with the youth if we are looking at two separate commissions or we're looking at having two separate that they then come together. If there's some support for some of that staffing, this commission on facilitation and creative ways to engage with them. And I also know that it's a challenge on us as council members to think about what are we giving this commission to work on so that they have meaningful engagement? And so with that, I just want to say thank you for this. I hope we continue to do great work. And I also would like us to explore is there any connection here with Elba USD? Are we collaborating at all with them? That was some of the original focused. We we now have a joint use committee with the school district and that's where My Brother's Keeper and things like that live

. So this is really taking a moment to look at and reevaluate all of those things and come back specifically with recommendations for this commission. Great. Thank you so much. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. And having challenges with our microphone. I'm very excited about this opportunity. I think that there's a lot that can be done. I know that we have a partnership item coming before council as well, and I think that there are a lot of opportunities both after school and with our commissioners and to get a group of students involved . We've actually been discussing in our district what we need to do to recruit younger commissioners that can serve a full term versus seniors in high school for our youth commission. And so we're really excited about this upcoming process we're launching. So I'll use that as my plug opportunity soon to be in the newsletter and then to support this item. I'm really glad that we're having this opportunity. Thank you. I want to make a couple comments. Open it up. First, I. I really am thankful that this came forward. I've been talking to Vice Mayor Richardson about this, as well as to some of the members of the commission. I want to thank some of the members of the commission that are actually here. Particularly want to thank two members of the commission that both wear double hats. And that is Vivienne, who we know also serves on our community college board, my Lulu over here, and as well as Megan Kerr, who also serves on the Long Beach Unified School Board. And the fact that we have these two women who also serve our community and our youth on this board, as well as a variety of other youth and community members, bless you with expertise is a really great resource for us at the city. And so I think that and I think it's important to note that this item is not a reflection of what we want is to empower this commission and we want the commission to work with staff to inform us what is it that we need to do to support the Commission more? And what is how can we restructure the commission in a way? Do we ensure that you both and and everyone else that's involved are successful as commissioners on the Commission on Youth and Children? And so maybe the scope needs to be enlarged, maybe it needs to be smaller, maybe there needs to be other, maybe the membership could be different. I don't think we know the answer to those questions. I do know and I want to note the commission has already started some of this work. And so the commission internally has already been discussing how they can improve their their mission or expand their mission and change it to serve the needs of the community. And so I just want to also recognize staff who's been working with the commission. The commission has been taking the initiative on this issue. And I think this kind of solidifies the Council's support in supporting the work that's happening and beyond as well. So I want to thank and all the members of the commission that are here and tha

t are, I know, watching as well. So let's give them a round of applause and thank them for their service. And with that, let me open it up to public comment. Please come forward. It's like the women of education. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council Members Megan Curry, district resident, parent and member of the Miami Unified School District Board of Education. It's a it's an amazing commission to sit on. We have some really powerful, knowledgeable people in that room. And the problems that we've run into really are in the very narrowly defined scope of why the commission was created in the first place. It was actually created in conjunction with a city program that no longer exists. So this commission was actually supposed to advise that particular program. So once that program went away, the commission remained. Yet the very narrow scope of our work has to do with a non-existent program. So when we would do our work and have conversations, we really realized that we didn't have any kind of authority or purview to talk about the activities that were

really pertinent to the youth who are currently serving on the committee. So I think this is a great opportunity to refocus, look at the priorities of the city, the priorities of this council around the issues of youth and children, and really create a collaborative board that and commission that can work with you could answer your questions. I do apologize. We we met several times to talk about that data. But the reality is the members of this commission do not have the availability to data to create any kind of report and analysis that really is a staff job. So we kept running into was that that wasn't something that we could even actually accomplish. It wasn't for lack of wanting to. I think we had five subcommittee meetings to try and make it happen. So it really is around the technical description of this commission, and I welcome being part of the conversation to restructure it to better serve the city. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, please. Thank you. Good evening, everybody. Happy Election Day to our honorable city council and our wonderful staff. My name is Vivian Marla Zulu, and tonight I am wearing. My commissioner hat. I have had the great sweet chore of serving as the chair of this commission for the past, I believe, 18 months. And I'd like to take a moment to introduce the commission staff there. We've got our our director, Parks and Rec, Marie Knight. We've got our Gladys Kaiser, who oversees the program manager for Parks and Rec. And we've got Joy Warren, who is the superintendent in charge of our commission. We also have one more staff person who's not here, Norma Salazar Walker. They've been great. We, like Councilmember Rex Richardson mentioned we have experienced a lot of frustration serving on this commission. And a lot of the frustration has to do with the fact that we've got so many awesome people on the commission who are doers and we have so many ideas. And there are so many plans that

. We would like to take on and connect throughout the city for our youth. We are educators, we are parents. We are involved with youth in the community, both as our employment, many educators, but also as volunteers. We've got coaches and we've tried. Several. Times to implement programs and introduce new ideas, but we've had some roadblocks and it has to do with the resolution of how the commission was established. Like my colleague Megan Kerr stated, this commission was actually established to support the Long Beach Youth Network, which is has been defunct for several years. There is no longer a Long Beach youth network, so our commission has sort of been in limbo. Now I'm very grateful for the opportunity. We have had lots of meetings to try to evaluate our use. We do have ideas and I would just like to urge the Council to please vote yes to move forward on this action item so that we can have a little bit more flexibility. Also, you know, the structure, the number of commissioners. We've got great youth commissioners. Councilmember Mongeau Emma Parsons in your district is fantastic. She's fantastic. And I would I would love to have her continue as an adult commissioner. So just there are so many limits and restrictions on this particular commission that it would just really, truly be a blessing to us if you would consider expanding and allowing us to spread our wings. Also, I would just like to close that. I believe that this commission, like you all said, has a lot of potential to also educate our community about what our youth, the role that our youth really play in this city and the future of the city. So if you please allow us to do that. I'm sure we can come up with great ideas. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Karen recite, I live in the First District and I'm going to talk on this in a couple of positions. I used to work for the Boys and Girls Club and worked with the Youth Commission, which had very dedicated, committed people. I had issues. I tried to get the kids on the commission as youth representatives. And the the nominees tended to be the people that were more successful, the youth that were more. Successful. In terms of grades and academics. And I just want to make sure that. The underrepresented. Communities would be considered as any part of the structure of this committee. And I just want to. I've done a lot of work through the Great Panthers with the number of commissions. And the problems that they're talking about are not just particularly related. To the youth commission and really think that all the commissions. Need to be examined as to what the roles are. The city has shifted its dynamics. So tremendously just in the last just since you've taken office, Robert, and done. A fabulous job. And it's time to look at how do our commissions. Function. So in use more technology. Within the structure of the commissions. And look at what role can the commissions really serve to advance and assist

city staff and council members in making our city great. Thank you. See no other public comment. We have a motion and a second. Members, please go ahead and cast your votes. And again, thank you to our speakers and to our two commissioners that spoke today. Thank you. Any public comment? Seeing nonmembers, please cast your votes. Motion carries item nine and then we will

go back to item seven. Item nine is a report from Financial Management Recommendation to Adobe resolution approving the annual and five year reports for the transportation improvement fee. Parks and Recreation Facilities Fee. Fire Facilities Impact Fee. And Police Facilities Impact Fees CDI. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment? Seeing Non councilmember mongo. Yes, I was actually just speaking with Mr. Eriksson about the potential for a current modification or if this would have to come back. We have a significant amount of impact in some of our parks and rec facilities due to the recent storms and some of the project areas are not specifically outlined on here. And so I was just trying to get a point of clarification if that needs to come back or if I can make a small modification. Mr. City Attorney, would you be able to let me know what I can and cannot do on this item? It would have to come back at a later time to make an amendment to this, because this is an adopt resolution approving the annual fight, the five year reports, and that's a requirement under law that they come and report to you what these impacts, fees were collected and what it was spent on. If you want to change the fee, it would have to be agenda separately. So under this report on page, of course, there's a whole bunch on the page number. Let me turn back on page seven and eight of 13. It has a list of completion date future projects that exceed the amount of money in the fund out not outlined on here. There is significant damage to Hilton Park facilities, Silverado Park facilities and Pan Am Park facilities, but it sounds as though that would have to come back, even though they say future. So, yes, that's something that we'd have to take a look at. There's also some state law requirements about what is maintenance and what is new. So we'd have to we can certainly get the council some information about what other projects could we be adding. We as you're you state, we really do need funding for those. We can certainly look to see if impact fees if they qualify and then where they fit in the priority order. Wonderful. Thank you so much for that. I appreciate it. And I'm glad that we are being strategic about these investments. And I appreciate I'm working with the department heads who have been very mindful of our needs. Thank you very much. Thank you. Is there a public comment on this piece less about. Councilman Andrews. Councilman Andrews. Motion carries a zero. Thank you. Item seven, please. Constant motion carries. Thank you. Next step was item 211. Item 11 is from Library Servic

es recommendation to execute an email you with Microsoft Corporation for the programing of Microsoft Digital Alliances, Youth Spark, City Y. Cosme Mission and a second Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, I have to formally recuse myself, unfortunately, because I work full time with Microsoft. I won't speak on the item, but I will just say thank you. Megan Traver, you're probably one of the most ambitious and hard working principles, and I'm glad the students are here to. Okay. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment saying that? Please cast your votes. No motion. Carries. Okay, motion carries. Thank you. Can we. Oh, absolutely. Come up. Sorry. It's okay. We were trying to be really respectful, and we didn't really know how this works. No problem. Hi, everyone. Thank you so much for having us here. And I just want. To say sorry. I'm the principal at Washington, Megan Traver, and I want to say thank you so much. It's such an honor to work in a city. That. Supports education, public education the way you do. So, thank you so much. And we're just here to speak on behalf of this wonderful proposition about having this digital alliance with Microsoft. We've had the benefit at our school, and I have a couple of students who've. Either attended the program already are going to. Attend a field trip to the Michelle. Obama Library on Monday. And it's just been really an incredible. Experience for our students at Washington. So they're going to be the ones to tell you better than I do. So let me introduce them. Our first speaker is Hazel Santos. Hello. My name is Hazard Santos. Well, first of all, it's a complete privilege and honor to be among you all, including the mayor of Long Beach himself. So I've been. As Ms.. Traver said, I was blown away when I was told to be here. And it's actually very great because the alliance with. Microsoft well has been changing our lives because Microsoft is practically technology. And without technology, our lives wouldn't have been this way as they are now. So I'm also looking forward for this field trip because, well, two reasons. One, because. It helps. The students learn about technology to pursue their passions of their future jobs in their lives. And two, it helps them get a better idea, helps them get a better example of the many, many jobs that are included within their within their lives. So, yeah. That was great. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Very good. This whole thing down. Okay. Thank you. Russell. Introduce yourself first. Okay. Hello. I'm in Alaska. And I just have to say as before, anything else, that it's a great honor to be presented and to talk about this issue. And I am I it's I'm blown away. I there's no words to describe this one. Fulfilling,

wonderful feeling is. So I am a scholar. I clearly attend to Washington Middle School and I would like to discuss the topic of the STEM program in which I believe should be supported and should be allowed at that school. You don't realize how important this is

to our school. I hate to say it, but school does have disadvantages from our environment to many sorts of things. And our students, they are the most motivated, most hardworking people I've ever, ever known. And I know this better because I am one of them. And not only I'm just seen as all the fact is, my personal opinion is that we score the highest as the most, like people who gain the most in mathematics by the aspect that doesn't prove that they're should prove how motivated our people are, how motivated we want to be somewhere in life. And this damn program helps and proves helps encourage that. As you can see, my my own sister, she went into this program. Stempel had no clue, no idea what was coding and merely once came back. She's like, I think I want to do this. I think I want to pursue a career in technology and coding and mathematics. And I interview also students who also went there and the all to the same thing in I went to a program there it was for women's empowerment and it was hosted by the STEM program and I can say is absolutely amazing what they're trying to do for future generations and that people forget the fact that our future generations help build our society. We are the people that help decide decisions for tomorrow and tomorrow, tomorrow. And this truly, truly, this tampon will definitely help encourage that and help people like look beyond what is in front of the in front of their environment. And that's all I have to say. Thank you and also thank you for a STEM program. Great. Thank you guys very much. Appreciate it. And it all it already had already passed. So I'll get it. I'm going to go over and say, how do you guys. Councilman Pierce? Yeah, I just wanted to say thank you to the students for coming out and speaking in front of us today. It really is inspiring to hear from you guys. Thank you. Thank you. Sir. You did great. Good to see you. Has a great. Picture. Yes, please. From Australia. You too. Well, get them for one. All right. All right. Now, a school without the principal. That's right. She? Cheez Whiz was our favorite man. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. I sent my wife here. Probably. She's in a hurry. Oh. We have such great kids, don't we? Amazing. Good job, guys. You guys were awesome. And the last item that was pulled was slated for 1112, I think. Okay. Motion carries. Thank you. Okay. We're moving on to the next item, please. Item 18. Got it. Got it. All out of 18, please. You got it wrong. I think it's it's correct. Is correct. Okay, guys, I'm. Listening. To the people. What you displayed was not. We display we did a roll call vote, everybody. That's it. That's it, guys. Stop. 1/2 screen, guys. The machines aren't working for the clerk. Okay, guys, we can't have conversations from. I'm going to talk to the clerk. The motion carries. The city clerk has confirmed it. Yes, we're moving on. Item 18. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Item 18 is a report from Economic and Property Development Recommendation to authorize

city manager to amend the requirement of a purchase and sale agreement with the L.A.. Be reducing the initial deposit from 500000 to 50000 on the purchase of for sale and future development properties, and to reimburse two 350,000 intended and or for such improvements to the for sale properties along Atlantic Avenue between 55th Street and South Street and 620 and 635 South District eight and nine. Okay. We'll go ahead, Councilman Austin. Well, thank you very much. And before we hear from staff, I'd just like to say that this is an exciting day for Long Beach, specifically the North Village and surrounding neighborhoods. That includes the eighth District and ninth District. Today's council approval of the amended agreement would allow will allow a real chance for more formative project to move forward in North Long Beach. Almost two years ago, in July 2015, when the four former redevelopment properties were up for sale, I had an opportunity to meet with Shaheen Sadeghi, the CEO, and Chris Bennett from the lab, our firm at our former field office in the North Village, one of the properties that was actually for sale. We walked along Atlantic Avenue and South Street and discussed the vision and greater possibilities for this area as it got a better feeling for the neighborhood. Their vision for the project actually grew, and the lab is now looking at investing in a major project here in Long Beach that not only includes those original store fronts in the North Village, but also about 30 parcels, including vacant lots across the street from the Michelle Obama Library. The lab has a true, proven track record of commercial development that demonstrates a unique vision for creating a sense of place and a destination that draws visitors from throughout the region to enjoy unique eateries and boutiques that give a neighborhood a special identity and revitalize character. The Anaheim Packing District, or Central Street in historic downtown Anaheim, are examples of this or the lab A.I.M. in the camp in Costa mesa. It has taken

nearly two years to work out all the deal points to move this project forward. In addition to Shaheen, I'd also like to thank Roman Carini from the lab, who was here this evening, work for working with the city to get this to this point and finding solutions to reach an agreement. I'd also like to recognize our city staff in economic development, including DA John Keisler and Sergio Ramirez, for finding creative ways to overcome hurdles in their work hurdles. With all that said, with this deal in place, as I share with Ramon, we now are anxious to see this project move forward in a very timely manner. Many of the storefronts in the North Village have been vacant for several years since the redevelopment agency was dismantled. The residents in North Long Beach have been waiting for this project for many years and they have watched Bixby nose and other corridors in other areas of the city made great strides. I'm glad tonight that this

that we're going to use redevelopment sale proceeds to help fast track the the move. Improvements on the existing storefronts in the north village while additional development concepts are being worked on. And if I can borrow of a quote from Casablanca, I think this is a beginning of a beautiful friendship between the city in the lab and the residents and businesses of Long Beach will be the ones to benefit. And so, members, I would ask for your support. I know we have a presentation that I think will impress you all. Thank you very much. Thank you. And, Councilman, we range of comments before the presentation. This is a wonderful partnership between the city and the developer. And I and I totally support this project. It's a way of dealing with our blight. I mean, since redevelopment went away, we have to use creative ways of dealing with our blight. And this is certainly one way of doing that. And I appreciate all the assistance that we're getting from our staff as well as with the owners. Thank you. Councilman Orson. As I mentioned, obviously vice mayor of Councilmember Richardson is not here. He and his staff have also been working very. Very diligently and hard as partners. We have had a shared vision to to really make Atlantic Avenue a destination and an active corridor throughout the city of Long Beach. And this will be a critical piece, if I can just emphasize what this means to North Long Beach. This is would be similar to our L.A. life. Right. You know what L.A. life did for downtown Los Angeles? This project will be L.A. Life for Long Beach, North Long Beach. And so northtown. The best is yet to come. Thank you. And I'm going to hear that we're going to do the presentation. I just want to say I have to first is to the Councilman Austin and Vice Mayor Richardson, who I know I believe is having a a exciting family moment right now. I think his wife is going into labor as we speak. And so he had to exit. But we're very excited. I'll be honest with you. And the councilman knows this. This is one of the most exciting projects we've had. This is this is a a home run project. And I just really want to thank Councilman Austin, Vice Mayor Richardson and the developers for this, because this is, I think, one of the best things that's going to happen to our city in a very, very long time. And so with that, I'll turn this over to Mr. West for the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Council members, this is part of the dissolution of the redevelopment agency. We're disposing of some of our successor agency parcels in North Lomita and District eight and District nine, and I echo exactly what all the council have said and also the mayor. This is going to be a fantastic development. I'm going to turn it over to the director, assistant director for economic development of Property Services. They put a lot of hard work and equity into these projects to make sure that we have a financial scenario that works both for the city and also for the developer.

And this truly will change the face of North Long Beach when it's concluded. So that John or Sergio. I honorable mayor and members of the City Council, I'm going to actually turn the presentation over to Sergio Ramirez, who is our deputy director, who's embraced this project from the beginning. He's he's the one who's briefing. Our various departments and coordinating the effort. And so, without further ado. Sergio can give us a little bit of an overview of this wonderful project. Thank you, John. Good evening, honorable mayor, honorable council members. As you're aware, one of the key improvement areas in the city is the North Village area along Atlantic Avenue in council districts eight and nine. Since the dissolution of redevelopment, staff has been working to bring forth a truly transformative neighborhood revitalization project to this area. The city has partnered with the land developer of the camp and lab in Costa mesa and Anaheim Packing District to bring a project to this area. In 2015, the successor agency approved the sale of blocks m b, consisting of 18 noncontiguous parcels located along Atlantic Avenue to the land for rehabilitation at the amount of \$3.6 million. Subsequently, in 2016, the City Council approved the sale of two future development sites BLOCK C and D, also in Atlantic Avenue to the lab for development in the amount of \$2.5

million. Recently, the lab determined that building renovation and improvement work on blocks and B would be funded internally while outside financing would be utilized to fund the development of the future owned properties Box C and D. Further, the lab will initially activate occupancy of rehabilitated properties with internally owned businesses to help establish the area and help bring forth additional private investment due to the transformative nature of the proposed project and proposed capital intensive nature of the renovations and developments. Staff has determined that it's vital for the lab to preserve equity to satisfy the various financial requirements of the proposed future development projects, to assist the lab in preserving cash assets necessary for investment into the project. Staff recommends first reduction of the deposit from \$500,000 to \$50,000 be made with an increase to the promissory note in the same amount, the city's new note amount would be \$6.89 million, an increase of \$450,000. Secondly, staff recommends a portion of the North redeveloped project area share of proceeds from the sale be designated to reimburse the lab for tentative improvements and exterior facade renovations in and in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. Staff recommends approval of this item and we're excited to collaborate with the developer and all city departments to begin work necessary over the next 12 to 18 months to get this project underway. This concludes our report. Well, John and I are here to answer any questions. And as it was previously identified, Mr. Roman Katrina and is here for th

e lab to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you. Again, impressive presentation and very exciting project. Is there any public comment on this item? Please come forward. The South Council District three has a former employee in Costa mesa. I'm very familiar with the lab. Costa mesa is not Long Beach and the lab works in Costa mesa because it's freeway adjacent and it's off Bristol, which is a huge thruway in the city. So the lab proposal here, North Long Beach is impacted. If you can't make Atlantic whiter, you can't make South Street wider. So it's going to be a traffic problem. We're not really freeway adjacent in any way, shape or form there. I don't know if the residents understand the concept behind what's going there and their land values, how they're going to change. So the development that we will be experiencing here. An ocean is now moving to North Long Beach, which I was just kind of waiting to see when that would happen. So I'm actually excited for a project like this, but I'd like to see Long Beach businesses have first opportunity there in the lab. One is developed. I'd like to see Long Beach employ people that need jobs, get first choice at those jobs as well, but find some way to make the lab, which is pretty hipster down in Long Beach to reflect the community of in customers excuse me but to make it reflective of Long Beach community and where it's going, artists perhaps. People on make it. Hip in our Long. Beach way. But again, the traffic is will be a problem. Parking will be a problem. It's already parking right now. But I think the greatest thing that's happened up there in that particular area is the free Wi-Fi that I can use when I'm up there visiting. Those are my comments. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Hello. I'm Sylvia Contreras, and I just came to say thank you. I've been looking forward to that project to get started. I was looking forward to a michelle Obama library and opened up and I was excited to be there. I don't know how many opportunities I'll have to be at a library opened, but this is going to be an opportunity again, a first timer for a Long Beach resident within walking distance of that time. Yeah, I have thought about the traffic, what's going to happen there? But you know what? What's going to be going on is supersedes that all the way. So thank you very much. Thank you. I see no other public comment and no other council comment. Members, please go and cast your votes. We do have actually a one other comment. I'm sorry about that. Oh, Joe. Sorry to be late. My name's Chris Bennett. I'm with Lab Holding. I really appreciate the opportunity to work in your city and really excited to work on this project. The lab, the company is a little American business. That's where our company acronym came, comes from. And we are focused on providing local independent jobs and local independent businesses. To create. Something that's very unique and Long Beach specific. And that's what we try to do

in every community that we work with. And we're very excited to work in Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you very much. With that, we still have having some issues with our ah, our functioning board here according to some people. So let's do a voice vote starting on the end. All right. That's councilwoman. K motion carries unanimously with those members present. Thank you. Moving on to item 25, please. Item 25 is communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez, Council Member Peers and Council Member Turanga. Recommendation to receive and file presentation by Green Education regarding local community efforts to comply with greenhouse gas reduction goals. Item

22 is a communication from Councilman Austin, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilwoman Mongo recommendation to request the city attorney to draft a resolution in support of energy upgrade California and the Do Your Things campaign. Councilwoman or Councilman Austin thank you. Thank you. And I'd like to just thank my colleagues on a state large committee for signing on to this item. As we all know, Long Beach has been a leader in supporting policies that promotes sustainability and promote energy efficiency. In 2015, the governor and state legislature approved the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act, which included goals of doubling energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40% before year 2030. Part of this initiative has just been launched and which is called Do Your Thing Campaign. The campaign is to encourage all Californians to take actions, either big or small, to better manage personal energy consumption, whether it's turning off a light in an empty room or unplugging an unused appliance or converting to LED light bulbs. Just doing something to be more energy efficient. And a resolution that would promote energy efficiency. We're asking our colleagues, my colleagues, to approve the recommendation for Long Beach to join a Do Your Thing campaign in support of energy of Great California. So moved the public comment saying no public comment without any objection. Motion carries unanimously. As our second public comment period. I think there's a gentleman that wanted to speak come forward. Yes. And you're speaking to. Come on. Thank you. And that concludes our public comment. So next, we'll move on to item 17. Please read item number 17. Report from City Manager Recommendation to consider approval of up to 10.5 million ten year loan to the Aquarium of the Pacific. The Aquarium of Pacific Corporation from the Tidelands Fund District to. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. I want to thank staff for working hard on this. I also want to thank the aquarium for their vision and commitment to expand and make sure that we have a world class facility here in the second district. I wanted to just ask a couple of questions, actually. Could we go to a staff report? Can we just check and make sure we got quorum? We do. No one else can leave. Okay. So let's have a staff report. Certainly.

We've been working on this with the aquarium for some time for their \$53 million addition for Pacific Visions. So I'm interested in this over to assistant city manager Tom Modica. He's been working closely with the aquarium. And also we have our finance director, John GROSS, has been intimately involved in these details. So, Tom, the image manager, vice mayor and members of the council and Councilmember Pearce. Yes. As the manager mentioned, this Pacific Visions is a \$53 million educational exhibit that is going to include an immersive theater and a changing exhibit gallery. The council considered and approved a \$15 million challenge grant. We are the lead donor for this \$53 million project, which the city is going to invest about \$15 million over the next several years into this. The rest of the project is privately fundraised. So essentially the city will be getting a \$53 million city owned facility for \$15 million of city investment and allow a wonderful educational institution, the Aquarium of the Pacific, to continue to grow and thrive. This has been their best year yet and revenues are doing very well. But they are looking to the future about how to grow this facility and continue to bring in the roughly 1.8 million visitors, I believe 1.5, 1.8 million visitors a year. So what you're seeing tonight is since the challenge, Grant, the aquarium is in need of a bridge loan. They have a number of contract contributions that are coming in over the next several years that are contributed by donors, including the city. And in order to start with the construction, they need a loan. They've been out to the market to look for a loan. But because of the way that the city's bond indentures are structured, that has proven to be a little more difficult than expected. What this recommendation is, is for the city to be basically the bank for this project and to loan out the money to be repaid and completely by the Aquarium of the Pacific. And so it allows for that bridge loan to proceed. Currently, we're not we are not expecting the loan to provide any impacts or to have any impacts on projects or had those types of adverse impacts. And I would like, in addition to the items that are listed in the staff report, for all the different terms that we would be entering into. I do want to read one additional term that we've agreed on in discussions with the aquarium that provides further protection to the city. Essentially, we would like to add that, quote, The cash from the loan must now be must be from new bond proceeds or the Tidelands operating reserve and any other cash source needs to be approved by the city council. So essentially this changes so that we would go for bond issuance and drop from operating reserve, but we would not be temporarily borrowing any project cash, which was seen as a as a minor eventuality in your staff report. But we are comfortable only restricting to those two and we would come back to council if that very slim possibility ever

occurred and have that discussion with council. And with that, we're available for questions. Thank you. We'll go back to Councilmember Pierce. Thank you. Thank you for that addition to the report. I wanted to just ask, can you go over a little bit some of that oversight and explain to us, say they're late on a payment, what's that situation like? And also explain to us a little bit of the oversight with fundraising and how how are we making sure that we're on track for the goals that we have? Yes. So as noted in the staff report, the aquarium continues to fundraise. Right now they have about a \$10 million goal. The aquarium has let us know that they believe that they will have that in hand or pledged by the end of the year. So \$43 million would be raised to date and that would be the final \$10 million that would be raised. The city does sit on the aquarium board. We have an ex-officio member who is there and is able to participate in the discussion and make sure that we're getting updates as part of the terms. They will be giving progress reports every six months on where they are. They are also providing sources and uses and a variety of information about where the money would be coming from and how those funds would be expended. There is also a very complicated document called our implementation agreement. That is from the last time that we did a debt issuance for the aquarium. And it continues to guide the way that we interact with the aquarium legally. And that has a number of protections and safeguards that the aquarium is to be reporting out to the city. And we get those reports regularly and we expect more reports in the future, specifically on this on this project. Great. Thank you. And then I just wanted to remind everybody that, you know, this is something that was early whenever I came on the council and said how much I wanted to support the aquarium, the fact that it's an educational center, the fact that doing a development like this in our community also creates jobs and opportunities for those live locally. And when I think staff are working on community benefits list with everybody and look forward to kind of teasing that out a little bit more and working with the aquarium to make sure that we can continue to provide those good jobs. I think that that is all that I have at this time. And I'll hand it over to you next Councilmember. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. And thank you to the staff for the staff report and the clarification of some of the areas of concern, primarily that Tidelands projects that have been committed won't be impacted without further direction of council. And we too are hopeful that that won't be necessary or essential as we move forward. I do think that, as the staff report indicates, there is a notable amount of risk associated with this particular item. And as such, I think it's it's justified and warranted for us to have additional reporting requirements so that we are

involved more intimately with the progress and the financials that the aquarium will be relying upon for this \$53 million expansion project. So, you know, one thing I just want to make sure based on my reading and I know I don't have the backup documentation that goes with the staff report, but based on my reading of the staff report, it's it's it's my expectation as a member of this council, and I'm sure my colleagues share this expectation that any change in circumstance that would be experienced by the aquarium from now until the fundraising goals are met, that that change in circumstance would be communicated to us so that we can be in a less reactionary position, and we could do some advanced planning if in fact there is a change of circumstance. I hope that the fundraising goals are met. I hope that the financials move along as as we have planned. But if there should be any change in circumstance that is made known to the leadership of the aquarium, obviously the relationship, the contractual relationship that we are extending through the terms of this particular agreement, in my opinion, necessitate better communication between the parties that there has been a changed circumstance, and I believe that's understanding of city staff as well. Certainly that is actually in in the proposal from the aquarium that that level of reporting be in there and that level of of responsibility be in there. And we will certainly be keeping the council informed if there's any material change. That's something we've agreed to with the aquarium. And the city does have, under the implementation agreement, some steps that it can take if, if and when we reached that point, which we don't believe we will. But if it ever reaches that point, then there are some steps that we would be able to take working with the aquarium. So yes, we make that commitment. That's great, and I don't believe that that will be necessary either. I think the the future for the aquarium is very bright. This expansion is very positive for the area, for this city asset. And I you know, I don't believe those those concerns are warranted at this juncture. But there are definitely something that need to be stated in writing and verbally, in my opinion. So thank you. Thank you. I'll just add my comments here that I want to thank both council members and city staff for highlighting

the risk associated with this and allowing us to go in eyes open. I personally believe that the you know, the aquarium, the Pacific, one of the best investments we can make of Titans funds is into making sure that we continue to have a world class aquarium and that is an educational institution and continue to be referenced as as such, because it brings such benefit and value to the entire city and to the entire region. So I am going to vote in support of this next. We have Councilman Austin. Thank you. And it has been a long night. And so forgive me for failing and my question has already been answered. Please forgi

ve me. But I was reading a staff report. I just want to get some clarification for my benefit and anybody watching at home, what are the actual terms of repayment of this loan since we are a bank in this matter? So I didn't turn to Jon to add any detail. Essentially, it's a \$10 million or a net \$10 million loan up to a ten year term. Essentially, they would pay the the actual cost of issuance and and and loan the opportunity cost of what the city would have if it were using its cash to invest plus point 5%. So this is fully repaid by the aquarium and with no impact to city projects and they would cover all the cost. John, if you have anything to add, I think you did a great job. I think the key thing to maybe add is that we have some negotiation to do with regard to the loan, but the key aspects of the loan will be that the payments from the aquarium will exactly match our disbursement for the bond issue cost so that there will be no net impact on the Tidelands Fund. Plus, we will get a little extra for our trouble. So it will actually benefit the Titans fund. So the aquarium will repay the loan and then we will turn around and use probably 98% of that money or 99% of that money to pay debt service with no impact on the Tidelands Fund. So I maybe this is a bigger question, but can we bond on the debt we were owed? No, we cannot. It's a very good question. We are actually going to issue bonds using the overall revenues of the Tidelands Fund, not just the aquarium repayment. And in terms of oversight, what type of oversight do we have in terms of. The the. Knowing that we're going to be repaid, that over the 15 years? I think Assistant City Manager Tom Modica described it pretty well. We added have added additional reporting requirements, we have added additional requirements in the budget preparation and we have also added requirements that if there is any issue that comes to the attention of the board that could impact things, they are required to notify us. And then my last question, because these are, I guess, now public funds going into a quayside public, private situation. Are these are there books or are these funds subject to audit? Yes, the the aquarium books are subject to audit. The auditor, the aquarium and the city auditor have worked together to define the terms of who is allowed to audit. And we receive the audited records ourselves and we have added additional authority over the format of that audit report, although we like the way the report is provided now. All right. Thank you very much. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? Thank you. Please come forward. You have 3 minutes. That I can. He thinks I support this item. It's pretty good. I like the. Comments that. Councilwoman Susie Price made. As well as Tom. And I know who that guy. Is back there. But everything seems to be in order. One of the main things that I had concerns that I had was a project that this that this big would need to be audited. And it looks I

ike this type of stuff has taken place. I know that Susie. Susie mentioned that. Even when we had the Queen Mary that took place, that that she was concerned that maybe the streets and some of the other stuff. I mean, I'm sorry, some of the other tidelands projects that were there that were scheduled. Maybe in a different situation, we may have some issues if the bonds weren't handled. I don't know if that bond went out already. I know it was pretty quick, but as long as we have that covered here with the aquariums, I think that that this is like a win win and this is the greatest thing that can happen. The aquarium is a great place and it needs to get bigger. I know that for sure. And the bigger it gets, the better it is. So. Live long and prosper. Thank you for your comments. We'll take it back behind the wheel. Councilmember Pierce. Yeah. I just wanted to close one more time and just say what a fantastic job. Staff has really done everything from the auditing to the reporting. I know that this has been a big project for everybody and that just one last, really exciting to see Long Beach grow and become a big city that's taking on a little bit of risk to make sure that we can develop our city as we see fit. So thank you again. And I urge my colleagues to vote. Yes, thank you. Thank you. Let's move to a vote. Okay. And then we'll go will be we'll be going on to the rest of the agenda as well. And we also have we also have public comment, which we'll do right after the hearing. Okay. And so with that, we'll begin the hearing and turn it over to the clerk to begin that pass. Report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation

into the record and conclude the public hearing. Approve Zone Change Designations to Park for properties located at Rosa Parks Park District six Cambodian Killing Fields Memorial District six, NAACP Freedom Park District six, Davenport Park Expansion District eight Declare ordinance amending the use district map read for the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading District six and eight. Thank you. Mr. Modica. Yes, thank you, Vice Mayor. The staff report for this will be given by Linda Tatum, our planning beer manager. Good afternoon, Mayor, and members of the City Council. This proposal is a request for zone changes for four properties to reflect their current and their future use as city parks. As a part of this action, no physical construction or any change of the use is proposed as a part of this action. However, this action is really just the first step to ensuring that these properties remain as public parks and used as public parks and are recognized as a part of the city's Parkland inventory in perpetuity. And just to give you a little bit of background, in 2015, the State Department of Finance approved the City of Long Beach's, what we call the the long range management plan. And that plan articulated the city's path for disposing of s

uccessor agency properties for either sale, development or public use. Several properties on that long range management plan had been acquired specifically for the purpose of adding to the city's parks inventory, and that included the four parcels that we've just described for you earlier. These four properties. Will be subject to both city and state requirements for a process which designates properties as city parks and making sure that they remain as parks in perpetuity. So this rezoning that's being requested tonight is the first stage or the first step in that process. We will come back to you subsequently with another ordinance that officially dedicates these as city parks, and that establishes the second phase. And it will complete the the designation of these as parks in perpetuity. And I would just like to note that this hearing or this item was considered by the Planning Commission in February of this year , and they unanimously recommended of the rezoning action to the city council and a sequel to the California Environmental Quality Act. Is or this project or this proposed rezoning is exempt from sequel. So a categorical it's it's exempt under section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act. So in conclusion, I recommend that the City Council affirm the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the following four parks from their current zoning to park, which is a zoning designation of P four Park. The first of those is the Rosa Parks Park, and that's located at Alamitos, right where Alamitos and Orange terminate and merge that sort of around 100 and at 16th and 15th just north of orange that currently is zoned are for and the request is to rezone it to P. The second one is the Cambodia Killing Fields Memorial. That's at 15 1501 East Anaheim Street, that's 15th and Peterson that current zoning is a community community commercial we're requesting that that be rezone to P four park. The third is at 2300 Martin Luther King Avenue. That's the ACP Freedom Park. The proposal is to rezone that one from commercial to P. And lastly, we have the Davenport Park expansion that's located at 5550 North Paramount Boulevard. That's at 55 way. And the request is to rezone that property from moderate density residential to P four Park. That concludes staff's presentation and we ask that the City Council consider a positive recommendation for this rezoning request. Thank you, Linda. So at this point, we'll go to public comment. Is there any public comment on this hearing? Saying none. We will close the hearing and take it back behind the rail. Councilman Austin, would you like to speak to this? So moved. I'd like to just encourage support. I want to congratulate and thank staff for their great work on this and let it be for everyone to know how excited we are to move with phase two at Davenport Park in eighth District. Thank you, Councilman Pierce. Yes. I also want to thank staff and I want to provide a fact for us since it's mental health

h month that a physician diagnosed depression was 33% higher in residential areas with fewer greenspaces. So I'm happy to see us adding greenspaces to other part of town and thank you staff for everybody working on this. What a great fact. Thank you so much. Any other seeing no further comments here? Member Members, please cast your vote on the hearing. Out of nine, please. I'm 18. It's yours. Item 18 is communication from Councilman Andrew's recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund in the Economic and Property Development Department by 59,009 and 40, offset by the six Council District one time infrastructure funds to fund community improvement and community engagement activities. There's a motion in a second. Is there any public comment on this, saying on Councilman Andrews, anything? Oh, I just want to thank the folks councilmembers for supporting these community improvement efforts in prior years. And I've

been able to see an incredible improvement in my district. More residents are calling for pothole, graffiti and illegal dumping items. We have also been able to increase our district drive and route and do immediate dispatch staff to our area, and they need extradition to address these concerns. Let's keep up the good work, you guys. Thank you. Members, please cast your votes. Believe it or not, this is going to be the longest meeting we ever had. So next up is 22. Real quickly, Madam Clerk. 23. I'm sorry, 23. Item 23 is communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilman Andrews and Councilman Austin. Recommendation to request the city manager to prepare a report on the specific areas relating to homelessness and residential quality of life in the city of Long Beach. Thank you. Exit quietly, please. That'd be great. Thank you very much. Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to thank we had about five residents here earlier, but they had to leave to put kids to sleep. And we have one resident who stayed behind. So so thank you and bless you for staying. This item comes as a result of constituent feedback and information that we have received and of course, the great work that the city has done in regards to homelessness. I know this item is long, but I want to talk through just a few things. Long Beach has been making major strides towards addressing homelessness. City staff has made us one of the leaders in the state and how we help the homeless. I want to specifically thank two three of my colleagues who have had an important role in this issue. Councilmember Pearce, with her support of the Hart team, Vice Mayor Richardson with his work on affordable housing. And Councilwoman Gonzalez with her request for data collection, which is very vital to this process. I hope that we as a city can build on this important progress and continue to be a leader in addressing homelessness. This specific item seeks to collect more information that would be useful in actually developing strategies for a long term, multi department

tal city approach to homelessness. I've indicated a number of areas in the items, but I'm truly open to any additional ideas from my colleagues on the departments and the departments themselves on ways that we can better address the needs being felt around homelessness and residential quality of life issues. Generally, the spirit of this item is to see how we can expand things that are successful and fill in gaps in addressing areas where we have opportunities. I encourage our city manager to use his judgment and the resources available to him and instructing the various departments that could have an impact on homeless issues. Oftentimes, we think of homeless issues as impacting only the health department or the police department, but that is simply not accurate. The listed bullet points in this item are meant to spur ideas that can get us closer to a long term multi departmental approach to homelessness in the city of Long Beach. Further, with Measure H money coming in, as well as so many of the great progress and successes and stories that we have about homelessness and our individual successes in our districts, how we can help expand our services to be more efficient and effective using Measure H resources and opportunities will be vital. There are so many different approaches that we can take to make an impact on homelessness and with various city departments having unique abilities to have different effects on this problem. This item is meant to establish a multi departmental focus and a holistic approach to homelessness and residential quality of life issues. Homelessness also affects many residents. For more information, with many departments, we can better help those who are suffering from homelessness, as well as residential and business communities impacted by the issues around homelessness. I'm open to suggestions from my colleagues, but I do want to say that this item came about for us because it's something that we've been working on and we've been paying attention to what my colleagues have been doing on this council. And although I know that reports have come back, I know there was some mention that, you know, we've already done some of this work or maybe it's duplicative. You know, looking at, for example, the March 9th report that came back on this issue. You know, there's a lot of good programs and ideas that are that are referenced, but there's really not a lot of details in terms of how we're going to accomplish some of our goals and objectives. We haven't included things that are practical in terms of how our departments can work together and how we can use the resources that we have in the most efficient manner, and having them coordinate with one another as they're taking on their various responsibilities in the community. There is one item I think is Council 100. Is still here. Oh, okay. He did have an item that I wanted to add on here, which was to include a well, I'll wait for him to come back and see if because he's th

e second on this motion. So we'll come back. He might want to make that friendly himself, but it involves with our information technology department implementing an online dashboard that could be updated monthly with information that the public can access regarding our data and our our, our, our tracking of of our successes in the city. And finally, I know I have a resident here, but I do want to mention and I promise the residents that had to go home to take care of their kids that I know. I'm very well aware that in my district there was a petition started. The petition was written to the mayor and the chief of police. And I know there's there was a group here tonight that wanted to talk about the petition and talk about why they feel that residential quality of life issues need to be more of a focus when we're talking about the issue of homelessness. So I look forward to hearing from our one remaining member of the public eye today. Thank you, Councilman Gonzales. Yes. Thank you to Councilwoman Price for bringing this forward. I think any additional information we can provide and we can we can receive and figure out is is the best. However, it is very detailed and I know it's very lengthy and I appreciate her being very open and understanding that there have been reports that have come back already. What I would suggest and I have a couple of friendlies, but we have done a lot of work already in this, I think. And I know it's sometimes hard for the public to understand what the city is currently doing being in downtown. A lot of my residents, even though we have seen many individuals experiencing homelessness, they still don't understand the extent to which the city is doing. I personally was at the homeless count, which was on my birthday. Because I wanted to see it for myself. And I think that there's often a lot of residents who do not see that for themselves. They don't see what work we're doing the city departments are doing. I've had stakeholder meetings as well with many of the service providers which are located in downtown. And they don't even talk to each other. So I think there is a gap there in terms of coordinating and what we can do there. So a few things I've been thinking about. We have a multitude of different initiatives. We've passed policies of, you know, the Fuze fellow, I initiated a state of homelessness item, which was the March 9th report that came back. Affordable housing, the heart team. So many of us have had different initiatives, I would suggest and this is my friendly one of my friendly amendments to Councilmember Pearce. I'm sorry Price it is late tonight I'm sorry is is perhaps asking our city management staff to aggregate all of this information and put it all together. I know we can all look it up and register, but to aggregate the successes that we've had, whether that's Fuze fellow and all of the reports, to just have it all in one place for for the public to kind of jump off of that is. I think I spoke to

Kelly Colby, our Health and Human Services Director, some time ago, about even an infographic that shows the services that we're doing some sort of marketing campaign. I don't think people often know the success. Again, the successes that we've had with homelessness and the fact that we're down in our numbers, we just don't we don't talk about that in the homeless count. Information comes back, you know, in a very city like document. So I don't think it's anything fascinating to the eye. Not that it's fascinating information, but I think that we could maybe do a little bit better in marketing, that is coordination in services, because I think a lot of what Council Member Price is talking about is already being done. So is that something that we. Absolutely I think we can certainly do that. And I think that's one of the things the agenda item speaks to, and we can put that together with our team and Instagram. Yes. Okay, great. And then another thing I will say as well in terms of technology, because in speaking with the service providers, I think a lot of the disconnect is with the individuals out on the ground and the you know, I had about 15 stakeholders, First Congregational Church, Rescue Mission, MHRA, all of them in one, you know, all of the churches you can imagine COA all in one meeting and they didn't even realize the services that each other were providing. And I think that again is a big miss. So if we had some sort of a tech, I don't know if there's a platform we can provide for these social service providers. You know, one of them told me, oh, I didn't even know that the church across the street offered this service, whatever service it was. We don't even know what time of day food is being provided, whether it's breakfast, lunch, dinner. So I think that there's a way to. Perhaps streamline that. I don't know if there's a technology platform that could be done again. Maybe it's another infographic. We just need to think a little creatively there. So thank you again, Councilmember Price for this item. I look forward to the information. I will just say, though, that 120 days is a little short. My item didn't come back for a year. So I think that perhaps providing additional time for for city staff to come back with that information would be great. Thank you very much. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce, we we have councilmembers. I'm just confusing my I'm just trying to think I'm just thinking ahead of of the items. Is this okay? I want to

thank my colleague. Councilwoman. Oh, you're thinking council member. Councilwoman, I get you. Okay. Councilwoman Price for bringing this item forward. Doing pronouns now. There you go. There you go. I think that's you know, it highlights a lot of the work that we've already done, everything from the Hart team to the previous work, everything with our police department and our health department. And it is a lot of information. But I think that the important thing is that, you know, we had a plan, a

ten year plan, and that plans expired. And so going along and saying, where are we at now? What do we need to do for the next ten years, knowing what we know and what we've been able to accomplish. And so I'm happy to support this. Obviously, I think when we're talking about how we provide it. The first question is how do we get information? So how do we know how many people we're serving? How do we know how many calls are coming in? All of that information is so important to be able to deliver better services and to better be able to. City manager. Can you let me know how many times do multiple department heads meet in a month in regards to homelessness? Every week. Every week. And which departments are doing those meetings? It's it's a group of probably six departments PD, Fire, Health, Human Services, Parks and Recreation, City Manager's Office, Technology Services, Public Works. So even information like that, I think is really important to be able to tell our story to constituents and to say we're working really hard, you know? And I think sometimes the biggest challenge is when we're in the weeds doing the work. It's hard to sing our praises. And because we're so busy doing the work and. The teams working really hard. Yeah. And I see that. And I saw that when I came to council in a very different way than when I was outside of council. And so being able to tell that story and to be able to say, here's where we're troubleshooting, here's how we're helping out. So I think this is a good item. I think it's making sure that we know the impact of these things. So like the Hart team, you know, I would love to have one with each battalion. When we talk about the budget, that is something that we've seen them be successful on. So I don't have any amendments or anything, but I just wanted to say, you know, I think it's a good item if we can have enough time to make sure it comes back with, you know, all the information that we want. I think that would be helpful. Thank you. Councilman Ringo. I'll make it quick. The the study is pretty comprehensive. I understand that, but it's all concentrated on Long Beach. South Street in Long Beach. And homelessness is a citywide issue. And there are many areas where we have homelessness up here. And I think that we need to also reach out to our partners in the region, to the county of L.A., to Caltrans, to help us when we have those issues involving the freeway, the underpasses, the river. Because when we have issues that especially in my district in the seventh. We were like. I sent a task force out there. They know what the borders are. They throw stuff over the fence into the county site and in the county say that in doing so, I think that this study, whatever we're doing here, has to include connections or articulation, if you will, with our county contracting and Caltrans and any other agency that that is affected by homelessness. I wish you could include that. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I think. I

have lately been attending the countywide homeless meetings, and I know that in these large meetings we're in discussions and I want to repeat the words of my colleagues that Long Beach is doing. Exceptionally well as compared to of the other even smaller cities that that have sometimes in some categories, considerably more resources. But I do think that we could be instead of recreating the wheel. When we talk about these systems and how to put data online, we have the fire department who hopefully is moving towards the electronic patient system. There's a homeless button in that category. And as we educate people in public safety across the region, it should be a component of doing their job and not a separate mapping system. And I know that we have so many different systems and different departments. I would just. Heed us not to move into a new and another system, but find components of our current systems that can be modified and integrated and posted on open. Data. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. So I absolutely. Councilman, your youngest comments are well noted. And I think this should be kind of looking at the region if you look at the different departments. So what we did was we tried to research what opportunities there were in each department. And Councilwoman Pearce is correct. We have done a lot of these things. But if you if you look at the item, for example, we're not saying let's create a Hart team. We're saying we'd like some data on the heart team's successes and can we add more and how much would that cost? So moving into the budget cycle, same with quality of life officers, you know, how effective are they? How much would it cost and how much time would it take us to

train them up? So absolutely. And, you know, there was another item that I didn't mention earlier that I know Councilman Austin and Councilwoman Gonzales were involved in involving where the jail, where people donate money to they donate directly to an individual or should they donate to like a meter, artistic meter, and that money would go to a primary source and that would get distributed. And that's a really great idea. Other cities have done that, too. Councilman, you're on this point. So studying what other cities have done is is helpful. But we've done a lot of things. But I think in several of these areas, it's important for us to think about what's the next step. So what are we doing to educate people, businesses and residents about what all the experts believe, which is you shouldn't be donating individually to people. You should be donating to organizations that can help people, that can lead to long term sustainable. So what are we doing in that regards? And, you know, every once in a while you mention an idea and people will say, yeah, we're already doing that. Well, if the council doesn't know that we're doing that, then it's really not we're not able to transfer that to our residents. So if we are doing it, we should know about it. So an

d if we are doing it, then the report's going to be a little bit easier to complete than previously had we have thought. So that's great if we're doing it. But if we are doing it, then, you know, is there an opportunity for us to do something better or learn something from another county? Like if you look at the public works section, there's a lot of research in here from work that's been done around the country in terms of service days and opportunities to have job training skills and things like that. And that's based on things that have been done regionally that may not be viable for for our city, but it's something I'd like us to explore. So again, I would like to ask my colleagues for their support. And and I think Councilwoman Gonzales makes a good point about the timing. I think 120 days may be unrealistic, although based on what I've heard, we've already done a lot of this stuff, so it might just be repackaging it. So I would say, you know, as soon as possible and I know I did this. Does the city manager noted the social impact bond item come back? I think we brought that about eight months ago or so. Does that come back yet? No, it has not come back. We can give. You a report tomorrow. I think it's shortly. Okay. Well, we. Weave that in here, too. So if we see something, we're already working on it. I can just come back with this, but I understand these things take time. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I just want to applaud, you know, Council Councilwoman Pryce, all the signers and everyone's done work on this issue. It's an important issue across the county. You know, the more we talk about it, the more we engage on it. I don't think we can go wrong. So. So you have my support. Thank you. Great. We're going to let me just add one thing also. I do want to thank and I'm glad everyone else everyone has touched on. This is our staff, by the way, and I see Kelly out there and I just think it's really important to thank you guys are amazing. And you guys get pounded so hard in the community every single day for doing literally God's work and the kind of work that so many folks are not interested in actually engaging on. And your entire team and I've had a chance to meet I'm so proud of them and I'm so proud of all of our partners that are out there every single day. And I see some of them that are here today. So thank you guys for being here. And Mayor, do you recognize Officer Johnny Dotson who's out? WHITFIELD Absolutely. I mean, Johnny, I see our team. You guys are awesome. And I also just I think it's important to note that it is true we have had population shifts. But what what the data is coming back to it were Long Beach is in regards to the data versus every single one of our neighbors and the state of California is amazing what we're doing with the crisis that is across the state of California. And so I applaud you guys for doing that. And that by no no means does that mean that we still don't have serious issues and that we haven

't seen population shifts here? And that's cause major concerns for a lot of neighborhoods. And so we know that is obviously true. I will I will say what I think is important. We're doing, I think, almost more than than most cities and agencies. And what's great about Measure H is it would allow us to double our capacity. And so I know that you guys are working as part of the budget process that we're actually going to see pretty dramatic increases in the budget around homelessness issues. And I think in all departments, I think, Mr. West, I know that you're working as part of your budget to present kind of what all the departments are doing around homelessness. And so I think that's something that we all have to look forward to, and I appreciate that. But I want to go back to something that Councilwoman Gonzales said, which I think what struck me is part of the big issue is that we're also we're not communicating, I think, as probably well as we should be what we're doing and then listening to the neighborhoods about what it is that they're seeing on the ground at what

we can do to address those things. And so, I mean, the conversations around what is actually happening, what our neighborhood partners are doing, how we communicate that to the community, does the council have all the information that they need to be kind of ambassadors in their neighborhoods and get the information out? So I think those are all actually very valuable conversations that I hope that we also have in the course of the next few weeks and months ahead as this reports put together. So I think it's a good item and I think it's good it's always good to have more information and have more conversations about a topic that we're all working on pretty, pretty strongly. So thank you to all of the council people that signed on to this. And Councilman Andrus. Yes. And real quickly. I want to thank Mrs. Price to bring this item forward, because I think with her hard work and compassion and with which we all should have for the homelessness, I think we really make a difference in Long Beach. We have to continue to work as hard as they have been because this is all over the country, homelessness, and we must have that compassion to really get serious behind trying to help out our fellow brothers and sisters. Out there struggling. Thank you very much. And we're going to go do a public comment. Please come forward. We're going to have this this lady go first, sir, just because she's been waiting for a long time. Go ahead, ma'am. Thank you. Good evening or good morning. Whatever it is by now. My name is Lauren Wakefield. I live in Belmont Heights in District three. Excuse me. I knew this would happen. I would really urge you to take a look at that petition that you've all been given. The 1300 people who signed it have included 1300 comments. And we have a very different outlook on this problem than you're presenting right now. First of all, this is not about homeless people who are si

ncerely down and out and in need. We don't see it as a homeless problem. We see it as a public safety and a crime problem. And that's really what's happening with us. Long Beach receives a lot of grant money to provide services to the homeless, yet we've been told that 90% of that population refuses those services. And we were told that by your city homeless outreach coordinator. Even if we invest more money into more programs, there's no way to compel people to use these services. I'm asking the city to go to the heart of the problem by addressing this firm as props 47 and 57. These laws have released a tidal wave of criminals to the city and other cities. Drug abusers and thieves are doing very well thanks to these early release laws. There was supposed to be a period of public discussion regarding. The nonviolent peace. I ask the city to please address their concerns with the state. We're also asking the city to give feedback to the state on that egregious law that says stealing anything valued at under \$950 is okay. That alone is causing a huge amount of chaos in the community. People are stealing everything, walking out of vans at traffic circles. With value about \$1,000. A day, and that's just what they catch. While the state may take some time to change this ill conceived law. Can we draft some type of local ordinance that addresses it, please? It should not be just a misdemeanor to steal something valued under \$950. Please untie the hands of law enforcement, even with the stifling limitations of the props. We have city ordinances that could be enforced. Please streamline the police paperwork, give us more police officers and patrols, and let the vagrants and criminals know we're not going to continue to lie down. And roll over. And while we're very appreciative of being. Put on the agenda. Tonight, we can't wait 120 days to see results. Crime is escalating. The community is at a boiling point. We must have budget for public safety, increased police and general protection for the public. Don't wait until businesses and the tax base flee. And tweekers, vagrants and criminals are all that's left in our city. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. You're here. You know, it was good what she said. Okay, Council. This. I have to ask this. I have to ask this. Why do we always see a unanimous vote? It seems like you. But before we got here, because then I'm hearing people talk and I'm hearing them say, okay, are they talking as if it's already been done? And I don't really like that. And I mean, you have a diverse, diverse group of people here, and it seems like it's already we don't have it. We're just here to show up and see what you guys are going to do. It's supposed to be we the people. This is supposed to be America. It seems like it's getting more and more socialist and. Ms.. Pierce, when you were going asked what was up about that happy birthday, Karl Marx. Because, you know, I'm American. I don't I don't think that's funny

. I don't see George Washington on your Facebook. But Karl Marx, let's make sure. Sure. We're talking about this topic. Right? Well, this is the topic, communism and socialism. And I'm a capitalist. I'm a free market person. So that is the topic. So so I'm asking her that's not representative. I can ask her. Well, I'm making my statement so I don't like that at all. I'm here to tell

you. I don't like I don't like plain whatever you up with that. I don't like none of that. You know, we need to keep America for Americans. This is the topic. And as far as as far as homelessness, it needs to be helped. But I was here when you passed for \$25 million to help them. I don't see nothing changing out there like the lady just said. Most of that and most of us know this isn't these are just crazy people. These are straight tweakers and dopers. They don't want to get inside. They don't want a job. They don't want no money. They don't want the hotel part of the GTA because that would be less smoking. They doing, let's call it what it is. A lot of people don't want that. They want they want to be out there with a cop doing what they're doing and then you acting like, okay, we need to keep our poor and money. No, we don't know that. A lot of people need to be in jail. And then the streets that no goes on out there. I know the stealing. I know when it gets dark. What's going to go on out there? Hi. Everybody's paying. Who works? All these working people paying. So let's stop playing, playing joke, playing games here and acting like there's a different problem. And all this money game, whatever it is, conspiracy, the RICO that needs to be dealt with right here. This seems like a racket to me, that's all. I leave it at that. It needs to stop. Just turn around and really get to doing something and you know, that's it. Thank you, Nick Speaker, please. Good evening. I'm Gary Morris, and I live in Mm Heights. I do real. Kind of big experiences with homelessness. One is president of my. Association and again. Councilwoman Price's my constituent. Thank you. And my constituents talk to me about this issue frequently. And they want something done now, sooner rather than later. And second, I have a board member who spends most of her time on just shopping cart retrieval, which is an associated issue to transcend homelessness. So that's how we do it. You know, in terms of how it affects me. Probably the most dramatic affect for me is we have a property in the Willmar Historic District on a Sunday morning going to work to work on it. I drove by on Anaheim inside a guy laying on the sidewalk. So I drove past and then I thought, you know, be a better guy, turn around, go check them out. So I called PD. They came up and picked him up. He was. Dead. So it was cold. It was sunny. It was Sunday. And it's a real issue. I see a separation between and homelessness, I think the two different issues. I agree that people don't always want to come in from the streets. I don't personally u

nderstand it, but I've seen it. I've experienced it with a friend of mine. He chose to live on the streets, chose alcohol, chose meth. I don't get it, but it's a problem. 120 days may seem short for y'all. But from my side of the where I am. Sooner rather than later. And I appreciate Commander Griffin, Officer Dodson. For all the work they do for us and everybody else who I don't know. We really appreciate it. So thank you. And approve this and move on with it quickly and come up with a hard hitting strategic plan to solve these issues. Thank you. Next week, a police. Hello again. It's Silvia Contreras, District eight. And I do believe that we do need to help the homeless. But I have a different perspective. So. One of the things that I love is I love history. With that, I could tell you this from what I've read. Homeless and prostitution have been way before Christi's homeless back then, probably very different from today. Some years ago, I did a study on child support. Blessings. Maybe people know this, maybe they don't. But it wasn't until the mid to early 20th century that if a woman was divorced or her father or her husband passed away, the children went to the husband's family regardless. And if they didn't like her, they could kick her out. Eventually it came where the woman can take care of the child. So where does that come with this? Is that in the process of child support? I've also had had done the study that a lot of men don't want to pay child support, so they become homeless. And that to me is like a flip. So do we help those men that are homeless because they don't want to pay child support? I've always wondered, what are we doing to be able to find out why are they homeless? We know the problem is homeless, but why are they? So in order we know. In order to have a solution, we should really delve into the. Problem right now, homeless is very general. And then let's figure out those programs is also very general. So what can we do to drill down to the cause of the problem to really help it out? That's it. Thank you. Thank you very much, Nick. Speaker, Police. Minister. How are you? Good morning, you. Good to see you. Good to see you. I know. We all know each. I think the best thing all you can do is keep studying everything to create more jobs. LE True, but it's no. I know all of you working on the contract for the search tonight and we know about the Starbucks coffee. You know, that's part of my business support for managing more people to know managers won't let city council team load more people. No, no, no. To support the store. I love they live Long Beach. Well, we love homemade stuff. So that's your chance to speak. So the gentleman at the podium is speaking. From the stables. Manager Willow Lumby is telling me all of you came out there, me and Deanne,

to talk about different things and put save the gold medal and any goals with those kids a couple. So. I think that's all. How? Save for the night key. Starting to create more

chance for me. Sandy Hall's been here a lot of years lately. They got all the money and make it crazy, man. Thank you so much. Thank you. You have a good night. Have a good night. You too. See you tomorrow. Okay. Okay. Thank you so much. Yes. Next picture, please. Hello. My name is Paul Gomez here from Long Beach. I do want to thank all you guys for the hard work you guys are putting in on the homeless situation. And Officer Dawson, I know he puts in a lot of hard work, too, and been to some of the meetings he's had. And but when I walk outside my door, it's a totally different picture than what I'm hearing. I walk outside my door and I see, like Miss Wakefield said, nothing but basically tweakers and thieves. When I say thieves, the guys that are standing on my corner, they're riding around brand new bikes every day. They're stealing my bicycle. I'm retrieving my bicycle from them. I'm calling the Long Beach PD and I know their hands are tied. They come to basically hand my bike back to me and they can't take the guy to jail. I ride a nice bike, a really nice bike. They steal my girlfriend's bike at the same time. I retrieve her bike from another guy. It's just it's a cycle that is it's a cycle that's just not stopping and it's just getting worse and worse. I walk outside my door. I live in a nice place. I walk outside my door. I'm embarrassed to bring my friends over. I live in waterfront property and you walk outside and there's the same guy that still do bikes holding a sign. I help me with food and the same guy that's holding that sign is walking into CVS or Gelson's and walking in and walking right out with everything he wants. And and it just seems like there's nothing being done about it. I know you guys are working very hard at it and and the statistics look great and everything, but that's not what I see when I walk out my front door and I don't know what the fix is , but something's got to change. It's like this. This problem wasn't here years ago. There was the few homeless guys we had in our neighborhood. Everyone kind of knew them, waved at them. They were nice guys. These are a bunch of drug, drug addicts and a bunch of thieves. At the end of the day, what I see the majority of them, and it's just very disappointing that nothing's being done in my eyes to fix a problem. I know we're working at it, but that's not what I'm seeing. So whatever you guys can do to help out. Greatly appreciate it. Thank you, sir. Officer Dodson, for all your help, too. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Hello. First things first. Humanity predates Holmes. So homelessness obviously existed before Holmes have existed. But I myself was very curious about whether there were just not enough not enough shelters or or why people weren't going to the shelters. Because you obviously have you have your your drug addled individuals who are not exactly capable of handling being around other people. So they tend to not go to shelters. They tend to be o

ff on their own loners sort of situation going on there. But there are plenty of people who are homeless, who aren't drug addled, who are who still don't seem to go into the to the shelters and such. So I have asked I've taken up the opportunities I've had to ask them, because if you want to know about something, ask people who are most involved with it. If you want to know about the Dakota Access pipeline, talk to people who are engineers in the field and find out what the actual hazards are. Not listening to a hullabaloo and all sorts of other things. So what I've been hearing is that it's it's an issue of sanitary, unsanitary conditions. They're better off. They they their they they have a better chance at maintaining some level of comfortable cleanliness on their own, washing up in whatever bathroom they can find or come. Across using a bar of soap and a and a and a and a washcloth. And wherever they can, they can they can make it happen. And maybe catching a shower at some some certain place they found that's decent, because when they've gone into shelters, they come out with bedbugs. So then all of a sudden, instead of just going in and getting a night's sleep or what have you, a gal told me about having to, you know, then shave her entire body and and go replace all of her clothing. And it's so I'm not I'm not trying to throw the the shelter operators under the bus. I've never stayed in one. I don't know what. I haven't experienced it myself. But if everybody I've talked to has had issues with it, then it's there's there's something going on there. There's a missing link as far as making sure that it's that it's a safe, healthy environment for people to go into. And I'm not sure exactly what be taken. Bedbugs are really terrible, so I don't have a great solution for it. But that's that's what I've heard. So it's not necessarily that there aren't enough beds. Um, so that's it. Thank you very much. Okay, next speaker, please. And then these are the last three speakers that are on the line. Hi. Thank you. My name is Amanda moore. I am a resident of the second district and totally brand new. Into local government. And this

is trial by fire tonight. Wow. I, I just wanted to maybe make. Some suggestions about how to better involve the community in dispelling a lot of the fear and the unfounded will. Unfounded fears, certainly losing your bike again and again and having to retrieve it again and again and going through that is a hassle. It's wrong, it's criminal, it's not right. But a lot of these criminals that are making these they're making these choices. They have severe mental health problems. And we spoke about that earlier tonight. And it was passed, which is great. I think we'll. See quite a bit of decrease once Buck. Is completed and we're able to use that. But perhaps if you can work with neighborhood associations directly and people in the neighborhood to sort of engage the community. Members to have to. Be reminded of compassion for thes

e people that they are you and I, we have been there before. I have never been homeless, but there is nothing to say that I could maybe be homeless. At some point. And I would want. To be treated with the same respect and compassion that any human. Deserves. So whether they have committed ridiculous crimes or not. We still need to give these people chance after chance. To help them. And I think talking with residents, dispelling fear and mental health outreach will help as well. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. I know it's late. My name is Ramon. I'm from the fifth District. I don't know what it takes to. All my life, I've seen a lot of the homeless in Long Beach. I've. I run across the community and I see it all. I don't know what it takes to help this issue. It's an extremely tough nut to crack. I thought I saw it all until one day Stacy Mungo held a meeting in in Hartwell Park in a golf course cafeteria. And I heard Marie Knight say that she the city, spent about a half a million dollars trying to clear out tunnels that were in Eldorado Park. And I was just freaking out. That was amazing to me to hear something like that. I have helped some of the homeless. I've been fortunate enough at least not to be in a situation like that. But I've also helped two veterans get off of the homeless stuff after, you know, a long time working with them and just saying hello and giving them some of the information with a multi-service center that Stacy Mungo's chief of staff, Christine, gave me. And it got them to completely change her life. So I just wanted to just say thanks to this, the city and the community at least for having the multi-service center. It's been such a an important aspect of the city that I mean, it it doesn't it's so difficult to find just to help one person and they just keep working at it and they keep working at it. And you just got to say, you know, you're doing a yeoman's job just like what the mayor has said. So I just want to thank Johnny Dobson and and Commander Griffin for all the work that they've done. I know that we're kind of moving them around. We're not able to help them too much. But anything that we can do is is great. And I just want to thank the city for all its work that it's done. Thank you. Finally, Mr. Breland. Yes, Larry Bond. When I was a young kid, we used to go down to the riverbed in the San Gabriel River. It was before it smelled and was all trees. It's a riparian area, bamboo. And yes, we were down. There were hobos and were hobos. Now we have homeless people and those are guys who just didn't want to be inside. But here's here's an issue. In the last recession, we had a 15% unemployment. And people could go from a good paying job, have a house, have a car, and lose a job, lose the car, lose the house and be homeless. Those folks we have truly have to take care of. Safety net has to be there. But I'll never forget the igloos that L.A. City put up for the homeless. Remember that? Off

of the freeway. And what happened? They took them out because the people wouldn't. The homeless people wouldn't go in. They wouldn't go into those igloos because they had rules. And the rules were you couldn't smoke pot and you couldn't do crack or cocaine. The homeless people don't like rules. So what scares me is you're going to build a whole bunch of houses and you're not going to have any guests because now we're going to have marijuana is going to be okay unless we put a nonsmoking rule into those homes. If you say, okay. Homeless, you can come in and. You can smoke pot. And by the way, you have a bed. Budweiser won't have another bud. Bud. And so we'll have high people in our thing like everybody. Nobody has a solution to this because there is a multi layer of schizophrenia, of drug addiction, of alcoholism. I don't know the thing, but I just say let's be cautious on how much room we spend on homeless housing versus fixing the solution with the people. Anyway, thank you for listening. Thank you very members was called and cast your vote. Councilmember Mongo. Councilmember Andrews wishing Karis thank you. Motion carries. Okay. We're going back now to item nine. Item nine is a report from Development Services. Recommendation to request city attorney to drive an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code. Chapter 18.21 maintenance of long term boarded and vacated buildings to include vacant lots citywide. Thank you. Quick staff report, please. Mr. Vice Mayor, members of the City

Council. This is in relation to the previous item that you just heard. And without vacant lots it's really hard to do urban AG. So at this point I'm going to turn it over to Alison Spindler, a planner in the Planning Department, who is presenting this item. Thank you. Thank you, Amy. And good evening, Mayor, and members of the City Council. As you heard, in May 2016, the Council requested the city manager to explore the feasibility of a citywide vacant lot registry ordinance to address the negative impacts of vacant lots throughout the city. This request followed successful implementation of a revised foreclosure registration program and the ongoing success of our vacant building monitoring program. The intent of a vacant lot registry is to protect neighborhoods from negative impacts associated with those lots, particularly those that are not well kept up, which are associated with decreased perceptions of neighborhood safety and decrease neighboring property values. The proposed ordinance amendment before you tonight would require vacant lot property owners to register with the city, would implement stronger maintenance and upkeep standards, and would provide proactive inspections by code enforcement to help mitigate those negative impacts associated with vacant lots while creating opportunities to activate such slots for community serving users. As we just heard through AB 551, the Urban AG Incentive Zone Act or for potential development opportunities staff identified

618 lots across the city that would be required to participate in this registry should the ordinance be enacted. Concurrent with data collection and analysis of these lot staff research registry programs in other cities across California and the country, based on these examples, we've come up with a basic set of standards, including where we the abatement upkeep, curb painting and white vinyl split rail fence that would be required. Having this proactive registry and expanding the vacant building monitoring program to include those lots would allow staff to leverage existing programmatic infrastructure, including notification to owners, quarterly fees, inspections and abatement by code enforcement in the case of negligent, negligent or non-responsive owners. Finally, the staff proposes that the registry be made publicly available through Data Lab, the city's Data Open Data Platform to allow neighbors, community members and potential developers alike to access this information. As requested earlier this evening. You heard during public comment on the last item all the benefits that come along with vacant lots, especially for access to healthy food for communities that may not have sufficient access today. And those are often the same communities that are disproportionately impacted by vacant lots. Therefore, Stafford recommends authorizing the Director of development services with the discretion to grant case specific temporary fee exemptions for vacant land owners who agree to allow their lots to be used for specific communities serving uses such as urban agriculture. Urban greening. Community programming. With potential adoption of well, with the adoption of the UAV program before you tonight, tax incentives will be available, as you heard, for these property owners, in addition to not having to pay the fee associated with this registry. Therefore, you may be aware on average that produce in L.A. travels about 1500 miles before consumption. So localizing food sources can help reduce vehicle miles traveled while increasing community resilience to climate impacts. You'll recall some discussion about vacant lots earlier this evening during the study session on the land use element, which also supports these similar programs and policies. Once implemented, staff recommends conducting an annual review of demo permits to identify new vacant lots, and staff will work with the community to verify any additional lots not identified through the initial analysis. This concludes my presentation and I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much. I want to just acknowledge staff. This has been a conversation that has gone on for years. So the first policy I actually worked on as chief of staff for my predecessor, Councilman Neal, was a foreclosure registry. It was the purpose was to crack down on the blight, crime and violence associated with vacant foreclosures at a time when we have plenty of them in our city. It went on to be wildly successful.

It was award winning city. Staff did an amazing job on that. The idea here is to capitalize on that success, to translate some of those same tools and lessons learned from vacant buildings and vacant foreclosures and now place it on the problem of vacant lots. We know that some of these lots of sat vacant for 20, 30, 40 years. There are constantly problems in terms of code enforcement. And we want to add another tool to crack down on these vacant lots. And so a year ago, we asked at the same time that we look at this stick of cracking down on vacant lots and the carrot of urban agriculture incentives so that we can sort of look at a comprehensive approach to modernizing and

updating some of these some of these lot. So if you see there was a theme tonight. So we talked about access to farmer's markets. We talked about cracking down on vacant lots. And we talked about incentives to encourage urban agriculture. Hopefully, this sends a clear message to the public that our city is serious about making sure we have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. We know that in areas where we may not have as many grocery stores, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's Sprouts, you name it, those happen to be the same areas that happen to have too many vacant lots where you don't have a demand on our land and development. Those are some of the same areas don't have some of these amenities and services. So the hope is that these all come together in a way that really comprehensively looks at the problem. I want to thank city staff and thank Councilwoman Gonzalez for her support and along this whole conversation, her staff and all the city council. Linton here on this. Thanks, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I just wanted to say thank you as well, because I know the same things that the vice mayor Richardson said. I think the vacant lots have been a persistent issue in many of our communities, and it's great that will now have, you know, some movement on some of these, especially with fresh produce. And I know are there additional community serving uses that we can look at that have been talked about? Aside from just gardens, is there any other examples that we can take a look at? Yes. At this point, we've kept it rather broad to be community serving users at the discretion of the director of development services. But we talked about urban agriculture, other potential greening opportunities that could be, for example, at Pocket Park as well as potentially pop up businesses or programming. But that would be case specific as we work to. Implement the ordinance. That is fantastic and thank you so much for working on this. I'm excited. We love pop up parks. Any way we can get them. So thanks so much. Perfect. Perfect. Thank you. Any public comment on this item saying nonmembers, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Five. Please report from Development Services. Financial Management Recommendation to award eight contracts for as needed plan, review and inspection services and an annual

aggregate amount not to exceed 725,000 for a period of two years citywide. Can I get a motion in a second, please? 25 three public comment on this. No public comment. Please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. I know that just before we move on to the next item, this Mr. Ross, I, you know, just taken a glance at that. A lot of great companies on there. None I saw from Long Beach. And I'm not sure if that's. Maybe. I'm not sure. There aren't companies in Long Beach that can do that, that level of work. But I think that it's always kind of disappointing when we don't see local companies on these large, you know, these large awards. And so I know that I know that obviously we probably did a thorough search as possible and maybe there aren't local folks that do the work, but just something to consider. And I know we've obviously adopted the item. So so I do I'm going to have Amy Barack responded that because it this this council has made it clear to us to use local talent when we can. And sometimes it just doesn't work out that way. So. Amy. That's absolutely correct. We are actually having a very difficult time finding qualified folks who will act as contract land checkers and inspectors. For, I think, to have made a point of. Order. So we passed the motion. Now we're talking about can I can I motion to reconsider until we have the staff report. I'm fine. Fine with that motion to reconsider second. Okay. I was in favor of motion. Reconsider, say. Okay, so we're back on the item. Misspoke. Yes, sir. Thank you. So we do have vacancies in our planning, our building department, in both the plan checker and the inspection classifications. That is a reflection on the very tight job market that we have. And so we do have the ability to contract out while we're going through recruitment on those positions. We have actually had a very difficult time working with firms in actually getting any firm to be able to supply us with contract staff for those positions. And it is true that we do not have the Long Beach businesses who are able to put to supply those needs for us. So we have had to go outside the city for a number of years for those services. Thank you. Councilman Ashton, did you have any? No. Okay. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. We did have a comment, cable, a comment and say no additional public comment. Members, who is going to cast your vote? And so let's give them all a round of applause. Thank you. And we're moving on to our first hearing of the night, which is always first on the agenda. Madam Court hearing number one. Report from Financial Management Recommendations received supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application. The Queen Mary 1126 Queen's Highway for Entertainment with dancing for a non chip event only District two. Mr. WEST. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council, the staff report given by Sandie Singh Palmer, our purchasing a

nd Business Services Manager. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council. Tonight you have. Before you an application for entertainment with Dancing. For Urban Commons Queensway LLC doing business as the Queen Mary. Located at 1126 Queen's Highway, operating as a hotel in Council District to all of the necessary departments have reviewed the. Application and it provided. The recommended conditions as contained. In the hearing packet. I, as well as the police department, stand ready to answer any questions Council may have. And that concludes staff's report. Thank you. There is a motion and a second. Councilman Pierce. Yes. I just want to ask my colleagues for their support for this. I want to thank staff for all of their work. I've looked through the conditions and I think that we have the right conditions for the property and this location. You know, Urban Commons has done a great job about trying to activate the queen, not only in the ways that we've historically used it, but even including Thursday night, local night and things like that. So I really do appreciate all the work and I continue to look forward to seeing them progress. Thanks. Okay. Thank you, Councilman Gonzales. Okay. Public comment on this hearing. Seeing no public comment on the hearing, I'll close the hearing and to come back to a vote. Then there's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Was here for our hard working Kiwanis. One more time. Okay. So next, we're going to take up our charter, our commission appointment. So we'll move two items, 26 and 35, which will be hurt together. And I'd like to recognize first our personnel and service, civil service committee chair Al Austin for appointments to our Charter Commissions for Harbor Planning and the Citizen Police Complaints Commission. Thank you very much, Mr. Vice Mayor. I like the way you need to read the item. The clerk Can we just move in? Okay. All right, go ahead. Continue. So, a little earlier today, our personnel, the Civil Service Committee, made recommendations for appointments to the civil to the Harbor Commission, to the Planning Commission, and I believe to the Citizen Police Complaint Commission reappointment as well. You got to bear with me. Get into my agenda items. And so the appointments the man made recommendations to appoint Bonnie Lowenthal, former city council member, former state assembly member, a longtime public servant in this city, and somebody I believe is very worthy of an appointment to the Harbor Commission, as well as former city council member Frank Callanan, who who's also been nominated and recommended by the Civil Service and Personnel Committee to also be on the Civil Arms Harbor Commission, as well as are before I go to the post through the Planning Commission. It's also are we looking at the appointments of the PCC? Desmond Fletcher. Confirmation for Desmond Fletcher. And there was one other. Re-appointment of Richard Lindemann to a second term on KPCC, two

miles and Evan to the At-Large second term on KPCC, as well as Christian Cooper, to an appointment as a third district resident to the Citizen Police Complaints Commission. These were all made, voted on and recommended by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee with glowing recommendations. And again, I think the mayor has done himself with glowing appointments. I'd like to make a recommendation, a motion to approve the committee's recommendation and allow for comments of our. Guests that include Adam as well. This list that we approved last. So these are these. Are no longer the same prime minister. Again. These are. Those lists. That went through the Personnel Civil Service Committee. And so that's my recommendation. I move to to approve. Thank you. So, Councilmember Pierce, I have you queued up on a motion. I believe Councilman Austin intends to make the motion on the charter commission appointments. You want to. Tells me you want to. Okay. So it's been moved by Councilman Austin. Next, we'll hear from Councilmember Pearce. I just want to say that I think that these are great commission appointments. Earlier today, we had the opportunity to discuss the Harbor Commission and the Planning Commission. And it's great to have commissioners that have led that have experience leading that care not only about industry, the environment, but our neighborhoods. And I'm really honored and hope that my colleagues will support me and my other colleagues in appointing some great commissioners to our city. Thank you. Fantastic. Next, Councilwoman Price. Thank you. I, too, want to congratulate all of the appointees this evening. I especially want to recognize one of my predecessors, Frank Colonna, who will be resuming in his service in a more public light Frank. Many people don't know because he's very, I think, very humble and well-meaning and really cares about the city. But ever since he left the city council, he's been very actively involved in improving our city on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and has helped with so much of our efforts with wetlands and the Colorado Lagoon and all the things that are so important to many parts of our city. And he does that kind of

under the radar without much fanfare because he loves the city. So I'm looking forward to having him working with us as a member of the Harbor Commission. And same with Assemblymember Lowenthal. Commissioner Lowenthal. What what should we. There's so many titles that we're going to need that we're going to need out our all the former vice mayor. But. Yes, and, you know, we I think all of us enjoy a very good working relationship with our harbor commissioners. They help educate us on the issues that are facing the industry and the changes in the industry. So I look forward to that continued relationship with both of you and to all of the commissioners. Welcome and thank you for your service. Thank you. Councilmember Urunga. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I was a member of the Civil Service and

Personnel Committee earlier today that made the recommendation to here today. I said a lot of great things, man. And you all should have been here, man. That was awesome. So I'm not going to repeat everything I said and those of my colleagues, but I will say that I, as a former employee of the city of Long Beach, I worked with for these two individuals, Frank Luna and Buddy Lloyd, that when they were in the city council and it was a pleasure to work for them at that time. And this is an honor for me to be here in the days to approve and and push forward your names through these commissions. So congratulations and looking forward to working with you in the future. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. I, too, and extend my congratulations to each of you. It's awesome that all of you have extensive backgrounds. I've been doing a little bit of research and all of you, and it's just incredible the amount of talent that we have in Long Beach now representing us. And it's awesome more even more awesome to have someone from the first District representing our harbor commission, which is exciting. And also to you, Frank as well. I know we spoke as well over the weekend and I'm also very excited for you to join our harbor commission and I look forward to working with all of you in so many different facets. Congratulations again. Thank you. Next, we have Councilman Andrews. Also, I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you and good luck. I don't know what you're getting into, but still good luck. Thank you. Councilmember Supernova. Thank you. And congratulations to all the nominees. I know you'll do a great job. Also want to make special mention of Richard Lindemann re-upping on the Citizen's Police Complaint Commission. If that name is familiar. He ran against me in 2015 and I nominated him for that commission. So it's a special individuals volunteer to serve under those circumstances. So thank you, Richard. Councilmember Elanga. I would I would be remiss if I did not also congratulate all the other appointees. Hey, you know, Frank and Bonnie, you're so overwhelming that I forgot to also congratulate the other appointees to the various committees. And I know you'll do a good job. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Mongo. I just want to I just want to thank everyone and remind the community watching at home that we still have commission seats available and that this is a not only a great honor, but a great responsibility. And we appreciate those who have agreed to step up because many others often say, no, there is a lot of scrutiny and there's a lot of requirements. And so not only do we appreciate that you have already given so much of your lives to public service, but here you come again on another round of giving back. And so thank you so much for what you do. It really is a thankless job. We appreciate you. Thank you. And I'll insert my comments here. So I'll say to Bonnie and Frank, congratulations and welcome to both of you. The vote hasn't had.

Yeah, but I think you'll be okay. You know, as you know, from current vice mayor to two former vice mayors, I got to say, you know, you know, you're making it look good here. What you're doing since leaving the vice mayor seat. So I'm really proud of both of you. I do want to say, before we open up the public comment, I want to congratulate all of the new appointees that were mentioned. And we will have two separate votes on the rest of the folks that are coming up. But before we go to public comment, I'd like to invite both Frank and Bonnie up. They'd like to just introduce themselves for folks who may not have but may not know them. I know we all know them, but to the folks watching, they may want a new introduction to our and to new harbor commissioners. Thank you so much for your comments, for your welcome and for your understanding of our past service. Service in the First District, in the state assembly, on the school board. The harbor is very special to me. I think the harbor accounts for one out of three jobs in the Southern California region. So the work that we do is going to be very critical for economic development, for the future of this entire region. And I just want to tell you that I've really never left the city family. I may not be on your side of the dais, but, you know, once you're on the council and once you work for this city, the passion really remains. So I thank you. I look forward to working with you. Thank you, Mr. Coloma. Thank you,

vice mayor. I also want to thank Mayor Garcia and all of you for all the support that you've given not only now, but as we've worked together in the past few years on a lot of things. You know, one thing, it's always nice to come back home and Long Beach is such a great city and our port is just an enormous resource and we all rely on it. It feeds families, puts Rousseau for people's heads, provides the kind of goods and services that the entire country depends on. And so we have a lot of work ahead of us, but at the same time, we need to really stand tall and proud of the kind of port that we have from when it first started. And it was just a glimmer maybe 50, 60 years ago. And you look at it now and it's thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of our economic vitality. So I want to thank you all. I'll do the best job I can for each and every one of you, as well as our residents of the city, and look forward to working together. This is a great opportunity and I'm so excited about doing it and very privileged, by the way, for your support. It's really an honor. Thank you. Thank you for those comments. So according to our city attorney, we're going to do one public comment for everyone. So I'm gonna go ahead and move forward with all the rest of the commissions that we have here. So well, now we're here are charter appointments. So to the Economic Development Commission, we have Steve Goodling, who's no stranger to city hall. Steve Goodling has been the president and CEO of the

Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past 16 years. In that role, he's helped strengthen the local, local and regional economy by generating more than \$300 million annually and supporting nearly 7000 local jobs. He's been involved in numerous economic development projects, including \$45 million redesign of the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center complex, the grand opening of Pacific Ballroom at the Long Beach Arena, the terminal modernization of the Long Beach Airport, and many high profile special events and and conventions. And we have one additional one I'll take a moment to recognize Councilwoman Gonzales. She has a statement to make. Yes, I will recuse myself. I know Adam is my partner in life and so I have to do that. And his family is all right here celebrating him today. So I will leave the room. No peeking. Thank you. So next we have an appointment to the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors, which is Adam Corio. Adam is a council district. One resident and is currently working is currently the economic development manager for the downtown Long Beach Alliance, where he works to support job creation efforts by attracting and expanding and retaining business in the downtown core. Adam is also president of the Long Beach Commercial Real Estate Council and was previously an advisory board member at BRP Inc. In addition, Adam has more than ten years of experience in the competitive advertising industry in developing and executing marketing strategies for numerous successful brands. So I want to. So we have a number of commissions here. Let's just give a round of applause to everyone here. Steve Goodling, Adam Carillo, all the appointments that are being made tonight. So at this point at this point, we're going to. Councilman Pierce, I see you queued up where you queued up to speak. Okay. Thank you. So next, we're going to go to public comment here. So the interesting public comment on any of their appointments, please come forward and you have 3 minutes. Any public comment? I filled out a card. Oh, no, no. This is public comment on this item alone on the appointments. Please come forward, Will. So I see three people. Four. Okay. Go ahead. Proceed, sir. Good evening. City Council Vice Mayor Robert Fox and executive director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations for the City. We applaud the recommendation of Miss Lowenthal and Frank Colonna, who I've known for 37 years. Great people. They serve the city of Long Beach magnificently in all capacities. You couldn't get a better recommendation anywhere. And it brings me to my point. I was reading the city charter because this issue came up for me about appointments of commissioners, and it just says that you have to be a resident of the city of Long Beach. That sounds great, you know, but it doesn't say anything about time. Now, I know that Frank's been here all of his life since 1954, so that's not an issue for me. But when you're having a commission appointment, I

wonder if we should take a study on the city charter and think about how long would it be reasonable to live in the city of Long Beach before you are appointed to a commission or to a committee? Or to be elected to City Council for run for city council or to run for the mayor. I thought with a few friends of mine and the presidents of neighborhood associations and we came up with different figures two years, three years, five years, whatever, but at least there was some time. And the reason for this is we want people who are familiar with the city of Long Beach have some provenance here and have some history. So they have some context to make reasoned judgments

about. So rather than opposing anybody, I would just like to request perhaps that the Council bring into consideration a study on the city charter and perhaps come up with a recommendation in the future about how long someone should be in the city of Long Beach before they are recommended to a commission. And I hope that makes sense to you all. It certainly was sort of common sense to us. Thank you so much for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, council members. My name is Christian Cooper. I am a third district resident in Long Beach for seven years. And I want to thank Mayor Garcia for this appointment to the Citizen Police Complaints Commission and the City Council for the consideration. I also want to acknowledge my mom and dad are here, Cathy and Grant and my partner Corey. So I want to thank them for being here. And this is my 10th year of practicing law, and I went into the law to serve the community. I work for Public Counsel, which is the Legal Aid nonprofit in Los Angeles. And I've been there for seven years, and I've really been looking for a way to increase my participation here in Long Beach. And so when I got a call from Tyler in the mayor's office asking if I was interested in this appointment, I said, absolutely. This is my first choice when I was, you know, looking at all the different opportunities to serve. And I really look forward to putting my background and experience to use and working hard for the Citizen Police Complaints Commission and for the city of Long Beach. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Warmed Lisowski. Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development. I wanted to continue on with the first gentleman, said the city code section 502 regarding residents for commission says that the at the time of his or her nomination an election should be illegal legally registered voter of the city and should have been a bona fide resident of the city for at least 30 days. Bringing this up specifically regarding the Planning Commission nominee. Sure. He's a great guy. He looks like he's done a lot of good work with the unions. But according to the Long Beach Report and the mayor's office statement, he's just recently moved to the city of Long Beach. So echoing what the first gentleman said, there probably should be a lo

nger time than the Coates calls for the 30 days. Also notable is that a political action committee that Mr. Lafargue was on the leadership of gave a substantially large donation contribution of \$40,000 to the mayor's measure A and B fund for for the passage of the tax measure. So I would like to point out this reporting done by a large report and note that this nomination, although some folks. Have asked. For a copy of the nominating documents to verify that Mr. Lafargue is a Long Beach resident, a bona fide Long Beach resident, we have not received that and the timing is questionable. It's certainly not the type of service that Mr. Colonna or assembly person Lowenthal have given to the city of Long Beach. So I think this council should consider possibly delaying that approval for that particular planning commission spot, because we should have the best people on the planning commission, the best possible commissioners, not one that possibly has moved to Long Beach in some type of political arrangement, quid pro quo or whatever the facts of the case may bear out. So that's our recommendation. Thank you. Thank you. Next week it was. Good evening, commissioners. My name is Michelle Grubbs. I'm the vice president of. Pacific Merchant Shipping. Association, and the PSA represents the customers and tenants at the port. As a follow on to what the gentleman just said earlier is. I'm here to support the nominations of. Frank Colonna and Bonnie Lowenthal, because we do have the best. We are lucky to have these two people that are willing to serve and have served for decades. We are pleased to be here to support them, and we know. That their heart's in the right place. They care about the residents and the. City of Long Beach. So look forward to it. Thank you. Thank you, Michel. Next speaker, please. Very good here. I echo the comments that are made by a number of people relative to making sure that we have people that have a thoroughly understanding of Long Beach and that we do not appoint somebody that. Instead, in lieu of people that have extensive records of knowledge and understanding and character that's consistent with the city and not do essentially what our mayor did last week famously captured on television as giving gave the middle finger, verbal middle finger to the concept that the residents of Long Beach are entitled to. Officials that are not corrupt. Period. And I to read that report and the the oh the stench from that. It's a continuation of a continuum of that epidemic of corruption that the mayor has endorsed and embraced, as we saw last week and about six weeks ago. So again, I echo the comments of the other individuals relative to selecting only those who have established an extensive record of knowledge and understanding. And residents within this city for any city commission or any city position. Thank you. Thank you. And so that concludes public comment. Any hour is able anyone else in line for public comment, please stand

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e can close speaker list. All right. Thank you. Hi. My pen is an artist and he was painting outside one day, probably 15 years ago. And Francona walked up to him and asked him about his bicycle because he needed to you know, it was a it was a beta. So Francona, I remember him from my friend, practically homeless artist that needed help with the bicycle and he assisted him in that issue. So people like that I can deal with and I when he's at some commission and I see that that's the man that how my friend probably 20 years ago that's important to me so I just wanted to point that out. And thank you, Bonnie Lowenthal, also for all the work with the murals at the park. Thank you. Thank you. And so that concludes public comment. Before you read, I'll just say again, once again, congratulations to all of the appointees, you know, the folks in the audience. You raise concerns. But the reality is this is this every appointee on the agenda is qualified per hour charter. Is that correct? City Attorney Yes, they will. And they will take an oath and we will process them accordingly. And how long does it take to get up to speed and take and actually get seated in their seats? That that would depend on the process. And when they can complete their ethics training, take the oath, pass and take the background, etc.. So it depends on when we can get it all scheduled. Great. I, I know that everyone that's appointed, they step up because they want to do the right thing and they want to do the right thing for their city. No matter if you've been here a long time or if you're making a commitment to purchase a home, invest, engage here. So I have the best intentions to every single one of the commissioners. Look forward to working with them on all the commissions to make sure that we build the best deal that we can possibly have. Councilman Alston. Yes, thank you very much. I appreciate everybody's comments. I'd also like to just recognize the fact that the fact that these are new commission appointments. There were several people that were served in service of our city that are now outgoing commissioners. And I think we should show them the same level of respect to thank them for the service that they put forth on behalf of the city of Long Beach as well. So and one in particular was our current planning commission chair, Denita Van Horn, who was a is a make district resident and who has served our city for many years in that capacity. And I wanted to just personally say thank you to her publicly. Thank you. Thank you. So at this point, we can go ahead. And members, please cast your vote. And we're voting on Mr. City and we can vote on all of them together now. Right. That's correct. I'm 26. Fantastic. Motion carries. Thank you. Quickly, we're going to take a photo with all the commissioners. If you can just join us on the steps. We'll take a quick vote council. If you'd like to join us, now would be the time. I don't even remember a lot of myself. Okay. So we have

substantial. But yeah, it's not that many of us. Or do you want to come up here? Yeah. It's not that, you know, I don't feel like doing it. Let's just get on the steps. Yeah. You know, people are people. And I know right under that where we drive. Good to see you. Thank you. That. I thought you would like that. Yeah. Yeah. Congratulations. All right. Thanks a lot to all our commissioners. We're going to proceed with the meeting. A city attorney says we still need to take one more vote on item 35. So, Madam Clerk, please bring up I'm 35 so we can vote on that. Great. Adam. 14. Report from Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with game time for the purchase of playground equipment for a total contract amount not to exceed 546,000 districts one, four, six and seven. Great. And this is item 38. I know we want to do a short staff report because this is pretty exciting for those councilmembers I know that are getting the the new toy lot so Mr. West Marine Knight. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the city council. Yes, this is an exciting time for us because it's been a while since we've been able to replace so many. But we get tech services to have the presentation and the front, please. Thank you. Perfect. Continue. So the item before you tonight, there are four actually five playgrounds that are receiving measure funding. And the item this evening is for additional playground equipment that was not covered through a grant process for a Drake Park, Los Cerritos Veterans and Whaley. We're excited about these projects because what we are creating with these four parks is actually unique. Destination parks within are playgrounds within our park system. So each one of these four will have a different theme, and we hope that they will attract people from throughout the community to come to the different destination parks. So the plans include put in place rubber, surfacing new sand and play areas, ADA accessibility upgrades and some miscellaneous site furnishings like benches, hydration stations, etc.. So I'll run through the playgrounds. Drake Park Playground is going to be a butterfly garden playground with unique

butterfly themed panels, some shade structures that will be in the shape of butterflies, vine climbers, nature benches, flower pedal steps and a log balance beam. So the hope is that children will want to go to the butterfly playground at Los Cerritos Park. It's going to be a treehouse and woodland theme with tree swings. It's going to have a zip line, hillside way of slides and a treehouse motif at Veterans Park. We're excited about this one because it's really more of a challenge obstacle course combined with a playground. So it really encourages children to do fitness while they're playing. They'll be climbing that structures a traverse, a freshwater floating boards and sway steps. So it is play equipment that really challenges kids. And I think it'

It'll be a really exciting element for that park and then it really park. As you know, we have our day camp at Whaley Park, which is our theater and our Music Day camp, and that's very popular. So we thought this would be a great place to have a music themed and science themed play structure with colorful play flowers, twisted climbing nets, xylophones and chimes and hand drums and other musical elements added to the play equipment. And in addition, although tonight's item does not include the Fifth Park that we will be doing to measure a funding is Jackson Park. And so we have a small playground there at Jackson Park, and we'll be able to replace that playground as well with the measure of funding Jackson Park. It's sort of. I didn't hear. Oh, sorry, I didn't hear the question. At the end. People were just people asking about the location. Oh, sorry. The timing. Because we did not want to take any of these playgrounds down during the summertime because kids are out of school will be starting in September. So we have up there for our veterans and Whaley. The project timeline, the big award will be in September. Construction will begin in October with a winter completion and draken lo cerritos. Better word will be October construction, November and completion in the winter as well. That is our brief staff report here for any questions. I'm going to have a motion in a second. But to turn to them in a minute, because I just wanted to thank your work on this. These five playgrounds will be probably the best five playgrounds we have in the whole city. And it's a start of of that measure piece that we set aside to redo playgrounds across the city and kids from across the entire city are going to enjoy these, which are going to be spectacular play areas for kids. And so I just want to ensure that we are moving along so that the community can see the results of their of their taxes and ensuring, as construction happens, that we're adequately signing the park so that people know that that their dollars are being put to work on these projects as well. I know that's in the works. As well, so. Thank you for that presentation. Councilmember Superfan. Thank you. And thanks to every night for also providing that timeline. That's the number one question we get. So if you could just reiterate that it makes perfect sense that you didn't want to impact the summer programs, you didn't want construction going on in high use times of the park. So for Whaley, at least, it's a fall project for the construction, as I understand it. That is correct. Okay. Thank you. Fall as in this fall or the next fall? No, this fall. Okay, good. These are going to be next fall for sure. With our partners in Public Works, these are all scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Okay, that's that's good. Councilman Gonzalez. Yes? I just want to say thank you for these parks. Playgrounds. I think this is fantastic for all of us. And the very first thing, of course, Willmore asked for is w

hen is the playground coming in? So there's this great timeline, and I appreciate the work for both of you. Thank you. Councilman Price. This is fantastic. I love that there's distinct play areas that all the different parks and I think it's going to be great for the city moving forward. Do we have a plan of what the next priorities are for playground equipment replacement? So we have several other playgrounds that are in the queue for replacement. We just received the the housing and neighborhood grant from the state, and that's going to allow us to do two more playgrounds. So we've identified our playgrounds from the perspective of our health and safety needs first. And so we have a playground at Peace Park in the First District that is desperately in need of a redo. And so we're going to be able to do that with a grant. We also have a playground at Martin Luther King Park that will also be accomplished with that grant. And then we are continuing to look for other funding sources. We do not have anything identified in the second year of Measure A, and I don't believe the third year either for any future playgrounds. So we'll be continuing to look for outside grant funding to help us with that. I think that's great. I think that's a really good idea. And we've we've talked a lot about making sure that we have kind of modern facilities throughout the city and modern amenities for all of the residents. So to the extent that we can, even if we need to put up some matching funds, I think that's really important. But of course, the more we can enhance the

areas that need it the most, the better. But if we can look at it from a citywide perspective, I think that would be great because I know that in some of the districts we've had some of the playground equipment fall apart and we've kind of, you know, improvised. So there's pieces that don't really belong, but they're, you know, kind of tacked on to a slide and different color and everything. And so that starts to look a little shabby. So if we can try to no reflection at all on Prime, you guys do an amazing job. But if we can start to think about how we can enhance all the playground spaces, that would be great and maybe kind of how much they're utilized. And and that that might be a factor that we put into the prioritization as well in terms of what park are being most utilized. So thank you. Thank you, Councilman Orson. Yes. This report and item is music to my ears. We've been advocating and working very hard to get new playground equipment at North Cerritos Park and Jackson Park and other parks for some time to councilmember price point. I think once these playgrounds are are put in place, it's going to kind of push the council to have to do more in terms of improving the quality of our playgrounds, throughout in parks, throughout our parks, because these playgrounds are going to set a new standard for play equipment in our city. And so thank you. Look forward to having some world class park

s and improvement on what we have. Thank you. Thank you. And I think that it's a good you know, when the council starts discussing additional imagery dollars in the future. I also think I'm a I love putting money to playgrounds. I think that is one of the best uses we could do for emergency funds. And so we should talk about that, I think in the future. Any any public comment on this? Seeing none. Go ahead, members. Custer votes. Motion carries. Motion carries. Thank you. Number 22, please. Report from Long Beach Airport. Recommendation to approve an update to Long Beach Airport Minimum Standards for aeronautical activities District five. Thank you. How about a brief staff report? Just Romo can handle both item 22 and item 23. They're both airport. Related. Good evening, Vice Mayor, members of Council. The item before you is a request to update the airports minimum standards. Essentially the provisions developed by at airports sponsor to ensure the safe, efficient and adequate services are available to aeronautical users. They must be reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory in line with FAA policies. And they should also be periodically updated. Which is why we're bringing them forward for your consideration. And it's part of our effort to support the overarching. Goal of leveling the playing field among all the aeronautical businesses at Long Beach airports. I'm here to answer any questions you may have on this item. Thank you, Counsel Mulder. I appreciate meeting with you on this. And I am glad we're updating the standards for pre-check. It's keeping ahead of it. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Fantastic. Any public comment on this item saying no members, please cast your vote. Madam. Item to, item to. Let's have item number two. Please report from financial management recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record to conclude the hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of the good bar and eatery at 3316 East Seventh Street for Entertainment Without Dancing District two. Thank you, Mr. City Manager. Our Deputy City Manager. We have an oath right now. City Attorney. I'll give that to Kevin. Okay. Kevin Okay. Got it. Okay. Thank you. Vice Mayor. Thank you. City Manager West We before we get started, like to have the clerk administer the oath on the side. Can the appellants please stand? Thank. Do you and each of you solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so. Help you God. Okay. Thank you, city clerk. The staff presentation tonight is going to be delivered by Miss Sandy Palmer, purchasing and business services manager for the Financial Management Department. I'll just turn it over to Sandy. Good evening, Honorable. Vice Mayor and members of the City. Council. Tonight you have. Before you an. Application. For Entertainment Without. Dancing for Toshiko LLC. Doing business as t

he good bar and eatery located at 3316 East Seventh Street operating as a bar tavern lounge in Council District two. All the necessary departments have reviewed the application and are provided their. Recommended conditions as. Contained in the hearing packet. I, as well as the police department, stand. Ready to answer any questions. Council may have, and that concludes staff's report. Thank you. Was there any public comment on this hearing? Now will be the time to come forth. Thank you. State your name. You have 3 minutes to address the council. Sure. My name is Andy Carter. I'm one of the partners and owner of the Good Barn Eatery. This is my business partner, and he's also a business owner of the Good Barn Eatery with his mom. That's right up

there. She's one of our business partners and his wife. We are Long Beach residents, born and raised, went to school here, went to college here. Now we have some small families here. We have multiple businesses here. Him and his wife also on a very successful salon, but I'm not sure. My wife and I are on a speech pathology clinic up in Bixby because we have one in Garden Grove as well. I own a real estate investment holding company and we just love 100. So we spend all the time, all our money in Long Beach. We're just super grateful to have the opportunity to have this like wonderful places. But since early sixties, you know, just kind of continue. It wasn't the nicest place in the neighborhood for a long time. We busted our butts and got it really cleaned up and made it really nice. We actually went out and got some really nice chefs from Long Beach to kind of come in and do all of our consulting for our menu. And all of the neighbors are thrilled because they wouldn't go in there before it, and now they're in there maybe once or twice a week. So it's been really nice. Does he do anything. That, you know, they had an entertainment. License there since the beginning, and we're just trying to continue on. Unfortunately, entertainment licenses are not grandfathered in and it's a new license every time we've had it for just a little over a year. And we're looking forward to providing a place for music and entertainment for Long Beach, which I think Long Beach really needs more places like that. And right now, is it a good bar? Okay. Councilmember Pierce. Yes. I thank you guys for coming tonight. I used to live across the street from the bull bar. Yes. So I did dare to go in. Right. And I have been in your establishment several times. The Seventh Street Collaborative actually holds their meetings there. And you guys have done a fantastic job with programing, with food, with everything. And so I wholeheartedly support this and look forward to seeing you guys continue your success. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Collect to see. People from Long Beach, you know, investing and continuing to invest. So I'm sure you'll do great. And great success to. You. Congratulations. Thank y

ou. Thank you. So I probably should have closed the hearing before they spoke, but the hearing is now closed. Thank you. So seeing no further public comment or council comment members, please cast your vote. Motion case. Congratulations. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Let's move to item number 16, please. Now, let's do public comment. Let's do public comment. Beginning of the council meeting. So we have a number of speakers here. I'm not sure who's still here, but we'll go ahead and read through the list. So, Mr. West. Mayor, council members, we appreciate being here tonight. So what we're going to start with is three more budget presentations. It's the third budget hearing that we've had to talk about departments. So we are want to talk about you're going to hear from library first, then you'll hear from Health and Human Services. Then you're going to hear from disaster preparedness and emergency communication. So again, you see our Continuum of care sign. We want to make sure that that's clear, that we consider specifically library and Health and Human Services as a vital part of the continuum of care, helping the fire department, the police department and disaster recovery department to work on public safety. So it's all integrated and they work very, very well together. There's no silos here. And again, we do want to stress the public safety continuum. So with that, I'm going to turn it over to our librarian, Glenda Willie Williams, who will start the presentations. Glenda. Thank you, Mr. West. Good evening to Arnold, Maria Garcia and members of City Council. Thank you for this opportunity to present to you the proposed FY 18 budget for the Library Services Department. WILLIAMS Can we actually move her mic down? It's going to make sure that everyone in the audience can. Thank you so much. Okay. I better. Thank you. Sorry. We are proud to partner with our families city departments as part of the public safety continuum. And what is the library departments role to achieve safety for our community? According to our police department, there are three sides to public safety prevention, intervention and suppression. Our role is prevention. Many studies have shown that there is a correlation between literacy and crime. 85% of youth in juvenile hall cannot read above the third grade level. That's 85%. Here's another stat. It is estimated that every two out of three children that cannot read by the fourth grade will either go to jail or be on welfare. And this is not the dream that we have for any of our children. The good news is, is that there is a correlation between literacy, the availability of books in the home, and reading aloud to children, children with access to books perform better in school and have improved math scores. It is true kids who read succeed. The statistics for adults are also sobering. Studies show that 60% of inmates are illiterate. That's 60%. Once inmates have served their time and are released, 70% will return to prison if they d

o not become literate. So you see, statistics show that a small investment in literacy through library resources can yield a huge results and help keep our city safe. Here we go. Looks like we flexed our core services. The Long Beach Public Library is committed to meeting the learning and information needs of our culturally diverse and dynamic population. We take pride in providing public service. We offer a wide selection of resources and materials representing all points of view. We support learning for a lifetime intellectual curiosity and free and equal access to information for babies and children, to adults and seniors. We utilize specialized technology to provide information and educational resources for our residents, including individuals and families with special needs. And we have the main library and 11 neighborhood libraries conveniently located throughout the city to serve our community. 2017 has been a busy and exciting year for the Long Beach Public Library of our many accomplishments. The library was awarded the 2017 National Medal by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, which is the highest honor for a museum or library given annually to outstanding institutions, making exceptional contributions to their communities and demonstrating extraordinary and innovative public service approaches. The community's use of the new Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in its first year of operation has been remarkable. Visits increased 70%. Materials checked out increased 55%. Attendance and classes and events increased 90%. And public computer use increased 71%. I might also add that the Michelle Obama Library was also awarded two noteworthy building construction awards by the American Public Works Association and the Construction Management Association of America. We are proud of our notable library statistics. About half of our population is a library card carrying member that has access to use 7 million resources and asked almost 300,000 questions, while 1.2 million people physically walk through our doors this year. Many residents take advantage of our 13th Branch library, the virtual branch to download materials or use our Go Lipo Mobile app to perform searches and access their accounts. Our virtual branch provides 24 seven anytime, anywhere access. Our community contributions are largely successful because of our collaboration with our community partners, including the Long Beach Unified School District, the Long Beach Community Action Partnership Site, Long Beach. We are the next Microsoft YMCA, early childhood education, Preschool Without Walls and the WICK program at St Mary's Hospital, just to name a few. Additionally, several stem that science, technology, engineering, math workshops and workshops and events were hosted are free. Maker Camp lasted four weeks in three locations during the summer and encouraged tinkering, thoughtful design and entered the year in shape for our youth. A daylong Polynesian culture event was

hosted with grant funding and has continued on a monthly basis at the Michelle Obama Library. As part of our Ongoing Cultural Conversations program, which celebrates our city's diversity and partnership with the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, the launch of the library program was at two locations this year. Our popular annual Summer Reading Club attracted more than 6000 children, teens and adults. The second year of the career online high school program is underway. We have about 60 students enrolled. Ten students have met all requirements. And we're looking forward to honoring our first graduation class in a ceremony this fall. We have three new series of development workshops at the Michelle Obama Libraries by the city's My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan, and we were happy to support a daylong Youth Spark event in partnership with Microsoft and the city's innovation team for Washington and Hamilton. Middle School Students Interested In Computer Coding. The Long Beach Public Library has partnered with three local universities to host interns, enrolled in a master of library science graduate programs. And our mobile library services are on a roll. We launched the highly successful mobile studio program through the grant funds given to the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, along with our Speed Reader Library Bike. We are now able to provide library services at our schools, community centers and events throughout our city. Technology is extremely important. Improvements in this area include the next phase of the network equipment upgrade in the libraries to realize faster Internet speed. Upgrading our wireless access points to handle increased demand. Upgrading assistive software and hardware and the Information Center for People with Disabilities and Michelle Obama Library and completing the upgrade of the telephone notification and renewal systems available soon in English and Spanish. The proposed F 18 library total budget is approximately 14.2 million, 96% of which is from the general fund and includes approximately 126 full time equivalents or 175 employees for 12 locations. Grant dollars are provided mainly by the Long Beach Public Library, which funds all of our family learning centers. The studio at Main Library and the Michelle Obama

Library, our new mobile studio and other initiatives. We would not be able to provide this critical services without their assistance. The proposed FIA 18 budget for the library is relatively flat with little changed. It is proposed to continue open hours on Sundays at four neighborhood libraries Bayshore, BURNETT, Michelle Obama and El Dorado. Since the hours were added, we've noticed a significant increase in library attendance at these locations. Lastly, measure a library projects in fiscal year 18 include facility improvements at several libraries, including age, fact hearing loops and other building improvements . Some challenges for the Long Beach Public Library is facing includes k

eeeping up with service demands, part time and non-career employee turnover and aging facilities. While it's exciting to share that most of all of our library events and workshops are at maximum capacity, unfortunately, staff find themselves turning away people from participating in our free workshops and events because we simply cannot accommodate the demand. We would also like to participate in more community events, including all of the wonderful back to school nights at the Long Beach schools. But we just don't have the resources. Part time and non-career employee turnover is also a growing concern for us, averagely averaging approximately 28% annually for the past six years . Lastly, most library facilities are more than 50 years old, so keeping up with facility maintenance has become increasingly difficult. Roof leaks that occur when it rains or increase are an increasing concern for our libraries. The leaks penetrate the buildings and result in mold, damaged walls and damaged books that must be thrown away. On a more positive note, there are some great opportunities nearby at the Long Beach Public Libraries continuing to plan for the new main library anticipated to open in the summer of 2019. With that, the library will also continue to continue building a 21st century library system, including launching our new El BPL dot org website that's currently in development. Investigating a point of sale system allowing patrons to pay library fees and fines online and in person with credit cards, continue to measure library infrastructure improvements and implement the new 2017 2020 2020 Strategic Plan, which focuses on serving the needs of our community, supporting youth to development and prudent communication, and positioning the library as a public education institution to ensure library patrons and staff staff safety. Additional library specific safety and emergency training classes will be provided. Lastly, we will continue to provide innovative library classes, events and workshops for our community because we are not satisfied with the status quo. It is a pleasure to work with the women and men at the Long Beach Public Library to improve the quality of life of our residents. Their dedication, passion and support allow us to assist our community in meeting their personal and educational goals. Also, thank you, Mayor Garcia and the City Council for your direction and leadership to allow us to serve our community. This concludes the library a fy18 budget presentation. I am available for questions if you have any. Thank you very much. And we're going to do all the questions after all the presentations. And so we'll move on now to our next presentation, which is going to be from Health and Human Services. Good evening, honorable mayor, vice mayor and City Council Members. Thank you for this opportunity to present the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. First, I'd like to recognize my team members who are here in the audience.

They're spread throughout who make it all and all that. I'm going to share with you possible their bright, committed and caring team and they are so passionate about their work. I appreciate them fully and know that the Health Department would not be where it is today without them. I also get to come to work every day and see young babies and children in our fourth year because they're coming in for their birth certificates and work and seeing those children every day and having our meetings interrupted by children's laughter helps ground us in our work and keeps us moving every day. The Department of Health and Human Services continues to be part of the public safety continuum. We do this through a broad array of early prevention programs, as well as our homeless services programs. These programs include nurse family partnerships, black health, public health, nursing, fatherhood, family preservation, early childhood education, healthy active, Long Beach Work led prevention and abatement , child health and disability prevention programs, violence prevention, and many more. We know that working closely with our families early in a child's life to build strong parenting skills and relationships, educating and supporting for healthy babies and children. Ensuring children are safe in their homes and in their communities as well as connecting to reading and educational opportunities helps prevent crime, violence and homelessness in the future. It is a long term prevention strategy. When children do well in early life and are successful in

school and employment, they are far less likely to commit crimes or become homeless as adults. As you consider definitions of public safety, please remember that prevention strategies are essential for the success of Long Beach. Research estimates that for every dollar spent on prevention, there is a future cost saving of \$7. In addition, there's a \$16 return on investment for every dollar spent in early childhood through Measure A and Measure M. There may be opportunities to support the broader definition of public safety to include these important prevention strategies. These are core services for our city when it comes to public safety. Until these investments are made, costs will continue to grow and we will continue to act instead of prevent. The Health and Human Services Department provides over 30 programs in nine sites around the city. Together, these services focus on building and supporting healthy communities, families and individuals from prenatal to old age. Many people connect us primarily with homeless services. That's most of our phone calls and restaurant inspections. But we do so much more. The Health Department is one of the most diverse departments in our city. Programs range from bioterrorism surveillance to providing housing and assisting homeless nutrition education to STD and HIV surveillance and treatment. Testing samples in a lab to family planning restaurant and water inspections to violent

ce prevention. My Brother's Keeper to vector control and so much more. We promote healthy living. We increase safety in neighborhoods, homes and businesses. We provide housing and homeless services. We work closely with our federal, state and local partners to prepare for public health emergencies. We increase access to health care and community supports. We prevent, treat, investigate and control communicable diseases. In addition, we staff five commissions Health and Human Services, the Human Services Advisory Commission, Housing Authority Commission, Human Relations Commission and the New Veterans Commission. We have a first list of accomplishments this year. We provided over 350,000 public health visits, all free or at low cost. To do this, we brought in over \$87 million of funding from outside of our city. For every city dollar spent, our department leveraged \$295 in services from outside funding. Last year, we ensured safe environments through food inspections, food safety inspections, water testing, communicable disease investigations, lab test vector control, and public health emergency management efforts. We also developed medical marijuana, dispensary inspection and licensing protocols. We are a national model to counter bioterrorism and response to health emerging issues such as the Zika virus. Our partners include the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, State and County Emergency Organizations, and our fire police departments, emergency operations. We engage in support of the city's livability initiatives by leading the Street Pedestrian Safety Plan, participating in the Bicycle Master Plan, and bringing in additional funding from Otis and Skog to implement bike and pedestrian safety courses. We acted. We effectively aligned safe Long Beach and equity efforts in the Health Department and Urban, the Office of Equity to implement an equity framework for the City of Long Beach. The Office of Equity has, as My Brother's Keeper, the Language Access Program and the Human Rights Commission. To date, the office has led a team of 12 city departments and council offices, and the Governing Alliance for Race and Equity implemented citywide implicit bias training for city leaders and staff, and are now training over 690 sworn police officers. Hosted the My Brother's Keeper Regional Summit where over 200 people attended to share practices and plans for future work for boys and men of color, providing interpretation services for nearly 100 requests and translated 200 documents. It is also partnering with our Economic Development Department to support the economic inclusion strategy of the economic blueprint. Safe. Long Beach continues to lead the violence prevention plan focused on safe communities, schools and families. Through these efforts, the team has hosted eight community police academies, engaging 103 Community 183 community members and four community police dialogs. It has also provided informed training to representatives of over 80

organizations, training over 1300 people. We co-sponsored Agent Reimagine, Ruskin, Cal State, Long Beach and our Parks, Recreation and Marine, bringing together partnerships from throughout Long Beach to learn more about and share ideas for supporting older adults in our city. We've also made significant contributions to the Long Beach economy through our programs. Overall, we reinvested \$73 million back into our community through with food vouchers in local grocery stores, rent payments to apartment owners, and another 3.6 million to local community based organizations as subcontracts. We also hosted three conferences this this year, bringing in hundreds of overnight visitors. I'd also like to highlight accomplishments specific to our homeless

efforts. We led the biannual count this year and found a 21% reduction in persons experiencing homelessness and 26% reduction in the chronically homeless population. This is a time when surrounding jurisdictions have seen increases. We've done this through an incredible, coordinated partnership with our city and county. This year, we housed 483 people, including 131 veterans, and provided nearly 15,000 languages to services, provided 55 million in rental assistance to more than 6000 families and over 700 vouchers for veterans. We also developed landlord incentive kits, another financial incentive for apartment owners. We hosted a homeless summit with over 100 attendees representing community partners across the city and the region. This led to an agreed upon definition of success for homelessness in our city and cross-agency work groups focused on creating a public education campaign, hospital discharge planning, short term housing solutions, and a faith based summit. We can't talk about homeless services successes without focusing on how we get the work done and with the resources. Overall, we were able to secure \$8.2 million in outside funding sources, as well as negotiate 2.6 million of measure each month for the city, for the continuum of care, and for the housing authority. And we were able to extend \$500,000 for veterans or homeless veterans initiative. Our budget is just over \$123 million. 2% of this comes from the general fund. This increase from 1% last year due to the move from violence prevention and equity into the department and the medical marijuana programing. It is a half percent of the city's overall budget. We bring in 23% of our budget through grants. We rate 12% through health fees, permits and realignment. 62% comes from the Housing Authority through HUD and 1% from Cooper. Notable changes in our budget this year is \$125,000 structural for homeless services. This has been one time in the past. It is now structural and ongoing. It will help support outreach efforts across the city. We are also seeking \$110,000 one time to initiate the Office of Aging. This position will provide this coordination is absolutely essential to begin the office and will be leveraged to access grant

funding to support ongoing efforts for older adults in our city. We also received \$150,000 one time for cleanups of unsanctioned medical marijuana facilities. In addition, we'll be accepting additional grants for tobacco education. We've been at about 150,000. We're now going to be at a million. So it's an \$850,000 increase in support in tobacco education coming from the state. We're receiving increases for public health, emergency management and Zika response, as well as \$300,000. New money from the Office of Traffic Safety and Skog for Bike and Pedestrian Safety and 239,000 from the Office of Traffic Safety for a drug impaired driving campaign. All right. Team budget includes realignment of several grant funded positions to reflect operational and service needs and the elimination of several vacant positions to reflect funding availability. Our challenge is focused on trends and public health that need to be addressed, such as increasing STD and HIV rates in the city. We've had over 100% increase in syphilis and gonorrhea in the past two years, and we are the second highest in the state of California. We must focused on this work. We are also heavily focused on mosquitoes that carry Zika, West Nile virus and other harmful diseases. So far, we've had no local transmission of Zika. We want to make sure it stays that way. Criminal justice reforms without sufficient resources to address impacts continue to impact our city. And as always, challenges for a primarily grant funded organization focused on sustainable funding. Funding for our Office of Equity, some safe Long Beach programs and others will end this year and we are seeking additional resources. In addition, our increasing overhead costs and pay increases are not covered by grants, and we're forced to reduce service levels to cover these costs. We run approximately 110 grants and sub grants every year and respond to 100 program and fiscal audits annually. The lack of sufficient administrative resources actually limits our ability moving forward to build a grant base. Writing, managing and monitoring grants is labor intensive. In addition, funding priorities at the federal level have been changing, and local funding is becoming more competitive. Grants can be part of a funding strategy, but it can't be the only strategy. Our department has many antiquated and disparate data systems, which makes coordinating services and utilizing technology for efficiencies nearly impossible. In addition, our facilities have seen no improvements in many years and are struggling. We have about \$2 million in need. Facility improvement costs are also not covered by grants. We do not have a peer or communications person for our health department and we have many requests from you all and from others about getting information out in public education campaigns. And those are currently done by a mishmash of staff doing their best as an added as an added service. Our challenges for homeless services. As with the ove

rall department, we have little administrative staff and a lot of new requests for programing and service. We have limited housing stock in our city and insufficient behavioral health resources to impact the ability to assist individuals who are homeless. And there's a lack of funding for a 24 hour and we can services at the MSI. This is something that is often discussed by this council as well as those in the community. Our opportunities really stem from strong partnerships we have within our city and across our region. These partnerships have made it possible to provide homeless services, engage in livability efforts, open a behavioral health, urgent crisis, center criminal justice diversion efforts focused on mental health and substance use, and to move forward on older adult planning and so much more. We will be receiving funding in the safe language this year to lead trauma informed efforts across the city. Building on our work of the past year, we continue to seek opportunities for improved data and reporting to inform our work. The implementation of administrative Regulation 832 is very important to these efforts, as are the efforts of the innovation team and the data driven justice initiative. Organizationally, we've realigned our department programing and filled all of our management positions. We've updated our strategic plan. We've redesigned our grants process for increased efficiencies. And we all received \$650,000 a measure eight funds for building improvements this year. We will also be receiving funding from the state under a new effort to provide dental education. This will start in January. The local partner and funder interest in older adults is a real opportunity for older adults in the city as we seek to open the Office of Aging. And finally, we are participating in a national All Children Thrive effort where we seek to improve the lives of and health of all children in the city. This includes developing indicators for the city that highlight opportunities for success of our children, which would be led by our equity office. Currently, our city has not had a strong focus on our youngest children. Yet there is a focus and interest and most important to ensure children start early childhood education in school, ready to learn and engage . As the department, we are providing services to our youngest and most vulnerable children through programs discussed earlier. There is much we can do together to more fully support children across our city. You'll be hearing much more about this moving forward, and I'll be asking for your support to help host community meetings on this topic. For homeless services. We have had one of the most effective, coordinated efforts in the country, and our partnerships are expanding. We have a strong, inter-departmental team, including health, police, fire parks and public works. This team meets officially at least every month and talks almost daily. We are partnering with the Dolby to develop a public

education campaign which will include an airport coin drop. We are engaging a few fellow to focus on data supportive programing and financing strategies and we're planning for a year round shelter. These, in addition to the 2.6 million from L.A. County, will help us continue to strengthen our citywide approach. Thank you for your time this evening. We look forward to working closely with you and our communities to continue to build and support a healthy, safe and vibrant language. I am available for questions. Thank you very much for that report. I will move on to the next presentation, which will be disaster preparedness and emergency communications. And then we'll be going to the city council for questions. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor. Vice Mayor. Members of the City Council. It is my pleasure to present the FBI 18 proposed budget for the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications. This department plays a critical role in the public safety continuum. As we present this budget, we are reminded that this past winter was one of the wettest winters in recent Long Beach history. We received over three inches of rain over a 24 hour period. And as was stated last week by the Public Works director, those rains overwhelmed our stormwater infrastructure. The 911 dispatchers handled over 5000 calls for police, fire, flooding and tree removal services. During that time, the storms required the activation of the emergency operations center over several days and the collective efforts of all city departments to manage storm impacts. Damages from the storms to city facilities and property exceeded \$3 million, including the loss of over 155 trees in our parks and parkways. Damages to 36 vehicles and at least 13 structures, both public and private, were damaged. Storm damages also required the evacuation and subsequent major rehabilitation of the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department headquarters building. Those losses were all submitted to FEMA for reimbursement, and we are finalizing our work with FEMA to determine our reimbursable amount. Our goal for the city is to be self-sufficient for at least five days in the event of a disaster. That is, to have five days of supply of water, food and basic first aid items on hand. Disaster preparedness begins with the personal preparedness of our residents, businesses, our employees and community partners, including our

school district hospitals, Long Beach, City College and Long Beach State University. We live in a complicated world in terms of disaster preparedness, and we want our residents to be prepared. Through the department's core goals. We touched the lives of our residents in many important ways. We prepare for and provide disaster preparedness, training for all hazards to our staff, residents and community partner organizations. We ensure that citywide emergency preparedness plans are up to date and consistent with county and federal planning documents. This past year, we managed \$14

million in Homeland Security grants to pay for citywide disaster preparedness training and to and to purchase required equipment. We provide our residents with public safety dispatchers who are well-trained, skilled and customer service oriented. And, of course, the department is responsible for notifying the public in the event of an emergency or major disaster. And we encourage all residents to sign up for alert Long Beach to receive emergency notification messages. And therefore 17, the department accomplished many of its goals, including the 911 dispatchers handled over 800,000 calls for service last year, resulting in dispatching over 300,000 personnel and equipment. The average call answering time was within the industry standard of 10 seconds. Staff facilitated the completion of continuity of operation plans with all city departments to ensure the timely resumption of city operations and services in the event of a major emergency or a disaster. FEMA approved the city's natural hazardous mitigation plan to identify and provide mitigation measures for our most probable manmade and natural disasters. Without this approval, the city would not have been eligible for damage reimbursement of funds. And in March, staff conducted the city's first annual Tsunami Walk and Resource Fair to educate residents on how best to survive tsunami. We had over 50 participants for this first time event and we thank council members, Price and Ringer for your support. Continuing with accomplishments, the department completed an active shooter training workshop with all three departments. Our community planning, our community partner organizations and staff were elected officials to better prepare them to survive a terrorist or active shooter incident. Those workshops were well received and the Department will receive recognition for this work at an annual meeting of emergency managers in November. Social media is a powerful tool for communicating with the public, and this past year we created the department's social media presence with posts to over 53,000 Facebook users, 439 tweets to around 250,000 people and over 3000 Instagram lights. Additionally, through our community outreach efforts, we made contact with over 15,000 members of the public to provide them with a variety of disaster preparedness, information and material. And as was stated earlier, the department coordinated with other city departments to collect, review and submit a \$3 million damage reimbursement claim to FEMA related to the 2017 winter storms. We accomplished all of this with minimal impact to the general fund. The total budget for the department is approximately \$13 million with 89 employees. 81% of the of the budget is divided is divert. It is devoted to 911 call taking and dispatching. The remaining budget is devoted to disaster preparedness, facility maintenance, administration and Homeland Security Grant Management. Notable changes for FY 18 include through the passage of Measure A, t

he department will upgrade the ios's heating and air conditioning and an electrical system using \$800,000 in funding. \$37 million Homeland Security Grant. We're in the process of implementing a new state of the art public safety radio dispatch system. Most city departments, including police, fire, port and airport, rely on this equipment for day to day and emergency response radio communications. The department was also awarded a one \$1 million in state funds to upgrade the existing 911 telephone system in anticipation of next generation 911 services and other future technologies. Therefore, a team budget also creates a new consolidated job classification and organizational structure for 911 dispatchers who have successfully completed the cross-training program. Three Phased Approach. We are cross-training the police and fire dispatchers at the telephone position to eliminate the need to transfer records for police, fire and emergency medical services. New and cross-trained dispatchers will be placed in the new job classifications and will receive appropriate compensations once they acquire the additional skill sets. And as we transition to f y 18, we see many challenges and opportunities for the department. We have accomplished many of the milestones towards the consolidation of the dispatch center, including a written email U with police and fire department, an agreement with the city's Emergency Medical Services Program to review and approve consolidated car taking protocols. We currently have 20% of our dispatchers

in various phases of completion of the program. However, the cross training program is challenged by the need to sustain the heavy service demands of the center and the need to continuously recruit and train new dispatchers as we are experiencing a wave of retirements. Nonetheless, we are seeing a reduction of overtime by utilizing cross-trained dispatchers to fill vacant shifts. And in the event of a major emergency or a disaster, we have additional staff at the ready opportunities and therefore I intend include the initiation of a hands on pilot disaster preparedness training program and financially disadvantaged neighborhoods to help those residents develop preparedness plans that are specific to their needs in the in the in the event of a major emergency or disaster and to increase their ability to survive. Those pilot those pilot preparedness programs will also include identifying neighborhood hub sites or resiliency hubs, where a five day supply of emergency, nonperishable food and water and first aid supplies can be stored for use by residents in impacted neighborhoods. The department will also coordinate a citywide process to replace all public safety radios, both handheld devices and the radios that are mounted in their vehicles. This is necessary. This is necessitated by Motorola's announcement that they will no longer support the radios currently use widely throughout the region. And we are very excited about this last i

tem. Late this year, we will implement a program that provides an option for residents to send emergency text messages to 911 dispatchers to request police and fire emergency medical services. Text 2911 will provide equal access to emergency services for residents who are hearing or speech impaired and for those in situations where it is dangerous to dial 911. We are working on community outreach and Educational Material campaign. Call if you can. Text if you can't. In conjunction with other South Bay cities and Los Angeles City and County Fire and police departments to implement this new program in late December. In closing, I would like to encourage all residents to attend the rally Long Beach Community Preparedness and Expo on Saturday, September 16th, on the campus of California State University, Long Beach. This expo will feature information booths, emergency preparedness demonstrations and a display of the emergency response vehicles. And the expo will also provide basic first aid and survival information. With that, that concludes my presentation, and I will stand with my colleagues to answer questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. I appreciate all the presentations and all the staffs and all the departments and all. Everyone works very hard. And so I want to thank, of course, the entire team at library services, at Health and Human Services, as well as disaster preparedness. Let's give them a round of applause and thank them for all of their hard work. So I'm going to turn this over now to do some council questions and comments. I'm going to ask obviously the council so we don't have the vacuum machine. If you if you want to get added to the queue, just have someone pass a message or just raise your hand. They'll add you to the queue of names I have. So start with. I have Councilman Mango. Wonderful. Thank you to the department heads and their staff who made an excellent presentation. It's great to see the great accomplishments that you guys have each accomplished. I have a couple of quick questions and I'd like to start with Health Services. I appreciate the great work that you're doing and the partnerships with Long Beach State Scan, one of our fifth District businesses and others around seniors. When when you move forward with partnerships like this, how are those decisions made? Do you have a procedure similar to what the council has established for Parks Rec and Marine this year, or is it on a case by case basis? Currently, we are meeting regularly with it with Cal State, Long Beach, with Scan, with Parks, Recreation, Marine and with the Health Department in the beginning, in the conversations as well. The Council passed and approved the older adult plan. And so what we've been doing is really working from there. And so as these partnerships within that is the Office of Aging. And so there has been a strong conversation and support around that concept. So as we've been talking with our different partners and our different funders,

that is the focus of the way that we plan to move forward. I know there's been some questions about wires and the triple-A agency on aging out of the county. And why does the city need to be looking at this? The city the city is the focus where the coordination can be located. Currently, the area agency on aging does not provide any coordination within the city of Long Beach. And in fact, when we looked at our data last year, we found that they provided 1900 individual services. So that means connecting with 1900 people, many of those duplicated over six months. We have 43,000 older adults over the age of 65. So almost all the services they provide, they have nonprofit providers who are located outside of the city, who come in maybe for a day, provide a little bit of

service, and they also provide the meals. All of the rest of the work and the coordination and the demand for senior services would be the focus of this Office of Aging and the ability to move this forward. What would it take for us to separate from the County Office of Aging and actually establish our own allocation from the government, from feds would be. Very difficult to do. It is a county I mean, it area agencies on either county, L.A. City was able to do that. But they're a city of 4 million, which is larger than most counties in the country. Is there any opportunity to do a similar to Silco has done within the workforce investment world to partner up with neighboring cities to be able to draw down those funds? Because I, I think from looking at the data and attending some of your meetings and talking through the partnerships, we're not the only ones having these kinds of low accountability number, low numbers of service based on the region. I mean, it's certainly something that we can talk about and we can approach, but the cities around us are quite small. Right. And so when you think about we are the second largest city in the county and what we are seeking to do as a city with our growing older adult population right now it's at about 9.3% . It's expected to grow to nearly 20% of the city and also become more and more diverse. When we rely only on county resource that is not coordinated locally, we will not be able to provide a level of need or we will not be able to meet the need. In addition, we have a number of partners within our city, including St Mary's, Archstone and others who want to help fund. But they're saying you need to have someone to coordinate this stuff, right? We're not funding the whole office. The city needs to have a coordinator and we will provide the rest of the resources to help support actual programing and other work. So if we are able to afford to to approve and get the votes to put together the \$100,000 of general fund money necessary to fund this position, when next year comes and we have a projected deficit, where do we think that we'll be able to fund it from? There are there's at least one funder who has said if you get this started and re

ally show that Long Beach is committed to our older adult population and its services, that it would partner with us to move forward and continue to fund this work. Wonderful. And do we have that in writing or could we get it in writing before the approval of the budget? Probably not. It is a grant process that we would have to go through through boards and things. Is that is not something that they would be able to just write in a letter right now. Well, should they be in the crowd tonight? Perhaps that would be something that we would appreciate. Thank you for that. Thank you. Also, I know that you have the housing authority under your scope. And I met with a neighbor, a neighbor slash housing inspector recently. And they talked about as an inspector that a lot of the work that they do is actually being duplicated by development services through the new rental inspection program that it's significantly similar and that a landlord might need while is inspected by section eight every two years and then subsequently potentially also inspected by development services and that the core list of things is significantly similar, while there's a slight variance. Is there any opportunity between now and, let's say, the next budget cycle for 2019 to talk about where those things overlap and what opportunities there are for efficiencies? We've been having that conversation for the last six months, maybe longer. And in fact, what we have done is we are coordinating with development services. So if we are out, we if we inspect every time there is a new renter. So if there is a new renter, you know, more than once a year, we will inspect that unit upon every new renter. It's and then. But if it's the same renter, then it's every two years. Right. And so there are a number of things we focus on. Specific thing is internal to the building development services. Focus is also on a lot of other issues on the outside of the building and require that they be addressed. Those are things that are not part of what we do. What we have done is to say if we are going out to inspect, we will have a list of the inspections for development services that are planned. And we will show up together to make sure that we have a coordinated inspection opportunity to make sure that the apartment owner and the person who is living there will not have to go through two different inspectors and two different processes. Well, through where it possible, if there was a supplemental list of, let's say, ten items that are coming from Section eight and an additional five items coming from development services, it would be ideal if that one inspector was able to bifurcate their time and potentially receive a transfer of funds from development services to Health and Human Services for the amount of time that that staff member uses on non approved housing authority items. Just something to think about that was brought up by one of the staff that we kind of talk through in the community. So than

k you for what you've already been coordinating. I know there are lots of restrictions as the housing authority money comes from D.C. and there's a lot of ties to it. So whatever you're able to do. We appreciate. Thank you. Thank you. Disaster preparedness. I was looking through the budget this year and I know that you're managing a lot of uses cap in other major grants. Have we applied for any private funding from Grantors? I know that you specifically mentioned the cert training in the impoverished communities. I know that there are types of grants out there for that. Do we have that capacity to apply for those? Have we started that process or do we plan to? We have. We have we have been successful working with Long Beach City EMT as well as the county as well. And we have a \$300,000 grant that we have applied for and the region applied for, and we were successful with that. And we're going to use those grant funds to go out in some of those financially impacted neighborhoods to provide more hands on assistance with with developing neighborhood plans, as well as what I mentioned, establishing some neighborhood hubs or resiliency hubs where we're the agency, the city or the department will be able to provide some of those five days of supply that's necessary. So we have been successful with that. We also announced a couple of weeks ago another \$1 million award as well, where we actually partnered in this case with Santa Ana and Anaheim, and we were very successful in that. Well, thank you for your work on that. I know it's important work, and I know that the community members, which I came out and met at the recent training, were very empowered. And I think that that's really enlightening. I know I also attended a bilingual one and my Spanish is rusty, but I appreciated engaging with not only our staff that were doing the training in Spanish, but also with the community who felt that it was really important that in a time of need they were able to make that that opportunity for them available. Thank you. And lastly, our library services. I have seen the wonderful reception that having the El Dorado Library open on Sundays has had in our community. I appreciate our library staff and the great and hard work that they're doing in anticipation of next year's deficit. Has there been any dialog on what we can do to assure that every day of the week there's a library open in a region where a person lives that's accessible. But keeping in mind that we will likely not have the 268,001 time to fund that. What is our plan on that side? Councilwoman mANGELS, are you asking for continuing services on Sunday hours without funding? Is that the question? Some kind of not necessarily just Sunday hours, but more of a do we have a long term strategy to say there's three regions of the city and in every region of the city at a time, on every day of the week, something will be open. Even if the library is open, let's say Saturday, Sunday perhaps are closed Monday,

Tuesday, or how are we planning to develop around that to ensure the needs of the community are met? All right. Now we are a five day operation Tuesday through Saturday for all 12 locations. And that's done because we want to make sure we have enough staff in case of illnesses, vacations, training, things like that. We need to be able to back, back, fill those positions. So that's what we all kind of in the same schedule. But we can look at something from a regional approach to answer your question and get back to you on about that. That would be great. I know library science is a hard to fill position and the amount of education and experience it takes to become a librarian is extensive. I know that throughout the country there are recruitment efforts to bring people into library science, and it is a noble profession. So best of luck with your recruitment and I appreciate the hard work and the many Sunday hours that so many have had to do over time to keep our libraries open. But as we move forward, a regional long term strategy, I think, is where we need to focus. And so whatever help that you can do to ensure that the great work, as you mentioned, the technology is so important, over 4000 individuals accessing our libraries a day and that libraries are more than just storage for books. It's it's really a place of learning. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We're going to move on now to Councilwoman Pryce, who is still a conference councilwoman. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So question for library services. Do we have hearing loops in any of our current facilities? And if not, what plans do we have to get them installed? Council on Women price right now we have a hearing loop at the Michelle Obama library and with continued measure funds, we are planning to have them at another location at the library and also at the Mark Twain Library. And and they remain like, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Did you say Bay Shore? Bay Shore. Yes. And then also at the new main library, as you were going to say, that's in the plans. Okay. That's what I wanted to make sure. Okay. That's excellent. I think the more we can increase access little by little better. So thank you for that. I wanted to congratulate you on the the report, the presentation. I'm following it along here on my laptop. And as you were doing the presentation and I just could not be more proud of the direction we're headed with our library services. And and also I know that deficit

years are coming. I think that the Sunday library hours have been such a tremendous resource, an asset for our residents who work at traditional work week. So providing for weekend access in whatever way. And if we have to be creative, we should be creative. But you know, I think even though we have deficit years coming, I don't necessarily want to conclude that that will be something that will be cut next year. I'm very hopeful that we'll be able to continue it because it's I mean, we just get so many positive comments from residents

who enjoy the library hours and could not otherwise do it on the weekends. So thank you very much for that. Thank you. I have a question for the health department for Kelly. Kelly, the 239,000 that we received from the Office of Traffic Safety. I'm assuming that the majority of that money is going to go into education on marijuana impaired driving, since we're now going to be having marijuana dispensaries operating in the city. Is that correct? That is correct. Okay. And what are our plans in terms of developing outreach? I mean, I know you and your team have been involved with keeping up to date with my work in regards to education and outreach through the Orange County DA's office and our statewide efforts. And, of course, you'll have access to all of those videos and PSA. But are we doing any print advertising and education with our local dispensaries, or are they partners with us on this front? Yes, they've been involved in our conversations throughout the summer as we've been planning for this funding, and they have been open and willing to to put posters up within their within their dispensaries and their work. We are currently working with Cal State, Long Beach. They're working on sort of a design studio to start to think about innovative ways to continue to message the education campaign. The funding itself will arrive sometime in October, and at that point, we will start those efforts. Okay. That's that sounds fantastic. And I think it's really, really important for any messaging that we do on marijuana, that the marijuana industry be at the table so that we don't make the same mistakes that Colorado made towards toward that end, we did have a public service announcement, screening and reveal last week with the California office the traffic safety at the district attorney's office. We did have two representatives there, one from the Long Beach Cannabis Collective Association, which was really good. And then we have statewide representatives as well who have agreed to do some PSA. So I think anything we can do to try to partner with the marijuana industry to just show PSA things and hand out literature in the actual stores would go a long way. And \$239,000 is actually a really huge budget to do outreach with for such a specific issue. So I'm really hopeful that we can use that partnership to make the most efficient money. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have nothing further. Thank you, Councilwoman. I have a speakers list here of councilmembers. So let me move on now to Councilmember Urunga. Thank you, Mayor. Actually, I have very little to say about these presentations this afternoon other than to commend staff for the wonderful work they're doing and continue to do for the city of Long Beach. But in terms of library services, I just have one question. We have and this is probably for future consideration. No, not not this budget, but perhaps for a future budget. I understand that the the sun the hours of operation

you have presently described as Bayshore, Burnette, Michelle Obama and El Dorado being that by 2019 or so, we're going to have the Civic Center complex completed. And there's also a proposal to have in there a university component in there as well. So are you looking at opening the downtown main library on Sundays as well, given that university, you have students going there, living there. Would would you be considering opening the main library for Sundays as well? If we have if we have the funding, I'd love to have the main library open on Sundays. Well, I think we should make the funding available because we were talking about university students who are going to have and need access to to the library, and especially if it's going to be the the high tech state of the art library that we want to that we are proposing to have. I think it's something that we should look at seriously. So just throwing it out there for your consideration. Thank you. Okay. In regards to the Department of Health and Human Services, you're doing a good job. It's 98% of your budget is is grant funded. Only 2% is general fund. So I think you need to continue working hard. I know every year, year in and year out, you're looking at at looking at various types of grants to continue to put your funding. But the one thing that the dozen that are really attached to you, but more like our general fund is are you included at their language access as part of your proposal, as part of your department? And I want to emphasize again that I think language access should be a citywide effort in a general fund that is institutionalized within the city. So I want to re-emphasize that again, as I did last week. So that the language access program, it is funded through the general

fund 0.75 FTE. So we have a part time person who runs that as well as one time funding that has happened over the last couple of years, over \$80,000 for interpretation and translation services. So they are city wide. They're for everybody. They just have to be housed currently in the Office of Equity while we could get that institutionalized within a department that doesn't rely mostly on one time funds and grants. I think that would be the most appropriate way of knowing that. Thank you. Thank you. And in regards to emergency services, a good job out there. Again, you've been you're the founding director of that department. Then you're doing a good job. And in response to emergencies that we have within the city, and you're looking at always new ways of being able to prepare the city in case of a disaster. So I want to commend you on that. That's all I have to say. Thank you, Councilmember. Next step is Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to just start by thanking staff for the presentation and thanking all the staff that attended our District nine budget meeting last night was very well attended. So thanks to staff and to the residents for attending, I've met with all

of these staff members and I've had my budget meeting. So I don't have very many questions. I have some comments and some things that I want to highlight, but I want to keep it short so I won't be asking a lot of questions. My questions have been answered. I want to thank the council for, you know, reminding us that there are looming deficits. So now is the time to focus on your accomplishments and demonstrate the success that you're making. And particularly with these three departments in our city, we focus on quality of life a lot. And I just want to note that not every city has these three departments. If you look at our surrounding city, not surrounding cities, not many cities have their own library department. Right. They contract, they have county libraries. They don't have their own library system in the city, just around us. Our health department is unique for one of three cities in the state with its own health department. And I couldn't tell you what other cities in our Southern California have a disaster preparedness department. And what that says to me is we are city who does value the quality of life of our residents. And that's why we you know, we make sure that it's built in our budget, you know, built into our charter, built into our structure, that we place a focus on some of these things. So so I want to just I have a few comments to make, starting with library services. And you don't have to, Linda. You don't you don't have to stand up. Just comments. I saw a statistic, 1.2 million visits across our system. And since the opening of the Michelle Obama library and we're approaching a year since it's been open, I've seen the excitement. If anybody tells you that libraries of the past, they're not they're not watching our library system. Our library system is demonstrating. They serve a focus as a center for community, center for family. You can go there and apply for a job, use the computers, bump into one another. And the Michelle Obama library sort of serves as, you know, I keep borrowing this term, but it serves as our public living room for the Atlantic corridor. So keep up the good work and you certainly have my support moving forward on the Health Department. I have to tell you this a little bit of context. Last year we had a conversation about that 1% that the 1% of general fund support that you receive and. But we made the case, a number of the council members made the case that you get much more bang for your buck for every dollar you place in the health department, because we're focused on preventative issues. We're leveraging almost every dollar against grant funds. It is fiscally prudent and smart to invest in prevention. We took steps to realign violence prevention, and this is not a new program. These are things that we've focused on as a city for a while now. We took steps to be more efficient and realign violence prevention and language access into a new Office of Equity in the Office of Equity. Based

on, you have almost two slides of accomplishments. I think you are showing you are demonstrating the folks what you know, what we're able to accomplish. If we're to think if we were to think from a different standpoint, place an equity lens or prevention lens on the decisions that we make. Sometimes it's not the most immediate choice that policymakers make, but I think it's an important one, one that I'm going to continue encourage the city council to defend as we move forward. I see that you've secured over \$87 million in non city funding sources. That's amazing. I have I've had the opportunity to serve as our housing authority chair of this last year. And I can tell you that we're being innovative and creative in figuring out the best ways to make sure people get into housing and are able to utilize those vouchers. So I want to just say congratulations to you and Allison and your team for working working with the apartment association, landlords, renters, to make sure that we're leveraging these grant resources in the best ways possible. Other accomplishments are the

the Veteran Affairs Commission think is great that we were able to the city council asked us to take a look at establishing a new commission. That commission is up and off the ground. You've got a number of commissioners very active, and we look forward to seeing more of the fruits of the fruits of that work. I think it's impressive to see that since establishing this Office of Equity, we've already begun to implement implicit bias training with city leaders and city staff. And I had the chance to go visit one of these trainings, and I saw that top leaders in our city having conversations that I you know, I wouldn't have assumed city leaders would have. And it was conversations about things like profiling and and implicit bias. And when I approach a problem, what lens, what privilege do I bring to that lens and how can I consider others as we make decisions? And I think that's just the responsible thing to do that we have to place, given how diverse our city is, diverse our city council is. We have to often place ourselves in other people's shoes. So congratulations on that. I look forward to watching that. I looked at your budget here. I'm looking for that. Back to this. There's 2%. As we move forward, we will have to make sure that we're defending and we are making sure that we are justifying the dollars that we spent. We we have to keep a close eye on that. But we have to make sure that as we move forward, we do learn lessons from the past. And, you know, and we are proportional in how we make our budget adjustments move forward proportionally. We are we should maintain that proportionality because it protects departments like libraries and parks and health department, because something like \$100,000 cut may mean something small in a larger department, but it can eliminate entire program in the health department. So as we move forward in these years to come, you know, we talk a

bout, you know, the cuts that are coming. We should make sure that we begin to familiarize ourselves with this concept of proportional share, because we got to make sure we're not eliminating, decimating great work because we're going to have a few a few tough years ahead. And then finally, with disaster preparedness, Mr. Harrison, thank you for for bringing the departments where we are. We will we had a conversation today, and we've been talking the last few weeks will be having a special meeting, a Fed Pledge Committee meeting on September 20th at City Hall Chambers to discuss disaster preparedness, a homeland security in partnership with both our police and fire chief, as well as our disaster preparedness department. There's a lot of great things that our city is doing that we like to share and talk about. So I encourage you to join us at City Hall Chambers again, September. September was that September 20th. So we look forward to that. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That concludes my comments. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Next up, we have Councilmember Gonzales. Yes, thank you. I'd like to thank each of the departments as well. I know with very nimble resources, you all are doing such a great job. And so I would like to thank you on behalf of my district. So first, I'll start with Glenda. I will also reiterate as well the Monday or Sunday main library hours. Would you say are the main library, is that the most utilized library or. I mean, we have a. Very big library. It's going to be state of the art in the next couple of years. But how many visitors are we receiving there at that library? At the main library, correct? Yes, I'd say between. 2 to 3000. Visitors. You know what? Let me make sure I'm accurate. That number. Let me get back to you on that. Okay. Sorry to put you on the spot. That was. No problem. Fantastic. So I would like to know. I don't know. Last year, we had discussed a cost for Monday library hours. Do you know what that cost would be for this next cycle? If not, well, we'll get that information back. But I'd like to know just the cost of what that would be. Absolutely. To get that back up and running, just to prepare us for 2019 as we're going in. It'd be great to have additional hours at a downtown library and then the mobile studio program. Fantastic. I love that you're reaching out. Of course, we do that really well into the community. Our communication with the library is fantastic. Having worked at Microsoft, being a part of the youth spark I think is such a creative way to reach out to our communities, especially with Hamilton and Washington, which need it the most in our city. And then lastly, I think that is it. That's all the questions I had for you. But I would like to just thank you again for all the work you do. Thank you. Thank you. I'll go on to Health and Human Services. With Kelly. Hi, Kelly. I have a few things. Of course, homelessness is the major topic of the century, and we are doing an incredible job here. And I know t

hat we are. And I've often talked to you about how we can visualize that and how we can disseminate more information to the public to make everyone aware of how much how many resources we're putting on the issue of homelessness. And so I think if we are able to, you know, I think my office is creating an internal infographic, but I know I've talked about West, about this kind

of a citywide infographic of what we're doing in the in the city. To be able to disseminate that to our residents would be great. We're currently designing an infographic as well as working on a public education campaign in a partnership with downtown Long Beach Associates. So what you're you know, we'll be rolling that out. In addition, we'll be putting we're working on an education opportunity at the airport. If you walk into the Denver airport, what you see is a coin drop. So instead of emptying your your pockets of coins into the thing that goes through the security, you empty it into the coin drop with an education campaign. So it provides a funding opportunity as well as an educational opportunity as people go through security. That is great. And I think that's just another touchpoint for our residents and tourists as well. Thank you. I'm glad that you also incorporated in your plan. Substance abuse. I've talked about that in the past. You know, this opioid epidemic and no one really has there. We don't know what's happening. We just know it's just crazy all over the nation. And so I'm glad that you've included that in this. And I would like to share. So the. Way the state. Is funding substance. Use services changed as of July one. So L.A. County is currently rolling that out where it will be covered by Medi-Cal. So it's called the Drug Medi-Cal benefit. So there will be increased opportunity. I met with the director of Substance Abuse Services today at the county on my way here, and we will be working together and partnering to determine how we get more information out about services as well as increasing opportunities for service within the city. Awesome. That is that is fantastic. Thank you for that information. And then the year round shelter. I'm sorry, what was the timeline for of what are we thinking? That's a good question. Yeah. We're not sure. So we are currently looking. For a facility. When a facility becomes available, then we'll be looking to purchase that and and do the improvements and begin that service. But it's hard to tell you right now what that timeline will be. Okay, thank you. And then my last question was related to the STD, HIV rates, which we know are increasing significantly. I didn't see anything allocated to this year's proposal. However, are we changing kind of our model internally to to tackle that? How are we looking at that? We are working on a much stronger coordination with L.A. County funding from the CDC for this work comes directly into L.A. County. And so we are working with them about how they will pass through funding or

look at different appropriate opportunities to fund us because we are their largest city and we are facing and we are facing these increases. In addition, we just completed our partnership with the Pasadena Design School. We had the presentation last week and they put together a very interesting educational campaign and posters and other things like that. So we were working to identify internal resource to be able to actually print, disseminate and start to engage with those with those resources . And I can share those with you some. Great. Thank you very much. And I would just like to thank your team as well for all the work that they do. I've called them into many meetings in downtown and I just want to thank you all very, very much. So I think that. Thank you, Kelly. And then lastly, Reginald. Reggie. So as you're walking up here, I'd like to just thank you for the active shooter training for our staff's fantastic. I think we unfortunately, in this day and age, it's what we need to do. I'd also like to see our my myself and our city council colleagues included in that training. I hate to be a little selfish right now, but unfortunately, I think if anyone may do something, who knows? You know, I hate to put it out there, but it may be something that obviously we would like to do as well , just given the unfortunate circumstances of what we've seen nationwide. And then secondly, the neighborhood hub sites. I love that we are implementing that. Now, what would that look like in, you know, I think of Edison power outage and not being able to reach certain demographics. How would that look like exactly? You know, that's exactly the the incident that this thinking came from, related to what's happened during the power outage. And we realize that we have some financially impacted neighborhoods, that we really need to do more hands on work in terms of helping them. First of all, to. Develop their disaster preparedness plans. Programs like Map Your Neighborhood Better, understanding what resources you have in your neighborhood or in your high rise buildings as well. As we looked at the downtown area, who are the retired electricians, the plumbers, teachers, those kinds of folks that have skills that you're going to need during a disaster. And then we always emphasize having five days of supplies of food, water, emergency medical equipment, our supplies. And we realize that in some of our financially impacted neighborhoods, that's not possible to have those five days of supply. So we're looking at major nonprofits that might be able to provide such a service. We're looking at nonprofit organizations are also looking at churches in the neighborhoods, neighborhoods as well that might be able to provide storage area so that we could provide those supplies. Wonderful. Thank you for

that. And I'm glad if any silver lining came from that. I'm glad we're looking that and looking at ahead. And the communication with your department has been absolutely phenomena

I. I have to say thank you for with the rain and everything going on, you on every social media outlet. And that's fantastic for our residents. And so I want to thank you for that. And then lastly, I would just say the just kind of a sidebar, but our evacuation plan, even internally with employees who may have disabilities, I have a person in my office who uses a wheelchair and just thinking of a plan for our city employees to be able to know what to do when an emergency may strike. So just. That's critical. That's critical both for the employees who have long term disabilities, as well as those who have temporary as well. And it's really important that employees understand that about their about their coworkers, what their situation in the event of a major disaster emergency. And you have to evacuate. So we try to work with our floor wardens and all of our others in the department so that they have an understanding of that and that they keep track of those individuals as well as visitors as well to city hall that are going to need assistance. Evac evacuating. That's great. Well, thank you very much for your work, Reggie. I appreciate it. Thank you all. Thank you. Next up is Councilmember Pearce. Okay. Can you hear me okay? Why don't we go ahead and we'll start with libraries, Glenda. And actually, I'll just say, you know, I think this budget and the conversations that we're having across all of the departments carries on from the conversation we had in last year's budget, which is what our city council priorities and how are we doing as a city as a whole. And that, again, conversation around equity in the lens of equity that says we can we can lift all boats together, that we can all thrive, and that we really need to make sure that we're looking at things like education and literacy as something that can impact our crime rates. Right. And that we're investing dollars there as much as we're investing dollars in other areas. And so I think that's a key priority for us. And I, I wanted to clarify, remember last year we did talk about funding the Sunday and Monday and the follow up on my colleague here. I thought that we had a plan in place to fund either Sunday or Monday at the downtown library. But perhaps my recollection is is wrong. We provided those numbers to you, to the city council, but we were not able to fund those additional days at the main library. It was cost prohibitive. Okay. So I'll I want to thank my colleagues, Urania and and Gonzales, for bringing up the hours at the downtown library. I know that it's difficult to access right now. We've got some challenges with the parking lot. If there are other opportunities to make sure that our Alamitos branch, which is nearby or the next nearest branch, is available on Sunday hours. I hope that you guys can provide us some more of the numbers of what it would take to increase that and also provide us some numbers with what it would take to take the mobile unit out more frequently, you know

, or knowing that it's difficult to stop an entire library, but possibly we could have the mobile out on Sundays at the park or something like that. If there's an option to kind of think outside the box while our downtown library is under construction, where we're still able to access that, I think would be really creative. So I think we're on the right track with our libraries and see everything that's going on at the Michelle Obama library. And it's really exciting and I know that a lot of that is due to your guys vision and working closely with the council offices. So I look forward to working with you closer in the future as well. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. I'm more of a comment. I guess you don't need to really stand out, but thank you. Okay. Kelly, one of my favorite departments, echo again, our vice mayor's comments. It is really exciting to have a health department in this city. And I think Kelly, your commitment and. Your passion and your ability to take on so much. Everything is important from HIV to the pedestrian pathways. It really shines through your passion for the work, and you work really hard outside of the city to leverage dollars. And so thank you for doing it on shoestring city budget. And I heard exactly an echo from last year. I heard an exact echo, I think, word for word from last year, which is we do great. We have over 100 grants. And coming from the nonprofit world. I don't know, you know, how many folks have worked with grants and how hard it is to manage those grants. It's not only applying for them in the words that they want, but it's following through with with the work to say, here we did the work. And so, again, I think that you've done a great job with trying to figure out funding for the Office of Aging, which, you know, I received letters from SCAN and residents asking for that money to stay. And so I think as our conversations go on, just echoing that, that's really important of a couple of questions for you outside of just praising all of your awesome work for let me see. So you mentioned earlier that the 110 K would go towards a full time staff person for the Office of Aging. Correct. It would be a full time coordinator position. Okay.

And they would be coordinating which activities. Exactly. So they would be bringing together all of the current activities that were doing and coordinating between the Health Department and Department of Parks and Recreation in terms of those services. In addition, as we are working with funders who are funding other program opportunities, those those services would be coming into that office and then be coordinated among the rest of them. We are seeking to do a referral, an app around referrals and the ability to truly connect to people. So people will know all the services within the city as well as a stronger ability to refer. And in my dream world, it actually is a closed loop referral system which says, you know what, not only did we refer you, we made sure that you got

connected and we're moving forward. So all of those kinds of services, in addition, we are we will have a Fuzed follow this year funded by scan. It will start in the beginning of October. That person will be helping to design some of that work under in coordination with the new program coordinator. Great. And then also coming from the nonprofit world hour ago that grantees don't you know give a letter and say if this then that down the road that they need to see us doing the work and see us prioritize it. And it's a conversation that I hear about almost every single week. And so I think that I'll urge my colleagues to continue to support funding for the Office of Aging. Absolutely. So my colleague also mentioned HIV rates, if you could highlight for us the rates and then talk about why we think we fell short from the 5000 clinic visits in the past year. We fell. Sure. From the 5000. Credits, right. Yeah. I have in my notes that we did not meet the clinic visits that we wanted to meet as a city for our HIV numbers. It's okay. We way we can talk after the meeting is fine. Okay. I haven't. Yeah. I think that a lot of our work is done outside now in mobile in mobile areas. So there's clinical visits that come specifically to the clinic attached to a specific service. A lot of our other work is outreach and engagement. The other piece that's really essential is partner services. So we do the disease investigations. So when I when something is reported to us, we go out and start to connect and find partners in an effort to make sure that they're being treated and are not currently passing on as well. And so a lot of that continues to happen. So there's sort of a mix of services along the way. And so some maybe count as a clinical visit versus other kinds of visits and conversations. But we are doing much more work out in the communities with our mobile van in terms of outreach and testing. Can you remind me what is the HIV rate in Long Beach? I don't have that with me. Okay. I'm asking you all kinds of fun questions today. Can you highlight. Go ahead. Yes, I can say that the rates for persistence and gonorrhea have gone up over 100%. And so, yeah, over the last two years. And so what we're seeing is part of that is better reporting because we've been seeing so we don't know how much of it is reporting and then how much of it is the difference. We are seeing an increased use of social connection connecting apps and the social connecting apps are allowing for people to meet and be together much more easily. And, you know, back when everybody died, you know, there was an expectation that you would die if you were see if you had AIDS. That's not the expectation anymore. You know, people live long and healthy lives after they've been through it as long as they maintain their medication. So the fear is gone because most things can be treated. So we're really working on trying to focus back on the prevention aspects of it and people taking and people making

better choices in their use. So when we're talking about the surveillance program and the education program and some of those dollars, I'm sure that you guys are, but I hope that we're thinking creatively about how to outreach to people that might be using those apps or reaching out to those apps so that they're doing an education component. Because an increase of over 100%, probably some of that is catching it early. But that's a huge you know, when I can't remember the HIV number, but it is extremely high for Long Beach to be one of the highest in in the state. And so as much as we can really do to tackle that and make it an issue that people in our community are aware of, it might not be the funnest thing for everybody to talk about, but it is one of the most, I think, important. We are putting together a stronger partnership with the county. We've been meeting with them, looking at different opportunities to move forward in a in a more coordinated messaging campaign and also in our outreach. And we are also looking at many more options with our partners. We have a number of partners who are providing outreach and education to specific populations. And how do we start to coordinate that more effectively to make sure that we do better work? Great. Thank you. And then my last question is around the early childhood plan that's mentioned in the budget. Can you talk just a little bit about about that? Because I mentioned dental care and I know that we've had some conversations with the children's clinic and trying to make

sure that we increase that. So what's the plan on that? Well, so there's two different conversations there. There's the dental services and then in the early childhood. So first of all, the dental services, there was a there is funding available to the state where they're funding all public health departments to do increased education around dental. So it's not dental treatment, but as education how you maintain better dental practice. The for the early childhood we have the years the council funded a half time early childhood education liaison coordinator who works very closely with the Early Childhood Commission as well as local providers to start to identify more opportunities to provide education and other things . In addition, we are funding a full time person through workforce investment who is helping to find additional capacity. So as people are taking new education courses, new job skills courses, those kinds of things, if they don't have child care, then to create an opportunity where they will have child care and that person is focusing on that. Also part of that grant is a new plan focused on the early child. And so we'll be working with our partners and a consultant to design that plan. Great. Thank you so very much for going through all my questions and again for all the work and just want to urge my colleagues to as much funding as we can make sure that you guys receive so that it's not on a shoestring with all the

work that you do. Thank you. Thank you. And then for disaster preparedness, you don't need to get up. Raji. It's okay. Fantastic work. We're going to work on some downtown education programs for. Our dense communities to make sure that we're doing the education that they are aware of what to do during a disaster and the texts. 911i cannot tell you how important that is and how wonderful I think it is that we're doing that in our city. So many people find themselves in a domestic abuse situation or any other situation where picking up the phone to your ear is not an option. And so this is long overdue and really anything that my office can do to help take that information out. We'd love to be a partner in that. And so thank you guys very much. Appreciate it. Thank you. Next up, we have council member supernova. Thank you. My first question is for health. And Kelly, I can't see you. There you go. Just a quick question. I think I missed it with all the commissions you support. Did you mention the homeless services advisory? I did. Yes. Okay. Sorry. Just then, from page 21. On your notable changes, you don't need notes. Okay. Page 21. Okay. You got 125,000 for homeless services from the general fund. Sure. An office of major aging. \$110,000. I think it's important to point out those are drastically different percentages of the entire budget for both those programs. Yes. Okay. So, I mean, for for homeless services, the 125,000 structural comes as part of about \$1,000,000 that the city funds for homeless services overall. The for the office of aging we currently through the parks recreation and Marine through their services through the senior centers that they receive, they provide funding for that area in terms of the health department . There is no outside funding currently for aging services. The funding that we provide, we fund through public health nursing, through outside funding to provide one person to help. Support that. Connection. That's a great explanation. And my point would be, just to follow up on what the vice mayor was saying. When we look at cutting numbers, you have to be very careful in this area because if you cut these numbers equally, it's totally different in terms of percentages of the programs they support. That is correct. Okay. I think I it. Thanks. Thank you. No questions for library. You're off the hook. But I always like to mention that I have the great fortune of having two libraries in the fourth district, neither of which has sun hours. So keep that in the back of your mind for disaster preparedness. I read you, Harrison. You look very comfortable, but I think I have a question here that might require response. You had mentioned it's not in in the stack here, but we have a citywide replacement of handheld mobile radios. And I thought I heard you say that we're going away from Motorola. We're going to buy brand X. Is that what you said? No. You know, most of our infrastructure, not only in Long Beach, but within the ent

ire region, is it's based on a motorola platform. So we would very much be looking forward to a continuing relationship with Motorola, this inexpensive acquisition over the course of the next year or so. And so we're trying to be creative in terms of finding funding that will support the acquisition of both handheld and mobile mounted radios. Okay. So I my question is, is that a locked in deal? Would you be willing to listen to proposals to to go with Brand X from a vendor that may or may not be located in the Fort Council district? Absolutely. Okay. All right. Thank you. I think that's it. Thank you very much. Next step is Councilmember Andrews. Yes, thank you. I'm here. And most of all, I'd really like to hear the audience give their views about our budget here. But since you're going to have to wait until I finish, I just have a few things that I'd like to say about our first about the health

department and the librarian and read you and your department. I really want to say, Kelly, you. I just want to let you know you. Because I'm over there at you have a park, you know, a facility with my park there. And it's just wonderful to watch those individuals from the work program come in and see them being served. You know, you that individual that everybody should take time to, you know, really take notice, too, because remember, your health is everything. And this young lady here, she's a picture of health because the fact that she's everywhere. And I just want to let you know that that's why I go with you all the time, was I want to state I want to say, well, you know, the librarian we have to in my district, in our. Thank you so much. Everything you guys do, you do it. You know, you raise money. This we don't give you guys any money. You guys have to raise money. When we start giving you money, no telling what you guys are start doing. And, Reggie, we're so safe. I don't know what we're going to do if you give us any safer. We got to put this on TV. You're doing a great job. You guys keep up the good work. That is it. I'd like to hear from the audience now. And you guys enjoy yourselves because we're going to get out of your own time tonight. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilmember Austin. Thank you. And I'll be brief as well. I just want to commend all three departments. For excellent. Presentations. You are all three departments. Health services, libraries, as well as a disaster preparedness have really demonstrated your worth and value to the city of Long Beach. I did have and I as a budget oversight committee member. I'm combing through the budget. And if there's certain things that jump out at me. I have a question for our health department. Again, I'm going to echo the colleagues my colleagues comments. A lot of great work happening in the health department on transformational work happening in our department. And that doesn't happen. You know, with without without resources. I do notice that over the the from NY 17 for 18 is a an uptick i

n positions in the department and of ten positions. Is that correct? Yes. Okay. And I, I don't necessarily need to have the detail by detail today, but sometime in the next couple of weeks, I would love to just understand how those department, those positions where they're going to go and and to what services they're going to go to. I think it's very, very important that we we start dialing in on on on particularly new FTE is understanding that we're all looking at it next year as well. Right. Those are those years. Some are the move from violence prevention and equity, from development services. Others are grant funded. There are no general fund. New FTE is in that number. And that is music to our ears and grant for the positions. So no impact to the general fund or little impact? Great. Thank you. And I'm happy to take public comment. You are, Mr. Miller. Great. Thank you. Let me go ahead and I have a couple brief questions, comments, and we're going to go to two public comment on the budget, on the on these departments. Let me let me go ahead and ask I do real quick note more of a comment to this colleague at Health. I want to make sure I know there was there was a discussion around a study rates in the city. And I was reading an article that I believe it's not just a Long Beach. Long Beach. The issue here is, is it serious? I was reading it. There's an article that California is experiencing something like a 20 year high when it comes to study rates, which is obviously there is something happening statewide. And I'm also I understand it was the Orange County number of the L.A. County number. And statewide we are seeing a shift. Is this happening just in California or just a national shift? It's a national conversation. I sit on the big cities health coalition, which is the top 30 urban public health jurisdictions in the country. And all of the large cities are experiencing experiencing increases are tend to be a little more dramatic in the increase. But everybody is concerned, everybody is seeing increases and all of us are working together to identify different opportunities for how we can address them. I just think it's important to know that that it's really we're having a national really a national increase in particularly in the state of California, I know is experiencing more than other states is. Okay. I just want to make sure that that's clear as well. So I appreciate the regional and approach to this. We can't just this isn't just a city approach. It's we've got to talk to all of our partners across the country. So thank you for that. I also just wanted to just mention to to library services and I'll just make a there's been some comments about the Sunday library hours as well. And I would just echo what some of the some of the counselors said that I think that having libraries open on Sundays is so important. That's why we continue that in the budget. And I think regardless of whether we have budget constraints next year or the yea

r after or whether the budget improves, we need to continue sun library hours. And and so I think I just want to this my position has been, you know, we added sun library hours a couple of years ago.

And I think even if we end up in a more difficult budget deficit this year or five years from now or whenever, I hope that as long as this council is active, that we're going to continue sun library hours, and that should be a priority of us. And in fact, we should be expanding sun library hours across the city. And so I just want to thank you and your team of what I think are the best librarians anywhere, which is are our Long Beach librarians and staff. You guys are amazing and just thank you for just being so great and being so inclusive of our families and our kids all across the city. So thank you for the work you do. Thank you, ma'am. And then I wanted to also maybe this is a question to Mr. West, and I question it. It kind of ties into this this week's budget, because we're doing Health and Human Services. And I had this question ask. So as you're aware, we're doing a pretty extensive looking audit over at Animal Care Services, which we're all very supportive of and which is great. One of the conversations that has come out from some of the community members actually directly ties into Health and Human Services. I was wondering if you could. Let remind me and maybe the council. It used to be that Animal Care Services was actually under the health department and that moved, I know, a few years ago over to Parks and Recreation. Can you just review with us why that change happened and how you feel about that change? I'm very excited about the change. I think Parks Recreation Marine is doing a fantastic job with animal care. At that time, we had a different. Administration at the health department. KELLY College pupils in here, many of the bureau managers that worked at Health weren't here. And it just didn't appear that animal care aligned with our health department at that time. You might recall, too, we had some very, very serious and serious issues with our animal care facility at that time, which led us to bring in a brand new animal care director. That was John Keisler at the time. And then we facilitated moving it to Parks and Rec a little bit later. I appreciate that. And then some of the questions that we've received on this recently especially have just been around. Obviously, there are connections when you when you're viewing things through a health lens and through health advocacy, sometimes it's different. And so I just want to make sure that folks know as far as when that was presented, this was this was about four or five years ago. I think this was about nine years ago. And specifically, the health department is always associated with our animal care facility, especially with our vets and our bat techs and how we treat animals. And so definitely the the health department is actively involved in that. But on a day to day basis, d

ealing with the animal care services out in the field, operating the administration, working with the L.A. SPCA, that's working much better, we feel, through Parks, Recreation and Marine that having it housed in the health department. But it's it's something that you contend that we look at you feel you feel good about where it's at currently. Absolutely. Okay. All right. Thank you for that. I want to go ahead and turn this over to public comment on the budget. So please, if you have anything, please step forward to the mic. Feel free to line up on the mic. And again, this isn't public comment for the council meeting or any items at the council agenda, but for these departments, please and we will then go from there. So thank you. How are you doing? Good. Good evening. My name is John McGinnis. I live downtown and I'm here actually representing the board of directors of the Public Library Foundation. And it would come as no surprise to you that we are strongly in support of your recommendation to continue funding Sunday hours for reasons that are obvious and have already been detailed by many of you. So I want to thank you for your positive comments, and especially you, Mayor Garcia, for your reassuring words that whatever the future budget is, you will try to make a priority of funding for Sunday hours. Now, I'd like to speak or in my other hat as a member of the Board of Education, because it's in that role that I see the need most of all for the Sunday hours. This city has made itself through your leadership. Mayor Garcia, a member of the College Promise and you have been a leader in increasing internships and early childhood education. I would love to see the city as part of its role in the College Promise. Make the public libraries a third integral leg of that that partnership 60 70% of our students. And when I say our students, I mean your students and the school districts, because they're all our kids, live on free and reduced meals in our district, which means their families have trouble putting a meal on their table. They don't have the luxury of buying books, subscribing to a magazine or purchasing high speed internet. Furthermore, many of them live in big families where they don't have a place to study at home. So Sunday Hours provides those students a place where they can go and study at the very least, and also have resources to the that are there electronic and print. In addition to which there are a lot of partnerships going on in which the schools and the public libraries are helping kids with tutoring and all the rest. I would love to see you make it a priority that this funding be folded into

ongoing funding and that you have a multiyear program to roll out Sunday hours to all of our schools. The district, the school district is making has always made school libraries a priority, even in the worst years. When I had a vote as my first year on the board to lay off a thousand teachers, we preserved our library programs and we curre

ntly have one of the best library programs of any of the 1000 school districts in the state. So I'd very much appreciate you supporting Sunday hours for all of our branches so that our kids can, as the college promise, promises, graduate from high school, go to college, get good careers and have happy lives. Thank you. Thank you. And for those who don't know, this is our on our school board member John McGinnis, but also a librarian and and a longtime leader in library sciences across the country in the state of California. So thank you, John, for for your words. Thank you. Next speaker, please. All right. Good evening, honorable mayor and City Council. My name is Christine Pettit and I am speaking tonight on behalf of the Board of Health and Human Services for the City of Long Beach. I want to share publicly with you tonight some of the content from a letter that I sent to you on behalf of the board last week. Members of the board have been educating ourselves on the city budget and where the Health Department fits within that. And we want to encourage you to include more general fund support for the Health Department than is currently being proposed. We are happy to see that there is some funding coming to the department in the general fund, but there are areas of great need and you heard from our director what the Health Department is able to do when it is given resources. Additional funding is needed to. Sure that Long Beach is a safe and healthy community and is able to address the emerging public health issues that we talked about tonight. This really is a quality of life issue for residents of our city, as well as those who visit our city. I won't repeat Kelly's list of programs and accomplishments, but I was pretty impressed even as a board member. And it is hard to find one area of the city that the Department of Health and Human Services doesn't touch. It's really hard, as you will. You heard that we have about 110 grants to manage to write, to report on. It's really hard to do this strategizing around some of the city's most challenging issues and also be asked to take on more work with with very little support. Really piecing together all of these grants. And the letter that I sent on behalf of the board addresses many of the issues with relying so heavily on grant funding and some of which were touched on tonight. But in particular, we need funds for planning, analysis and coordination, and we need funds to ensure that the investments that we're actually we're able to leverage additional dollars and bring them into the city. I think by not investing in the city, we're actually leaving money on the table that can come back into the city and that goes back into our economy. We already heard that, you know, for every dollar of grant funding, the department's able to bring in \$295. And a lot of that goes back into our local economy. There's a lot of things that were requested. And in the grand scheme of the budget, they're pretty small.

Some of them range are \$35,000 for language access, for example, or for just showing more support for the Office of Equity or this larger kind of support for that coordination. And so we really just urge you to take a look at it and see, you know, what is where are we putting our money in the city and demonstrating our commitment to the health of our residents. And also your recognition that health is really core and integral to our city's core services. Thank you. Thank you so much. And just to clarify, Madam Cook, I know I have a timer, but there's a timer. Appear to this way as well. There's not. Okay. So I will. Okay. Thank you. I wasn't sure if you could see a timer there. Next speaker, Mr. Goodhue. Very good. You. As I've mentioned before, libraries are in my blood, as it were. My mother was a librarian. She went to the same place Eleanor Richardson did. About 30 years before Syracuse. Also, like as I mentioned, I think before my grade, I had a great uncle that designed the main library down in Long Beach for Los Angeles. And speaking of Eleanor Richardson, I think it was about eight or nine months, maybe a year before she retired, that I came to her with an idea which coincidentally announced to either of us, I know notes to me. And she was did not know what I was thinking. My thinking was to put on the second floor, make a second floor on the Bay Shore library and turn that into a revenue producing coffee shop. You know, the world is full of idiots to pay a dollar, \$2, \$3 for coffee. And the city engineers had just left two days before and signed off on that plan in chief and relative to the ability of the second floor two to handle that, and that's something I think I think we should do in terms of the safety issue. Well, one of the things that I think we should I learned about maybe something people were aware or were aware of this and so forth in terms of the disasters. Southern California Edison, indeed much of California, but

particularly Southern the Southern California Edison area is particularly prone. As first to other cities around the country because they routinely have to replace their equipment as a result of tornados. Storms, floods are the the electrical infrastructure of Southern California Edison and its and its fellow travelers hasn't been touched for 30 to 50 years. And unless there's an absolute disaster and that's something that we're we are going to have to work with and try to figure out. It's not going to be cheap. And the last thing I would suggest. Is whoever made the requisite arrangements for this meeting never be involved with any planning for disasters, period. And that that is nothing holding that it's a fine facility, but the arrangements, it's not conducive to having the type of meeting we have here now. We've got since 2:00 in the afternoon, ten officers out there who have nothing to do. I mean, no place to sit. That's incompetent. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, honorable mayor. C

ity Councilman and City Staff Rich Gardner, proud member of District Four. I'm very impressed with all the presentations tonight from the different branches, but I'd like to speak a little bit on the Department of Health. I'm kind of new in the area, and I'm learning that Long Beach has their own Department of Health. And I just got to say, I'm Kelly. Wow. Only 1% of the general fund to run this state is just awesome. And it's run by a grant funding. And I'm basically would like to just speak on the the Office of Aging and implore you on the dais, I had a brief moment to Google search how we're aging in America. And by the year 2050, the people that will reach 85 and above is going to expand by 350%. That's that's a big percentage. And I can look at the dias and know that by 2050, at least four of you are going to be 85 or older. So, you know, they all say it's all about radio station WITF, FM, what's in it for me? So if that that helps you guys vote on this \$110,000, which basically is a drop in the bucket. You know, we talk about infrastructure in America and Long Beach needs this kind of infrastructure. Also, if you want to go into another aspect of aging, when that population becomes 90 years or older, 47% of them are going to have some form of dementia. So that makes it even more challenging when you look at the issues of mobility for the elderly, transportation, meals and cooking. So basically, I just want to try to champion this hundred and \$10,000. And if you're looking for someone to do the job, I'll do it for 75,000. Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening in Cantrell. And. I was encouraged when council member Andrews said he wanted to hear the public speak. I'm wondering what happened to him. It seems like every one of you is in favor of having more library hours either on Sundays Mondays. I think it's important also. That we have. A library somewhere in the district open every day. However, aren't you the ones that will decide how much money the library budget is going to have? I heard Glenda. Williams say that her budget was. Flat this. Year. So I'm assuming that if. You want these extra hours, you're the ones that are going to have to come up with the money. One of my questions is, can the airport money be spent for extra hours? I don't know. Whether there's restrictions on the money we get from the airport for the extended hours that they fly over our homes. And it seems like you're looking at trying to get more money for those fines. So maybe if you do do that, that could go for extended hours. Just a suggestion. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Pam. I live in the ninth District and I'm also a volunteer and board member for the Fix Long Beach. We have been in existence since 2013 and. Have fixed close to. 6000 animals. We are not a rescue. We don't have a foster program yet. We still incurred tens of thousands of dollars dollars a year unrelated to spay and neuter

r. Right now, we have at the vet a seven and nine year old pregnant Chihuahua who we are in partnership with Emily and let love to get that dog into a. Foster home. So she does not give birth in our shelter. The cost of one of our mobile units per month is a minimum of \$5,000. Sometimes we pay as high as \$7,000, depending on the vaccinations that we've provided or the hernia operations that we fixed when we we've completed these operations. If you take into account the vet bills on top of that, since 2013, we have probably provided close to a half a million dollars to Long Beach and animal related services. We we we talk in terms of having a stray problem or of an animal overpopulation problem, but that infers that the animals are responsible for this. It's not their problem that we've done this to them as human beings, and it's up to us as human beings to fix it. Last week I sat and I listened to the various departments talk about their budgets. One of the things that was talked about was more money for the the street clean team or the \$300,000 for a new dump truck. You can't put lipstick on a pig. You go out there and pick up trash that next day, that same trash is going to be out there. The only difference is that trash is not causing the death and

destruction of an animal that we created a problem with. I implore you to increase the budget for the shelter. They need a foster program. They need more full time employees in their outreach and adoption programs. They need a behaviorist that they can properly assess these animals so they don't die needlessly. We all know a caged animal is stressed, and if that isn't taken into consideration because of fear, then they haven't done their job. I would also I also find it interesting because of Kelly in talking to her partnership with SCAN, I've actually received three phone calls this month from SCAN employees looking for outreach, for grooming that care flea infestations. We can't be the only ones out here doing this this way. We need to be able to refer these people to our city shelter. We we cannot keep incurring these costs. Thank you. Thank you very much for the work you do. Thank you. I have a question. Mr. West is can you remind me also that I know that the budget for animal care doesn't remind me what the there's a position related to to vet technician. Can you remind me? Yes, I believe we're adding two positions. One is related of attack. Yes. In the book. And also the other just also the follow up to that is it's I know that the audit itself is coming out, I think, in within the next month or two for the city auditor's office. And I know there's going to be a variety of recommendations, obviously, including probably some that have funding ties to those is it's it's still possible, from what I understand by the council that if there are auto recommendations that the council wants to implement or recommendations that we would be able to do possibly a mid-year adjustment or look at funds when

that audit comes out. Is that correct? Absolutely. In fact, I think one of the positions that Marie is out in is based on early findings in the audit. But absolutely, you could do that. Okay. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi, Mr. Mayor and vice mayor and city council members. Nice to see you all. My name is Emily. Gosh, I'm the founder of Live, Love, Pet Care and Animal Rescue. I'm a Long Beach animal advocate and I am a constituent of the eighth District. I'm here, as many of you know, to talk about the lack of funding for Long Beach Animal Care Services. I'm asking you to consider releasing more general funds for that facility and for their programs. I am very glad to hear that the audit can be reassessed once that's fully released for more funding, because that was one question that I had. I feel very strongly that the animal welfare in our city impacts the aforementioned presentations about health and human services, disaster preparedness, and even the library. You know, those are all opportunities that we have as citizens to educate our community about the issues that are happening at the Long Beach Animal Care Services. And I'm sure with disaster preparedness, there's, you know, some understanding and consideration for companion animals as well in that. So, you know, it's intrinsic and intrinsic part of our society and our community and our great city here in Long Beach. From my experience in my work with the shelter, they're fantastic team, but they are severely understaffed and underfunded. They're consistently going over their medical care budget. And, you know, as Pam was stating, we also from Live Life get calls from everyday average citizens that say we can't find any help at the shelter. They referred us to you. I have staff members at the Long Beach Animal Care Services referring citizens to me for assistance where they should be able to provide that with Long Beach Animal Care. A great example of that is the dog that we just caught in the riverbed that I've been living in the Nature Center for five months. That Long Beach Animal Care did not have animal control officers that could go out there and spend the time necessary to catch this animal that was living in the open. Thankfully not a threat to the community because it was a very friendly but just living in the open and homeless encampments. And our team went out and got him and have paid for all of his medical care. I think it's very important that this issue continues to be raised and that it's, you know, weighed heavily by your by your team and the city officials about where our funding and where our priorities are as a city. So thank you for your time and listening to me. I promise you, you will continue to see me. I've emailed all of your offices to meet with you in person and I look forward to speaking to you further about this. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, mayor, vice mayor and Council. My name is Carina Christiana, and I like to

say I'm a native of eighth district and a resident of the district for the last 17 years. I'm here obviously because of my relation to the rescues in our community and the Long Beach animal shelter. I spoke last week about my involvement as a volunteer, but just to. I'm really enjoying these meetings, by the way. So thank you, Emily, for keep inviting me to these. First of all, on the early education, I know this is so off topic, but I've been a consultant for first five LA for the last three years. I'm no longer consulting now. I have another position, but Long Beach is one of the 14

communities designated for first five early education. So I'm going encourage everybody here today to get out their phones and like the best start. Long Beach, this is tobacco tax money. And they have a monthly and weekly meetings on parent empowerment resources for children. I mean, it's such a large scale. I was from here to Palmdale, I promise you, working for the last three years. And they would have hundreds of people show up to be a part of First Viva La. And Long Beach was always really a tiny 20 to 30 group people. And I'm like, Wait a minute, that's not my city. We show up. So just in looking at that, because I heard that today and then I also heard about the economy. And I have to say thank you for talking about the companionship animals provide and and what fixed Long Beach does. But when people adopt a dog from the shelter or from one of our rescues, I think about the economy that comes back into our Long Beach. I'm sorry, dogs were closed. Now they go to training. They're training through all the city. I have met so many wonderful Long Beach State graduates that are now professional dog trainers, pet sitters, you name it. I mean, this is really a wonderful bubble for us in our economy. So besides being animal loving people and I had to have my education hat on because that's my background. There's so much involved. And I love hearing what you just said, Mayor Foster. I mean, you say, oh, this is when I'm here too long. I may say, well, he's he's he's doing some great leadership here to help out West. Look into that. I applaud you for that because that's really what I'm used to from my council and my mayor. And I'll be honest with you, I really want to thank you for doing that today because I'm going to look forward to some really great changes here. And I know you can do it real quickly. If we have a moment, can everyone with Long Beach animal advocate stand up? Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. David Zinke, 50 year resident, seventh District. I've rescued over 25 animals. I've had five Rottweilers that I've rescued. They don't scare me. I love them anyway. And I know you. Do, too. Last week I attended a innovation team meeting at Long Beach City College, and I'm here to tell you it was a complete waste of resources and time. It's 2 hours. I will never get back. I couldn't believe it. I was in told about it, ostensibly to

discuss. And they wanted people who had arrest experience which I have a little. But that was not discussed approached in any way. I think the resources will be much better spent on bodycams. We never have the money for the things we really need. And I'd like to see this city, Chief Luna in particular institute a volunteer program. Any officer that wants to volunteer for one gets one. Why not? He's not afraid. There's an awful lot of fear in this police department of wearing body cams. And it's been going on for years. Furthermore. This city supports noble cause corruption. And by the way, that program, I call that fluff and fraud to make our city council in the city look good, but not to really do anything. It was a nothing meeting. Somebody mentioned police reforms, but there was no elaboration. We certainly need some. I provided some of you with copies of my story for installments in The Beachcomber published. My experience with the Long Beach Police Department and its Corrupt Drug Investigation Section ten men, guns drawn came to serve a warrant. No police cars? No. No badges, no IDs, no nothing. That's an intimidation tactic. I'm a former employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and a military policeman by training. And I know when something's wrong. And there was a lot wrong in what was done here. Few. You have read it, I hope. Those that have received it, including you, Mr. Mayor, and my councilman, Mr. Tharanga, and also Mr. Austin. I hope you read this so you can know what these men are doing in the field. You know, you can spend every dollar you have in the general fund on P.R.. Thank you, sir. But if you keep grinding out the garbage, it's going out as service sometimes. Thank you, sir. Time is again. Then you're never going to change it. Thank you, sir. These meetings are worthless. Thank you, sir. Time is up. Next speaker, please. Thank you, Mayor. Your time will be up. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Wendy Williams. I'm a resident of Long Beach. I don't have anything planned, but I just. I volunteered Long Beach Animal Shelter. And I have a ten year old son over here who had to join me today so I could be here. I just want you to add to the importance of the animals in their lives, and that is should be the bare minimum of our city and our state to, um, to not terminate their lives. Due to the fact that. There's not enough money or enough space. Um, I'd like it to be considered for the foster program and the kitten nursery myself being there and the shelter, I guess having their hands tied and seeing these animals. I mean. I've offered to foster. And, um. Because of the liability. They'll turn me down, you know, because there is no foster program, so there's no safety net for the shelter if something were to happen to the kittens. Anyways, I just wanted to be heard. Thank you. Thank you so much for volunteering. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Beverley Lifer. I'm a resident of District two

. I am not affiliated with any of the animal rescue groups or the Long Beach Animal Association, but I do support them. I want to first tell you about my experience this past Sunday when I went to the Animal Care Services Shelter, City Shelter and asked about adopting the oldest cat that was available. I want to I'm looking into adopting a cat that is the least adoptable if it will fit in with my family of my other cats. And I waited until there was no one at the registration. The reception desk went up and asked, Can you please tell me where the oldest cat you have available is located and its name? I was told to go look at the cages, to go look at the signs on the cages. I said, Well, couldn't you tell me you must have a database or a listing of your animals that you have here? I was told they take in 50 animals a day. What do I expect? How can they keep track of them? This is a taxpayers. Agency I pay. It's a city agency. Where's the accountability? They should know what animals are there at their shelter. With my persistence in telling this young woman that she did go into the computer and handed me a list of four animals with their ages. I then asked her about these animals and I wanted to look at them. She told me, I need to go over to SPCA. L.A. couldn't even tell me information about the intake of these animals or would not. I went to SPCA, L.A. and asked about information on this one. The oldest cat who was 16. What did they do? They were very helpful. They called Ecorse to find out the information and background of this cat. What a waste of time and energy and effort. I'm sorry. I'm a little nervous. Don't usually get up and speak. There are things that the shelter is doing, but it's not enough. I heard last week at a District One Community Budget meeting that AC has plans on using the money that they get next year in Fy18 to build another cat cottage. What use is building cat cottages when all you plan to do is push them off onto other agencies or organizations? Non-for-profit organizations such as the Live Laugh Pet Care, such as SPCA. Why build more cottages or kennels when you're not even going to use them or kill them? I wanted and I'll leave this with you all because I can't get into it. But Sacramento, I have their numbers from there. AC Thank you, ma'am. Time is up. But you can we can take that and we'll pass it out to everybody. Okay. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Roman. I'm from District five. I'd like to compliment everybody here for all the hard work that they do. I'd like to also thank all of the speakers. They did a great job. I had the pleasure of speaking with Glenda over here, and I would like to give some support to library services. They're a great job. And in Councilwoman Mongo also for extending the hours in the mayor for for reiterating his support for that as well. I think that I would like to see here on the east side some kind of a system where we can have at least one 3D printer, somethi

ng like 3000 bucks. And I think that'd be kind of cool. I'd also like to lend my support to the animal care services that I think they need a little bit more money. It's pretty obvious, and maybe try to work out some more coordinating coordination issues that was brought up in the last speaker. That's about it. And I think the security guy was doing great. And I also would like to give a great compliment to, I think, Kelly from Human Care Services. She's doing a great, great job. And that's all I have to say. Keep up the good work. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening there in council. My name is Jennifer Beaver and I've been a resident of Long Beach for 27 years. I've been to the animal shelter many times. It was only in the last two years that I began to follow the Long Beach Animal Shelter and some of the rescue groups on social media. And having done so, I can tell you that it's sort of a blessing and a curse. In many ways. It's a blessing. I see how hard the shelter staff works in taking care of many animals and finding homes for some that many would consider unadoptable. I've seen how hard these rescue groups work. They take on way too much. They spend way too much money. And they. They do some amazing things. I'm not going to echo what many eloquent people have said tonight and last week about creative ways to help the shelter. Creative ways that the city can work with the rescue groups to find ways to make the shelter better, to stop killing animals that could go to good homes, to stop killing animals and cages are available. But I did want to mention, and I congratulate you on this, everyone seems to be united in their desire for library hours on Sunday and Monday. And I support you in this. I am a card carrying member of the Long Beach Library. I go there almost every week. You have a fantastic program and I know that sound bites, such as support for Monday and Sunday library hours played very well in an election year. May I also suggest that you also support the animals at the Long Beach shelter? This is also a very good campaign gambit and I can assure you that if you come out in favor of the Long Beach animals, you will have lots of support from us. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. Good evening, Mayor. Council of the council. People on the council.

My name is Karen Wyatt Coleman. I spoke here last month and was very emotional. But today I come bearing another heavy heart and one of the things that I'm here to speak on and I said, I'll do it my last. I've been working in nonprofits for the last 32, 33 years. I've been working with a nonprofit agency, Help Line Youth Counseling for the last 22 years as the community service director. Like I said, September the 29th will be my last day working with the nonprofit. And the reason one of the reasons why is my frustration with trying to work within the cities. And I do commend the health department. But I've worked out of the Central Facility Center for th

e last 22 years with youth and families. They've been referred to us by the county probation and family community members. I'm a part of the My Sister's Keepers program, My Brother's Keeper program. I've been around the table at all these agencies that are coming around the table. But one of my concerns with what's going on in this country right now, with the statues and all the stuff being torn down and those type of thing, when I walk, when I drive up to King Park and I see Martin Luther King's statue there, I'm thinking it's about community. I'm thinking those doors are going to be open as long as that community center needs them open to make sure things are happening and things are ready. For a community center to close at 530 is outrageous. And I understand that there's no money or whatever they're talking about. They don't need this and nobody do. But we have to set our priorities straight. We're losing kids every day. You got Parks and Rec closing at 6:00, opening at three just for the summertime, is up at one. But back after September, it'll open at three and close at six. The Central Facility Center opens at six just for child care in the morning. I mean, it's open. The center opens at six, but it closes at 530. What time do you think you need those centers open? What time do you think those community members need to be able to go in and have places where they can go check on computers and stuff like that? I really outrage and I come in and I said I was going to make it a point to get to these meetings before my last day of working with the agency and bring young girls so that they can see that that this does this isn't working for us right now. I don't know what this you know, what you guys do when you get behind those closed doors. But the bureaucracy is so outrageous that for you to just look at that center and allow it to close at 530. And then now when I first started working there 22 years ago, it was free to nonprofits. Now we have to pay to be in those centers, not only pay to be in them, but have them close at 530. And we're working with youth. Once again, thank you, family and you. I really needed to say that, but I just wanted to do that on my last day. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am, very much. Thank you so much. My name is Veronica Eagan. I'm a lifetime resident at Long Beach. Raised my kids here. Couple of things. First of all, just the parking recs. My kids go to Mark Twain, they get out at 230. The park opens up for their after school program at three. 30 minutes. The kids are out there by themselves. There's nobody there. Not safe. I'm here because I currently have a dog that we found that is hurt and we couldn't take. Her to Long Beach Shelter because she wouldn't get treatment. They would have just killed her. Why aren't we putting the money into educating our kids? We have the DARE program. Why aren't we out there telling our kids? Why isn't an AC going. To the schools and telling. Them how important it is to spay and ne

uter? How important these pets are? Lifetime. They're not throwaway. Why are we not educating? It's going to. Continue if we don't stop it. Now and give them the money for the vet care for education. It's obvious it's not working on what they got. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. And it looks like this will be our final speaker. So it looks like the OC, Mr. Jeans. Diana La Jeans Advocates for disability rights. I have two issues that I want to speak to. First of all, I wanted first of all, I wanted to actually ask. I've asked this question a couple of times. I wanted to know how much speaking a budget that this out of district meeting costs over and above a meeting that would be at city hall. Can somebody answer that for me here? I don't understand why I can't get that answer. Yeah. I mean, this I mean, I, I'm not aware. I think our staff would have to explore how much a offsite meeting cost versus a regular meeting at City Hall. Okay, so where do I go? Because I asked the city manager. He told me, city clerk? The city clerk says, no, she doesn't have the answer. So, you know, I'm getting this back and forth, right? I mean, this is the first time I've heard you say this to me, so. Well, no, not to you. Yeah, I did it in the budget meeting. Okay. Sorry. Mean that's not your fault. Yeah, I think. I think that's a question. We can certainly get the answer to you. I'm sure we've done that look in the past what the difference, of course, is. So, Mr. West, we'll get that out. Sure. We just don't know tonight. Okay. All right. So I can get that answer from the city manager's office. Is that correct? And I think you have my number, Mr. West. If you would have

someone call me, I'd appreciate it. Okay, now I'm beginning to speak. First of all, I did want to apologize. I did speak to the budget meeting about a variety of items on the city employees. I did not mention library services. I, I use the library services a lot. I do not have internet at home, etc. They have art. Fabulous. They really do a good job. Their employees are very service oriented. So I do want to congratulate them. I did listen to the Human Health and Human Services presentation. I do not use their services, but I was very impressed with the presentation. And my concern is in that particular arena is why are we we do we have the Health and Human Services that is is concerned about health and human services. Then we have the parks that are poisoning our animals and our children with their roundup. Now, this is something I brought up. I know you weren't all here to hear that, but basically Roundup is a poison should not be used in the parks. We have been bringing that up to the Parks Commission. We have been bringing that up to the parks. That is not being dealt with. We it doesn't make sense to have this wonderful health and human services and then have the parks poisoning our our pets and our children. So I would really like to see that issue resolved. Okay. And then in terms

of intelligence. I, I started late because we were. It's all it's all in the 3 minutes, but time is up. Well, I have one more issue to discuss. I know. But that was that was just a question. I was one of. The messages I have. It's 3 minutes for speaker. I have to be fair to everybody. So. Okay. Well, I'll bring it up at a different and a different item. Thank you very. Much. You're welcome. Okay. Thank you. So that concludes public comment on the budget hearing. So if there's unless there's any objection, we will move the remainder of the budget hearing to the next meeting where it will continue. Like all or like all of them see no objection to that. And and then with that, we're going to go ahead and take a one minute, one or two minute recess, and then we will start the city council meeting. The budget hearing is now concluded. Thank you all for coming. Members. Madam Clerk, if you can, please. If I can have everyone out in the audience. Please. If you're chatting to step outside. She. Thank you very much. GONZALEZ Councilmember Pearce and Councilwoman Price. Councilmember super down. Here. Councilwoman Mongo. Councilman Andrews. Councilmember Urunga. Councilman Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. Mayor Garcia. I'm here. Thank you. Consent. Please take a second. Madam Clerk. Communication from Councilwoman Mongo, Councilwoman Price Council Super supernatural recommendation to request the city manager to develop a neighborhood engagement and community communications plan. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Yes, I appreciate the work that our Public Information Office does. We are fortunate to have had a great team of individuals that work together. Sometimes the resources of public information aren't all housed in one department. Our Technology and Innovation Department has the go along each division within our individual departments. There are many public outreach efforts, but they're inconsistent. And at this time we have recently had an A Arpaio left the city headquarters to go to our port and we'll be recruiting and hiring a new public information officer. I think it's a great time to take a fresh strategy on coordinating all of those efforts so that the community can have a clear expectation of the methods in which they are communicated with and the best methods to be communicating to the city. And so I look forward to seeing the report when I see items in a budget, \$40,000 for a survey of this or a survey of that, I'd like to see a more global and encompassing plan. And so I'd like to make the motion that this come back as per the council item. Thank you. Thank you. Is there a second second by Councilmember Soup or not? Is your public comment on this item seeing no public comment? Oh please come forward to seven. Okay. I got a problem with this one. Only because I hate to say it, but our councilwoman has been involved with an outreach regarding library services, and we were promised to get a survey report. And it's supposed to go to the the Housing

and Neighborhood Committee. And it's been refused. It's we've got a defiant, I guess, councilwoman, and she's entrenched in not providing the information to the committee or making it public. And our district is pretty pissed. We've got some surveys going on. There's like 200 people that has already said, look, this is crazy. And we the messenger on this one doesn't seem to be appropriate in this case. I think that certainly the outreach that needs to be done for library services could be added to our 8-7 that specification. But we do know also that when the outreach was conducted for the library, that Pat West also did contact the PRM in the library services department and asked them to directed them to make their outreach in a certain way that would agree with Councilwoman Mongo. I mean, that's what I've been told by the people there. So this is kind of a

problem that we have. It's not just happening internally and trying to get coordination, but it's also happening with the council members. And so we are trying to get consistency. I agree with that. But we've got a problem in the way things are executed. We're seeing problems with the certainly with the density program and in the way that things are going. But these are just concerns that I have that I personally have. And you've got situations where where we've also tried to get outreach meetings as a community and involve our council member and we the issue's been camouflaged as what they call a a workshop meeting and business licensing workshop. And we're having trouble in actually getting an understanding of what of what's happened, because we're actually being given the misinformation, not misinformation, but disinformation and being told that it's for that was for a density meeting. But it's actually the title of the meeting is for something else, like Business Workshop one on one. So all of this can be integrated into the process is what we believe. We know the city has no problem with their public relations. We've got business news, whatever it's called, Long Beach, business news, all these public outlets, they don't have a problem getting the information out. They can do it any time that they want. You don't need to legislate it. We can build it into the process. That's what my my situation is. I didn't mean to say it that way with Councilwoman Longo, but this is a concern that we have with District five, and it's creating a credibility issues. And we just want to see that report. We want to see it go to the right place. We want ethics. Thank you, Transparent. Thank you so much. Thank you. That concludes public comment. No more public comment. And we're going back to the council councilmember Supernanny. I'd just like to address what was just said, not specifically on that item, but I believe your argument would support this item for more transparency. More. Okay. This is not a debate. I'm just responding. But thank you. Councilman Mongo. Yes. I think that part of the communication

strategy that we need to have is that there needs to be clear lines of how we collect information and when and when those items come back. And I know that I'm currently we're doing the best we can with the resources available to meet the needs of all constituents. And I hope that this will get us all on the same page so that the PIOs office and council offices and department heads are all working in coordination. So I hope my colleagues will support this item. Thank you, Councilwoman Janine Pearce. Oh, yes. I have to comment on this. When we're looking at some of the communication we have next door, I know that my office has been told by next door that we're not allowed to have an account with them, but the city has an account and PD has an account. So whatever we can do to make sure that our offices are able to also effectively communicate through other channels that the rest of the city are would be important. And then number two, if we're going to talk about communications with all of our constituents, I think having language access and this is also an important discussion to make sure that we're looking at ways that we can increase accessibility for all of our residents. So thank you for bringing that item forward. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. Thank you. And I certainly. Supporting a greater. Transparency and improving communications. So I certainly be. Supporting. This this plan. But I did have. Just the question for clarification. I've been on the council for a while. I'm not clear on the five priorities that are stated here. If you can. Clarify that, that'd be helpful. I'm going. You brought that up. Council priorities were set in 2005 and 2007, and the Budget Oversight Committee will be looking at those after we firm up our fiscal policies and this year's budget. But I am 100% with you, and that is why they were in the item. All right. Well, we may need a refresher since 2007. Absolutely, sir. Thank you, Councilor Durango. Communication, communication, communication. That's all very important. It always has been and always will be. The only concern I have in this area is the fact that, know when we conduct surveys, we're conduct we're paying a lot of money for surveys. We pay. We hire consultants. They come in. They only do we put an RFQ or RFP, whatever for somebody to come in and do a survey. That's the only issue I have with this with a sign. But communication is fine. Let's get the word out. Let's understand what our community needs are. Let people have their input. But the only issue I have would be the the continuing efforts that we have to always hire a consultant to do a survey, police services, a survey of fire services, a survey of public works street. We don't need all that, but we should have. And this what this item does produce or does does provide is it is an expanded social media type of avenue for people to to send in their concerns. And that so that's that I could see that's important. But let's let's keep in mind wher

e where we're going with this and what it means really in the long run. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And, you know, I just wanted to chime in and say I think it's timely and

important. Sorry. I'll start over. Continue. I think it's timely and important and definitely a good opportunity to have a refresher. In my district in North Long Beach, a lot of people may not know, but we have very little newspaper circulation. Dissemination and information is very difficult. And now even the grunion The Uptown Gazette doesn't circulating in town anymore. And so now it's very it's even fewer channels. So what we've seen is that like our inside District nine newsletter or website, you know, placing fliers at the library and at the parks are some of the the best ways to get information out. And I think now more than ever, the city's channels, we should have clarity and understanding on how the city council offices can place things into the city's communication channels, get a broader, broader reach. So I definitely want to say that this is a good conversation to have, and I hope it was the final and funniest comment of the night. Councilmember Gonzalez It was. Except it was I'm final. I thank you, Councilmember Mongo and Price and super now for bringing it forward. Of course, I'm all about the transparency as well. I will also reinforce the language access. I we talk about it quite a bit, but we need to really actually step up and implement it as much as possible. And then secondly, I'd like to get information as to our I think we have speak up Long Beach. Do we not have that? And so I don't know what the data is on that and how effective that actually is, and I'm sure that's folded into this. So we need to work on that. And then thirdly, I mentioned this, I think to the mayor about other cities that have podcasts and it's just another avenue for our city to disseminate information. And, you know, our city council meetings or our other meetings, I know a lot of individuals, especially if they don't have computers at home , they at least have a smartphone. And so I think that's another way to disseminate information. And then one other thing. I would just I'm good. Thank you very much for your for your item. Thank you. There's a motion. Please roll. Call this. Out. Mr. Mayor. We did have a comment, I. I'm sorry. Oh, go ahead, Councilwoman. I just wanted to indicate that I support this item as well. And I want to thank Councilmember Mundo for moving forward. That's a great item. Thank you so much for your comment, Madam Clerk. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Pearce. Councilwoman Price. Yay! Councilmember Super Now. Councilwoman Mongo. Councilman Andrews. Council Councilmember Your Honor. To. Councilmember Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you. Carries number nine, please. Madam Clerk. Bush in case. Thank you. Our next item is 25. Item 25 is a communication from Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Sabina and Councilwoman Mango. Recommend

ation to direct city manager to assemble a recruitment team. To develop an incentive package to entice a large corporation such as Amazon to consider the city of Long Beach as the location for its next headquarters. Thank you. We'll go to Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, thank you. I brought this item forward and I first want to thank my council colleagues, Councilmember Super Non Councilmember Mongo, for joining me on this item. I believe that our economic development department has done a fantastic job. I know that they're already in the works, working with many large corporations to see what may be interest, who may be interested in Long Beach. And I know that Amazon, we've all seen it in the news as a potential. They are currently listed as the third most innovative company in the world with over 350,000 employees worldwide. It doesn't even take into account seasonal or temporary workers, and the company continues to add more employees. And this is primarily brought on by the company's higher fulfillment activity, its growing transportation, logistics network and products like Echo and Alexa, which we may all have in our houses. Five years ago, Amazon only employed about 65,000 people, so their growth is significant. And now that Amazon is seeking to open a new headquarters with the promise of 50,000 new jobs, it's imperative that we assemble a recruitment team, this team that has already done such great work to ensure that Long Beach is a place where people look to us as major investment. And so I just have a couple of questions for John Keisler. If you we're going to put you on the hot seat for a second, because I know as we are not even at our peak yet in terms of our local economy getting better and better and better. But, you know, we obviously are seeing new corporations seeking second, third location. So what are we doing to just outreach and recruit other corporations similar to Amazon or. Businesses that are looking elsewhere. Members of the city council. Councilmember GONZALES Yes, there's there's a number of things that that that we do on an ongoing basis in the Economic and Property Development Department. We cover real estate development, property development and workforce development. And so depending on what the needs are of the business, if they're existing and they want to expand, they have workforce needs or they might want to relocate to the area. We help on an ongoing basis businesses to to understand where we have opportunity sites

for, you know, available land, whether it's owned by the city or owned by a private entity, how to navigate and prepare for, say, the entitlement process. We also have on the workforce development side, a number of programs that are federal federal programs that help businesses that might have recruitment or hiring needs on job training funds to help them to grow or recruit the workforce they need to locate here. And then finally, with business attraction and retention there, depending on the

size of the company, depending on what what assistance they need, they might they might need anything from market analysis. Taking a look at the demographics or consumer spending, the population, they may also need help with identifying a site to locate their business. And so there's there's a range of issues that that we take in. Or intake every. Single day. And typically, it's a team of both in the economic and property development department staff, as well as staff in other departments such as Development Services. It could involve our fire department, public safety health, who we bring to. The table to facilitate. The business either starting or growing in the city. Great. Well, thank you so much for the report and congratulations on being most innovative per the Long Beach Business Journal. I saw your face on LinkedIn. Congrats and thanks for all your work, both you and Sergio, the whole team do a great job and I appreciate you entertaining this item. Thank you. Councilmember Mongo. Yes, I want to thank the team. It is exciting when we're talking about new businesses that are coming to town. I know that we can't always fully disclose all of the people that are interested, but I know that we're working hard. I appreciate the easy access to our supervisor's office, who was here today and directly after my meeting with economic development on all the potential businesses that are moving here and hearing more about your efforts with working with the government business team to go to the office and the governor's business team, that we are going to put together a great package because we allow businesses to work here and to bring their jobs here and to run their companies as efficiently and as effectively as is legally available. So excited to support that. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Yes, thank you, Vice Mayor. You know, I really think that this sounds like a wonderful idea, especially since I'm a firm believer that, you know, a job can stop a bullet. You know, with our economic development blueprint, we want businesses, good paying jobs and a diverse workforce. I hope an incentive package can encourage large corporations to come into our city and hire locally and with respect for working conditions. And I want to thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez, for bringing this to Bobby. Thank you very much. Catherine Ashton. Yes. Also, I'd like to thank the members for bringing this forward as well. This is a no brainer in terms of support. I think I would be hard pressed to find anybody that would argue against the possibility of bringing 50,000 jobs to Long Beach. I can tell, as many of you know, I came to Long Beach, my family came to Long Beach, you know, at the heyday of the aircraft industry here in Long Beach with McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. Those facilities, I think there's a footprint that is already in place to employ thousands of people. And, you know, I think it it doesn't hurt to make to ask and be aggressive about it. And so I

I'm confident that, you know, Long Beach will be favorably considered. So good luck and I'll be supporting. Thank you, Councilman Pearce. Great. I want to thank my colleagues for bringing this forward. I think that it's important that we as a city, we've been talking about how do we bring tech, how do we bring big business here to help our tax base to ensure that our city is continuing to grow and to thrive? And I think any package, incentive package should be aggressive. I'm curious on issues with 50,000 new jobs, if there's issues of housing and things like that that they're looking for cities to be innovative in. And how are we thinking about a community benefit that includes local hire and housing when we're trying to attract these big companies? Thank you. Thank you. I'll just say, you know, anytime we can roll our sleeves up and try to find a land, something like that. You want to roll out the red carpet? Be as creative as possible. But frankly, e-commerce is the direction of the future. Miles, we're closing down these e-commerce distribution centers, opening up. So we we should think about the other other pieces to this industry, too. So you don't land a headquarters. I mean, you're saying distribution centers and things like that with that are creating 2000, 3000 jobs at a time. And that's the direct that's what's opening up people. We're literally replacing shopping malls with distribution centers. And we have to, you know, have our land use codes and things up to speed to be able to prepare for those things. And they're not just warehouse work jobs. Some of these are engineering jobs, logistical jobs, very technical jobs. And and there are real opportunities. You know, one of these sites just opened up in the city of Compton. The old brick brickyard became

an e-commerce site for UPS. And I know that we're engaged in some of those conversations here in the city, but thank you to the both to the maker of the motion and the centers on this item. Is any public comment on this item? Now based on who's come forward. Okay. Give an honor to Jesus again. Only because he's the only good one. Okay. This is a this is a good thing. I can't speak against it. I'm not speaking against. The only thing I wonder about is I remember when Jet Blue was coming around and a lot of people here with JetBlue, that was \$1.4 billion. You know, I know some people people like people came in T-shirts and everything and some people didn't want the noise, but that was 1.4 billion that the city needed. And knowing that, you know, you guys are going to be going for sanctuary city status and everything and we're going to lose like over \$1,000,000,000 from the feds. We needed that. JetBlue. So I just hope you stick with this one and don't do an about face on them either, you know, because you did it before the JetBlue. They were people. And then when it's time, people backed out. So you know the opportunities. Yeah, but who's going to get the job? Pacific Gateway was talking

about non-English speakers and all those things. Those things I've read in the past that when they want to train non English speakers and this and then everybody I see with jobs I said last week, hey they they nothing but basically Latinos I guess Latinos have jobs. It's a good thing I'm Latino myself, Cubano, you know, but we support Trump because he let Reagan let us stay in in 80. So that's the difference. So we for Donald Trump, Donald Trump, Donald Trump. Now, as far as how you keep this going and opportunities, I hope the opportunities are real because I hear a lot of mumbo jumbo. I've been here for a while. Well, I only been here for about ten months. Yeah, about ten months. But since I'm here, you know, I hear a lot of talking and I don't see the walking. So I hope you keep your word on it. And you know what I always say? She got to go. She got to go. She can. Thank you for your. Time, sir. I know you're thanking me for my time, but you got to get rid of her. We don't want communism. All right. I think your comments are concluded, but thank you for your time. That's the goal. Everybody in the. World know any further public a public comment saying no. Members, please cast your vote. To go, everybody. Councilmember Andrews. Motion carries. Thank you. That concludes our final agenda item. So we now move to our second public comment. As any member of the public like to come forward and address city council. Thank you. Have the floor. Okay. Now we're going to go into our first hearing, which is the CCP hearing. So I just need to make an announcement. I do believe there are a few folks that are outside for CCP, so I know that they can hear me and I know we're going to do a oath for those that want to talk on the item. So I just want to make sure that we also allow that our our folks are managing the flow of people that we allow. The folks are going to do see CIP to come in and then they can be escorted out. I guess, however, they're going to do that up up in the up in the back. So let me go ahead and begin by taking the item. We're going to do an oath first, Madam Clerk. All those who intend on participating. Please stand up and raise your right hand. If you're here for SIP for the planning, I do. You and each of you solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God. Okay. And I'm assuming also that there's folks outside that took the oath that want to come in to speak on C-SPAN. Did we arrange that? We're fine. Okay, great. All right, so I will now turn this. Open the hearing and turn this over to staff. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and members of the City Council. This item will be presented by Amy Burdick, our director of development. Services, and Christopher Coons, our advance planning officer. Mr. Mayor. Members of the. City council in the audience, thank you very much for your. Participation and attendance tonight. The sea

dip. Ordinance is 41 years old. It is the. Oldest planning ordinance. That we have in the city. We have spent. Over three and a half years updating this. Ordinance, and we were able to do this through the the. Generosity of the state of California, through a California. Department of. Conservation Sustainable Communities. Planning grant. Without that almost \$1,000,000 contribution, we would not be able to be here today. I'm going to ask Christopher. Coons to. Provide an overview. Of the three and a half year planning process that culminates. Hopefully this evening. And then also remind you. With the assistance of Mr. City attorney, that this is an appeal hearing. So we will go. Through an appeal process as well. With that, I'm turning it over to Christopher Coons, her advanced planning officer. Good evening, city council members. And so this evening. We're talking about the southeast area specific plan which will replace Planning District one, also known as CDEP up. So this gives you the general area. You've got Seventh Street, which becomes

the 22 and the northern area, you've got PCH Highway one running through the center of the site and you also see Second Street running through the lower portion of the site. So as Amy mentioned, this is a project that was based on community engagement and was community driven. So this project began with meetings large and small to really establish a community vision of what is it that folks want to see in the southeast part of Long Beach, not just today, but into the future? And this is a plan that reaches out all the way to 2016, but also deals with our issues today and tomorrow. So on the screen, you see some of our our larger meetings and those ranged from community advisory committee meetings, open houses, workshops, drop ins at farmer's markets and other places. But these also involved numerous meetings with existing groups and individuals. If there was a group that wanted to have a meeting, we participated in that meeting. We listened to all voices and because of the great participation we received from the public, we were able to craft a plan that we're all proud of and it would not have been able to happen without that community engagement process. This is the plan from 1977. So this plan represents an outdated approach to development for a few reasons. You'll see on the screen our wetland areas flanking PCH and Second Street were originally and 77 contemplated for development. That's not an approach we would take today. This plan also does not allow for mixed use. And lastly, it wasn't really a plan. It was a collection of rules compiled based on what had been built and what was anticipated to be built. But it wasn't driven by a community vision in the same way that the plan currently in front of you today is, which establishes a clear route to create spaces that will be enjoyable and beneficial to the community as a whole. So this is the land plan for the item before you this evening. It makes a

few major changes. It protects wetland areas and open habitat area. It concentrates the only areas of change on two sites that are already developed today. So what we're talking about is locations where there are existing shopping centers or existing hotel uses that could be reimaged and redeveloped in the future. It allows for mixed use, which is consistent with its setting. And it provides updated standards, context, sensitive design and a pathway to achieving community benefits. Key to this plan is enhancing the wetlands and coastal resources. So we talked about setting aside natural areas for protection in perpetuity, but this plan goes further than that and it does include a wetlands restoration and monitoring fund that future projects will be paying into. And it also includes provisions that every project is built correctly and in deference to its setting adjacent to our wild areas. So what are bird safe treatments? This is something we spent a lot of time on developing during this plan and birth. Safe treatments come down to three big areas glass plants and lights. So it means making sure that birds of all type can tell the difference between open sky and building glass. It means using plants that are appropriate next to our wetland habitat area. And those are California native plants. And this will be one of the most progressive plants in the United States. And in terms of landscaping and it means lighting, it means using lighting that's appropriate that lights the building but not surrounding areas. And it means working together, not just in the design process, but with future residents and businesses to make sure that that light is really limited, especially at night. Lights up for birds. So this plan is really also about creating organic and compelling placemaking as part of development, not just having x square feet of retail or white square feet of residential, but really having those places where community happens and allowing for community gathering places and a sense of experience. A sense of place and a sense of pride. This is also about building form and architecture and creating something that is really befitting of Long Beach. This is our entryway into the city for many visitors every day. And it's we don't have our best face forward today, I think would be the best way to describe it. So it's about creating places that are human scale but are exciting and vibrant and invite a positive image for our city. It's also about building orientation. So believe it or not, there is a beautiful waterway behind what you know today as Ralph's and Best Buy. You don't know that because those buildings block the view of the water and turn their back on the water. There is a way to flip that. There is a way to have you corridors to our waterfront and to have a great environment for future residents, current residents and visitors to all enjoy our waterfront, to stop and have a meal, but stay a while, maybe do some shopping, or maybe just co

me and enjoy the space with your family and meet some new friends. It's also about open space amenities and creating useful open space between these future buildings that will benefit future residents, current residents and visitors. So it's also about including the streetscape. During our

outreach process, there are a lot of different adjectives used by the community to describe PCH. Most people did not describe it as beautiful or as the best street in Long Beach or as something they were particularly proud of. So part of this plan is really about changing that engagement between the built environment and the street and having buildings that have interesting and exciting edges with the street. It's also about increasing connectivity. We know that we are a city of cars and many folks will continue to drive. But it's also about giving people other choices, including biking and walking and improving the environment for all forms of mobility. To that end, this project increases bicycle lane miles in the area by 79%, 29% increase in pedestrian facilities and a 9% increase in roadways for cars. This just gives you an idea of the reimagining of PCH. So this shot here is sort of approaching the Marina Pacifica shopping center today. So imagine separated bike lanes where you feel safe, new planting medians, trees and somewhere that you're not just comfortable, but somewhere that you want to return to because you have a positive experience in terms of positive, increased connectivity. The most common concern about the project was about the traffic at Second and PCH. There's some things that we can do, but there are limits to what we can do about traffic. So one of the ideas we're doing in this plan is breaking up the super blocks and making sure that if you don't have to go through that intersection, you don't have to go through that intersection, that you can get around different sites and that you have an internal street grid instead of the giant super blocks that you see out there today. So if I'm a resident in Naples and I'm trying to get where Ralph says today, there's no need for me to go through that second and PCH intersection. Once we have a better functioning internal street grid and I can get through the different sites without going through that major intersection. So I was asked to keep it brief. But just in summary, I think what we've done with this plan is really try to accomplish a community goal. We did that through coming up with development standards that were sufficient to attract private investment and create all these amenities and improvements that we talked about, but are also scaled appropriate to their setting and this unique location near the water and near our great wild areas. So that concludes the staff presentation and we're available here at the staff table for all your questions. Okay. Now, of course, this is a hearing. So the way this works is the city has made a presentation. There is an Appellant. We have one. Appella

nt Correct me if I'm wrong is Mr. City Attorney. So the one appellant has asked for 15 minutes, so we will do 15 minutes for the one. Appellant And is he just come on down? And we will also I know that the appellant has also asked for rebuttal time. So what we'll do is if there is additional comments after this by staff, then we'll grant the rebuttal time. If there's not, then there's obviously no need for the rebuttal time if there isn't any additional comments. Sounds good. Okay, let's go ahead. And, Madam Clerk, you'll have the time. Thank so much, honorable mayor and City Council for having us here today. My name is Warren Lisowski. I'm the president of Long Beach, Citizens for Fair Development. Mr. Salisbury, we're taking notes. I'm actually the president of the organization. I'd like to start out today to thank staff for their presentation and just point out a couple of issues that I don't have the agenda in front of me. So City Council and Honorable Mayor, I ask you to look at each of these decisions that are being made individually. Very often decisions come before you and there are many items that are grouped together. So let's just break down exactly what's happening today. The staff is proposing that you repeal and replace the existing PD one set up. It is our position that, yes, leadership is inadequate due to the age. But see, this does have vital protections for the wetlands. And so instead of repealing and replacing c dep CDEP could have been updated in such a way to protect the wetlands better. Just a couple comments directly related to the staff's report. If you remember when we did study sessions in these chambers, the members of the public commented that whatever happened at those community meetings was not accurately reflected in the document. So I just let the record be clear that the citizens feel that what happened at those study sessions is not in the documents. I've given you each a letter, a three page letter outlining some of the problems. What we've got here is we can't look at just this as a zoning change we have, and we must look at the totality of what's going on in the southeast area. Let's remember that a brand new gas fired power plant was just approved by S.C. The planning commission here has approved three seven story buildings filled with 90,000 gallons of lithium ion battery, the same stuff that was in the note five when you couldn't bring a milliliter of it on the airplane. They want to put 90,000 gallons of it on the wetlands with no additional fire resource and also with no environmental review. The Planning Commission simply approved a mitigated negative declaration for the Battery Tower. If this if this if you vote yes on all of this today, what we are going

to end up with is not what? Not wetlands protection. There is going to be 80 foot buildings if a hotel mixed use is used under the plan. The biology in this environmental impact report is woefully inadequate. It does not talk about how the biologi

cal resources will be preserved in light of these 80 story buildings. I would like to draw your attention back to the local coastal planning program. The local coastal program was adopted after set up in 1980 as under the California Coastal Act and. The the local coastal plan says that the conservation goals and policies of the Coastal Act should be are there for the preservation of all those through those wetlands. The local coastal plan also describes CDEP and the accompanying resource management plan as being inextricably intertwined. And so really the way these documents are written, the local coastal plan, sea depth and the resource management plan, they really cannot be extracted from one another. So if you are repealing PD one side, if you're also repealing those portions of the local coastal plan and the resource management plan included within. A couple other problems. As the low Cerritos Wetlands Trust pointed out in their letter from their attorney, Michelle Black, The Post reads, This plan is inconsistent with the general plan. Why? Why is this body spending time to update a specific plan when we know that the general plan does not conform to state guidelines? So wouldn't it make more sense to update the general plan first and then update the specific plans to be in line with that? Also, there's a new government code section 60 50302 that stems from Senate Bill 1000. It's the environmental justice piece of general plans. Now, staff at a earlier meeting stated that these new elements that are being passed have paid some type of service to the Environmental Justice under Senate Bill 1000 with the people of Long Beach wants. What the environmentalists want is we want what the state Senate voted for us and what the governor signed into law. We want an environmental justice element, not just environmental justice, to be dealt with from time to time in the different elements of the general plan. Let's talk about the certification of the final air today. California Environmental Quality Act secure its its California's broadest environmental law and secure it gives the fullest protection of the environment within reason, the fullest protection. This plan does not give the force protection. This is a development plan. This is an oil drilling plan. Even though the misnamed Wetlands Restoration Program, which more aptly should be named the 50 year oil drilling in the wetlands program, is not in front of you today. That land exchange or oil drilling plan cannot happen without this CDEP being repealed. So I'd like you to take a second to think about the gravity of what you're doing today. You've got an environmental protection on our last remaining wetlands, and Long Beach staff is asking you to remove those protections and replace them with a development plan allowing 80 foot tall hotels in the buffer areas around the wetlands. The California Coastal Commission sent a letter from a scientist named Kate Kate Hochul Bridge regarding the wetlands, o

il consolidation and Restoration Project. And she's got 32 pages from the Coastal Commission about about the problems with these plans. So let's not forget that this sea dep and this oil drilling are one in the same. Let's go back to the local coastal plan that was adopted in 1980. The local coastal plan states that the city shall ask the Coastal Commission for aid and funding to effect the determination of the location and boundaries of the wetlands and their buffer areas for restoration. IT when we were here about the pool, the Belmont Pool Project, the attitude of this body and the staff was, let's ask for the biggest project we can and then let Coastal Commission trim it down. I remember Councilman Iran, I didn't think that was maybe the best idea. Coastal Commission staff is right here in downtown Long Beach. Your staff can meet with Coastal Commission. You can form these policies together. You don't have to ask for something that's outsized, that's damaging to the environment. And then have Coastal Commission object to it. This can be this can happen in a more collaborative setting. Another way that the air is inadequate is there's something called the Low Cerritos Channel Watershed Group. It's made up of the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount and Signal Hill and the L.A. County Flood District. There's a watershed management program. This document in the jurisdiction section of the air did not come up at all. That's just one reason why the air is inadequate. I wanted to respond to a couple more of staff's points. There was a beautiful slide called Placemaking. I went to high school in Long Beach. Placemaking was not a word. Okay. That's a made up word by the consultant. I think they've got place in the name of their business. That's the same consultant that's doing the Dewey Plan that brought 60 people here to object to it. So our recommendation is stop using place works. They don't. They do not. Their values and the residents of Long Beach values are do not resonate with

each other. Environmentalists and community activists. We don't want place works here in Long Beach. One more thing is staff had a beautiful slide called building orientation, talking about the the underused backside portion facing the Marina Pacifica condos from Best Buy and Ralphs. Some beautiful pictures there. They've got sailboats sailing down the channel there. It makes me think that these consultants have never even been there before because everyone knows you can't have a sailboat sailing down between Marina Pacifica condos and Best Buy. So if they have spent time there. Once again, I do not think they have an understanding of how the southeast area of Long Beach operates. Couple other points here, because I do want to save a few minutes. Let's think about where we are in the world right now. Let's think about what's happened the last few months. Let's look at the horrible hurricane in Houston. I mean, Houston, we all heard it o

n the news. We all heard it from the commentary. Unchecked development was the cause of a lot of that flooding, unchecked development in Houston. The developers were allowed to build wherever they want, and that ended up with freeways being below sea level. And that led to the death and destruction on top of what was already a horrible natural disaster. Let's think about what's in that water that those people had to wade through. That was the biggest oil production facility in the world there on the Texas coast. And now it's become a toxic soup that those people are going to have to live with for the rest of their lives. We have yet to see the spike in cancer, the spike in miscarriage. We don't know what the health effects are going to be. Now, let's look at the low street, those wetlands that are going to be unprotected if you pass this law tonight. We know sea level rise is imminent. We know there's an earthquake fault running across the wetlands between the oil production facilities. All it takes is a small tsunami. It could be a couple of feet tall. All it could take is a couple of feet of storm surge. And all those oil operations and all that residential area. And your beautiful pictures of PCH will be covered in the same toxic soup that's covering Houston right now. We demand that that does not happen. We beg of you to not pass this resolution. There's a couple of other things regarding development. I know staff really wants to put these tall, mixed use buildings in the L.A. Times yesterday. Downtown Los Angeles has a 20% residential vacancy rate. People can't pay 30 \$500 for a one bedroom apartment. Something else that's lacking with this E.R. and why it should not be certified is the cumulative impacts are lacking. This body's proposing to certify a specific plan. Er it's a programmatic element. That Environment Impact Report does not mention the Battery Towers. It does not mention the battery plans. It does not mention the land swap. So California's Sequoia insists that the cumulative impacts of any environmental projects be recognized. And finally, this. This area falls under the Clean Water Act. These are waters of America. And even though our current administration wants to redefine the waters of America to a more narrow definition, this body should stand up and protect the waters of America. And finally, what do we want? We want you to delay this vote. This body has broad powers to change the land use via the general plan zones and the specific zoning zones. So what we're asking you to do is to start to break long beaches, addiction to oil and fossil fuels. California has set a 2040 zero emissions goal. How does a 50 year oil drilling plan in step help a zero emissions goal? Let's follow some of the leaders. When the president said that the people of Pittsburgh didn't vote for Paris, that the people of Pittsburgh voted for him, the Pittsburgh mayor came back and said, no, we didn't vote for that. And in fact, Pittsburgh has a zero em

ission goal by 2030. Companies like Volvo are going to stop making combustion engines. So Long Beach is progressive in many ways. This body is progressive in many ways. And we strongly encourage you to be progressive in your thought for the southeast area and preserve the wetlands that we have. If I could reserve the last minute. I appreciate it, Mr. Mayor. And so I'm asking you reserving the last minute for rebuttal or for that? I could have 5 minutes. Yeah. Those are some things you can reserve for your other minute. If you want to finish the last minute. I'll just reserve whatever time for rebuttal you would be. So. Okay. So you're going to get 5 minutes for rebuttal. Thank you. Okay, then we're going to turn this back over to two staff and guys. Guys. So let me let's just try to get through the hearing as expeditiously as possible. So we're gonna turn over to staff and then after staff does any additional comments, then, Mr. Foss, you have a chance to do a rebuttal, and then we'll do we'll go to the public and of course, the deliberations of the Council. So. Mr. Motorcar. Mr. Bullock, Ms.. Burdick will give a short rebuttal. Actually, I'm going. To ask Christopher to start, but I just do want to make one correction. For the record, the appellant said 80 stories. I think I would ask the appellant to. Agree that he really meant 80 feet. Thank you. I could

even council members. So the majority of what you heard is addressed in their written record in the staff report in front of you. I draw your particular attention to the resolution in front of you. Certifying the E.R. includes findings of fact that address the adequacy of the document. I do want to talk about the speaker referenced several related projects in the area and a number of years ago. So over three years ago, when we embarked on this process, the city council at that time declined to do any type of moratorium or interim controls while we were preparing this plan. So, staff, the city has a legal obligation to process applications as they come in based on the laws that are on the books at the time. So the appellant referenced a CC power plant which is replacing existing power plant with a cleaner one that not a city project that's under the jurisdiction of the Energy Commission. He referenced the a battery storage facility that was approved by the Planning Commission by Mr. Pisarski. His appeal on that separate project is pending at this time. He referenced the Beach Oil Minerals Partner Project, which Mr. Boesky objected that project in writing during the E.R. but that project has not yet come to hearing. So beyond that, placemaking is a defined term. There's a whole document about it from the Project for Public Spaces. If people are interested in not all of the projects, most mentioned by Mr. Lisowski are accounted for in the cumulative analysis of the document. So beyond that, I want to be deferential to the Council's time and we can dove into any of the issues that were brought up.

But they are all addressed in your written materials, particularly in those squat findings that are attached to the air certification resolution prepared by the city attorney. Thank you. We're going to have the the appellant please can do. Rebuttal. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Koonce with response with regards to the California Energy Commission's approval and jurisdiction of the new power plant. Yes, the city does not have jurisdiction, but the city does have zoning and general plan control. What does that mean? The city could have entered into the S.E.C. process with a generating station as an intervenor. The city could have done what was best for the people of Long Beach and intervened and said, Why do we need another 500 megawatt fossil fuel generating station on our wetlands? So that brings us to yes, there are all these other projects, but let's talk about what this council can do with zoning. I'm going to throw a couple of ideas out here. One of the ideas is. When this new oil drilling plan comes into effect. I know it's still up in the air, but in all likelihood it's going to be approved. You could add to the zone that any oil drilling, any injection waste, any water injection or chemical injections that those oil developers have to provide a list of all the chemicals that are being injected into the ground. That's a very simple change. As you know, the petroleum industry wants to keep those thousands of chemicals as proprietary. And so under Prop 65, we don't even know what carcinogens are in there. There are all kinds of different benzene and crazy aromatic rings that are carcinogenic. And then finally, with regards to the specific zoning and the general plan, there are guidelines that the state gives you and there are things that are out of your jurisdiction. But this city council, this body, is given the power of zoning, and that's a very powerful tool. And so when you say that the battery tower hasn't been approved, but it's going to go on the wetlands, you could tonight simply add a piece to this new cap that says we don't allow over one gallon or 89,000 gallons of lithium ion flash flammable fluid to be on the wetlands. So that is the control you have. One final thought about Mr. Koons and the staff's idea of the inevitability of land use. Yes, certain land uses are by right. We understand that. But the way that staff has often positioned that in front of the council and the planning commission is that the commission and the council must extend those land uses by rights to other decisions that are not by right. For example, I'm going to bring in an outside example just to make this point and then I'll wrap up. 320 Alamitos Street What came up before Planning Commission? They were asking for a building with residential units and it was also on two lots. And staff told the Planning Commission that you have to approve this project because it's buy right for them to build those many units. You can't change the downtown plan parking rati

os without changing the downtown plan. What they failed to let the commission know was that they did not have to buy right approved the lot merger and if they would have simply not approved the Lot merger, then that development could have been squelched. So don't let staff pull your power out from under you. There are things that you can do to make a difference. You can give landowners their rights and at the same time do what's right for the city of Long Beach and for our wetlands. Thanks so much, Mr. Mayor. Appreciate it. Thank you, sir. Okay. We're going to go ahead now and move on to the rest of the hearing. So we've closed both the applicant out, which is

the city in this case, of course, the presenter and the appellant and the time for both the presentation. The rebuttal is now closed. We're going to go to public comment only those that, of course, swore in to the oath and those that are here for this item. So if you didn't see the swearing in, please, please come down to the podium and present yourself, of course, your name for the record. And again, just line up on this and we'll get through these comments and then back to the Council for deliberation on the Ccep item. Yes, sir. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. Hi. My name is Bob Paternoster. I'm happy to be here this evening. When I first, I'm going to give you just a little historical context for this project. When I moved to Long Beach in 1977, my first important job as director of planning and building was to try to bring closure to the city planning process. The Planning Commission had already appointed a citizens advisory committee. I was pleased that this evening when I came in here and found that Jan Hall, who was head of that committee, was president, of course she was later Councilwoman Jan Hall, and that that committee consisted of residents, property owners and developers. That committee had already created a vision for Sea-Tac when I arrived. And that vision was basically that they wanted something like Irvine. I remember back at 1977, Irvine was just blossoming and people were looking at it very fondly. And the committee, like the mix of housing units, they were willing to accept smaller than the standard size lot for residential development if the developer would provide lots of open space, bicycle trails and so forth. But at that time, they were deadlocked because the citizens, even though they knew what they wanted, they did not trust the city to implement that. They did not trust the city to force developers to build that open space in those and those and those. Trails and so forth, because plain old zoning R1, R3 just doesn't do that. And the one small contribution that I think I made to the process was to tell them that there are other land use controls that you can use besides standard zoning. For instance, a plan development district. And once they realize that that the the law could require developers to build open space, to build the trails, the

bike trails and so forth. Then the plan was forward to city council adopted and you had PD one, the first plan development district in the city. Now the plan, the city plan did focus on the area north of the luxury trust channel and residential development because that was where the vacant land was. And since the time of adoption, we've had the construction of a Bixby village with the golf course of the Largo, with Simms Pond of Bay Harbor, Spinnaker Bay, Spinnaker, coves with a new waterfront development not only for a boat boat docks, but also a continuous public walkway along all of that waterfront throughout there. And all of these villages tied together by the city's first class one bike path through residential areas. The wetland was recognized and preserved now after adoption of the plan. It was expanded when we went through the LCP, but it was preserved, as was the Pacific Flyway. There was little concern, quite frankly, for affordability of housing at the time, although we did preserve the the mobile home park and apartments were mixed in with single family residential. But you have to realize what the attitude of the city was back in 1977. At that time. Young, upwardly mobile family. Thank you. Sorry. Time is up. Oh, I know. Sorry about that. All right. Let me just end by saying I encourage you to move forward with adopting the plan. It's been 40 years and it's about time. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Yeah, we've got to watch the time, especially tonight, because we have a lot of items from SL. Watch the time. Even though I don't like it's so short. My name is Jan Hollings, former city councilwoman for the third district in the city of Long Beach, and, as Bob indicated, chair of the original city of committee. I'm here to say that I am opposed to the proposed changes to see death for very specific reasons. There's a lot of good in that plan that's being proposed, but the things that can't seem to be taken care of, in my opinion. Our number one traffic. The city of Long Beach and this end of town are going to be inundated by lots of changes in the traffic without any development. The widening of the four or five freeway in Orange County is going to bring a tremendous increase again on Seventh Street in the Long Beach area. Four lanes of new traffic and it stops at seventh Street. Those cars are going to go somewhere and they are going to impact the Cedar Area and by extension, the areas in the third district. The concern I have about the density is one that is merely an observation that currently there is not a complete build out of density that's currently allowed in the city plan. I think we're pushing our luck if we keep adding more people without some kind of traffic solutions. Number three, the idea of the height limits currently the height limit is is three stories, as you all know, and is being proposed to be 5 to 7 stories. I think that that kind of height will really create a very different. The situatio

n on Pacific Coast Highway then is in being envisioned by the planning department and the consultants. And by that I mean is that if you have five and seven story buildings along Pacific Coast Highway, effectively from Lloyd's Drive to the SEAL Beach border, you really are creating a barrier along that whole stretch of land. I know there'll be some adjustments to build it back, but I am concerned that that barrier will change the entire atmosphere in the third district and kind of undo what basically has been created in the third district. And so with those for those reasons and several others, I just would like to issue my propose my opposition to this proposal. And thanks, Suzy Pryce as the councilwoman. It's a tough decision and it isn't going to be easy no matter what. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and City Councilmember. My name is Randy Gordon. I am president and CEO of Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber and our leadership, we strongly support, she said, which all of you know is a huge opportunity for Long Beach, not just from a business perspective, but so many. Other ways as well. The plan will allow for mixed use projects with. Residential, retail, commercial and hotels. This will create thousands of new construction jobs related jobs over the course of the next 10 to 15 years. It will attract a new high end retail, which will create thousands of jobs for residents and most importantly, will keep sales tax revenue in Long Beach that now migrates to south to Orange County . We see the opportunity for. Incredible economic synergism with Long Beach State, the retail, residential communities in Naples and Belmont Shore and all other communities throughout the city. And as far as potential projects as they come online, we absolutely believe this will assist the east side of Long Beach to start driving sales tax. Dollars north to our city. From SEAL Beach, Huntington Beach and other nearby areas. It will. Create a beautiful gateway that our city. Desperately needs and deserves to welcome visitors from our communities and will help all of us who are working to promote Long Beach as a great place to bring your business. Also included in the plan, it's a benefit to the environment. It provides funding through development fees and other grants to improve the current declining wetlands. Lastly, and probably the biggest impact to the city and the reasons enough to pass this tonight, it will create millions of dollars annually to the city through sales tax and property tax revenue. As a. Resident. Just down. The street in Bay Harbor, I am absolutely convinced this is the right thing to do at the right time. And our members and our leadership. We urge you to vote for this proposal. Thank you for allowing these comments to be in the record. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, mayor and city council members. My name is Sarah Wilkes F

ong and I am here on behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation. Base Fed is a massive, diverse grassroots alliance of 165 business organizations, with over 325,000 employers. With over 3 million employees throughout Los Angeles County. That advocates for policies and projects that strengthen our regional economy. We are in strong support of the adoption of the Southeast Area Specific Plan. A comprehensive and thoughtful, thoughtful blueprint to guide future development. See, RCEP will not only enhance the area quality of life for Long Beach residents, but also gives the business community the ability incentive. To reinvest in the area. New mixed land designation designations, updated design guidelines and infrastructure improvements will give property owners the flexibility to create new residential, commercial and employment opportunities that fit the vision of the city. This update. Helps to replace. Outdated plan planning with a specific plan that will balance sustainability, economic development and livability. We appreciate the city staff's. Dedication to bring forward this detailed plan, and we urge the city council. To adopt it. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. My name is Bill Thomas. I'm a resident of the Alamitos Heights and past president. Of Elm Estates Association, which is adjacent to the property. Area under. Discussion. I was also involved quite a few years ago when Councilman DeLong was brought the initial study proposal up, and it didn't make any progress. I'm speaking today as a member of the advisory committee. That is off the record. I believe the record will show over attended all of the advisory committee meetings, a very large number of the city, the community gathering meetings. And I must compliment the staff and the Place Works group that have done a magnificent job of hearing. All kinds of suggestions and reaching out to every conceivable interest. And I would. Just quite amazed at how well that progress went. And I'm very much in price in favor of the project that looks out 50 years, not back 50 years, and what. The city can expect from its citizens and from. Its businesses in the area to make a better place for all citizens to live, work and enjoy the great aspects of the city of Long Beach and strongly endorse you or request your positive endorsement of

the project. Thank you very. Much. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker, please. Good evening. And Cantrell and I am a member of Carp, which is citizens about responsible planning. Although not mentioned by the staff, the Planning Commission has recommended the reduced intensity alternative and reduction in height on the marketplace parcel. Even this is not enough. I urge the Council to choose the No project slash CDP alternative. If you reject this, at least reduce the reduced intensity of alternative to one story buildings on all in the within 300 feet of the wetlands and re

quire three storey buildings in the rest of the area and take any new oil development out of this plan. I have worked to change CDEP for 20 years because of two threats extending Studebaker Road through the wetlands and allowing homes on the wetlands. This has been eliminated with this plan, but what we've gotten with C CIP is many times worse. Over 5400 additional residential units, five story buildings on property surrounding the wetlands, extension of Shop Keeper Road through the wetlands, seven story hotels. And they say the significant, unavoidable impacts are going to occur in air quality cultural resources, greenhouse gas, emission, noise, transportation and traffic. That means nothing's going to be done. About those 5 to 7 story buildings are a menace for birds. Bird safe glass is being required on only 90% of the buildings. It should be on everyone. The FDA, the FBI are future further states that only the areas facing the wetlands will receive bird safe treatment. In other words, birds flying out of the wetlands will be protected. Those flying into the wetlands will be striking 60 to 80 foot buildings with untreated gap glass. Another danger to wetland wildlife was not mentioned in this air. And it goes with new dwelling units right next to the wetlands. With that comes domestic pets. Not don't. Not all owners keep their dogs and cats inside or on leash. Even one dog or cat can be devastating to breeding success of many of the ground nesting birds. The California Coastal Act requires public access to the coast and restricts what development is allowed in coastal areas. Coastal lighted buildings are allowed. Residential is not. Thank you very much, Nick Speaker. I will I will give you the rest of my comments. Thank you, Miss Cantrell. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and distinguished counsel. People, you all look very, very, very nice tonight. Very distinguished. Thank you. Thank you. My name is Ricardo Perdomo, and I'm a local business person. I've had the pleasure of living in the island, Naples Island, for about 15 years now. And it's just a great, great neighborhood. And I mean, I just love Long Beach when people ask me, where do you live? I say, I live in Long Beach, and they're like, Why the heck do you want to live in Long Beach? Well, obviously we don't know what communities we have and everything that the City of Long Beach has to offer. That being said, I want to thank everybody here on the panel for all your hard work in making the city a much greater place to live. Thank you. And I'm also here in in April, the actual project. We really want to see something different in our community. We really believe in speaking with many of my neighbors and many of the people that live here in Long Beach. They're just really, really tired of actually going through that community, that part of our community, that that part of our city and just seeing what is there now. My city has so much to offer and people don't know about it. So

this could actually be really one of the huge focus points entryway that can really showcase our city. The project is going to help. Attracting people to our city, is going to have new families, young professionals and just really, really showcase our city. I also appreciate the fact that this also has written in the plan where it's going to actually help preserve and restore the wetlands. Thank you guys very much as well for pushing the bike paths and the walk and the walking paths. That's a really great thing to have and this project is also going to help. I actually having those those incorporated into their into their project. That's one of the big selling points that sells our city as a forward thinking city. Help us make the city shine. Approve this project. Thank you very much. I encourage you say yes on this project. Thank you. Thank you. And before we go to the next speaker, we do have folks in line. Obviously, a lot of public comment as well as outside for this item. So we're going down to 2 minutes unless there's any objection from the council. If there's an objection, we'll go back to three C. No objection. Madam Clerk, we're going out of 2 minutes. Go ahead. Hi. My name is Susan Phillips. I live at 6125 East Ocean Boulevard. I'm not particularly opposed to this project, but I'm opposed to some of the parts of this project. I feel that if we're going to say 3 to 5 stories and then it says a little caveat down at the bottom seven storeys with an okay by a committee, I'd like to know which committee it is like. Is it you? Is it the city manager's office? Is it the developers? Is it the planning commission? I think if we're going to say 3 to 5 storeys, we should say 3 to 5 storeys, period. I think we should have some rules about it. Long Beach has

always been a city of neighborhoods, and I hope that whatever we're doing, we don't just develop. The city is called us now an urban area. And I hope that within the planning that we're choosing to do, we can maintain the independence of our neighborhoods. It's really important to the beauty of Long Beach, and we all live here because we love our neighborhoods. And the last thing I like to say is just about this process, just in case, you know, the pit, the pictures that you saw up there when they were showing the open area, the first part that look really pretty, those were two storey buildings. I don't know if anybody noticed that about that area. So we're kind of being manipulated here, I feel, because when I went to the Planning Commission meeting, they talked about Bella Terra. So I went out and saw Bella Terra and it's an asphalt jungle. And so I just want you to think about the fact of what we're picking and what we're choosing. That's all. Thank you so much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, honorable mayor. Members of the city council. My name is Jeff Hoffman. I'm a lifelong resident of Long Beach, living in Naples, less than a mile from the intersection of Sec

ond and PCH il. The city is going in such a great direction. We see what's been happening uptown with some of the new development up there we've been seeing. What's been happening downtown, I mean, is evident. All the great things that are happening when we drive around here and we want that for our east side gateway is well, if this has been a really good process over the past few years, we've attended the workshops. We've had an opportunity to sit around the table with people who who disagree with us, but that are still neighbors like the person who spoke just before me. So I think it's been a great process, but it's also a really good plan. I think the consultants, I think city staff from the Planning Department have done a really good job taking in all of the input from various points of view. You know, I don't think it's a perfect plan. There's things that I would love in it, but there's people in this room that would absolutely hate the things that I would have loved. So I think it's a good compromise and is a wonderful opportunity for us to move forward and have some really good development while restoring the wetlands. So I encourage you all to vote for the city plan. Thank you. Thank you for the testimony. Next speaker, please. Very good. You. I've been following this since Gary too long. Wanted to build a 70 story tower with a flea market on every corner. One of the. And also, let me start with the one thing I was glad somebody pointed out. I've never pointed out before, but it's inane when they show the picture of a sailboat down in the channel behind BestBuy and reading Pacifica, obviously, and then a sailor they'd never heard of being in irons. You can't sell their period. What was intriguing and interesting is the cut through in terms of and I've often thought about this and I'm sure other people have and I hope they put that in there, is that they can put a cut through. So when you come down the aisle, you're able to cut through the Marina Pacifica behind a behind Albertson's, behind a whatever they are, Gelson's and zip across without having to go through the intersection. The intersection itself raises the point of something I really think should be done before we move forward, and that is study the concept of a traffic circle, just like we have at where our traffic circle is. They're used all around the world. I know some people don't like them. There's some people that don't like to cross that bridge of the what these speakers pointed out last week, they were at the last planning commission meeting that has a business on Second Street that quite frankly, during the week there will be not that much business period in the restaurants, the foot, the floors, the businesses on the second floor, nicely designed or simply not have that traffic certainly during the week. I am troubled and I don't I don't know the answer relative to solving all the environmental issues, but I challenge this council to come up with the best possible s

olution so we don't destroy it. Thank you. The environment. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. My name is Michael Fields. I live at 6171, Laguna Hart Court in Bay Harbor. And we are live behind a community business area called Marina Plaza, which I request that you look at the map on page four. It's a little triangle in the center of the plan here, and it allows for a 3 to 5 story remaking of that particular project. And it makes no sense in that little tiny space, right, right behind our community to go up 3 to 5 stories if they want to put a hotel there. And it goes up to seven stories. Look how tiny that little that little spot is there. And what I read, though, the zoning requirements there was an exception for the in and out burger at one story. I don't know why there's one story, not burger. And this little small community here runs up from if they remake it 3 to 5 stories doesn't make sense. It's just going to be a congested area. It's not going to be favorable to the people in the neighborhood. And I request that you remake that zoning requirement of three or four, 3 to 5 stories

and a limited to one story only. Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Next speaker, please. Good evening, City Council. My name is Gordon and I live in the third district. I'm here to ask you to seriously consider the alternatives that have been proposed to you this evening regarding less density, less traffic, and less height. On this plan, I'm opposed to it because I believe firmly that this is a development plan and not a plan for the protection of wetlands. I'm here to tell you, I was here at City Hall the evening that this grant was announced by our city staff. I was delighted to hear that the city would get resources in order to do something about this plan. I'm equally dismayed to stand up here tonight and tell you that the process was flawed. Those community meetings were held. There were 200 people who attended over the course of time. Where were the hundreds and thousands of people who should have been participating in this process? Vice Mayor Richardson, did any of these meetings happen in your district? Councilman, you were on. Did any of these meetings happen in your district? Do you ever drive to the second and PCH intersection? Do you think this should have been discussed outside of the third district? I'm an advocate for process. This process was flawed. This project is flawed. It is too high. It is too dense. There's too much traffic. There's not enough mitigation for those valuable wetlands that need to be restored in the third district of Long Beach. And I ask that you seriously consider alternatives. Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Next speaker, please. My name is Deena Dach. I have lived in this community for approximately 50 years. I'm a California certified naturalist for the state. I am also. This last year, I've been honored to be the national education director for NMDA, and I am saddened by what we look at. Ed i

n this community. In Huntington Beach, it took 25 years for them to salvage and save the wetlands. You probably all notice it as you drive down Pacific Coast Highway. You probably all notice that people are using it for educational value. That they take a look at it and say, Isn't. It great that we have 3% of what was once 100% of the wetlands here in California, in the community where we can make a difference is here, Long Beach, we can look at our wetlands and we can see whether or not. There's a possibility that we could control ourselves and stay to the three story level. Four years ago, I worked on a management group to take a look at the animals that were flying over the wetlands area and across PCH. And on to the Long Beach Marina area. Many of those trees have been cut. 58 of the trees have been taken out in this particular community. So we don't have some of the birds that we once had. I realize I only have 30 seconds to make a difference, but you can make a difference as a member of this council. And look at it and see. That down the road. What you do tonight. In your decision makes a difference in our children's lives, in the community lives. And it's not all about money. It's about saving enough environment, space that it is functional for this community. Thank you for your time. Ask you to do so. Thank you. Next speaker bruce. Good evening, vice mayor and. Members of the council. I'm Jeff miller. I live in long beach. I urge you to reject Sea CIP as it is currently proposed. Why? Because it would allow new buildings to be too tall. Increased height above the currently allowed 35 feet would be detrimental to the city. Proposed changes could lead to our stretch of PCH looking like Lincoln Boulevard and Marina del Rey. Another concrete canyon. Increased traffic resulting from increased density would negatively affect city residents and workers. The traffic itself, of course, but also decreased air quality despite the claims by city staff. This plan is not supported by the majority of Long Beach residents. This false claim has been stated so often that maybe you believe it. The Sea Subcommittee was not representative of residents. The committee meetings did not provide for adequate public involvement and comment. Additional community meetings were not designed. For adequate public input. The wishes of the majority of the residents of the city are being ignored. The CCP should reflect the will of the residents of the city. These half a million people are your constituents, not a dozen commercial property owners and investors along a one mile stretch of PCH. Your allegiance belongs to the residents and businesses throughout the city who would be harmed by this plan. You do not owe allegiance to a dozen developers who would change the character of this vital area of the city. The current construction plan for the old Seaport Marina Hotel property shows that development and profit is possible within the 35 foot height limit. I ask that you m

aintain this limit for the good of the city now and. Long into the future. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. I'm Richard Roth. I live in the Long Beach and District three, and I can basically support what the previous speaker just said and the appellant as well. We have this thing has has just has to be smaller. And one thing that I'm not sure was brought up. If today Mexico City

or the Mexico City area had a huge earthquake, if we had a and we're going to have a similar event here. And if you're in the area around, well, all of the third district, you're going to be trapped. So we have a serious safety issue that we're ignoring. And I don't think I need to say anymore. Thank you. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. Before you before you start my time. Can I tell you. That I've gotten so many texts from people who cannot hear, who are in the overflow room and they said there's no one to be found that can help fix their audio. Okay. Well, I think that's. The right thing to do, given there's so many people. Interested in this. Issue. Right. This your city manager? Can we check that out? Thank you so much. So can we take. Sure. Let's start your time. Right. Thank you so much. So my name is Elizabeth LAMB. I'm executive director of the Low Street Wetlands Land Trust. Before I say anything else with my brief 2 minutes, I want to thank city staff and thank our council member for the ability to dialog with them and share with them our views. It means a lot to us. As you know, we are devoted to protecting and restoring flows through this wetlands. So it's a great community resource, not just for local residents, but for everyone who. Lives in Long Beach. Therefore, we need a plan for the Sea Superior that provides the right. Balance of conservation and development consistent with the community context and vision. With that in mind, why we understand that you. Feel pressure to conclude this. We do want to remind you that the general plan. Process provides a second opportunity to revisit, see an amended if warranted. So let me. Quickly summarize. The final few modifications that we. Urge you to include that we. Sent in our final comment letter. Factually, very few. Acres of the Sea Superior. Are in play here for redevelopment. Actually, less than the 85 acres that was first identified as areas of change because of the fact that second and PCH is moving forward, internal road surface parking. But even that small remaining part that remains will. Have a huge impact to the community. And the wetlands develop depending on how it's. Developed. So we support further density. Further reduced density in the form of an interim baseline density that could be revisited later. We support. 100,000 square feet of new commercial development, which would bring the total up to 2,000,191 476. Square feet. We support 1000 new units, dwelling units for a total of 5070 units and redevelopment of the existing hotel rooms. As my time winds out, I want

to tell you that we've put all of these in a specific comment letter to you. And to really emphasize the point that we're not saying don't do anything. We're saying do something that's reasonable and balanced and protects an important resource. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Council Members. Michelle Black on behalf of. The La Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust. And again, the Land Trust really does appreciate the changes that have been made to see steps to improve the specific plan and add bird and wetlands friendly policies and mitigation. But the city's general plan is now underway, which was not the case when Seaside was initiated. There's now a strong argument that the sea SAP approval should wait until the general plan update is completed. So there's no question that the general plan is current and complete to provide a legally adequate basis for approval. Our letter laid out a path to approve seize up in advance of the general plan update. Now there are some parallel to approving a specific plan in the absence of a legally adequate general plan. And we see that as a really good reason to ensure that CCEP has included all feasible mitigation measures. If the city chooses to adopt CSF now before completion of the General Plan update, we recommend that you adopt a lower interim density as a as Elizabeth mentioned and proposed by the Land Trust, and that's detailed in our letter. And this is a baseline density that could be revisited, as Elizabeth said, and modified in the future. After hearing more public comment and after looking at the analysis that will be generated by the general plan update process, remember additional development in this environmentally sensitive and traffic constrained area at any density, interim baseline or reduced density will have significant impacts on the wetlands and the community. The mitigation for this must be very, very carefully worded so that it meets its goals of protecting community and environment. So this means that wetland buffers are actually buffers. There's no development. Or recreational activity. Within the buffers themselves. This means that open space is actually open space and not private patios in places the public doesn't know about. And this means that height limits are lower in this sensitive area to protect birds. The inclusion of excellent bird safe measures is laudable, but we're afraid that those gains could be eroded if height limits are high. And thank you very much. I'm here to answer any questions on my letter. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name's Linda Pemberton, and I'm from Belmont Heights. And. I'm here representing myself as just a neighbor, and I know that I'm in the camp of I would like to see this plan adopted with some change. And I

think most of the people that I talked to are very concerned about the height and the density because of the traffic. And as you know, you're talking all over the city with people about th

e general plan right now. And there's a lot of people who are concerned about the same issues. So I just wanted to bring out bring to your attention that with the reduced plan, it actually represents about 22% of the housing needs that Scaggs is saying that the entire city needs. And I think that's a little high for an area that has going to put all of these almost 56 I mean, 2600 housing units in a little 86 acre space next to a wetlands. And where we have such terrible traffic, I think an increase of 43% in the traffic with probably 18 of our 21 intersections have difficulty now. So while I thank you for putting together this this plan, I would like to see the baseline density option with caps on it put into place so that we can move slowly into the future. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yeah. Hi, I'm Marshall, Dostoevsky. I live in Ocean Boulevard and I'm on the steering committee of the Long Beach Area Peace Network. And I've actually come here for two reasons. One, to support the hotel workers in their fight for justice. But the other thing is, I am representing Lebanon, a Long Beach area peace network. And we're interested in peace and social justice. We're really against this whole plan. We think that it's the whole idea of Caesar was to preserve the wetlands. What this is going to do is isolate the wetlands. It's too big. The project. It blocks the wetlands. We're also concerned about the oil drilling. Why are we concerned about oil drilling? Because global warming. Or climate change is a real issue. And I think that Long Beach is so oil dependent that we are not really thinking about what's going on in the world. We know that climate change has caused part of the Syrian problem, a civil war. There. And so the social justice issue here is why do we want to pollute our environment and add to the climate change as a city? So I think we have a chance to to try to take care of this problem and to make this this project a much smaller and much more workable. Not seven story hotels and everybody's talked about that. The other thing is that I'm a little concerned about was that we kind of lost our right for public comment. We lost a minute. So everyone here is I don't know how many we got. We wrote 30, at least 30 minutes or maybe more. And for the next and hopefully for the next stage of their agendas, the discussion will not be cut off. So thank you very much. Thank you. Next week, a piece. The evening, we're going to see it. And members of the city council I name is Ward Johnson. I live at 436 Bellflower Boulevard and the Blue. The proposed strip mall that's at second. And PCH is yet another failed attempt by the property owner and another developer to put in another quick and dirty fix to get their money out so they can. They can. Which means it's a thing where they got in adequate parking and even the developer mentions that there's not enough parking. There are numerous other health food stores and gyms that people can access

easier than going to this new site that's being proposed. The proposed com. This proposal completely fails to offer any solution to mitigate the heavy traffic congestion. That is a huge issue here and only going to get worse if this thing is built. What kind of message does a strip mall send send to people coming into our city as an entry point? How can it pass in a year when? These architectural renderings that are being offered show north no parking space and are no space between the buildings for the birds to fly through or people to see the ocean. So is there another proposal that needs to go down? So until they can come up with something? Thank you, sir. Thank you very much. And before we go to the next speaker real quick, I just want to make sure. Are there any folks I know if the fire chief is here that are outside for see SIP and if there are? If there are. I want them. I want them to bring them in. I'm not the face. The fire chief here. Where did he go for a sip. Thank you. So then we are going to cut off the speaker's list and we are going to the lady in the back. Okay. She is out. She will be. Unless there's anyone else receivership. Now's the time. Okay. Okay. So Mr. Barnaby, the last speaker for Ccep and he is going once we're done. See SIP. That is the line. Yes. Please continue. Hi, my name is Marcos. I live in one more district. I know it's not near dip, but it's still part of Long Beach. And I'm here to support to sip see dip c 72. Very confusing. I go to USC, I'm studying urban planning, master's second year. It's planning is such a difficult thing to understand specific plans in particular. So sorry, I don't I'm not good at public speaking, but it's difficult to understand specific plan. So I understand when the public confused and they think that an eight story hotel is going to come in like tomorrow. So I understand also trust the council and I trust the planning commission and I trust the city that you guys are going to. Build something that connects to the wetlands and not just build the store, its story building that's not going to, you know, connect. So I just want to say I support the project, not the project. I support the specific plan. And

thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, counsel. My name's Melinda Cotton. I live in Belmont. Sure. You've heard a lot about density and traffic and height. And the words 60 feet and 80 feet have been used for the five storied seven story buildings. However, I discovered going through the plan today on page 70 of the development standards, there is a notation that says along PCH, architectural features up to an additional ten feet may be approved by the Site Plan Review Committee. So we're talking about even taller buildings than we were earlier. We're also told we will gain amenities through this plan. Those have never been quantified. We don't know how much a developer will be required to donate. We don't know what this will mean in real terms. And mo

st of us would probably agree that the amenities we have now offer fresh air and sky and trees and views of the mountains and wetlands are more important than where these are unknown amenities. And I think an important part of this is that the additional residences we're talking about are market rate. They are not a controlled in any fashion. So they're going to be affordable by the wealthy, by those who can use them for second homes. They will not be affordable for an average Cal State Long Beach graduate or the average worker or family, nor affordable for the low wage workers who desperately need housing. So we're being asked to take on more traffic congestion, more density, more competition for our existing struggling retailers. And they are struggling in Belmont Shore and we will lose the low scale structures and environment that now surround the wetlands. So I hope that you will rethink this and lower the height limits and try to help those who need help. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Michael James. Kathy. I reside on 1814 Clark Avenue. I was born and raised in Long Beach, California, and I've been adopted into the tongue verification in Canoe Family. Given the name, Halbert means the Seeker. So I want to speak on behalf of the Native Peoples of Long Beach. Performer and I. I see that so much of California's wetlands have been eaten up by increased development. Just inch by inch, by inch, by inch. And I fear that I'm opposed to this to the rezoning of sea, because I just see a further development that is not good for our wetlands and also paving the way for more oil extraction and fracking on a dangerous earthquake fault. The Newport Beach and Inglewood fault line right there and the constructions there are already going under liquefaction where there's constant movement of the land and sinking. And there's just is too complicated. It's very dangerous. And I want to see an improvement in the environment. So I'll just stop there. And I thank you all for listening. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. I'm Robert Fox. I'm the executive director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations. I'm opposed to this particular plan at the moment. The first reason is the outreach was inadequate, and that was because the database that you all had to use was not updated. We only recently got the current listing of neighborhood organizations to the city about seven months ago. So the process here was flawed. People didn't show up. You had maybe a little over 200 people in the community meetings. That can't be the judgment for this council, not 200 people. Besides which, I have a real problem that the the input from those meetings was not reflected in the staff's report. So I think we need it from now on to have an independent auditor like Laura Dowd do the counting and the metrics on any kind of an evaluation which happens at our our outreach meetings. I'm opposed to this also on

a structural basis. We have not made any infrastructure improvement issues on the table at this point in time. And we really need to think about this. It isn't a liquefaction zone. We don't have adequate sewers for the extra development. Eight storeys high next to the wetlands seems absolutely insane to me. I mean, 80 feet I mean, 80 feet tall, I think she said. But I mean, it's sort of like blocks in the Sunshine Law in San Francisco. You can't build a building that blocks out all of your son. So I'm concerned here about the density. I know that parking is horrible and I know the traffic is disastrous going through Second Street, and I'd love to mitigate that. So I will support anything which mitigates things where the quality of life for the citizens of Long Beach is improved. But I don't think that we need. A rush to judgment here because we're just coming up on the land use element. And when that comes up, we can discuss this. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. I have a. Point before my time starts. Next week, a. Piece for Christensen. But the point of order is we're talking to a particular agenda item one Blue Suzuki's appeal. There are several other agenda items under siege. Is there going to be public comment time regarding those? Well, there's one public comment period. Time for the city attorney continue for all items. So this is our only opportunity. This is. The crime. On the all of the agenda. Items on

the on the agenda items regarding C zip. Yes, correct. Okay. So now can I start my time, please? What's the point. Of your time is going continue. I will give you the time at the end. Go ahead. Thank you, Robert. I mean, Mayor. So so you should have received this from the Long Beach Area Peace Network. I'm not going to read it again. I might read the summary. What I will read, though, because Ms., Burdick made a point to say that the Veto Our Mineral. Partners project is not part of. This. I will read from the May 5th memo Anybody Own Memo stating that the specific Plan C CIP is designed to be consistent with the beach all mineral partners proposed restoration and consolidation project. She left out, of course, the word oil. This is an oil drilling plan embraced by a rezoning plan. There is no question about it. So I suggest that the elephants in the room, fracking earthquake pipeline breaks and sea rise, all of which the Coastal Commission wrote about and demanded that the Beach Oil Mineral Partners Project address should be at least in the back of your minds today. Now, what's in the front? It's Hispanic Heritage Day. We had some beautiful music. There's a history here. There's a heritage here. This room is filled with people from Hispanic heritage. What do they want? Sanctuary. Where do they want a safe place to work? Right. We all do. We want to be able to be safe in our employment. And this is this is my hope, peace and social justice, network speaking. We want safety for our workers. We want safety

for our darker kids. We want safety for our wildlife. We want safety for the what remains of. Native. American culture in the wetlands. We say leave it in the ground. Leave the 200 million barrels of oil that are folded in to this plant in the ground and the culture and the ground and and get unfortunately, you know, what wildlife doesn't have either. Thank you very much. All in the same boat. Okay. Thank you very much. Our last two speakers. My name is Mary Parcell. I'm here on behalf of El Dorado Audubon Local chapter of the National Audubon Society. This project is very complicated and Bob is included. When you read the sea tip, the sea sip this plan. Now. So it is very, very complicated. Our concerns have always been the wildlife, of course. Shopkeeper, road extension, the footprint of an extended shopkeeper road has a potential to impact existing neighboring wetlands, including jurisdictional wetlands, open space and biological input impacts of the project for analysis of the potential impacts to biological resources that would be created by the extension of Shopkeeper Road, including surveys for special status plants and animals have the potential to exist in the footprint of this roadway as proposed, so there could be cumulative and unintended problems with this. This is straight out of the California coastal conservancies concerns. We're concerned with birds and native plants. Redwing Road, winged blackbird, a particular species of the marsh, ran song sparrow, common yellow throat, American Kestrel Osprey, Northern Harrier Harrier White Tailed Kite Buildings Savannah Sparrow. What? Run out of my time before I can list all the birds that we love. And I was at an art event over the weekend with people from the fourth and fifth District. And person after person knows about the great blue herons that fly through the buildings. Not over seven stories. I think that's. You got to have some ways for the birds to get through. The great blue herons, the great egrets, the snowy egrets, the black crowned night herons, all of them, just individual people. And that's a representative our of our members that we value this. So thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Michael Bond. I'm a senior principal with Studio 111. We're a group of practicing architects, landscape designers and urban designers with a focus on revitalizing the city. I want to share that we were retained by the Alamo Bay Partnership. We, as Cedar See support was being developed, created a design or a vision for the 90 acres that the Alamitos Bay Partnership owns. We actually took that on the road and shared it with a lot of the community. And we wanted to also thank Susie Price for her interest in understanding the perspective. We were looking at the site. We've heard lots of concerns tonight about traffic and housing, and housing will be significantly less in terms of affecting traffic than any other use proposed on the site. And I wan

ted to provide some context. Keep in mind, Stony Brook Villas on Bellflower Boulevard, which has 471 units, has all four exits on Bellflower, and I've never seen congestion there. Marina Pacifica has 570 units with only one exit point on Second Street and that I've never seen Congestion, Channel Point Apartments, Pathways and Bixby Village and the Villages on the Green Total 773 units. They all exit on Bixby Village Drive. And I've never seen congestion there. I've lived and I've lived in Council District three for ten years, shop, bike and walk in this area in these areas. I also want to mention Whalers Cove and the Belmont Shores Mobile Homes Estates totaling 395 units, both exiting on loins in the same location or approximate location. And there's no congestion there.

Second Street has backups due to Caltrans controlling PCH. Caltrans is focused on moving traffic and moving it fast by either having local control or updating the traffic equipment and synchronizing with our city. We thank you very much. Deeply reduce the amount of traffic that exceeds. Thank you very much. On the cross streets. Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment and the public comment portion of the hearing. What we will do is or public comment is closed. We'll go back to the Council for deliberation and for moving forward on the hearing. So first up is Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I'm going to make a few comments and then we'll. There are multiple items associated with this particular hearing. So after hearing from my colleagues, I'd like to go into the specific items and motion those individually. But before I talk about some of the points that were raised during public comment, I do have a couple of questions for city staff. There were some mentions regarding the general plan and the timing of the general plan. And I know the low Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust has expressed some concerns about potential concerns. Between CCF and the General Plan. I've had an opportunity to speak with the City Attorney and Development Services staff about this, but if you could address that, I think that would be educational for everyone. Thank you. Council member. So over here at the staff table, I think we all agree with Ms. BLOCK and the land trust that the general plan is an important document. That's why the city is investing considerable resources into updating that document. At the same time, we have a disagreement about whether that prohibits this evening's action. From a planning standpoint, the areas of change that we're talking about are and land use district seven, which is a mixed use portion of the general plan. The uses we're talking about this evening are mixed uses. While some aspects of the general plan have aged, we don't find it to be meeting the standard for being inconsistent. Additionally, from a technical standpoint, I might can jump in. As a charter city, we're giving given a certain amount of latitude tha

t other cities that are general law cities are not given. So when we look at the sum of all the factors, there's no reason that we cannot proceed forward tonight. We do believe that the action in front of you is consistent with the existing adopted general plan. We also agree with the comment that it's important to update our general plan, and that's why we're hard at work doing just that and look forward to bringing that item to council in the coming months. Well, and I appreciate that. And later, when I make motions, I do intend to make a motion that's different than the staff's proposal in regards to the general plan. So I do want to hear from my colleagues, but I do believe having some assurance that there will be consistency and no conflict is important. And I want that to be part of the plan before we move forward. So I'll bring that motion, the specific language of my motion. There were some concerns regarding height and as the development services staff and I both know this, the email correspondence and the comments that have come back, some of them have lacked factual accuracy regarding the height issue. So can you please in regards to the hotel heights, Mr. Koonce, talk about what exactly the height limits will be and under what specific and narrow conditions a developer will be able to build a hotel at this location. And what sites? Sure. So there's as some of the speakers noted, there's a limited number of sites that are actually changing under this specific plan. And then the action in front of you, consistent with what the Planning Commission did, is a reduced intensity alternative. And the other change the Planning Commission did was they reduced height at the marketplace site. So for the marketplace site as well as the Golden Sail site, your height limit is five storeys. So for the other site, which is basically the Marina Pacifica shopping center as well as the properties on the other side, they're on the west side of PCH. So you've got the current Whole Foods location and that Regency Center and some adjacent property. On those limited properties, those two locations. If a hotel wanted to come in, they could, with the permission of the Planning Commission, reach a height of seven storeys on up to 15% on the of the site, and only if they included additional extraordinary public benefits beyond what is contained as a base requirement. So that could include a public pocket park that could include a sports or recreational facility that was open to the public. In addition to the hotel guests, it could include a performance venue, but it would have to be an additional public amenity and it would be limited to the 15% and are limited to those two sites that, in the view of the Planning Commission, was the appropriate compromise. So if I can interrupt you one moment, because I think you're moving into another thought. In addition, one of the other factors that could be considered by the Planning Commission in determining whether or not

to allow an application for seven storeys is a provision requiring moderate income and workforce housing. Is that one of the options that's available for someone applying to have seven stories? That could be an additional consideration, but it is limited to buildings that within that building contain a hotel use. And to finish that thought, the reason was brought up by a couple speakers that this is within the coastal zone. And the coastal zone includes all kinds of provisions. And we tend to think about the ones related to wetlands protection and coastal access, but it also includes provisions related to visitor accommodating and visitors serving use of. We as a city have an obligation to provide some type of incentive for possible hotel users in this area. The incentive that was available to us is providing them a little bit more height on a very small portion of it to select sites. And that's what's in front of the city council at this time. So the seven stories we're talking about is limited to two sites and could only be 15% of a total project on those two limited sites. That's correct. And it could only occur with the approval of planning commission, assuming that there are some of the amenities that you just include included in your list that are part of that project. That is correct. Okay. We. Okay. I just want to a few things. This project also creates a wetlands mitigation fund, which in my experience is very unique in terms of development projects and proposals. Can you talk about that a little bit? Sure. So the most recurring common theme that we heard during the outreach process was that the wetlands are very important and we need to find a mechanism not only to not build on them, but to bring them back to do restoration work. And I think all the parties agreed that that's important, but that's also costly. So what we wanted to do was find a way to exact a fee, which in a compliant legal way on new development that would incrementally help pay for the restoration work. So we've got a number of different wetlands out there in the area. There's some that are under private ownership and they would not be eligible for the use of these funds. But we have other wetlands that some are under the city's jurisdiction and some are under the Los Rito Wetlands Authority, which you set on their jurisdiction. And the issue for both those wetlands is a lack of funding to do things like invasive species removal, to correct the tidal flow, to do introduction of correct plant species. So in order to fund that work, what will happen is we will conduct a Nexus study and we will enact this fee in our research. We will be unique, at least here in the in the city, in the of cities in California. But we're confident that it's an important part of this plan because it's what we heard from the public was important. And as we develop that fee, we'll be sitting down with wetlands authority and with wetland stakeholders to make sure that we have a proper plan for

how those fees are going to be best utilized. Okay. And I will be making an amendment regarding that as well in terms of how we move forward with that fee. But I appreciate the explanation in terms of timing of future developments. You know, I think a lot of times we hear comments about the the density that's going to happen and the impact that that's going to have on traffic. Can you shed some light on what the realistic timing of future development is going to be in this seascape area? Sure. So this plan looks out all the way to 2060, but it also looks at tomorrow. So if the city council were to take a positive action this evening, the next step is for this plan to find its way to the California Coastal Commission, and we expect that certification process to take about a year. So after that, there are properties that are less encumbered and might be subject to development in what we in the planning world consider the short term. So in the next five years, for example, there's some possibility that portions of the marketplace could be redeveloped. But there are other properties, such as the Marina Pacifica Shopping Center, that are encumbered by long term leases, including to a grocery store, which typically is a lease that cannot be broken. So that development is 20 years away. So what we're talking about is a plan that's going to suit our needs today, but also well into the future. And in terms of the amount of development that the folks will see in the next five years, it's not zero, but I would describe it as limited. Okay. Thank you. So I want to start off by thanking staff, especially Christopher Coons, for his work on this project. I became involved in this project in 2014, actually, before I took office. And Ms.. Cantrell, I know you sent in an email out with some allegations about my my involvement in this case. And I'd be happy to share with you that I've been involved with this project since before resuming or commencing office, and worked with the city attorney and the PPC to make sure that I could get involved in this project and be actively involved in this project. Happy to share all those letters with you. But all of that to say that I have worked really closely with staff from the first day until today, and I can tell you that never before have I experienced a staff member who has been such an amazing community partner. And it's Christopher has met with everybody. I'm going to talk a little bit about the process in a moment. And

the plan that is before you today is a much, much different plan than the plan that was initially proposed. And I'll talk a little bit about why that is. And that didn't come about in a vacuum. And it certainly wasn't something that was decided on at the Planning Commission meeting alone. The plan that's before you today came. As a result of many, many discussions that city staff has had with community partners. And I'm really grateful for their leadership. This process actually started in 2004 with

the Study Group and the old plan, which I'm very grateful to. Jan Hall, who's here today, was passed in 1977 and has lasted decades and served us very well, and it's no longer sufficient to meet the vision and the values of the current time. And that was the decision that was made in 2004, way before any of us were involved in the decision making for the plan. That's tonight. That's before us tonight. This process started out for us in 2014 as CDEP and it was changed to see CIP. And it is obviously a very significant specific plan for the city of Long Beach and for the third district because it is where we housed the most precious and greatest opportunity for wetlands restoration and preservation and also economic development for the city. The plan being considered tonight was developed after three years of outreach, including 50 community meetings and countless one on one constituent meetings, not just with city staff, but with myself and my team. I cannot tell you how many times I've received telephone calls from people who are here tonight, some of whom actually went to the podium and said that they're opposing the plan, requesting a meeting with me the next day at the 11th hour, asking for my time, asking for me to meet with them repeatedly on the same issue. And it's it's it's unfortunate to me that despite the shaping of the plan, based on their input, to get us to the place where at tonight that they're still in opposition, I certainly had hoped that we would have been able to acknowledge the progress that was made in the plan as a result of their input. But as with all things I know, sometimes it's not. It's difficult to acknowledge the positive and much easier to highlight the negative. But in any event, staff's initial initial proposal on size up was 30% more density than it is now. And the rich and original recommendation they made was 5 to 7 stories, not 3 to 5 stories. Where we are today is as a result of the input that we received, and I'm very grateful for where we have landed. This proposal fixes shortcomings and encourages consistency in expectations. The proposed plan corrects the shortcomings of the original plan. Preservation of the wetlands was not as much of a priority in 1977 as it is today. And I say that because of the focus that we have had on wetlands preservation, conceptual design and restoration that's happened over the last five years, that has not happened in this city before. And in fact, again, some of the speakers tonight, Miss Cantrell, had talked about there being no development on the wetlands since CDEP was created in 1977. And that's absolutely not true. There has been development in the wetlands since 1977 that should have never happened on the wetlands. And this plan helps us restore that and make sure that doesn't happen. Under the old plan, residential and commercial developments on open wetlands were possible. And indeed, we have less open wetlands now than we would have had had we adopted a

plan to preserve them. The current proposal allows those areas to be protected and limits development opportunities sites. A specific plan created for this area establishes requirements for anyone who seeks to develop in this area, and those requirements are based on the desires and preferences expressed by the public. And yes, it's true, 200 people attending a community meeting certainly does not reflect the population of 500,000 in the city of Long Beach, but 200 people attending a community meeting, hundreds of people attending 50 community meetings is very significant in a particular district. I have seen outreach unlike that anywhere else in the city that it takes. Having a specific plan removes the variability that we see with developers seeking variances and exemptions. Everything is set beforehand and developers have a reasonable expectations on what the community and the public want. I want to thank some of the developers and their representatives who are here today, because I will tell you originally when they proposed plans three years ago, I made it very clear to them that the plans that they were proposing would not be something that I would support. And although because of tonight's appeal, I was precluded from expressing a solid opinion on this case prior to tonight, I made it very clear that I would not support a 5 to 7 storey height limit. Or the density options that were provided in the original proposal, rather than looking at projects on a case by case basis which can be inconsistent and based on different owners are stronger lobbyists or other special interests. The characteristics of a particular project are difficult negotiations. Instead of all that varied variability, a specific plan sets all the

requirements before anyone proposes a project and bases those requirements on the specific wishes of the community. This particular element that's being proposed tonight is consistent with the vision that was laid out in 2004 and again when this process started with our stakeholder committee in 2014. Based on the vision developed by the community, this plan is forward thinking and embraces what we have stated in the vision. Examples of these elements include view corridors, public open spaces, wetlands preservation, wetlands, buffers of 100 feet, native planting, bird safe building treatments which I know the Audubon Society reached out to me specifically and requested and we made sure was included and most importantly, limits development to existing developed areas, meaning our wetlands will not be built upon. Most importantly, this plan allows for the creation of a wetlands restoration and monitoring fund that every new development will have to pay into. Among the items expressed as priorities in the community vision, this plan will create a gateway into the city that is more reflective of the beauty and charm of this area and will provide a moderate amount of new housing as highlighted in the staff report, which is much needed

for the entire city. And it will also enhance our shopping restaurants and other retail opportunities. The plan addresses height, in my opinion, responsibly and gradually, and I would have never approved the recommendation that was initially proposed by staff for 5 to 7 feet. From the beginning, I have expressed to city staff that I was looking for a lower height alternative. The reality that heights up to 12 stories were once considered for this area prior to my serving on this council. Continues to perplex me. I'm not even sure how such a proposal would have made it to the Council for a vote. It's unclear to me because I cannot see a situation where my community would have supported that. This is not an area where downtown level heights make any sense and they don't reflect the community. I'm very pleased that the Planning Commission recommendations and staff's recent proposal limiting the height to five storeys for almost all except two of the parcels of land. This height is reasonable and goes to great lengths to set up community benefits with art, park, open spaces and commitments to our wetlands in exchange for future developments to be allowed. Additionally, if properties commit to even greater public benefits and are one of only a few properties further from the wetlands, they could build up to 15% of their property to seven storeys only if a hotel is included on that property. This would require major commitments from developers and huge investments in public outdoor benefits. Residents have again and again said they want like parks. Art view. Corridors, wetlands support and many other things that we would need. We will we would do. If we had that opportunity for any additional development. Large buildings that are seven stories tall is not something I would support. It is not something the community supports, and it is not something that this project allows for. Limiting heights in this area is extremely important because of the existing low height and keeping the area consistent and not creating a heavy burden of new residences, but also in preservation of wildlife needs and bird flight paths. Height has been a significant consideration at every stage of this process, and it has been reduced and reduced again many times, and requiring major investment in public outdoor amenities and open space in exchange for any expanded height. There's been a great deal of concern regarding traffic at this intersection, and rightly so. This is an area of major concern. The current proposal addresses this concern. The recommendation by Planning Commission reduced density by 30%, which I fully support, and I commend them on that recommendation. This recommendation alone will reduce traffic impacts. Future development is also capped on a per acre basis based on peak vehicle trip generations. This is better, in my opinion, than a first come, first serve basis that might result in developments that are less thought out or not fully contemplated. More t

han 300 square feet of residential development has also been removed from the plan, further reducing maximum development and traffic connection of Shopkeeper Road to Studebaker Road is also part of this plan which will further reduce traffic pressures. Additional. We expect the plan will include many traffic design and engineering elements to alleviate traffic. These include breaking up super blocks to allow for access off of Second Street, adding multi-modal transportation options and infrastructure, and working with Caltrans to allow better city access to control controls over traffic signals at the intersection of Second and PCH. It is believed that changing the traffic signal timing alone can improve traffic flow by 5 to 7% from the current conditions. This is around the level when most motorists would start to see a difference in traffic flow. It's rare to get developers, property owners, environmentalists and residents together to collaborate on a single project. This project did that. It's also rare and frankly unheard of to have a final project that all of these entities would

applaud together as a victory. And I don't believe that that will happen tonight. But to me, it is also a success because the public process led to a reasonable middle ground that does not lead to massive development tomorrow, but rather slow developments improving our community gradually over the next 40 years. This is not a max use of this area of land. It's a modest increase proposal which will allow redevelopment but do so in a way that is balanced and meets the needs of the communities along with preservation of the habitat. This plan includes provisions from every stakeholder and group and in my opinion, effectively embraces the vision we have set out to accomplish in 2014. I want to thank the people who came out to speak in favor and opposed to the proposal tonight. Your input is valuable and whether you said it at the podium or not, we spent a lot of time together and your opinions and thoughts are reflected in this proposal. You know that even though you didn't say it, many of you with whom I met repeatedly after work late evenings at your request, you know that what you asked for is in this proposal. I know it and you know it. You didn't say it at the podium, but that's okay. This is a great proposal, and I ask my colleagues to support it. Thank you very much. Council member Councilor Maria Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. And I, too, want to thank everyone who came out today. If nothing else, it's your ability to engage in civic engagement with the city of Long Beach and anywhere you go. It's a democratic process, and that's what it's all about. And I'm glad that you're here, and I'm glad that you shared your comments with us because that's how we get to work things out. The decisions behind all we hear are not always easy, and they haven't been. This one is one of those that is not easy. Some comments that were made that were inaccurate I have to address

. Yes, I was. And I continue to be a member of the Coastal Commission and I did address the issue of the Belmont Pool and its height. That height is obviously a concern, and I know it will be a concern to the Coastal Mission Coastal Commission once it gets there. One of the things that I looked at immediately on this project was one of the heights that we're talking about and talking about five stories. So if if Chris can please answer by stories means what? What would be at the maximum height of a five story building? So a typical five story building could be in that 55 foot range. It could go up to 60 feet, which is four stories at ten feet each and a larger 20 foot bass story. So similar to the existing Marina Pacifica condos that are just across the waterway from a portion of our areas of change. Okay. So currently as proposed, the height limitations would not be increased significantly other than it sounds intimidating that we have five storeys. Is that correct? That's correct. In staff's view, it's not significant. It certainly was an area of great discussion and the heights have been adjusted down throughout the process in response to that great discussion we had with the public. Earlier, the panel mentioned 80 feet. So I mean, we're nowhere near 80 feet. So we're I think we're we're in a good place. The other aspects of this plan that I was looking at is also in terms of those that are mainly concern to also the Coastal Commission. And the only reason I'm saying that is because included in this plan is a modification of the LCP. The local coastal plan, which will again go to the Coastal Commission, will actually will look at again, I had a unique opportunity here to have to bite at this apple in the sense of visiting and revisiting this project from two different points of view. And so what I'm trying to do is try to get a sense of where we can possibly land in a good place. This plan right here, from what I can see, addresses all of the issues that would be concerning me. And Councilmember Price has mentioned those. In fact, I have all of these bullet points and I could check them off a sheet as she was discussing them in terms of mitigating traffic. Also, one thing that was not mentioned, I was but it was it wasn't addressed in a very direct way. But Susie, the mere phrase it because remember Price and I both said on the wetlands lottery with wetlands authority and in that we also deal with some of the concerns that people have with the wetlands. One of the main things that also was brought up by the appellant was about the the size and the and the concerns of oil drilling there. Well, I can say that not many people know that the owner of those drills gave the city 100 acres of land to go towards wetlands, and it was donated to us and they only wanted to keep five acres of that. So we have an additional 100 acres of wetlands that we can restore. And the best part I like about it is that there's going to be some money going into a restora

tion fund that will help in that restoration process. So I think it's a wonderful opportunity for us to make developers responsible for their development by giving back. I see a lot of also here that there's there's a public benefit to all of this. There's a public benefit in providing additional access and providing bicycle lanes and providing those opportunities for people to come to Long Beach

and enjoy all the resources and amenities that we have to offer here. So having said all that, I think that they can support this project. I know that Councilmember Price has some additional amendments that she would like to make. We discussed some of those. I think I can support those. But hopefully when we come down to the vote that we could get the support of our colleagues to endorse and support this project to go out and talk to customers. We're probably there'll be some additional changes coming because of, of course, commission rules and amendments and the and the Coastal Act that will come into play for that. So thank you very much. Thank you.

Councilmember Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I just want to chime in with a couple of thoughts. So, one, I you know, I remember when this conversation was before the last council and we followed it and it you know, and it's good to see how far the conversation has come. It's clear to me that, you know, the local councilmember Councilman Price, has put a lot of time into engaging, understand this issue, saying pretty much anything that would need to be said on this. You know, Chris, if this is indicative of the work that we're to expect with the without plan and some of the work there, we're really excited about that. But there's one area that I do want to you know, it's a bit it's a burning question on my mind and a lot of people's minds. And I noticed that there was some focus on, like bird migratory patterns and bird activity, correct? That's correct. Okay. So so maybe you can answer this question for me. Do Birds of a feather. Actually flock together. We're looking forward to finding out in our great spaces that we're going to create in this area. Thank you. Thank you for your time on this. Thank you. Councilmember Pierce. Yes. Thank you for the laugh. Vice Mayor, I want to also echo Councilmember Price's comments. I sat on that side the last time the second PCH project was here and know very well that this is a very different project than was here before. And I want to say how much I appreciate all of those that have reached out to my office, which has been a small handful. And the list of comments that I have that have emailed in have all been in support as well. I know I've met with Mayor Bob and and a couple of other groups. And so, you know, I think that we've come a long way in talking about community benefit agreements, which wasn't a phrase that we even used before, that we've come a long way in trying to put together a process that is inclusive. And unfortunately, sometime

it's frustrating because it's hard to get everybody in. This is the story of tonight, right? Everybody to work together towards the same vision. And I do agree that this project does that. And I think that staff has worked really delicately in trying to move that process forward. I won't take up too much time. Besides saying that I know that the councilmember is working with you all and there'll be some changes at the end. I look forward to hearing those, but I'm really happy to see that we've taken a longer step and a slower process and that there's still opportunities in the future to even make this project more fitting for the neighborhoods on each piece. So I welcome that process. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Yes. I want to say that I've enjoyed being a part of this process. There have been meetings throughout the city. One of the meetings that I attended was so. Long ago that the council, as it is today, has different. Members on it. And I was on the council at that time. And so I appreciate the public input. I appreciate that meetings happened throughout the city, not just in the third district. And I'm glad to hear that. So many of the original comments were included in the plan. I know that. Often community members believe that their comments are not held. For the record, and I will only reinforce. What I've been discussing a lot in the community is your opportunity for comment. Every night when we sit down at the dais, we receive a packet of comments on any agenda item that anyone uses online. And that's a really thoughtful way to put your your comments into the record in addition to coming forward and speaking. And so I would just continue to encourage that because we read those. And as you can tell, we listen at those meetings and the changes have been made and so great. Work to our staff. This has been a long process. We really appreciate you and all the work that you've put in, great work to the community getting to this point. And I hope that when we see the progress in the direction that we're looking towards, that we see that as a win in the right direction because not everyone can get everything all the time. So congratulations to everyone who got something in this plan. Thank you. Thank you. And Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you. At this time, I'm going to make a series of motions and would ask for my colleagues support. First motion. It would be on the first. Would the clerk like to read that item or should I? Okay. So recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Deny an appeal by Warren was off ski on behalf of Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development and adopt resolution certifying IIR 02-16 selecting the reduced intensity alternative making findings of fact, adopting a statement of overriding considerations and

approving a mitigation, monitoring and reporting program for the Southeast Area Specific Plan State Clearinghouse Number 2015101075k. There's a motion and a

second on this. Already we've done public comment. Members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries, Councilwoman. Motion carries. Thank you. Hearing to communication from City Attorney Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing and declare ordinance. Amending the Long Beach Municipal Code regarding vacant lots. Read for the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading Citywide. Okay, we're going to go to a short staff report. Yes, Mr. Mayor, short staff report given by Larry Rich. By Alison this time. Good evening. Mayor, and members of the City Council. I'm here to update you on the vacant lot registry ordinance. That's before you this evening. Just a quick background to remind you that, as you know, vacant lots, especially those that aren't well-kept or maintained, are associated with decreased perceptions of neighborhood safety as well as decreased neighbor nearby property values. And in 2016, this council requested the city manager to explore feasibility of doing a citywide vacant lot registry ordinance to address those impacts. That secured a list of 2100 potential vacant lots from the county researched vacant lot registries across the country. And as you heard back in June, our findings were that only 618 of those original and 2100 lots were actually eligible for the program. And that was assessed through GIS, through aerial photography, and through our own city records. And then we did a random sample in the field and got a 98% accuracy rate based on this information. We came forward on June 13th to share those findings and got direction from the council who asked the city attorney to draft a vacant lot registry ordinance. That ordinance is before you. This evening. It would establish a new chapter in the Municipal Code. Chapter 18.29 Owners that meet the definition of a vacant lot would be required to first register with the city, pay a monitoring fee, provide suitable fence around the lot to prevent nuisance activities and establish maintenance requirements such as being free of weeds, brush, dead vegetation, junk, graffiti, etc.. The fee was established in the 18 master fees schedule at 52, \$52.67 a month. And there will be procedures for specific community serving users to be exempt if the vacant land owner does allow that community serving use at the direction of the Director of development services and Code Enforcement will be implementing those program and inspecting periodically. As you've already heard, there are many co-benefits to activating vacant lots, including to improve our sustainability and resiliency as a city. This is being brought forward with the item you just voted on now are urban ag incentive zones. So that will be one of the primary ways to get an exemption out of the registry is to allow your property to be used for five or more years for the Urban AG Incentive Zone program. We know that our local food, our f

ood, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, travel thousands of miles to get to to the fork. And so it's really important to help reduce our vehicle. Miles traveled by increasing access to local food, which also helps activate those vacant lots for positive community supporting uses. With that, I'm available to answer any questions you might have. Thank you very much. I'm going to go to well, before I actually go to vice mayor, let me is there any public comment on this saying please come forward? This is on the empty lot. Hearing. That ain't working. Anyway. My name is Robert Pete and representing the Lord. Okay, that sounds good, you know. Well, it doesn't sound good, because it's more. More fees. More fees for the people who own the vacant lot. And there would be property owners while they have to have more fees. Why can't it be something without that? They're going to need the money, because if you put it in rent control, you know, rent control and you push it for doc, you pushing for other people to have their tax dollars and the ones who pay the most taxed taxes are the middle class, and they'll probably be the ones who own those lots, you know, so dang, man, you guys don't look nobody not you know, the women are more men than some of the young men, you know. Look, somebody nine when we talking to you. Hey, thank you. Now, man, you. Know. Hey, but hey, at any rate, mayor, what's up with the more fees your you chase just JetBlue out you're going for doc you want you have everything on American you shouldn't go on for these shouldn't be any more of a mayor and nothing just you need to quit. Janine Pearce needs to quit. That's that that's not good for the middle class of the city. So we've got to stay on the topic of the topic. Don't don't take any more of my seconds. So that's not good for the middle class because you take in more fees, give them a warning. Is something figure something out where we can talk, you know, have a forum, but stop charging people is sucking the city dry. That's what you're doing. And you always want to talk. When I get up here every time, I don't feel people are too calm, you know,

chattering and all that. That's how you do. Did you get caught in class doing that? You're a doctor. You didn't do it in class. Don't do it here. Class was practicing for here. So if you didn't do it in class, don't do it here. Okay? Now, and since you've made you a leader, you need to talk to that man who turned his back, Al Austin, about the law. And this is for this because it's the whole thing, because the man, they have a three strike law and he tried to jump somebody the other day at the church. So we've got to do the hearings, sir. Yeah, I know we got to do that, but I got to get him. Hey, you guys got to see that, you guys. We got we. You have to talk to him. Okay, so, hey, let's cut down the fees, cut down the fees and do more for the middle class because that's going to help the lower class, less communism. Go back to what you or

iginally were pretending to be. Remember when you were getting all that money from Republicans that go back to that, you know, you repent, read your Bible. Are you talking about straight? Talk about the hearing? I'm talking about you now. That's that's unfortunately not on the agenda. Well, I don't think I could do that because I'm leaving. But Jesus is where I. Read your Bible, son. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker. Charles Moore. Again, I just wanted to point out that the way that we encouraged Bacolod owners originally to become part of the program back in 1994, 1995, was to avoid the cost of hiring someone to come in and do weed control on their properties. Mother Nature is very prolific and we'll take vacant land and turn it in to a very high level of fire danger in a very short time. And for that reason, the city requires that landowners and they receive notice in the mail that they have to mitigate this fire danger, and that costs money. So the way that we were able to encourage landowners to participate in our program of turning their vacant lots into organic community gardens was to tell them that there would they would avoid having to hire anyone in order to mow or poison the weeds on their property. So I just want to point out that in a way, this ordinance will avoid a cost to the property owner rather than increase them. Thank you. Thank you. C no, the public comment. We're going back to the council. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just quickly, the idea here is there is a cost of vacant lots. And a lot of times you have absentee landlords who are not as concerned about the impact on property values, the impact on the neighborhood. And so we ask that city staff model this after our vacant building monitoring, as well as our foreclosure registry, which had a chance to work on when I was chief of staff to Councilman Neal. And in talking and thanks to the original Cosigners, I know Councilwoman Gonzalez worked with us on this. We think this could be a revenue generator in terms of helping to offset some of the cost that we encourage the city in trying to abate the blight, but also in in, you know, sort of a carrot to incentivize people to if you don't if you're not available on your site, you're not activating, you're not utilizing your site, then let someone else come on and receive the benefits of someone else activating your site. So I encourage City Council to support this. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I just want to say this is a great item as before as well. And I think staff for doing the extensive research on everything and not only vacant lots for urban agriculture, but for community service uses like public parks and economic development, which is great. So great job with this. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Andrews. Yes. Offhand, I'd like to know how many of these are in the sixth District. It's nice to have that on hand. I don't have the number in front of me, but I can get that for y

ou. I would appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you. So, you know the public comment, there's a motion and a second. Please cast your vote. Thank you. Hey, next up is we're going to move on to item number 41. Report from Human Resources, a recommendation to adopt a resolution approving the terms and conditions of employment for members of the Association of Long Beach Employees Bargaining Unit pursuant to Government Code Citywide. Hey, guys, as we exit, as we exit, we need to be respectful. The meeting's still going on, so all conversations need to go outside. Thank you. Eating all conversations. Going to go outside. Thank you. We're going to go ahead and go on. Call me about respectful tactics. Respectful. Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay. We're going to move on with the meeting item 41, please. There you are for. Madam. Quick read the item one more time, please. Sure. Report from Human Resources recommendation to adopt a resolution approving the terms and conditions of employment for members of the Association of Long Beach Employees Bargaining Unit pursuant to Government Code Citywide. Thank you, Mr. West. Mayor, Mayor, council. Members who have a report from. Our H.R. director, Alex Vasquez. As well as our contract attorney for this area, Meuser. I'm working with the city attorney's office regarding the Alvey contract. Alex. Good evening, mayor and council. I'm going to introduce Ken Walker, our labor

relations manager. He's going to give a brief report and then we're happy to answer any questions regarding this item. Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council, City Manager and representatives of the Association of Long Beach Employees Albi have met 14 times since October 1st of 2016 to negotiate an initial memorandum of understanding at the Council's directions. The city made its last purse and final offer to Albi on September 13, 2017. Albi rejected the city's last person final offer on September 28, 2017. City management is requesting that the resolution authorizing the implementation of the city's last person final offer be approved by the City Council. Some of the major proposed terms and conditions of in the last person final offer include a general wage increase of 2% effective October 1st, 2016. Another 2% general wage increase effective October 2017. It included some particular interest of Albi and specialty pays included the increase of standby pay from \$1.50 to \$2 an hour, increased the higher class pay from \$0.80 to a dollar 60 an hour, and expand the put replacement program for each member of the skilled and general bargaining unit. Some of the other major provisions also increased the employee contribution to a two health plan, as well as providing 350 hours of union release time for the ALBY Association. Adoption of the resolution authorizes implementation of the city's last person final offer, but will not and cannot establish a new MRU and will change some of the terms and conditions of employment under which the parti

es are currently operating. This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Councilman Price, anything? No, thank you. Councilman Roston. I just had a couple of questions from secretary of our H.R. negotiators in terms of the process, as has the process. You mentioned you had went to the table 14 times. Yes, we did. And we are here this evening to. Because we've reached an impasse there, correct? Yes, we have. And I would just try to explain please explain what an impasse means at this point in terms of the bargaining process. I'm sorry. Good evening. Members of the council. This is. My name is Ephraim Rodriguez Morris. I'm your outside counsel on the negotiations. Impasse means that the parties have reached the point in the bargaining process where there is no future, no no ability to reach an agreement, and either party can declare impasse. In this case, the Arab declared impasse after they rejected our last, best final offer. Okay. In terms of the council moves forward with the supporting the staff recommendation to improve approved the terms and conditions of employment, meaning the last person final offer, what does that actually mean and when would that go into effect? So what occurs is when one of the parties declares impasse. There are by statute in past resolution procedures that the parties can avail themselves of. In this particular case, Alba has elected to not request to go to mediation, and they've waived their right to go to a fact finding, which is a right that only the employee association has to exercise. So they've informed us in writing that they have waived both of those requirements. As a result of that, the city is now free to impose the terms of its last post final offer. The terms, as you see in your staff report, are reflected therein. They will go into effect prospectively after council adoption. Okay. So actually adopting this this resolution this evening would actually provide a raise for employees that haven't had a raise for a long time yet. Yes. So the terms of the last best final offer provide for a 2% retroactive raise to October one, 2016, and a 2% raise effective October one, 2017. This is consistent with the raises that the Council has directed with respect to other non sworn personnel in the city. So other bargaining units in the city of Long Beach have have accepted these terms and conditions? That is correct. All other bargaining unit of non 12 bargaining units have accepted these terms and conditions. I mean it. And now I want to be. Clear, sir, it's it's not public comment yet, but I'll call you up. Are we talking? I didn't write the terms and conditions or we are. Does every bargaining unit have some sort of variation? Bargaining unit have some level of variation. So in this particular case, in terms of the bargaining history, we did the 2% salary increases for against the we're imposing October one, 2016, October one, 2017. But we also addressed some specific issues that Alba had raised with respec

t to stand by, pay the higher classification, pay issues to address some specific issues that they had raised at the table currently, including the replacement program. So we did have some variations that are unique to them, similar to what we have that are unique to other bargaining unit. Okay. Thank you. Have no further questions. Okay. Okay. Thank you. We'll take public comment now, sir. Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council, I respectfully disagree with the movement presented. With and the evidence is. In your should be in your book. Let's turn to page two of the summary. First of all, we didn't meet 14 times. We met 21 times. Maybe they lost count. If you'll look at the summary

in your summary, it says On overtime, the bargaining unit agrees to meet and confer over changes to the city overtime policy. You don't agree when you get imposed on it, says a representation team of 350 hours with no carryover hours. In the actual offer that you have presented to you, it says you can carry over 100 hours. The other problem is, is tonight and I would have brought this up earlier, but you've taken a short order, you're going to prove to agreements that do both those agreements, do something that we were told at the table couldn't be done. It gives money before October one of 2016. It gives a 3% lump sum bonus to both the engineers and the city attorneys. And we were told that absolutely couldn't be done. I guess they meant it absolutely couldn't be done for al-Libi. You also need to know the sequence here, and I guess we got to perp later to to prove that to you. I don't expect you to just take my word for it. I just want to file charges and take you the perp. But there were two. All you need to ask best and final offers. You get to make one. You made it three your last, best and final offer and didn't bother to make the one year until we went to our membership and voted and any negotiator was out of town. And I understand everybody has out of town commitments they have to go to. I get contacted by Ms.. Baskett and she says she's going to talk to us. So I just ask if she has a 30 and she writes back and says, no, she has no authority, but she thinks it would be good to meet. Well, why would you meet with somebody that didn't have the authority to change anything that was in the offer? So as a courtesy, we voted your second offer. You only get to make one, but we voted your second offer because I could tell she didn't believe I told her. I think the title of the email I think I sent it to all of you was Dead on Arrival. Well, the first your first three offer failed by an average of 96% voted against it. You picked up a few extra votes in the in the skilled and basic general unit. The second time around, you got 91% no and still 96% in refuse. And what you didn't get told by tonight is you can do this tonight, I suppose, and we can all go to and fight about it later. But this does nothing to interdict the union's right to engage in protected, concerted

activity. Now, I accuse you the last time I was here of being tone deaf, and I'll tell you, I said that I was here on September 5th. We made our offer on the 31st. You didn't consider it or see it to the 12th. None of you even knew what it said. And then you rejected it and came up with, Oh my God, we forgot to make one year we can only impose a one year. So then you came up with it with a one year, and we voted as a courtesy and our. Members said no. So think about what you would do if somebody tried to force something on you that 96% in 91% of your members had said no. Think of what you would do and imagine what these people are going to do. Thank you, sir. This is the wrong approach. Thank you so much, sir. Thank you so much. Any other public comment on this item? Seeing none. Mr. Motormouth. Mr. Modica, is Mr. Mayor, we would like a. Chance to talk specifically to the question about the 3% one time, so I'd like to ask Irma to discuss that. The 3% one time payment was not offered to this or the members of the ALBA because they received a 3% one time payment in 2015 when they were still members of the IAM. And so for purposes of parity inequity with all the other civilian unions, that was not made as an offer to them because we want to ensure that our employees as a whole understood that that was sort of the parameters that had been directed to us. So we did not provide a 3% one time payment to the ALBA because those members had already received it in 2015. Okay, thank you. There's a motion and a second on the floor. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Moving on, we're going to go back and do public comment. So it is David Pender here. I'm sorry. Forget it. Forget the name. Correct. And next next up we'll have is Penelope or Arianna, then Rob, Pete. Thank you. Can I just make one motion for all the rest? I'm joking. Item number 12, please. Report from police recommendation to. Execute an. Agreement with the Long Beach Community. College District to provide law enforcement security services and an estimated amount of \$3,000,102. 526 districts. Five and six. Thank you. And this motion. District five and. Okay, fine. All right. It's been moved and seconded. Any public comment on this item? Larry. Good. You while I support this item. I think it's good to keep in mind. And it's a reminder, though, notwithstanding the good effort the police department have, the ranks, the numbers of the police are down at a all time low. And it's going to be, what, 3 to 4 years before we're back up there. And it what sharpens. This is what happened on the blue line two days ago. Which was I? One of probably the worst experiences I've seen when the train left. PCH for Willow took about six and a half minutes and there was a very violent in terms of conduct and language mail attacking verbally and walking back and forth and threatening or using language, in your words. That has never crossed my lips or anybody I know of. And th

at continued on. And it's a matter of record. I've called the MTA, wrote rid of written a letter. It call also the police. Right then there was no police on the station at PCH, none at Pacific Coast Highway, none in Willow. When the train pulled into Willow, I walked up to knocked. I left one part of the car, walked up to the front, took the bike, walked up, knock on the door. The driver asked him to call the police and his response was and he had heard that and he said, well, he hasn't hurt her yet has he . So forth. And I suggest I told him to call the police. He would not. And I told and this is going to be your last day of work. If that if he didn't do that, that underscores the need of addressing the situation and taking the police that we. Are assigned to the police to the through line, which we don't have. They weren't there. And more often than not, not not there. Over and above the fact that transit policing is a specialized detail. And this council needs to step up to that fact and realize it and take the necessary steps to return the policing of the transit system to the trained professionals under Sheriff McDonnell. And there's the the approach every major city in the world has, i.e., a specialized trained force. To ride the transportation, which very few of these council members ride. Thank you. Thank you. So that concludes public comment. Members, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Before we proceed, I move that we reconsider item number 11. And unless someone is second second, the motion to reconsider. Is. Not yet. We have to vote on the reconsideration. Could somebody second reconsideration? What do you have to say? Vocally, I say okay. Reconsider is not debatable. Right? I'm sorry. The question I have to reconsider. There's a potential conflict of interest. We have to vote on the reconsideration before we take the item, correct? That's correct. Okay. So any discussion on the reconsideration saying nonmembers members raise your hand if you're okay with reconsideration of item number 11. Okay. Madam Clerk, it looks like that approved. That's unanimous. So let's reread item number 11. And yeah, I remember Linda, please. Report from Economic Development Recommendation to approve the downtown Long Beach. Parking and Business Improvement. Area Annual Report. Continuing the assessment for the period of October one. 2017 through September 30th, 2018, Districts one and two. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, and I apologize. I didn't I didn't even think about it, but I have to excuse myself. My partner Adam is a member of the DLP. Thank you. So we'll give in a moment so she can exit the room. Thank you is removed by Councilmember Pearce and seconded by mongo. Any public comment on this scene? Members please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Councilman, you can return back to the room. I have a number 13 police. On the. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. 1823 Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Price, Coun

cilman Andrews, Councilman Austin. Recommendation to work with Pacific Gateway, work for Workforce Investment Network to provide access to free checking and savings accounts and conduct financial literacy education to all youth participants in Long Beach workforce development programs and report back in 90 days. Vice Mayor Thank you. And so one of the bullets in the economic blueprint under under economic inclusion talk specifically about increasing financial literacy and wealth building opportunities for young people in disadvantaged families. So this proposal tonight, as a part of that everyone in package specifically has a focus on youth. Young people are apt to be receptive to learning about the fundamentals of financial literacy. Teaching them how to manage a checkbook can can go a long way with in a young person's life. People often say, if I had known this when I was younger, well, we have no excuse because we have the captive audience of literally thousands of youth. I remember our first job it was in I know my mom's probably at home watching because she watches every council and council meeting. She probably remembers. I worked at Nickel. Nickel didn't work, work there very long, but a lot of a lot of folks come with their first job. That's an arcade, by the way. A nickel arcade a lot. I'm not that old. I'm not that old. It was a it was old video games but I'm a lot comes with your first job your first check comes with your first job. Sometimes your first checking account comes with the first job. And in Long Beach, nearly a thousand youth participate in our Pacific Gateway workforce and that investment network, youth and employment programs every year. And for them, for many of them, it's their first job. So with an audience of youth that already have jobs and are already earning money, we need to make sure that we are taking that opportunity to provide them with valuable financial decision making advice. We've been doing our research and speaking with Pacific Gateway, and currently there are some aspects of the financial literacy education already built into the program, but no access to information or direct, no access to certain information or direct connection to a free checking and savings account. So there are a number of partners who come to

mind to offer these accounts. But I'm I'm confident that PG Wynn can help sort out what works best for them. I know our Economic Development Committee chairman, commission chairman Randall has some ideas as well. So this is if this is successful, we can broaden this to other programs in the city, potentially all youth programming. But I think starting with youth jobs, a thousand youth in our city, I think that's a good a good target to start with. So that's my motion. Councilman Price. Thank you. I want to thank the vice mayor for bringing this item. I think this is a fantastic item. I love it. I think anything we can do to educate our youth and set them up for success is really nothing

but positive for our city. So I want to thank you for envisioning this item and for bringing it forward. I do want to suggest that we work. Obviously, we have a lot of banks in the city, but we have some uniquely well connected banks in terms of their history with the city of Long Beach. So they might be a good partner, at least as the pilot. Pilot. So farmers and merchants and other banks that really have a deep roots in the city would be I think they would I can't speak for them, but I think they'd welcome the opportunity to partner on something like this because it's a really great message. And I think these are the kind of life skills that will set these these young men and women up for successful futures. So I want to thank you for bringing this item. I think it's fantastic. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion and a second journey. Public comment on this item. Just one Mr. Good here. Please come forward. It's a commendable project, and I'm going to make one suggestion, tweak it a little bit, and it's based upon my own experience. When I first started working, making money, going out, knocking on doors, selling wallets, brown greeting cards, and then was at a paper out well then would caddy weekends, sometimes three loops a day. One of the things I would suggest the tweaking of this is I would not make the checking account or savings account free. I charge them a dollar or \$2. Instill in the lesson and instill the lesson. Nothing in this world is free, period. And many of those that are going to be taking advantage of this grew up, unfortunately. In an atmosphere where they're told or their parents were told, just keep popping out of kid. Don't worry about the expenses. We'll take care of you as long as you vote for us. All right. And that's in large measure. Not completely, but in large measure why we have so many of the problems. So I think charging a dollar or two for savings and then for the checking account would instill more that business sense and let them understand that nothing in this world is free. Thank you. Thank you. Senor, the public comment, please cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you very much. Next up is item 30. Communication from City Attorney Recommendation of Declare Ordinance Amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.17 relating to default beverages offered with children's meals. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading. Mr. City. Mr. City. Attorney. Thank you, Mayor. Members of the City Council. The document before you this evening and that was in your package has been amended at the request of both the councilmember from the second district and the Health Department. And the change occurs on page three of the ordinance as we further define milk or nondairy milk alternatives. Well, we would the new language would read nonfat or 1% milk or nondairy milk alternative that is under 130 calories per container and or serving offered for

sale. And with that change, we would submit the document. Okay. There's a motion and a second. Any public comment? So please cast your votes. Motion carries. In 38. Sergio Again. Yes, again, this is a the same kind of this is another property also by Raintree. This one out 127 through 135 East Broadway. Again the during the Jones period. It was discovered that a major dedication would be required. A reduction in the price of a \$1.3 million would be required. Again, this item has been available to cities, economists and yes, to the council members. Item notation a rain tree great porter in the city. Has actually been, you know, waiting patiently while we've been exploring the economic analysis of our third party consultant to make sure that the reduction in is was justified. They are ready to go and we will be breaking ground as soon as entitlements are received. So thank you very much to Raintree and their patients and looking forward to two great projects in the downtown and bring over 400 units to the downtown. So thank you very much. Thank you. Any further comment? So none Mr. Wood here. Forgive me, but that sounds, in other case, like flies on garbage. It reminds me of what we went through a few years ago when Don I the last Mr. Dean had a property and the city were saying, this is here to auction piece of property that nobody wanted, nobody wanted. And of course, the dean bought it. And within before the ink was dry, before the ink was dry, made \$1,000,000 in profit. And if that wasn't bad enough, if that wasn't bad enough, a few

weeks later, somebody else said, Oh, that orphaned piece of property has a cousin. And another piece of property that nobody wanted, nobody wanted they sold. And don't quote the exact I think the price was somewhere between 9 to \$0.11 an acre. That's almost as bad also as giving away the piece of property which the date is always memorialized in my room around the old hotel on a block from this convention center that nobody wanted and they gave it away for. I think it was a dollar. And that's easy to remember because that was the weekend of when Obama was in Cartagena and even the the ladies down there were holding out for their price. They didn't give up like this city council. One says. Sir, sir, you cannot sir, you cannot speak out during the council meeting I Well then you have to leave and go outside. It doesn't matter. You cannot sing or speak during the council meeting. Mr.. Good. To continue. To do. My apology. You know, it's not it's no wonder it's no wonder the that company came to Long Beach. And got the contract for, what is it, near \$10 million to build a parking lot? If he knew right where the garbage was. Right where the garbage was, right here. And then what if we find they had an extensive record of fraud, embezzlement, crime? They felt a long basis for police to come so forth. Thank you. There's a motion in a second, Councilmember Pearce. Yes, I did want to just take a little the opportunity that

I didn't take previously to say when I met with Raintree, I just really was excited about thinking outside of the box and going above and beyond what's required in a project like this. And so looking at the alleyways, talking about doing the mural, the walkability there, connecting the promenade to areas that we typically don't think to connect to, including the arts, and also thinking creatively about our parking challenges that we have. So I just wanted to publicly say I really appreciate the partnership that we've already started. So thank you. Thank you. Please cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Thanks again. And we're going to go ahead, go back to the regular agenda item 29. Report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation under the record, conclude the public hearing and accept statutory exemption. 17 Dash 136 Declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to A2 use read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading. Adopt a resolution to submit a request to the California Coastal Commission to certify and amend amendment to the Certified Local Coastal Program and adopt a resolution modifying the established development impact fee structure for 80 use citywide. Thank you. Stay safe. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For this item, we will have a staff presentation from Linda Tatum, our planning bureau manager, and Carrie Tai, our current planning officer. I'd like to introduce Carrie Tai, who will make the staff presentation for this item. Carrie has been assisted by the rest of our project team. Scott, Kinsey and Alexa. Carrie. Thank you. Good evening. Honorable Mayor Garcia and members of the city council. This is a continued public hearing from October 10th, 2017, and it's regarding a city initiated ordinance pertaining to local regulations for accessory dwelling units, which, as you know, the state of California required requires local jurisdictions to allow. I'm going to do a very brief background just for the benefit of the audience. But basically last year there were a series of state laws that were passed and that took effect January 1st of this year. And those laws mandated that local jurisdiction, local jurisdictions approve accessory dwelling units if they meet a certain set of standards. And it also prohibits cities from largely requiring parking for those accessory dwelling units. However, state law does allow for cities to adopt local ordinances to refine the state regulations, and that's what the staff is proposing at this point. Local ordinances have the ability to regulate lot size, the size of accessory dwelling units, processing requirements, and also details such as development impact fees and covenants that restrict the use of that accessory dwelling unit. So on July 6th, 2017, the Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a local accessory dwelling unit ordinance. The City Council c

onducted a public hearing on this item on October 10th, where the Council considered the Planning Commission's recommendation and also took public testimony via a public hearing. After City Council deliberation, the Council continued the item and requested that staff change several proposed standards. Those standards are minimum lot size, so to increase the minimum lot area for a property to be eligible for construction of an accessory dwelling unit from 4800 square feet to 5200 square feet. The second item was to increase the required open space from 25% of the gross floor area of the accessory dwelling unit to 30%. The third change was to reduce the maximum accessory dwelling unit size to 50% of the gross floor area of the primary dwelling or 800 square feet, whichever is less. And the Planning Commission recommendation, just to remind everybody,

was 1000 square feet. So the council asked us to reduce that. And lastly, the council asked us to look at requiring parking for accessory dwelling units in preferential parking districts. So I will talk a little bit about that. So the table on the screen as well as in the staff report details the standards that are in the proposed local ordinance as compared to state law. And as you can see, the list of standards includes minimum lot size, a lot with a light coverage, floor area ratio, etc.. The items highlighted in red are the city council requested changes to the Planning Commission's recommendation and so the minimum lot size at 5200 square feet and the open space at 30% of the size of the accessory dwelling unit. And there. We also. Had a pretty extensive discussion on generally the number of units, number of properties with single family homes that would be able to construct an accessory dwelling unit. And based on the lot size alone and not taking other details into consideration like light configuration, light shape. About roughly two thirds of residential lots with single family homes in the city could possibly be eligible for an accessory dwelling unit, but that's based solely on lot size. As mentioned, the Council also amended the Planning Commission's recommendation for maximum accessory dwelling unit size. There are two types of accessory dwelling units attached and detached, and this would mean that an accessory dwelling unit that is attached to a primary single family home would be limited to 50% of the size of the single family home or 800 square feet, whichever is less. There are some exceptions for if the primary dwelling unit is particularly small, but that that would allow an accessory dwelling unit of at least 640 square feet and then all detached ones would be limited to 800 square feet. So with regard to parking districts, as discussed in the staff report and at the prior public hearing, all the state law included many provisions about how cities can regulate parking. One of those is that any accessory dwelling unit located within a half mile of public transit does not require

parking. In fact, the state just does not allow the city to require parking. However, certain areas such as the coastal zone and the designated parking impacted area because required findings have to be made that not requiring parking for accessory dwelling units may negatively impact those areas based on their physical characteristics and their development patterns. The local ordinance does propose to require one parking space per accessory dwelling unit. So the difference in the preferential parking districts which the city council asked us to look at. At. These districts, differ from parking impacted areas in the sense that they're the way they're created. They are, rather than physical characteristics, they are potentially impacted by nonresidential uses in the nearby proximity that have the potential to negatively impact the on street parking during certain, whether it's business hours or whether it's operating hours. Of those nonresidential uses, the presence of the parking permits ensures that the residential neighborhoods remain available for residential parking, and by definition, they don't share the same physical characteristics that the parking impacted areas do. And because of this, the the imposition of a parking requirement in preferential parking districts on accessory dwelling units would not be consistent with the provisions of of of state law on how cities could require parking for these uses. So therefore the parking requirements, as proposed in the local ordinance would remain essentially as proposed by the Planning Commission with one with one change. And I will mention there was a recent state law that was adopted in October, which now limits cities to one parking space per accessory dwelling unit, whether it's in the coastal zone or otherwise. And so that requirement will stand. And then I should also mention that there is required replacement parking required for anybody who converts their garage to be an accessory dwelling unit. That replacement parking does not have to be in a garage. It can be in another exterior configuration and it can also be tandem, and that is detailed in the ordinance. There are other accessory dwelling unit standards that ensure that the inclusion of accessory dwelling units will be consistent with residential neighborhoods, and some of those include exterior modifications to ensure that these units are architecturally compatible with their primary dwelling and also that there are privacy standards when we when we review the location of these accessory dwelling units . Lastly, I did mention that there are covenants that are required on accessory dwelling units. The owner must live on the property or if the entire property is leased out, then one tenant, one party, if you will, would be limited to living on that on that site, even though there's two units. And that would be something that the property owner has to sign to agree to. The other two provisions would be that short term rental of

the units is prohibited and by short term that's less than 30 days. So in the in the commonly understood as things like Airbnb that would be prohibited and also the covenant would restrict the

accessory dwelling unit from being sold separately. I mentioned development impact fees. The new development in the city pays development impact fees. The state law requires that impact fees be commensurate with the scale and demands of the proposed improvements. And then given that accessory dwelling units are limited to a smaller scale, they're accessory in nature and they're allowed in more limited circumstances. The staff is proposing that a development impact fee that is proportionate to accessory dwelling units be implemented. And so included in your action in your item tonight is a resolution to adopt development impact fees that are commensurate for the size of accessory dwelling units. So with that staff is recommending that the City Council adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation as amended by your direction from the October 10th meeting for minimum lot size, minimum open space requirements and maximum unit size, as well as adoption of the resolution for development impact fees. And I should mention, because this is a zoning code amendment, there is also a resolution that would direct the Director of Development Services to forward this on to the California Coastal Commission for Certification. So that concludes staff's item. And we can address any questions you have. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. We have a motion in a second on this item. Councilwoman Price. Thank you. I want to thank staff for incorporating the amendments that the City Council provided direction on the last time we were addressing this topic. And I think it's very clear that this was an issue that we received a great deal of community feedback on. And the proposal that came to us from the Planning Commission really did not, although it was well thought out, it really did not take into account some of the concerns that we heard from our residents. So I appreciate you making the modifications that you did. And I'm much more comfortable today with where we stand in terms of our local regulations than I was before. These amendments were made much more comfortable. I do have a few follow up questions on the two thirds calculation that you provided for us regarding the number of units, residential units that might qualify. That's based strictly on the 5200 square foot calculation, right? Yes, that is correct. And it's based solely on lot size, with no regard for the way the property's currently developed or the way the property is shaped. Okay. So if someone were to build an accessory dwelling unit on their property, they would have to comply with all the other regulations that we have, such as setbacks, height, open space, all those additional things in order to even be eligible to build one. Yes, that is correct. And we haven't done a calculation of

how many properties in the city because we don't know how all of those two thirds of those homes, how they're structured currently. That is correct. There are many, many, many different variations in those configurations. Okay. So I think that's a really important qualifier. And I want to highlight it that we're not saying that two thirds of the homes in the city, residential homes in the city could have accessory dwelling units that based on lot size alone. And none of the other factors that are part of our development standards, such as setbacks, building heights, open space, all of those things, those are not factored into that very rough estimate. The other thing that I wanted to ask is how are we going to be tracking the development of these properties so that we can study the rate and the locations of the buildings and so that we can make sure they're being built to standard standards and continually updated. Thank you for your question on the issue of tracking the city does because all the accessory dwelling units require building permits the administration of building permits is done through our electronic permit tracking system. So we are able to tell which properties have accessory dwelling units. And also it acts as a repository for us to store the covenants that every property is also required to sign and record. So we have copies of those as well. But we have a way to we will have a way to track them and also track the size of them where they were approved. And that way we could verify later on if something were to change. Okay. Is that when people apply for a building permit, will they be able to identify on the actual permit that this is an accessory dwelling unit? Yes, absolutely. That's required to be identified. Is it possible for council to get a report back on an annual basis of how many accessory dwelling unit applications we've received? Yes, we certainly can do that. And we will make a tickler to do so. One. Year after the effective date. Of the ordinance. And I would just. Note that staff is also interested in knowing the volume that's really important for the city's housing inventory. So we'd like to have a handle. On that number as well. That's great. And then towards that end, since this is a bill building permit process, will the neighbors in the vicinity get notifications when there's a building permit filed for an accessory dwelling unit? No, a any residential development is a what we call a ministerial approval, and it's allowed by right by the code. So there is absolutely no requirement for noticing of any neighbors on the any proposal. Okay. But the annual report would give us hopefully it could be

designated or it could be categorized such that we know maybe what districts, the permits, whatever. We can certainly do that. Yes, that would be great. Okay. Kate. Thank you. So you mean that emotion? That's emotion. Yes. And second wave, actually. Richardson, vice mayor. Thank you. I'll just be brief.

I know we had an opportunity to have a robust conversation on this and just to refocus it. We know that people are already sort of living in substandard situations, garages, things like this. Growth is already happening. This just allows us to grow in a way that's not haphazard and is safer. And along with, you know, it goes along with existing building codes and safety codes. So the state, you know, has required cities to do this and take a good look. All the cities are figuring out what to do or how to address this, whether or not to comply with the state and what that looks like. And I think that we've tried to have a measured approach and really figure this out. So good job on staff and I'm going to be voting in support of this tonight. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I want to thank staff for the work they did. I, too, have some questions. On page seven, you talk about the parking required under the amendments to state law. You said same of the existing number of spaces for primary dwelling. What are those for a standard single family residence right now? Thank you for your question. Council Member. Mongo. On page seven. I'm trying to find your. The reference here. Here's the box for the ADAS in the coastal zone parking at one. And then on the right side of this primary dwelling, same as existing number of spaces. Is that chart reflecting that? If you have a single family home today, you're required to have x number of parking spaces. For the replacement parking? Yes. If you're if you're a single family home and you have two spaces and you convert your garage, you must provide two replacement spaces. And that's why it's the same as the primary dwelling unit. So tourist placement spaces in addition to the two driveway spaces. A the drive. Not every home has a driveway. Right. So if you cannot if you cannot provide replacement parking, your property is not eligible to be converted. So this has come up a few times from residents in our district because in the fifth District, a lot of the homes are built where there's, say, a31 on the front and all the Douglas homes at the time when they were built. And then there's a long driveway to a two car garage in the back. So if that two car garage was converted, they already have a considerable number of spaces that they may or may not use for parking. So tell me how that works. In that configuration. Thank you. In that configuration, the long driveway would act as the tandem parking spaces that would serve as the replacement spaces for the garage that was converted. So it would be not replacing spaces. It would be acknowledging spaces that existed but were not required before. Right. The spaces that exist in the driveway at one, at one point were excess and in excess of the spaces that were in the garage. And now the excess spaces turn into the required spaces. That is correct. And. So if someone like that added an accessory dwelling unit separate from the garage,

they would be required to add one of those spaces, theoretically as an extension of a replacement space or an additional space. A No. If the property is within a half mile of a transit stop, a parking would not be required for the accessory dwelling unit. And therefore, if they converted a portion of the primary unit to the accessory dwelling unit and the garage remained, they would not need to provide additional parking at all. So you say a transit stop, but in other legislation that's been discussed these days, it's a transit corridor. Is this a transit stop or is it a transit stop that has access every 15 minutes or every 8 minutes or what? We discussed the accessory dwelling unit legislation is is does not define the transit priority area or transit corridor like some of the other legislation or legislative documents do. The transit stop is simply the stop, and it does not define the headway or the frequency of service. Do we have a map? I'm sorry? Do we have a map that shows any and all locations that are not within a half a mile of a transit stop in the city? There is there is an exhibit in the staff report. But I can summarize by saying that fully 98% plus of the city is actually covered by is proximity to a transit stop. That was going to be my guess. So I think that there's one last question. People who currently have illegal accessory dwelling units or that they were built not through a permit process before this was built, what is the process that would be that they would undergo to become a acknowledged accessory dwelling unit? If they have if they currently have an illegal conversion, they would have to come in and undergo the same process that somebody who didn't have anything at all would have to go through. And if the case was that their property in some way, shape or form did not qualify for that accessory dwelling unit, they would have to take corrective actions to return that to whatever purpose it was, if it was a garage or if it was a portion of

their their home. That is a single family property that only allows one unit. They would have to correct it to that state. And how are you going to be able to inspect some of the standards, considering that the walls are already closed up and you can't see the electrical and all those things are now hidden inside the walls? As part of any permit to legalize an illegal conversion. The inspector, the building inspectors have to be able to verify that the construction was done in accordance with the current building codes. And if that necessitates opening up an illegally constructed wall, that is something that the property owner would have to undertake in order for the inspectors to verify what is behind the wall. And that includes not only the construction of walls, but things like wiring and things like plumbing, all of which, if not constructed properly, have the potential to be dangerous. So I appreciate the changes that were made when this came to the council the first time. We

didn't have all the information because not every city had taken on this this challenge yet. Last night at the city council meeting in Pasadena, they had a very robust discussion. One of their council members had actually gone on a ride along with their fire chief and responded to a fire at an accessory dwelling unit. And so what are the egress and ingress requirements for an accessory dwelling unit? Are they significantly similar to that of a duplex? What what protections do we have? The building code requirements for an accessory dwelling unit are the same as those for a residential habitable space. And not being a building inspector myself and I do know that there are certain window exits and certain door exits that are required, but it's in the same fashion that a residential single family home would be or any any unit, any duplex, but any unit. And if I can just add to that for those adus where they are actually converting a space within their existing home to the ADU, that does require a separate entry exit. So it would be a standalone unit even though it's within the existing space. So there would be a door and appropriate windows. Thank you. So one of the things that I felt strongly about when we discussed this the first time was putting two thirds of our housing inventory into this program when we haven't had the time to think it through yet and see the potential implications. I moved it specifically from 5000 square feet per lot and made that motion to move it up to 5200 and actually even higher than that at the time because there weren't other comparable cities that were doing more. After last night's council meeting. The city of Pasadena approved 7400 square feet lots. To receive an accessory dwelling unit. And so I'd like to propose a friendly amendment to my colleagues of increasing the size of the lot up to 7400 with the option a year from now after our first report to adjust that number so we can see how many people are going to take advantage of this, what that looks like, how popular it is and then. I'd like to hear from my colleagues on their thoughts on the process. So that's not a friendly that I'm willing to accept at this time. This is frankly, this is a discussion that we've been having collectively for a period of time. And I really think that if we're going to completely change what we've started in terms of our discussion with staff, then we all need time to once again go out and do outreach with our communities and also talk with staff about what the pros and cons of changing the maximum square footage would be. The last time it actually was 4800 square feet. Councilwoman Price, I mean, Councilwoman Margo Adams. I'm talking to myself. Everyone who's been called. Count and you you increased it to 5200, which I think is a huge step in the right direction. And I think that is definitely something that we vetted with our communities. And, you know, this is a mandate that has been given to us by the state and recognized as

a state issue. And I think we're doing our best to work within that framework. And frankly, while I appreciate what the city of Pasadena has done, I think it's important for us to do what is best for the city of Long Beach, knowing the geographic and demographic composition that we have in light of all of the different factors that we have to consider in terms of our housing needs and our opportunities for housing. So I'm not comfortable accepting that friendly at this time because frankly, we have not done any outreach with our communities or city staff about it. And it's to me, it's not an appropriate friendly to be making at this at this juncture, but that's my personal opinion. Well, I think it's quite appropriate. The data related to two thirds of the properties being available in the 5200 square feet is also new information. And the original analysis came forward with comparisons of other cities that had done like things. And so as more cities come on board, that is going to be additional information. And I'm not encouraging us to delay in any way. I'm just saying that if we were to bump it up to 7400 square feet tonight with a six month or 12 month option to relook at this, it would not. There's a few we don't even know what the percentages. But I'm saying that to give

that many options in communities, especially after recently finding out what is or is not available within parking, because I know that the parking designated area is now a whole new component that parts of our district that currently would have been subject are no longer subject. So I appreciate your answer and I will consider my options. Thank you. Councilmember Super. Now, thank you. I just have a follow up to the garage conversion point that Councilwoman Mango brought up. I, I brought it up at the last meeting, but I think it bears repeating and that is if one is to convert an existing garage, let's say a single garage with a single driveway to a bedroom or a family room. Once that conversion is made, that pad, that driveway goes away as a place to park. If it's converted as an adu, then you get credited for a place to park. Is that still correct? Uh, Councilman Supernova. Thank you for your question. Yes. Just to clarify. If the garage is converted into an accessory dwelling unit, the driveway must be available for replacement parking. That is part. That is because the state provision regulates our ability to require, let's say, another garage or and some other kind of enclosed parking. We have to we have to allow any open configuration. So that essentially forces us to allow people to use their existing driveway if they were to convert that garage into an accessory dwelling unit. And you're right, it may not be the same situation. If somebody simply converts their garage for some other purpose, it would be specific to accessory dwelling units. Right. And the reality is, as a council office, we might get a phone call, hey, me and my neighbors parking in this illegal sp

ot and then we have to respond. Well, actually, it's an adu, so they can't park there. Okay. The other point I wanted to make was a follow up to Councilman Price's point about the annual report. If we could have that include maybe applications, since it is a new program, let's see if people are applying, not making efforts, falling through the cracks and all the data, I think would be helpful. We can certainly provide a pretty robust information regarding the number of applications, the number approved, and we're happy to compile that and get it back to you. Okay. Thank you. And my last point is just kind of clerical on the slide number six on the parking districts. One statement about PDS says that it's a self-selected process which requires majority consent by property owners. And I don't mean to be too picky here, but it requires a supermajority that is 66% and actually not property owners , but any resident. So the reason that's key that it's just come up with our office with public works. I just like to make sure that if my version is correct, let's make sure we get development services well, public works, but specifically traffic engineering and the city attorney's office on the same page. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. Yes. So. Staff, I just want to thank you for for the for the great work. And with this has been an issue that we've been looking at for several months in response to state legislation and to gain local control over our own land use within our city. Quickly, I just wanted to just state that on any given Tuesday night, we can change an ordinance here. Is that correct? Related to what we're doing with accessory dwelling units. Well, with proper noticing and the like. Yes. So. So my month. And planning. Commission of consideration. So this is a journey. Not not. We we may find things along the way that we want to tweak as a city council, right? That is correct. Want to be clear on that because we don't have to do it all tonight. That is correct. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. They appreciate that you mentioned that component. And so if we agreed to 7400 tonight and in two or three weeks, we found out that the number of units wasn't enough or any of those things. We would have those protections in place for neighbors, but that we could always reduce it. It's easier to reduce the square footage than to increase it. Is that correct, Ms.. Tatum? I think that once you set up an expectation for a higher threshold. It may be a little. Bit more difficult. But in either case, it's still an ordinance. And that ordinance would. Have to go through as Councilmember Price's noted kind of public outreach staff research and and then going to planning commission and the city council. But yes, you are correct that the process is essentially the same. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Pierce. Yes. I just wanted to take what staff has said. And for me, it's easier for us to start with a small and then go larger. So if we came back

in a year and then added to. I think that that makes a lot more sense to be able to go through that process. And so particularly in my district where the lot sizes are so much smaller and more challenging. So thank you. Johnson Mango. So I guess the opposite is what I was thinking, because what I wouldn't want to do is offer a program and then take it away from people. And so that's why I was thinking if you started at 7400, there's a group of people that all have access to it. We could evaluate it and then you could expand the program. But if you started with 5200 and

anyone had access and then you took it away and there were people in a process already, I would worry about the equity of the options. And then I would also say that maybe as a counter option, is there any kind of noticing that would be appropriate that we could write into the ordinance? Say, for instance, I heard Councilwoman Price was interested in noticing if it's between 5270 400, could there be a noticing process or something like that so that people know where these are and as they're coming online? If I can try to answer that question that when the state impose these requirements, the basic requirement for 80 use on local jurisdictions, they made it clear that they wanted it to be a ministerial process because in the past, when cities had these types of ordinances, typically they were done by public hearing, right? And they made findings that that made it difficult, in fact, to convert a space or build a space as a do you. So they allowed us to do a certain limited amount of standards in lieu of a discretionary public hearing. So it really has to be, by state law, a ministerial process with no notice provided, you know, there's no it's still on notice, but they have to meet all of the criteria in the ordinance. But wouldn't it be possible to write an ordinance that is for 7400 feet and above that is ministerial in nature and meet the requirements of the state and then create a secondary process for others that would be non-ministerial or is it going to be an overarching umbrella now? It's an overarching umbrella, I understand. Okay. Well, my community had communicated their desire for me to pursue this, and I can hear from my colleagues comments that it would not have enough support. So I appreciate the efforts. And I wanted my community to know that I continue to hear them and fight for them. Thank you. There's a motion on the floor by Councilman Price, Ambassador Richardson. I just want to catch someone pricing the vice mayor strongly support Pacific. I want to thank staff. We're working very hard on getting us to this place. And I want to thank the council for I know the numerous conversations around what's a difficult issue, but certainly a state mandate, but but also very issue that we want to make sure we get right and provide access for these opportunities for families and homeowners across Long Beach. And so with them members, please go ahead. And Castro votes. Publi

c comment. Mayor, I'm so sorry about that. And this is a hearing. So actually, let me let me back that up. So there's a motion on the second floor and let me close our deliberation and please go to public comment. Any public comment on accessory dwelling units? Good evening, Counsel. Larry Boland. At a previous time, I mentioned to you that the old granny housing ordinance that we had put all of these accessory units at the back, 50% of the lot. And what that does is it prevents all the front facing garages not to have a front door that's right on to the driveway. That's right under the street because so people could use it at the front door. Areas of patio put up their umbrella and their barbecue. And when we go, the only released common sense way to accommodate this is to protect the facades of the R-1. And let's call this what it really is. This is not an accessory dwelling unit. This is duplexing. We're putting duplexes in the entire city. And the question is, does the only one zoning go away because we're not on one anymore? I find that to be a very negative thing to happen to the city in the name of density. And we don't need more people, we don't need more cars, we don't need more traffic, and we want to push more density into the R-1 area. So it's absurd. I'm sorry, but are we going to change the zoning? I have that question too. Or two or three, whatever it really is, and eliminate or let's just call it what it is. We're putting duplexes in and I don't think they should face the street. Can we get to a mr. Mayor frame and answer that? Can we do all the public comment? I'm going to get back to the city attorney for any questions. Okay. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. I actually spoke at our last city council meeting on. October 10th, and I'm very impressed with how things are shaping up. I know that Councilwoman Mongo actually started hitting on this with the with the driveway and the thought with the long driveway. What that does to ADOS. And I know that it's great that we have public transit so close to us and now we're 98% covered. We also have coastal areas and parking impacted areas which was touched on. We do still need to provide a spot for those. So if you were to put an ADU over garage, an existing two car garage in a parking impacted zone or in a coastal zone, you'd have to provide a driveway spot. That same driveway spot can't be used for that primary residence. If they wanted to add on to their home. That's that's how the zoning. Code currently. Operates. So if you're in a parking impacted zone and you don't currently meet the parking requirements, which is two garage spots in any single family dwelling district, you can only add 250. Square feet to your main. Home. That's how they prevent you from. Expanding your home and making sure you can find parking. Whereas essentially, if you had a long enough driveway, you could. Provide a driveway spot. For one car and then build. 800 square. Feet. Within reason if all. Of your

other. Ordinances for adds are met. So something to consider on how that affects primary dwelling units and. Allowing it used to be built up to. 800 square feet, but only allowing the primary residence to. Add up to 50 if. They don't. Have conforming parking. Another item I. Know that we are. More involved in in the Planning Department. But we've also had thorough discussions with the. Building department on if you have an existing rumpus room or a pool house or anything like that. And basically, in order to convert. A pool house or rumpus room. Or anything. You have to consider it as. A new construction. So a. Pending any like if you have. Double hung windows making those. Egress efficient, you'd have to pour another slab. Or epoxy coat it. So you're conforming to the building code. All of. That is very. Expensive. On top of the development fees, which for a rumpus room, let's call it 400 square feet, might be 10000 to \$12000. It basically. Stops that process dead in the water because of the expense that. This is getting. Anyways, I appreciate you listening to my comment and thank you, guys. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Josh Butler with Housing Lumber on. I want to thank the Council for taking on this very challenging issue of finding additional spaces for people to live in our community. I imagine these are going to be largely issues that impact homeowners that are currently dealing with overcrowded situations and maybe allow their family members to live in the back houses and and also increase equity in their homes at the same time. I would encourage the City Council to pay as much attention, if not greater attention to the 60% of the residents in our city who are currently renting their homes and are dealing with ever increasing rents, ever tightening market, and we're not putting enough housing online fast enough. So we'd love to see the City Council pay as much attention to issues like Jessica's eviction rent control and taking on issues that affect, again, the nearly 25% of our residents who are living in poverty. A majority of them are renters. So this has been a great addition and I can't imagine. I would love to hear the report in the future of how many units we actually create out of this and how many new housing opportunities we create. I suspect it will be relatively minimal and that we're going to need to start looking and spending more time on some of the larger pieces of the puzzle that will get us to where we need to be, which is that people have a safe, decent, healthy place to live here in Long Beach and people are paying. I can go and work in the apartment with that. Com you'll see that people are paying over \$2,000 to get a two bedroom apartment here in Long Beach. And that that's more than the mortgage on a half million dollar home. So, again, renters in your city are struggling. They are working class folks who are renters in this community. And so, again, from housing, why which is effective? This is fantastic that we

're doing this. I do think Ms.. Mongeau creates and brings a good point that in the future, perhaps we do need to look at increasing the lot size, but it would seem to be counterintuitive to make the large size larger. And then go back to how do you tell the people that you are going to close down your property? You already built it. So it seems like it would be more prudent to start at the smaller size. And if all goes well, then we consider an increase in that size. But I do think it's a good point and more people may have an opportunity to take advantage of that in the future. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker for. Hi. My name is. My name is Trevor Griffey. I am a Belmont Heights resident. I teach at Long Beach City College as an adjunct instructor in history and labor studies. The only reason I'm able to afford living in Belmont Heights is because zoning was higher in the nineties. And someone on these long, narrow lots that we have in some of our neighborhoods built a house that's basically double the size of mine and then rented out the house that I'm in. And I'm very aware of the fact that zoning was constrained in the late nineties precisely to prevent people like me from living in the neighborhood that I do. So when I see my neighbors put up signs that say increased density equals crime and parking, I'm offended. And I also find it to be a kind of scare mongering that is really unfortunate and actually tends to frame community as not including renters. And so I'm glad that the council is doing something to help renters. I think it's unfortunate that the balance of power is such that you still have you're still putting constraints on ADU use when I actually don't see the need to do so at all. And I also want to talk about this question of local control really briefly understand that you all don't like that the state alleged bypassed you on on this legislation. But at the same time, there is a housing law that you could enforce more, and that is the prohibition on short term rentals that Councilmember Pierce's office has brought up. There are hundreds of units that are currently openly, illegally flouting land use law and being rented on Airbnb that are being taken out of the market for actual Long Beach residents. And your action to try to restrict adus while doing nothing about these short term rentals, I think suggests poor priorities. Thank you. Thank you

very much. And just so just so the chairman's way, because I know that we've received some updates. So staff is actually in the middle of a kind of extensive look on this issue of the short term rental issue. And we expect that that report that was authorized by the council is going to be coming back to the council with information on what we're doing next. But that's an important issue that this council has been discussing. Correct? When do we expect that to come back to council? Short term rental. You mean like what? Right. So. You know, we are getting so commonplace. When do we sa

y that? To commit the council. Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council, we've received eight proposals on an RFP and are going through the interview process and we'll be bringing a contract to council in January. Okay. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. I guess my name is Ramon. I'm from District five. My stuff is on record. I didn't hear the beginning part, but I don't have a problem with the ads. I think they're cool. Everybody should have one. No, I'm just joking. I support him. I do like the owner occupied thing. I think he's as critical of what we're doing. I like a lot of the questions that Stacey Mungo is asking as far as the maximum footage. I would I would like to I appreciate the comments of Linda, what she has gone through and all the work that she's done. And I can tell you that I have friends that are in Newport Beach and they're also on the city council, at least two of them. And they have told me that that the the maximum square footage of the accessory dwelling unit is 600. They have a density that's far less than ours. So I would I would recommend having a density. I mean, dropping it to 600 feet. That would be that would be really my my only major my most major change to what you're doing just to match with what is happening with the other cities. Because I don't think that's that's happening here. We're like the second most densest region in the country besides New York City. Besides that, I can say that I have a little bit mixed idea. I know that there's a certain kind of for replacement parking. There's another bill that I didn't see mentioned here. It's it's a I think it's SB whether it's six nine. Right. And I think that also says replacement parking may be a little bit ignorant on that, but it didn't that one did not specify the. You know, I think you're allowed to four for four that you allowed to use the driveways in which you have to do some kind of replacement for that. I could be wrong, but I think SB 1069 is that law that we need to look at square footage for the houses? I don't know about that. There's a certain law that you can't go beyond the threshold. And we need to make sure that we're in that that range in which we're there. We just need to do a study and make sure that everything's correct in that. But that's about it. You have a great day. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Evening. My name's Phil Harris. I'm out. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I've been a homeowner since 1996. The same house my house is in. Our three has our three, but it's 6000 square feet. Now, this the estate law seems to approach this as they're trying to assist homeowners in developing their property a little bit, taking off the reins of local government, squeezing them into a position where they can't develop their property. So when I hear things like running this up to 7500 square feet and I have a 6000 foot piece of property with one residence on it, and I potentially cannot make an accessory dwelling even one more three.

So I have an R three property which was at the time approved by the city and the planning. But the regulations requirements of local governments has made is making it impossible for me to do anything with my property at all. And I think that there's something initially wrong with that. If I buy a piece of property and it's our three year as the new commission from 21 years ago, it shouldn't be able to prevent me from using it as some version of an R three, and all I want to do is make it as an accessory dwelling. I think the state law says 1200 square feet. I don't know why I have an AR three and they're trying to squeeze me down to 800 square feet. I have plenty of space on my property to do this. So my questions are, what is the purpose of denying what the state law has presented for you to do and how does that assist people already bought a property and a paying for 21 years not to be able to use it as an hour three. Thank you, sir. Speaker, please. Robert Pete representing. Jesus and the truth, because there's not a. Lot of truth around here when it comes. To this. I mean, I see. I see, you know, you stand up there. You look dignified and everything. But everything you do. Is communist. I mean, the guy is talking about control. He doesn't need people constantly trying to control his get down. Now, America, once again way. Why? Every time I'm talking, you always got to get to talking to somebody. Missed rule. You always do that. Always be respect for you. Me be respectful. You be respectful to me. She's asking the question. Say, Oh, yeah. Where you telling man I'm talking to you? Yeah, I'm going to know anyway. Anyway, listen, all this stuff, no direct control. No. To just cause eviction, all this communism and that. A guy who's talking. George Butler,

where do you go? We crawl back in this hole. He's. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I want everybody here. No, George Butler is a straight out communist bum. So going this that you can address. Okay, I'm telling you, Josh Butler is a communist bum, and I want you to tell all the people, okay, I'm around that chump everywhere he goes, because in a big city nose meeting, he lied to all the people and he lied to them and told them this was the highest. He said this is the highest property on the coast around the nation. And then even one of the Democrats that was a Democrat meeting said, no, he's a big liar. Anyway. So that being said, I'm getting back to this now. No, on just cause eviction. We don't need anymore browns that we can't get rid of. No on rent control. Rent control is communism, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness means a man could buy his property and he's a master of his property. You trying to be the master man? You ain't Miles Satan or Fidel Castro. And we ain't gonna let that happen. So now the word control no. To just cause eviction. And I don't listen to bums like Josh. Brother, he's a bum. Sir, can you please stick to the issue? And this is not just. But there's a bomb room. Josh blew

out of town and works. I have people funding him from around here. We're going to run Josh Bell this butt out housing Long Beach is a fraud. Josh Butler is a bum. Oh, just to add, shame on you. I'm okay. And let me tell you, at 80, Josh is a bum. Okay? Okay, sir. Andy, thank you very much. That's last answer. One more time. Josh is a bum, everybody. Josh Bell is a thank you, sir. No, we got to run him out. All right. Thank you so very much. Next speaker, please. You got to keep rolling. I got a couple more seconds. I'm going away, sir. Thank you very much. I got ten more seconds. Josh Boehner's a bum. Come on, Josh Bell. The run was communist, but out of town, you know you're not talking about that. It doesn't matter. Only go once your time is up. Yes, sir. Thank you. Time's up on Josh. Thank you, sir. So, just as a reminder to the to the public, I think I want to continue to say this, that whether we agree or disagree with what's being said, people have a right to their First Amendment to say what they want to say. And so we will continue to use that rule. And I would hope that people would use some decency and stick to the issue and be respectful in the process as well. Mr. Good, your next Speaker, very good to address on file in terms of the Granny Flats or small units. One of the things you consider and I'll bring you back the pictures next week, four further so people can see them if they did not see them in the L.A. Times and local papers. It's one of the concepts that I think would work very well in down in the Marine Stadium next to, as I pointed out before, 818 as a housing unit for veterans. I've scoped it out and we can put about six. Good. Eight units there. And when I'm talking about the grass to the north of of eight and immediately to the north of eight in which is not used, except once in a while people will be flying drones. There's still a sidewalk there, there's still public access. And I encourage the city to take a look and at those designs because they will be perfect in areas throughout the city where people need housing. A granny flat. And I've used the word granny flat. A one unit house easily constructed and would have a bathroom. And it's about twice the size of an average dorm in a university and so forth. But again, I would urge the city to pull out those diagrams and take a look at them and scope them out, because that could be a solution to some of our housing issues and so forth. Obviously, if you've got a kids, that's not going to work, but for particularly veterans or people that have a limited areas in which they travel and so forth, that would be great. Thanks. Thank you. And our last speaker speaking, this is closed. Go ahead, sir. I just really quickly have a question about the the restrictions that they have, the minimum lot size and restrictions overall with like the housing regulations, are they based purely on like safety and inspection? Like I understand code plays a big part in it and like it's a

it's a discovery process to find out the safety elements of building adding, adding on to a property. But is there a lot size based on a safety assessment from the fire inspector or is it just based on numbers from other cities that we've gathered or like arbitrary number? That's that's just awesome. Thank you, sir. Okay. I'm in a close public comment. Just a couple. Just to quickly clarify from staff, I know there was a some questions from the audience, particularly about how the council decided on these certain lot sizes and these designations. And that came out of a variety of meetings. I was at the council, had some staff recommendations as well as the state regulations that came as well. And I'm not sure if you have anything else to quickly add to what the gentleman just said. I couldn't clearly here, but it sounds like the last gentleman was talking about the issues of safety and just to respond to the issue of safety. Any proposal for an accessory dwelling unit is reviewed by the Building and Safety Department as well as the fire department, and it is required to comply with all

building code requirements as well as access by fire and emergency services. And regarding how the the original proposals came up, I think we started from the state allowed unit size of 1200, but we did a very thorough review of the city's lot sizes and property sizes to make sure that the proposal that we brought forward for the Council to consider we had a good handle on the potential development opportunity that existed in the community and we arrived at the proposal for 1000. But after feedback from the community at the Planning Commission public hearing, they actually reduced the, the, the standard to the 1000 and the council again hearing from the public further reduce that to the 800. So that's a little bit of the background in terms of how we got to the the current 800 proposal. Okay. Well, thank you very much. But public comment is closed.

Councilwoman Price. I just want to add, I appreciate Mayor, you clarifying that, because I think from the public comment, there was. Just still. A little bit of confusion and there was a member of the public who spoke about kind of having a restriction if there are lot size was a was a specific size. And I want to say I hear you on that. And that's why this entire process has been a bit of a balance for us. And that's why I don't think it would be beneficial to the homeowners in our city if we were able to restrict the rights to build a granny flat on their property based on their lot size. Unlike some other cities, the demographics of our city are such that most of the lot sizes that are above 7008 thousand range are in a concentrated in one or two districts, if that. And so that would limit many of the people in the city from being able to actually build a granny flat. And so we certainly we have to be very cognizant of the density concerns that our residents have, because certainly those do create parking impacts prim

arily and noise impacts and other impacts. But at the same time, what we don't want to create is a situation where there's inequality based on. The district you live in as to whether you're able to fully develop your property to the extent that someone with a larger lot size would be able to. So we're mindful of that. And I just wanted to clarify because that the resident who spoke was under the impression that the proposal required 7400 square feet be the minimum size. And that's not the that was a friendly amendment. But the proposal that's on the floor is not for that. It's for 50, 200 square feet. So thank you. Thank you very much, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. While I would prefer to go with the 7400 square foot lot size to ensure that we are gradually taking steps into this, I see that the bigger protection is having some standards in place instead of not having some standards in place and so on. My preference would be to go with the 7400. I will be supporting this at 54, I'm sorry, 5200 because not passing something tonight would actually be more detrimental to the communities. And so with that, I look forward to seeing how the vote. With that membership is in motion in a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. That approves staff recommendation on that item. And now we have our final hearing hearing at a number two. Item two is a report from financial management. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of Eagle 562 2020 East Artesia Boulevard for Entertainment with Dancing District nine. We have a motion in a second and may go back to the staff report, please. I believe it also. Is there an oath for this? There is an oath. What is required? Okay. So let's do the oath, please. You and each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the court now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God. Mr. MODICA Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Again, the staff report for. This item will be given by Sandy Tim Palmer, our purchasing and business services manager. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council tonight you have before you before you an application for entertainment with dancing for Eagle five six to LLC doing business as Eagle 562. Located at 2020 East Artesia Boulevard, operating as a bar, tavern, lounge and Council District nine. All of the necessary departments have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet, as well as the police department stand ready to answer any questions council may have. And that concludes staff's report. Thank you very much. They actually in any public comment on this when we go to vice mayor. Thank you, Shirley. These are have two public comments. I'm closing the speakers list after this. Thank you, Mr. Sir. Thank you. Con

gratulations. District nine. What? What? A lot of positive. There are so many talented people in that district, and I. I was. I was waiting to hear a business that would step in and have this sort of venue become part of the artist culture of that district. I believe nothing but good is coming from the

advancement. And for those for those children whose minds are not smoked out, we're going to see so much creativity coming out of this. Again, for those minds that are saved. Parents do your work. Nothing but good is going to come from a creative mind and being able to have a venue to go in your neighborhood and and express your creativity, I'm not sure what type of entertainment, and I'd like to hear more of that, but I'm glad to hear that this is a this is coming to that district. Thank you very much. Thank you. And the last public comment, please come forward. Hello. My name is Sergio Maldonado. I'm the manager from the apartment building located about 50 feet from the lounge. The address is 6530 Cherry Avenue. Most of the tenants didn't want to come because they didn't want to get involved in all this legal. They call it legal issues, but obviously it's not. It's just it's a hearing. The for the past few months, we've been having a lot of problems with this lounge. I have called the cops. I, I call the city and seem like nobody wants to do anything about it, because so far, it's. It's legal. But I call the cops because they play music till two in the morning. A lot of us go to work next day. Maybe I wake up at 530 to be at work at 630. And so far, nobody seems to care. And now they're going to have live entertainment. All the dancers in the past three months. It seems like now and then they do have this type of event. We drive by the alley. There's an alley next to the business. And it's the. Let's look at it behind our building. We're seeing dancers weigh nothing but just some really tight shorts, male dancers. My daughter started asking, what are these people doing? I mean, we we were the managers of the building. So we we sweep and clean the back of the building and we find a lot of use condoms. I don't know about you, but if my kids walk in the back and see all these things, I don't I don't know. What's your reaction to what would you tell them? What are they for? Especially for their use and just laying there on the floor. I have pictures of parking cars, parking all the way in the alley, making it hard for us to park in the garages. The the lounge itself. I don't think it's big enough to maintain a lot of people. I don't know how big exactly it is, but it is it's been horrible these few months since the new owners took over. There was a hearing for ownership change. Atari is supposed to have won, but didn't. So if you can please do something about it, myself and the rest of the tenants and people that live close by this lounge. We appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, sir, very much. We've closed the public comment so we have a mot

ion in the second Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Let me walk, folks, through a little bit of the history on Artesia Boulevard and our strategy to sort of improve it. It's pretty common knowledge that Artesia Boulevard has quite a few history of quite a few shady dove bars. And over the last few years we've been doing the hard work of figuring out how to improve the conditions of these bars, to make them have less of an impact or be less of a nuisance on neighborhoods. Now, the most important thing that we can do is bring in property owners who have a vision for the future and on board with the larger vision for the corridor. An example is the last strip club in Long Beach was on Artesia Boulevard. Entertainment, live entertainment, dancing, you know, that sort of thing. And we were able to work with that property owner to surrender voluntarily, surrender that license for entertainment and convert it to a restaurant. And there was a conversation in partnership that helped us achieve that outcome. Now, some of the property owners have not been so willing to come and come forth. The reason I want to recognize this specific project, this this specific deal is that the property owner came to the city in advance and talked about that vision and agreed to a number of conditions that will outline. And and I have confidence that in the approach that they've that they've attended this, we've taken one potentially terrible dove bar off the table and created a brought in a leader for the corridor that can help us to get some of the other guys in line, because it's not as simple as people may think that we can just point at a dove bar and say, hey, you know, stop being a nuisance on the neighborhood. You have to have some level of partnership with the owner unless it or else it leads you down a very arduous administrative path. So. Just a couple of things and one question. So there's a number of there's a number of key conditions in here, but one that's really key and I would hope that we can walk through are the tiered conditions, these tiered conditions sort of outline a progressive like progressive discipline. It outlines a process to hold the whole folks accountable on this license. Should folks step outside of the conditions that we that we set out on? So necessity manager, whoever else can answer. How can you walk us through what that tier condition process looks like? Yes, the way that the tiers work is that for if there are problems with the business operation and their complaints that are received by the police department. If three or more. Noise complaints come in and are found to have been as a result of the activities happening at this establishment, the hours of activities allowed for entertainment will

be rolled back by 2 hours. If three additional violations occur within another 30 day period that are found to violate the noise ordinances, it will be rolled back another 2 hours . So we have a three tiered arrangement here

to ensure that if there are any problems with operations, that we are able to change the operating conditions built into this agreement. And that was something that was discussed between the police department and the business operator to ensure that they understood and were willing to comply with that requirement. Thank you. So what I'll say is this particular establishment on three sides is surrounded by commercial and industrial space. If this had been anywhere in one of the residential neighborhoods, my position would be very different. But this for the most part, is an industrial space. There's some apartments sort of maybe a block down. And I want to make sure that my staff meets the gentleman who came here and talks to some of those concerns and make sure he has a good relationship with the property owner. I'm seeing some nods from the property owner. He's willing to sit down and talk with this because it's literally one of one group of residents that I want you to sit down and build a good, productive relationship with. But aside from that, I've gotten sort of the property owners indicated the willingness to work with the community. And so for that, I support moving forward with Eagle 562 on Artesia Boulevard. So thank you. And that's my motion. I encourage the city council to support it. Thank you, Councilman Gonzales. Yes, I just say I support this as well as Vice Mayor Richardson had mentioned. I know this is not the first turn or the first location for this property. Owner has other incredible establishments and not only that, but is willing to come to the table and work with many of us. So for that reason, I'll be supporting this and I look forward to seeing more happen on Artesia Boulevard. Congrats. They kick us over? Yes. I also wanted to just lend my support. You have two of your other locations in my district and are in on a business corridor with residents behind you. And I think that you've done a fantastic job at both of those locations. And so I want to applaud you for going and opening somewhere new and stretching your legs a little bit. And I want to applaud the vice mayor for putting in some implementation and a tiered approach that I think us on council often are trying to figure out those conditional use permits and how we do that in a way that's respectful of the businesses and of the residents. So congratulations on the new endeavor and congratulations to the ninth District. Great. Thank you. With that, we will move to a vote to approve the the conditions. And again, I want to thank the the property owner and the team. They have some already great establishments in Long Beach and I am certain that will continue to please cast your votes. I. Councilmember Andrews. Yeah. Motion carries. The eagle has landed. Thank you. Thank you. Great. We will. That concludes our hearings. So we will move on now to the regular agenda. Just give me 1/2. Motion carries. Thank you. Number 17, please. Report from financial management. Recom

mendation to receive and file report on an updated preliminary budget projection, including solutions to balancing the fiscal year 2019 budget shortfall citywide. Thank you, Mr. West. Mr. Vice Mayor, council members. This is a report that was presented earlier in the day to the. Budget Oversight Committee. So the Budget Oversight Committee has weighed in on this. I'm sure they'll have comments regarding the the report you're going to see. This is the identical report they saw earlier at 330. So I'm going to turn this over to our finance director, John GROSS, and our interim budget manager, Grace Yoon. And this is a really early look. You see. At the fiscal year 19 budget. So we wanted to jump ahead on this and deal with a projected shortfall that we chatted about in the past. So, John and Grace, thank you, Mr. West, very much. And I am very pleased with the with Lia Eriksen off on other duties to have Grace Yoon as the interim budget manager and the staff have done a tremendous job getting ready for this. This time at at a December 19th, 2017, city council study session, the Budget Office provided then a preliminary projection for FY 19. This is an update to that preliminary projection, and this update provides a solution to the preliminary budget outlook shortfall. The updated projection shows a balanced fy19 budget when strong balancing actions are taken. The primary causes of the shortfall that we're seeing are pension costs and slow revenue growth. The updated preliminary projection adds \$1.8 million of new revenue and \$2.7 million in additional cost. The Budget Office has also identified 11.3 million in additional budget balancing actions if the preliminary projection holds after further upcoming updates and if the City Council approves the balancing actions, we should have a balanced budget. This is great news, but there are some caveats I wanted to mention if there are unusual cost increases for F9 90, for F9 19, that's next year. Departments will need to absorb them and there may be impacts from that. At this point,

we also do not expect any surplus or new funds for one time purposes. The city is independently recognized as having very good financial management and we are always improving efficiency. But those good aspects cannot overcome the major impacts from pension costs and slow revenue growth. Budget issues are likely to continue into the future. Most importantly, the projection does not include the impact of litigation. That impact will be discussed later in the presentation. In summary, based on the preliminary projection, we have the very good news that we believe we can achieve a balanced budget. Balancing actions and their dollar size are key factors in addressing the preliminary shortfall projection. It is projected that we will require 11.3 million new net new balancing actions to provide a stretch structurally balanced budget. And the Budget Office has tentatively identified preliminary balancing actions that will do just th

at. We believe there is about \$4 million and balancing actions available from fee and fine increases and parking revenues. Ambulance fees are one key area for potential revenue for many people. These fees are often covered by some type of insurance. The current fees are below cost and below the current L.A. County rates, parking fines or another key revenue source. The current fines are below those in Los Angeles, and the city does not charge for the separate fees that the state collects. The Budget Office will also look at other fees that are not recovering costs and other fines for potential increases. We are also suggesting that an initial estimate of \$900,000 may be available from transient occupancy taxes on short term rental of homes and apartments done through services such as Airbnb. This is a national issue and we are suggesting that action could be taken by city council in the near term to begin to collect that money. We are also suggesting using \$3.1 million in new measure revenue and \$3.9 million in a reallocation to public safety of Measure A. We have recently received information to allow us to better project the new measure A revenue. There is now strong indication that measure a revenue is better than we originally projected. In looking at that and proposing that reallocation. We want to point out that there is no adverse impact on the city's \$150 million infrastructure program. Finally, an estimated 2.9 million in other balancing actions is needed to balance the budget based on preliminary based on the preliminary projection. We believe that we can find that amount through vacancies, savings, new funding sources, additional efficiencies and other areas of cost reduction. Included in this would be finding offsets for unfunded cost increases that departments incur. Some of the additional balancing actions could have an impact on services, but we would strive to keep them to a minimum. There is a total of 14.8 billion and suggested balancing actions. 3.5 million of those were already assumed in the original budget. So there needs to be an additional 11.3 million and balance to balance the updated preliminary projection. And we have identified that \$11.3 million to achieve a preliminarily balanced budget. The actual budget shortfall and the needed balancing actions may be different from the amount shown in the preliminary projection. It is early in the year and as the year progresses and more information becomes available, there is potential for significant variance to the preliminary projection. For example, a 1% variance and overall revenues could mean 4 to \$5 million. Updated projections may require less or more budget balancing actions, and if more budget balancing actions are needed and are not available, then department reductions may be necessary. We expect a major projection update to be released sometime in March and then a final three year projection update will be released with the proposed budget in July. In summary, the

2019 budget is balanced based on the preliminary projection and the 11.3 million in balancing actions. Unfortunately, the preliminary budget that I have described does not take into account the impact of litigation. Litigation has a major budget impact. Litigation will result in service reductions due to a loss of long time revenues. There are two lawsuits that are issues. The recently settled litigation concerning the water utility adds another \$8.3 million to the budget shortfall. In addition, depending on whether the city wins or loses some gas utility litigation, it could add another \$10 million to the shortfall. These kinds of budget impacts will result in substantial reductions to department budgets and the associated services. The charter amendment, currently being considered by City Council for Inclusion on the ballot, could prevent the service reductions due to the two lawsuits with no historical cost increases. Two Fy19 budget options will be prepared because of the uncertainty with regard to the charter amendment. It cannot be assumed that the charter amendment would put on the ballot or that if it is put on the ballot that it will be has. As a result. The 1419 budget process that is now underway includes the development of two budget options. One option is with no impact from litigation. The other assumes an \$8.3 million additional

shortfall as a result of the water litigation settlement. Settlement of the gas litigation is expected to be about two years away. So the budget does not include that potential impact. Whether the litigation will impact the budget will be known one way or the other before the proposed budget is completed. As soon as that is known, the appropriate option will become the basis of the FY19 proposed budget. As the city manager develops the proposed budget, the budget balancing approach will focus on maintaining services and other key goals. We will emphasize the most important and core services. We will focus on maintaining the previously restored public safety services. We will focus on ensuring a strong public safety continuum. We will focus on providing a balanced and broad range of services. And we will focus on maintaining services that provide financial, technological and H.R. controls and capabilities, and will focus, of course, on strong economic development, strong financial management, and on reducing costs and increasing revenues. We will retain filled positions wherever feasible. The FY19 budget provides numerous opportunities for city council and community input. Due to the complexities of this year's budget, we are kicking off the formal process a month early with this presentation that occurred a few hours ago to the BRC and the City Council. An updated projection will be provided in a memo in March and a midyear update on FY 18 savings will be provided in May. Then, in accordance with the City Charter, the proposed budget will go to the Mayor in July and the Council in August, and there will be

a series of community budget meetings with the BRC and City Council and hearings on the budget. Adoption is adoption and the budget is expected to be either on September 4th or September 11th. And that concludes my presentation and I'm available for questions. Thank you very much. That was a great presentation. I want to first turn this over to Councilman Mongo. I'll make some comments at the end. Thank you. I want to thank the city staff for their hard work in both tightening up the budget and our economic development and department for helping with our economic initiatives that have made it possible for additional revenues to come in. I know that since the 3:00 meeting today, when we first announced that this would be possible, we've already received some fake news tweets related to people saying that the council's overspending and how could we have a deficit? I think that they're completely misunderstanding. We. In the future, see that expenses are growing and revenues were outpacing them. And so with the partnership of my colleagues, we looked to the future and said. Winter is coming. Let's tighten up our belts now. Let's put forward the initiatives necessary to grow our business corridors, to invest in our opportunities with our revenue related to capturing sales tax leakage, where Long Beach residents were purchasing items in other cities. And now we're reinvesting in encouraging them to purchase those same things in Long Beach so that \$0.02 of that \$0.10 comes back to the city of Long Beach instead of a neighboring city. And because of this forward thinking city staff and the support of my colleagues, we are ahead of schedule like we have never been before in terms of ensuring that we do not go into a budget process planning for a deficit. And so for that, I just want to make sure that the messaging is accurate and clear. We haven't spent into a deficit. We were projecting. And then with the courage to say, we know what's coming, let's tighten our belts today. Let's invest today. And let's be sure that our future is bright and that the things that the residents care about our public safety, our infrastructure, our afterschool programs are safe. Those programs are key to keeping a community vital. And this budget and these balancing strategies ensure that the city and the residents are kept whole. And for that, I am so thankful for everyone's support and guidance. I am really proud to serve on this council, and I'm really proud to serve with two amazing budget oversight committee members who, for the first time in years, our committee looked at financial policies and made the tough decisions to look ahead to the future and find resources and opportunity. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you. Chair Mongeau Budget Oversight Committee Chair Mongeau. We had a conversation months ago and we literally entitled it our op ed Winters coming or something like that? And I think it's smart that, you know

now, we asked city staff to take a look at this. And, you know, I just want to say the final financial management staff, this is the kind of kind of creativity we were asking for. I have to say, bring in two proposals to bring bringing to budget options forward. It's interesting. I wonder what the response of the public from the public will be. But I think it's smart to educate people on the potential risk of, you know, the potential impact of litigation, because the reality is we deal with these lawsuits all the time, and many folks don't know sort of the impact of the decisions that we have to make here. It's

smart that we're moving it moving forward with a proposal to and, you know, to maintain what we restored. I think it would be unfair to the public if we presented a budget that takes out of service the things that we just placed into service like Rescue 12, like Engine eight, like the South Division. And a lot of times it takes time to ramp up and really adjust our systems. So we have to make sure that we are putting our best foot forward to protect those services. I think the part about strong, strong, focused focus on strong economic development, I just want to underscore that that should be all across our city. So projects that are happening in all parts of our city, we should do we think, you know what I'm talking about time. We should make sure that we're doing what we can to move those projects along in all parts of our city, those economic development projects. So again, I support this direction. Again, the angel is in the details. I do want to better understand what it looks like, sort of the details of what these savings look like. But I love the direction that we're trying our best to sort of protect and preserve the quality services that our city provides. So, so thank you. And I'll be I'll be supportive of this. Thank you. Thank you. I definitely want to applaud the BBC and the staff for all the work that they've done on this. I know that, you know, at the end of last budget cycle, it was a lot of conversation. Yes. Like Winter's coming and that we are going to be dealing with a massive deficit. And so I also want to make it clear for some of my constituents that this is, in fact, a proposal from city staff, a projection of where the work is. So I just have a couple of clarifying questions for the revenue from short term rentals. Where did we get that number from? That number was based on very preliminary information, very preliminary based on Airbnb and then expanding it to potential other similar type firms. A lot of work needs to be done to confirm that, and we certainly recognize that council has not taken action on this. Great. And could somebody update us on just the RFP process and where we are with the short term rental? Yes, Councilmember. We have closed the RFP process. We're very close to issuing an award and we would be able to get started pretty soon. So we expect a memo out next week that we can kind of outline wh

ere we are in that process. So we issued the RFP in October. We're just about done now, which is about four months. And then we're targeting for summer to be able to do the work, the outreach, and come back by summer, which would line up with this budget process. Great. Thank you. And one of the clarifying reasons I asked is because I know in the item that we had also asked through that RFP process for the consultant to explore ways to direct some funds to affordable housing opportunities, considering the balance and the relationship in between short term rental. So I just want to be clear with that as we move forward with the process that there are lots of different ways to get revenue from short term rentals, whether it's fee based or fines or anything like that. But just that that is an ambiguous number that we still have a lot of work to do. So I just wanted to recognize that. I also wanted to just say how much I appreciate the fact that we're looking across the board economic development, obviously not only in downtown but in the third District and North Long Beach is really critical. Adding those housing units is also super critical. And I look forward to having a community process where we talk about how we have equity in services throughout the city where everybody can be involved in this. So I'm very happy that this is coming forward earlier than planned. I appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. Thank you. I already asked most of my questions during the BFC. Just as a summary for my colleagues, I did clarify that the reference to the term litigation in the presentation is referencing specific litigation, not litigation in general. So we are and are not anticipating these numbers to change dramatically just because of litigation in general, but but rather more specific litigation. So that was one of the topics I discussed, but I did not talk about short term rentals and I'm glad Councilmember Pearce raised it just in case any of my residents, especially from Naples in the peninsula, are watching. Short term rentals are prohibited in the city of Long Beach. And I understand that. And we're not by any stretch of the imagination changing the policy by discussing this. However, and I just want to clarify, if we do take some action in terms of short term rentals, it's it's right now it's very unclear what that action would look like. We may choose to take action where we allow them in some parts of the city, disallow, allow them and others based on parking impacts, density, all of that. So so hopefully we're not I mean, we understand that we have a long way to go. We're talking about what the fees and taxation rates will be. And in my district, I'm having the communication about whether or not we're even going to allow this. So I just want to make sure that the conversation is very clear because as Jack, my chief of staff, will tell you, we just had a very heated community meeting with multiple petitions going on throughout t

he district for the city to enforce the ban. So to put it on here as a revenue source, I think might send the wrong message to some residents who are still hoping that we enforce the ban. So I'm very much looking forward to having that discussion and seeing what options are available. And hopefully our consultant will share with us what some of the best practices that have been utilized by other cities are that might alleviate some of the concerns in our neighborhoods. And so we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. So again, as I stated earlier, I want to thank our staff for putting this presentation together. I think it was really well done and I look forward to the update in March. Thank you. And if I can add a clarification, Mr. Mayor. Yes, please. So on the short term rentals. That's absolutely correct. We're actually approaching this little differently than some other cities. Some other cities have basically accepted the money and already programmed it and spent it before they've allowed it to be legal. So we didn't feel that in our case that that was appropriate. We are here kind of projecting and looking to the future and saying if we were to allow it in some level, it might generate this amount of money. And you heard the finance director say that it's very speculative of what that actual number is, but we're using that 900,000. But we have not accepted it. We are not planning on it's not in the budget yet, but it's part of our future projections. So we wanted to keep that process pure so we can discuss all of those options and come before you with a recommendation before we count on any money in our budget like some other cities have done. Thank you, Councilmember Pearce. So sorry I forgot to ask my other question. I think I asked this last time that we discussed the budget and in regards to the litigation, but just to be clear that this is only referencing the litigation on the water and gas. That is correct. So is there a line item where we estimate potential litigation for, say, PD? How do we assess that, that. We used a historical practice on that we meet with the city attorney periodically, we review the cases, we look at historical practice, and that has actually served us fairly well. If there is a deviation in any particular year, we generally can fund it over a period of time. So we have not had a big problem with funding that. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. Since we're talking about some of the fines and fees and I know parking tickets was a component of the discussion for the \$4 million, I was put on notice recently that we still have not had the RV ban come to the Coastal Commission. It's going to be another seven months. So perhaps we need to discuss options of implementing it outside of the coastal area, especially if we're considering revenues related to parking fines. So if parking fines and fees for individuals, parking illegal trucks and trailers and ARVs are to be considered, maybe that would

be something that needs to come back to the council sooner rather than later if we're thinking about it being a component of revenue for next year. So that would be my comment. Thank you. Thank you. Seeing that is all the council comment, I want to make a couple of comments and then we'll go for any public comment. So I just want to first just add to staff. I know you guys worked really hard on getting us to this point, and I do think that what is important is that I essentially what we did this year and I do want to thank the BFC and other members of the council. We've had these discussions including I know a motion by I think it was Councilman Mango invited me. Richardson I think towards the end of last year in the budget cycle that we're essentially solving and eliminating the deficit before we even start the budget process and essentially doing it early. And so I think that's really smart. I think it is it's important that we're kind of taking these kind of budget budget balancing measures early. A lot of people don't realize that we we balance our budget every single year. And so sometimes when people hear the word deficit, they don't realize that the second that we think we're going to have a deficit, we eliminate it. And when we pass our budget and I think that's something that's important that we do year after year. And so I'm really glad that with these balancing actions that essentially we eliminate the shortfall, with the exception, of course, of some of that possible legal liability that we have because of that of the utility lawsuits. But if we take these budget balancing actions and the council adopts this as a as our plan, we just we repeat one more time what that is what that leaves our actual deficit number at zero. Well, zero, but nodding, but not including. The little but the. Litigation. Yeah, the litigation would add 8.3. Right. But this would, this would separate the litigation. This would balance the budget and leave our deficit at zero. Is that correct? That is correct. Okay, great. And then also just to just reconfirm as well, I do appreciate Mr. Modica, I know there's a lot of conversation about short term rentals. I'm really glad that we were finally out there and actually getting the work done because I think there's a lot of interest from the council and all of us to get that work done, including from not just members in the community that are seeing some of the some of these homes and apartments being used for nothing, but

essentially the small hotels, but also from the short term rental community. Right. They also want us to pass a policy and they also want to be regulated. And so I think that the I'm glad that you guys selected a conservative number on that. I mean, obviously, the it's it's a small piece of kind of the larger revenue pie, which I think is smart. But I would encourage is the sooner that we have some sort of policy that kind of dictates the future, even even cities that have well, in most most citie

s have now or either have or are implementing, as you know, the short term rental policies. But even cities that have implemented these and certain begun collecting taxes have seen pretty substantial investments back into their funds because of these short term rental taxes. And so the fact that we're allowing these well, you know, we're not officially allowing in fact, these are being operated with no sort of direct benefit back to the city is problematic. And every day that we don't have a policy and collect that actual support, I think we're just losing revenue that could be invested back into our neighborhoods. So the sooner we do that, I think the better. I think everyone would like to see that done. And then and then with that, I'm I'm happy to know I was not aware that the measure is coming in larger than we originally initially thought. Is that correct? So about 3.9 million more. That is. That is correct. About 3.1 million we're projecting for 8 to 18 at this point. First for the structural side. Yeah. Well double that for whatever little. Yes. So the totals double that, huh. Yes. So measure is coming actually in about 6 million. More than expected. Yeah. It's about we think it's about 12% up. We're still looking at it, but those are what the preliminary numbers say. So I love how you guys gave us those. Conservative numbers, which was good. I appreciate that. Actually, 12% is not insignificant. I mean, that is that's a good amount of money. It's very good. Yeah. So. So that is. So I'm so I'm really happy. Yeah. Yeah, I'm really happy to see that measure is coming in more than expected. And again, I'm thankful to to the voters that put their trust in us to do that. So that's really, really great news. I was not aware of that. So happy to hear that. Any public comment on this? Yes. Please come forward. Join the other public comment. This will be our only speaker then and the closing public comment. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council members is the first time I'm actually speaking at council and I'm quite nervous. I don't do well in these settings, so bear with me. My name is Amal, weaker than us. I wear many hats. I'm a father, a mentor, a resident of the ninth district, a voter, and a lead organizer with My Girls in Action, a grassroots based organization here in Long Beach working to empower Southeast Asian young women. For the past 20 years, I am here to speak in support of preserving and increasing funding in the city budget towards positive youth development programs and services such as our parks, libraries and youth programs and other park programing. As a champion and ally to Long Beach youth, I am here to ensure that young people are uplifted as a priority of this Council when considering where to make cuts in the city budget. Long Beach youth and children make up over a quarter of the population and are most in our most vulnerable population. Cuts to youth programing and services will hurt. Already, the city of Long Beach spends

less than 5% of the overall budget on positive youth development programs. As a parent and youth organizer, I'm keenly aware that many of the programs available through the city dollars aren't accessible to children in youth and low income communities of color. As a report on Park Equity suggest, the report, which was supported by Councilwoman Nina Gonzalez and many others on this council, only 2020 7% of park programing hours during spring were offered to children and youth. The number of the number of hours for young people increased over the summer, but do not increase in low income communities of color and the number of teen hours actually decrease. There have been great efforts to ensure that Long Beach is a city that attracts visitors and residents alike in the downtown and the beachfront areas. However, communities are lacking safe spaces for young people to access positive youth development programs, to keep young people engaged and surrounded around mentors, intervention and prevention workers and people, and and also just programs that help young people find their voice and purpose. Carmen Girls in Action. Our membership base and community partners are motivated to partner with this Council to ensure that we are creating effective strategies to invest in youth and make them our top priority. The future is bright. When we invest in youth, afterschool programs do make our communities thrive, but only when investment is equitably spent across communities. Lastly, I urge this Council to not play a balancing act with the future of Long Beach children in youth. Thank you. And by the way, I sent many requests to many of your offices for a for a sit down and have not quite heard back from me. So I look forward to a reply soon. Thank you. Thank you, sir. See no other public comments.

There's a motion and a second on the floor to approve this plan by our management team. So please cast your votes. Motion carries. Well. Great. Thank you. And I want to first of all, I want to mean, I think we need to again, just think these guys I mean, you you guys eliminated the deficit early this year. So I appreciate that. So let's give John and John, you did a great job. Thank you. Really. You and your team. I know. Fantastic. And grace. And Grace and everybody. Yes. You guys were awesome. So thank you. Let me I know we have to make an announcement. And Mr. City Attorney. Thank you, Mayor. This evening, earlier this evening in closed session, the council by a vote of 7 to 0, approved the recommendation and authorization to file a petition for review in the California Supreme Court in the matter of the city of Long Beach versus the city of Los Angeles, also known as the CIG litigation. Thank you. Thank you very much. Moving on to the next item, please. Item 18 Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to execute a contract with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to receive and expand Local Government Partnership Program funds

for an amount not to exceed 622,220 and receive an final presentation on the city's Green Fleet and MSC Grant citywide. Thank you. The motion at a second is any public comment on this item. Please cast your votes. Think that. All right. Well. This one. Did you want to do a report, Mr. Mayor? Yes. Yes, we do it. We have to do it. Thank you very much. We're going to turn this over to our fleet manager, Dan Bernbach, and his assistant, Jackie Dimmock. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and members of council. There's been a lot of progress with the city's Green Fleet program, and we'd like to bring you up to date. This is an update of a presentation given to the Sustainable City Commission in July. Following this presentation on the Long Beach Fleet, I also have a short presentation on clean transportation from the Mobil Source Reduction Committee, part of the South Coast. Security necessary for our receipt of a \$622,000 emission reduction grant. This overview gives a broad idea of the size and scope of the city's fleet. Some of the awards and recognition that we're quite proud of, about 2000 vehicles in the fleet we purchase about 200 new ones a year, go through about 2 million gallons of fuel. And we've won a couple of pretty decent awards in recognition for Green Fleet and overall fleet. As you can see, we're doing pretty well with the use of alternative fuel vehicles in the fleet. Our overall purchase rate is 50% or more of all fuel vehicles, and that's where the city's fleet is being quite varied with many vehicle types that have no fault fuel model available. If you look at what we're purchasing compared to the market availability, 98% of our fleet purchases are alternative fuel. And I'll talk more about the various fuels we use in a later slide. We've been taking an aggressive approach to greening our fleet and to making our operations more sustainable. Our Green Fleet analyst, Jackie Dimmock, sitting beside me, manages the pilot testing of new technology to reduce fuel use and emissions. And she also manages our telematics program, which I'll discuss later. Also, our program to become an accredited sustainable fleet is managed through Napa, the National Association of Fleet Administrators, the nation's largest fleet management association. And it helps guide our future sustainability efforts and policy. And Long Beach recently achieved the highest ranking Tier four among only 34 accredited fleets in the United States. Alternative fuels are generally defined as those fuels derived from sources other than petroleum when used in vehicles. However, natural gas, hydrogen and electricity are also included. You could look at it as anything other than gasoline and conventional diesel fuel. We've been in LPG fleet since 2003 and were pioneers in the field. We converted to renewable LPG in 2015 and LPG and CNG are used primarily in medium duty and heavy duty trucks and we are converting from LPG to CNG in the fleet now. We've been using CNG since the 1970s an

d renewable CNG starting in August of last year. Our focus on renewables has paid off as about half the fuel the city uses is renewable. Renewable CNG is produced from biomass sources in landfills and allows us to reduce our reliance on organic petroleum sources. Renewable natural gas is also cheaper due to credits. It's about 32% less expensive. Renewable diesel brings a 50 to 90% greenhouse gas reduction over traditional diesel, plus a 9% NOx reduction. And along with these renewable fuel transitions. We recently opened a new CNG time filled station at the city's Temple Willow Yard. We open the city fleets first time field station last May. It serves up to 100 heavy duty trucks and sweepers and as mentioned, uses renewable CNG. And since those trucks fill up overnight, it also saves time and Labor compared to LNG fueling, which must be done by an attendant. Converting to renewable CNG was a big step and we were also recently able to start

using an advanced engine that further minimizes the environmental footprint of these trucks. This picture is from the Alternative Clean Transportation Expo held here in Long Beach in May of last year, where we displayed the first near zero engine refuse truck in municipal service in the United States. And this is important because the initial the emissions reductions are substantial and very significant when you consider the heavy duty cycle these trucks have. This new emissions reduction technology on these trucks enables considerable NOx reduction. And these reductions are important because our refuse trucks use copious amounts of fuel doing their job and they can be big polluters and harmful to residents health. So we have 23 near-zero engine trucks today and another five on the way. And while the greenhouse gas reduction is welcome, the NOx reductions is the excuse me, NOx emissions are reduced to a level 90% lower than the national EPA standard. Overall emissions of a near-zero engine truck when using renewable natural gas are equivalent to an electric truck when measuring just the power plant emissions of that electricity. So turning to the hybrid portion of the city's fleet, the city fleet contains a number of hybrids, primarily sedans and SUVs. Benefits are not only reduce fuel use and emissions, but also less maintenance effort. There are infrastructure challenges when going to a plug in hybrid, but those come with even better gas mileage and emission reductions. We're expanding use of hybrids in the fleet with a pilot test of new technology for light trucks and vans. For trucks and vans. Our Ford supported aftermarket up fit adds attraction motor and battery pack retains the original engine and powertrain reduces CO2 emissions by 20%, increases fuel economy by 25%, and the plug in gets a 50% mpg increase. We're excited about pilot testing of Ford's new pursuit rated hybrid police car. This will start in Long Beach in September, depending on delivery, will test five cars and patrol and unmarked service

e. These patrol cars are rated at 38 miles per gallon. That's a savings of about \$6,000 per car in fuel over its lifetime and 28 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per vehicle. Pretty excited about this PD test. As I mentioned, this is the first patrol car on the market with real potential for emissions reduction. And turning to the future, we're looking at other potential alternative fuel options. We're exploring hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and we have a pilot test of a Toyota Mirai. Thus far, we've had great performance and reliability and we're getting much more involved in the battery electric market. Battery electric cars, as you may know, are readily available. However, trucks are not yet well developed. But this is changing fast. And I'll have more on our battery electric vehicle program in a few slides. First, I want to talk about the use of data in operating an efficient fleet. We're actively moving towards a fully data driven fleet, both in maintenance and in operation. This supports and enables emissions reductions through reduced fuel usage. We collect data on the fleet through use of telematics, which is the transmission and use of vehicle data to include how and where a vehicle is driven. We use both passive and active telematics, and some of the key data that we can obtain includes engine idling time, vehicle location, how a vehicle is driven, for example, hard acceleration or heart breaking vehicle fault codes and more. Another initiative we're looking at is engine REPROGRAMING. That's the opposite of performance tuning, and it is essentially engine tuning for fuel economy. As we fully implement telematics across a fleet, we can begin fleet wide reporting to departments to drive decisions on how our vehicles are used and to ensure maximum efficiency and reduce emissions. And turning to battery electric vehicles. Now, earlier this year, we started a task force to develop plans to convert city vehicles from fossil fuel to electric. In May, the B.V. Task Force met for the first time to develop draft policy for battery electric vehicles. The task force is comprised of Fleet Public Works, Office of Sustainability and Government Affairs. The policy is that Bevs will be used wherever feasible, subject to availability and with limited exemptions. Electric vehicles are more sustainable. Reducing emissions and operational cost range has greatly increased and the technology has become mature. Battery electric vehicles are considered to be zero emissions, while only sedans are readily available. That's changing rapidly. The electric vehicle the electric vehicle field is widening, and since most of our cities fleet is trucks, we are closely following development of electric options in that segment. And in terms of funding regular fleet capital charges will fund the electric cars and the charters departments are to pay electricity costs just as they do for fuel. Electric vehicles are more or less expensive to operate, but the infrastructure costs

can be significant. We'll use available grant funding for the charging infrastructure, and our deployment of electric vehicles will initially focus on sedans. There are 84 eligible sedans in the fleet for conversion spread across most departments, and we're looking at vehicles such as the

Chevy Bolt to Nissan Leaf. Conversion would be phased as the current sedans age out of the fleet. Within two years, we expect to expand beyond passenger cars and move into Electric Park, sorry, electric trucks and more for the future. We intend to continue to pursue multiple strategies to reduce the city's carbon footprint. That means fully developing our green fleet policy and being the early adopters whenever feasible and smart, acquiring the greenest possible vehicles. And it's not just vehicles. We are working hard to integrate the full spectrum of telematics and its data into management of the fleet to reduce fuel consumption and emissions while improving safety. This necessitates policy development discussions and increased department involvement. It offers other alternatives also such as gamification and programs that grant small, non-monetary incentives for eco driving. And finally, we will stay fully tuned into the ongoing transition to autonomous vehicles and mobility. It won't be many years until we are using autonomous vehicles for at least some of the city's transportation needs. This is an exciting time to be in the fleet business. The technology is advancing so quickly and the opportunities to not only improve service delivery but reduce our impact on the environment are significant. Indeed. That concludes my presentation on the city's Green Fleet program. Next, I have a very short presentation on clean transportation from the South Coast HQ, AMD's Mobile Sauce Reduction Committee. That presentation is necessary for our receipt of the \$622,000 emissions reduction grant. That's in today's council meeting. This is the clean transportation presentation from the Local Government Partnership Program. Yamazaki was established by the legislature and is working closely with the South Coast A.D. to invest in reduction in air pollution. We have significant air quality challenges, as you're aware, and according to the A.D., we are in an extreme not attainment for ozone, which is a primary component of smog. We have mandatory air pollution reductions that are necessary focused on NOx and NOx emissions, which need to go down by 45% within the next five years. The way that we accomplish this is through the AQ MD's plan of which our grant is a part in this. AQ AMP is a roadmap on how to meet those obligations. We are partnering with them and with the South Coast AQ, MDA to get our funding. Participation is voluntary. However, funding has been reserved for us and we are working with Mr. SI to obtain that \$622,000. That concludes my presentation. I'm available for your questions. Very thorough. Very, very thorough. Great job. No, seriously, I'm just very, very ni

ce. Thank you very much. Any. Any. Any questions? You have two people. I know, but, councilman, did you have. No. No. Okay, I'm just looking. Councilman Andrews. I'm okay. You're okay. Councilman Mongo. You just get me. So in the last year, I actually worked on a grant for different types of charging stations and thought I'd learned more about vehicles of this type than ever before. But the thoroughness of this presentation has opened my eyes to how little I know about all of this. So thank you very much. Thank you for keeping our fleet clean. And my only question would be, I know that there have been some discussions and dialogs about the changing face of vehicles and that a lot of businesses are considering moving to a lease by the hour model where different industries are coming in and saying, instead of owning your own fleet and or leasing your fleet for your exclusive use that sits parked X amount of time that organizations like Enterprise and others have come out and said, we provide fleet services to cities. Have we looked into that and or is there a cost savings if you have? Yes, Councilmember, we do some limited leasing where it makes sense right now. We do it in the fire department on some very expensive assets there, and we've done it in another couple of examples that I can't recall right now. I'm familiar with Enterprise's model considerably. Mm hmm. And there is money to be saved by leasing in the right cases, in the right types of vehicles, not necessarily through their model. Okay. We can generally get the money cheaper. Okay. Right. Through bonding and so forth, which we have done. So, yes, in a nutshell, we have done that and looked at it. They had made a presentation at a conference of some sort, I guess a while back related to like animal control vehicles and how expensive they can be to build. And yet there were all these different options available when cities work together and the fleets move around and things like that. So it's great to hear that you've already looked into it and it I wouldn't doubt that whatever you have to say on it would be accurate as you have more information on this matter than I've ever seen in almost any presentation at the Council. So congratulations and great work. And Councilmember, I do want to point out that Dan is a true expert in this field, is an area where we're doing really innovative work throughout the entire nation. So we get lots of awards for our fleet and it's something we're very proud of. And I've heard those awards, but now I see why. Thank you. And Dan, I hope, you know, I'm just giving you a hard time. This was actually a great presentation. So and Craig fills us in on other all the great things that are happening all the

time on this. And so very exciting. And it's good to see all the all this just commitment to our our climate change goals and pretty amazing stuff. So thank you very much. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you. Just a point of order. You know, two motions up there.

I made the original motion kind of skipped. I just wanted to say it's all good. So did. I. That is true. I don't know why that did that. So I wanted to just chime in and just say, Mr.. See, we can thank them for a lot. This is this is a grant. And a lot of times we just hit a button and don't acknowledge it. But and I'm an alternate on MSR three in this see through SAG and they've supported events like our active transportation event in North Palm Beach. They provided \$75,000 for that. They support a lot of the work that we do to green our fleet. And so we sit we say thank you to our team for making it so easy for us to go to MRC and get these funds. But we also want to recognize and just say thank you to MRC and we do appreciate the support they give to our city. Thank you. And Councilor Pearce. Thank you. Yes, fantastic presentation. Not only the slides, but just your commentary throughout. It was very easy to follow. Thank you so very much. I did have one question. I know that there's I've had two concerns coming from my constituents. One is on the status of those companies that service the EV charging stations. Can you give us an update on where the city is with those contracts? Maybe not. Maybe that's a mr. Beck question. So the what? What I know about that from in discussions on the BBVA Task Force is that a contract is being prepared or rather an RFP to get a contract to service the stations that exist already within the city for public use. And that would also include the stations that we are proposing. Great. And I'll add a little bit to that. So we had put those in. Those are especially going in in the beach areas and a new lots. That's part of our policy. Unfortunately, nationwide, one of the major leaders of that service went bankrupt. So we had to cancel all of our contracts, figure out a way to get the power turned back on while we go back out and do an RFP. So it we asked for a little bit of patients were kind of in a new field here trying to make that work. Great. Thank you. And then I also just want to highlight, you know, as a city how many awards we've gotten, but just the fact that we're we talk about being green, we talk about climate change to be able to have a fleet so diverse as this, I think is really amazing. And I hope that we share it with our constituents and our residents. So I hope this presentation is somewhere available for them so that they can be proud of the work that we do in-house. And then my other question is, outside of the city, I know we've had constituents call and ask about getting service stations near their home or at their home. Could you just for the public, a recap what that processes? So we actually do have a program for free chargers. So it's something that really only exists in Long Beach that we know of right now. We, through our partnership with Mercedes-Benz, when they came here and became their Western regional headquarters, they gave us I don't remember the number, but I think several tho

usand chargers. So we are offering those free to the public. They do have to come in and get a building permit in order to install it safely. But if anyone's interested, we have that on our website and we can make that available so we still have chargers left to give. Thank you so very much. Thank you. Any public comment on this? CNN. Mr. Bolen, do you have one? Please come down. Give me a minute. I'll be right there. No. Yes, Larry, Will and I have a real interest in this is really going the meeting after the events was the compliance manager for Toyota motor sales for many years so involved in the early days of emissions regarding zero emissions electric vehicles. And this is a question to the director. What percentage of the kilowatt hours that you purchase from, I believe Edison, are generated by coal fired generating plants outside of California. As a question. No answer. As you know, Mr. Bowen, this is an opportunity to ask questions per se. But if council only we can. But continue with your public comment. Okay. I suppose a friendly time. The reason I ask that question that maybe the public might get fooled a little bit when it says zero emissions because Edison does buy power from four corners from the Navajos. And I don't know, but I think it's a fairly larger. Content of coal fired energy that we get. So remember that it may not be zero. There may be some other number. Thank you. Thank you. With that. Please cast your votes for either vice mayor or Councilman Anderson's motion, whichever one of the two you want to vote for. Great. Thank you very much for that report. Next item. Okay. Motion carries unanimously. Next item up. Madam Clerk, please read, which is item 24. Item 20. Item 24 is communication from Vice Mayor Richardson. Council Member Pierce. Council Member Supernanny. Councilman Andrew's recommendation to receive and file report from the Long Beach Innovation Team on the Newson Motels pilot program explored the feasibility of a citywide news and motel ordinance and explore the

feasibility of implementing a motel amortization program. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So first, I want to thank all the folks who are who are here and waited patiently through our city council meeting. This is ever given Tuesday. So I'm glad you're able to be here and witness our our proceedings. I want to thank council members Andrews Pearson Supernova for lending their names in support of this conversation. So for decades, North Long Beach neighborhoods all across our city have been facing persistent blight, crime, violence associated with outdated nuisance motels. In many cases, human trafficking, drug activity and violent crime has really taken root in these motels. In fact, in the past three years, our police department has gotten 3189 calls for service for violent crime in files 772 crime incident reports on the six worst motels alone. That's just six. Not to mention the continued drain on public resources from police de

partment. Fire code enforcement. Nuisance abatement. Health Department. City Prosecutors. Department. We know that these problem motels are located all across the city. But let's just hone in on one corridor for a moment on Long Beach Boulevard in North Long Beach, between the 17 freeway and Forehand Street, or just about Artesia, where the 91 is, that's just a half of a mile stretch. The corridor is lined with five outdated motels. And recently, our innovation team analyzed calls for service and incident report records for all motel and hotel locations in Long Beach over the last three, three and a half years. And that narrowed it down to some six of the worst motels in the city. And frankly, on this corridor, two of the six worst in the city are adjacent to each other on this corridor. To give you a snapshot, between January 2014 and May 2017, Luxury Inn and the Sierra Motel had 1501 calls for service in that three year span and 237 crime reports on Long Beach Boulevard between those two motels, most notably last April. A tragic incident occurred at that luxury in prompting SWAT to evacuate evacuate the residents from Coolidge Triangle neighborhoods for more than 8 hours as police search for a gunman. Aside from the loss of life, this incident required over 80 police personnel to respond to this crime. I must say that again, 80 police personnel were taken off the streets to address one motel for 8 hours. Could you imagine what those police officers could have been doing if they weren't addressing this one motel? Immediately following, we pulled together a meeting city manager. Our human trafficking folks are our development services folks to sort out an action plan and a pilot program to hold property owners accountable for that crime, human trafficking and violence that takes place at their establishments. And as a response to that meeting, staff began a pilot program, a multiple multiply, multiple department effort to address the ongoing blight and nuisances associated with these these high calls for service motels. And so at this time, I'd love to just hear Quick Report on the two from four or how the pilot program is going. Mr. West, I'm going to turn this over to our I-Team director, Traci Conger. Honorable mayor and city council. Just to give you a brief history, in 2017, the nuisance motel's pilot program was initiated by the city manager. After several discussions with Vice Mayor Richardson about community concerns in North Long Beach. City staff from the prosecutor's office, city attorney's office, development Services, Health Police, Fire, financial management departments and a Long Beach Innovation Team have met to address ongoing issues involving nuisance motels in our city. Specifically, staff focused on motels that meet the criteria of a nuisance location as defined by the Long Beach Municipal Code and those experiencing high volume of police related calls for service. To identify trends and establish baseline averages for police

activity at motel locations in the city, staff collected and aggregated calls for service and incident report records for all motel and hotel locations in Long Beach from January 1st, 2014 through May 31st, 2017. The data sets were analyzed separately and weighted by activity type. Calls for service were weighed by priority level to correspond with response time with priority one calls having the highest weight. Incident reports were weighted by part one and Part two, crimes that correspond with the FBI uniform crime reporting codes. Each motel was then assigned a final index, scored for both datasets and weighted once more by the number of rooms at each location. The final scores provide baseline values to track police activity in Long Beach going forward by location, type of establishment and size, as well as quarterly trends over time, which you can see in these two slides. We have both calls for service as well as incidents over each quarter. The results from the police data analysis will go down to the locations with the highest scores from which six locations were selected for a pilot program. The city has several programs in place as part of its effort to combat nuisance related activity. Between 2005 and 2009 through the redevelopment agency, the

city purchased and abated approximately 12 nuisance motels. The current nuisance abatement ordinance and other various code enforcement policies represent other long standing abatement programs in the city. Staff has initiated a pilot program again with the six motels listed. Site visits to pilot locations are focused on interdepartmental collaboration, community support and partnerships with motel owners and managers. This model balances enforcement with support to motel managers provided by city staff. The city must look to other solutions with minimal fiscal impact to address nuisance motels. Opportunity exists to incorporate zoning and land use changes in the city's existing efforts, including the Uptown Livable Zoning and Investment Plan, also known as Up Plan. This could incentivize motel owners to convert their properties to more viable uses, such as mixed income and or mixed use housing and commercial centers. Staff recommends continuing the pilot program through the end of fiscal year 18 to further develop recommendations and solutions for these establishments while we search to identify funding opportunities. This concludes my report. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you. And and Tracy, thank you for that. That your hard work. And just so folks know, the city is committed to fighting this issue and addressing this issue when you have a response from eight separate departments working collaboratively to address this. So, you know, the pilot program is a great first step at addressing the immediate sort of negative impacts. So that's that's that's suppression. That's a response. But as we heard, you know, as you may know, many cities, including Chula Vista, Anaheim and O

akland, are taking more formal action to combat these crime infested motels by looking at both short term and long term solutions. People people who have lived on that corridor for 20, 30 years can tell you human trafficking along Beach Boulevard is not new. When the city when the city council, when the city cracks down, it's like a water balloon. We crack down for a little while and the issues just moved to Compton in Lynwood. And when the Compton sheriffs crack down, they squeeze on the other side of the balloon. It pops right back up in Long Beach. So we've got to not necessarily look at just suppression. When we look at how much resources go into it, we have to look at short term and long term strategies. So based on the success that we learned, we're learning from the pilot motel program along with best practices from other jurisdictions. Part of the My motion tonight is recommend staff explore the feasibility of implementing a citywide nuisance motel ordinance that will hold motel owners accountable for the things that take place in their property and really ask for a higher standard. No matter what era you live in, you live in a higher standard for motels, and so we can use the tools we already have in this ordinance, but really take a look at sort of retooling our fees, our fines to create something that accelerates our administrative process to bring them into compliance. An ordinance will give us the leverage we need to set performance standards, impose administrative penalties on property owners, allowing criminal activity to take place on their premises. An ordinance can incorporate existing and expanded standards, including proposed security measures, such as increased lighting and security cameras. Right now, the city is installing security cameras along Beach Boulevard because of the activity taking place at the motels. The motels should be required to put in security cameras so there's not the taxpayers putting up those resources. Increased environmental regulations to ensure healthy conditions, as well as a visitation requirement that assures accountability enforcement and enforcement at establishments . Additionally, I will hope to see best practices from other jurisdictions incorporated into the ordinance. For example, in Chula Vista, the city mandated mandated motel go guests show ID and register their plate number, as with the motel as a requirement of checking in. These security protocols have been shown, have been proven to reduce crime and to actually assist our vice detectives with investigating when something does happen. You'd have that I.D., you'd have that car registration, you'd have that information. We've we already have a proven track record of implementing successful nuisance abatement ordinances here in Long Beach. Our award winning alcohol nuisance abatement ordinance has been very effective in decreasing crime and blight associated with liquor stores across our city. It started off again as a pilot and then ex

panded citywide. This this establishes a steady operational requirements that improve public safety, including the removal of payphones, unauthorized signage, advertisements, exterior, you know, and other catalysts for loitering and other unlawful activities. So it's currently and is currently in its fourth phase. Again, it started in North Long Beach in its fourth phase of implementation with near 100% compliance rating from liquor stores. So I would hope that the motel ordinance and the strategy

leverages a similar strategy as we took with the alcohol ordinance. We know that targeting structural conditions and environmental site issues as well as holding property owners accountable for illegal activity is an effective strategy. Not just reducing to not just reduce crime, but also helps set the standard for a long term permanent solution. So so the third piece of this is really I'm recommending that staff look at the feasibility of implementing some long term permanent solutions as well that address overconcentration. So we're not talking about going after every motel, but if there are two or three of these nuisance motels right next to each other. Right now there's five along Beach Boulevard. There's not a tourist destination. There's no reason for that. So what can we do to address the overconcentration and address the issue long term and permanently? So changes land use and zoning in order to phase out motels where tourism no longer exists. That's that's a strategy we can utilize. Opportunities explore zoning and land use changes in up plan like as discussed to incentivize motel owners to convert to some other more appropriate use. We can begin the conversation around amortization. That's something that, you know, that essentially deems motels and high crime corridors as legal, non-conforming and sets a timeline to bring it into compliance. We should take a look at that. We've used it in other instances, such as with car dealerships and Long Beach Boulevard when it was it was most feasible when applied to over concentrated areas. City of Gardena just used amortization to address two nuisance gentleman clubs in Gardena. The process started many years ago, but they finally they started. They set the clock and when the clock ended, those two gentlemen's clubs closed down. So they started it when they said, hey, they only need to operate in industrial industrial spaces or they made a land use choice and that started the clock. If we started this clock 20 years ago, we wouldn't be in the position today. So it doesn't mean that motel would be necessarily shut down, but it actually allows us to think about the vision for the corridor with all this conversation about visioning taking place. So the conversation is really simple. We know that human trafficking and crime has taken root in many of these motels. I know it resonates. Know it. We know the average human trafficking victim in California is 14 years old and that California harbors three o

f the FBI's highest sex trafficking areas in the nation L.A., San Francisco and San Diego today. Currently, children walking along Beach Boulevard on the way to Colin Powell, Keith Reed School, Colin Powell Academy are being approached by pimps. We know that people in audience know that they've heard these these stories especially. And we know that some motel owners are complicit. They're working with some of these networks. So if we know these things and Vice is investing in these things, we continue to place a focus on succession. At some point, we are complicit as a city if we don't think about a long term solution. So, you know, so I'll summarize by saying what we're looking at is three things. The pilot is immediate suppression. Short term is a faster process to respond through an ordinance. And long term, we want to look at some way to update, some way to leverage processes or incentives or updating land use to address the overconcentration. Those are the three things I want to I want to just acknowledge that there was a letter from the motel association that came out came out today. And so whoever whoever you are, I encourage you to work with city staff. I've talked with them. They're going to open up the doors and talk with you about what will or will not transpire. But thank you for stepping up. We didn't get where we are with liquor stores, without the liquor store owners stepping up. So we actually welcome that. I want to thank again the co-sponsors, Pearce, Super Norton Andrews, and encourage the city council support tonight. Thank you. Thank you very much. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you, Vice Mayor, again for your great leadership on this item. And to all of those that have waited to hear this item on a long council night, I absolutely support this item wholeheartedly. I think that it's a step in the right direction. I do have a couple questions in my district. Some of these top six are actually in my district. And I know that our muni code and I just want to ask staff a question on how we handle the situation. We have our muni code says that a responsible party shall not be prohibited from knowingly renting or leasing to an individual guestroom in a hotel or motel to one or more sex offenders. Yada, yada, yada. And no sex offenders should reside within 2000 feet from any public or private school. The walking distance between Franklin Middle School and the Long Beach Motel on Seventh Street is a little over 1000 feet. So I'm wondering, have we done any work with that motel in particular on ensuring that they're following the guidelines per muni code? Sorry to spring that on you guys. No, it's okay. Thank you. Councilmember, at this point, we're working to establish those relationships and be able to provide the appropriate enforcement with code enforcement as well as the police department. So we currently don't have a practice in place to make sure that

that's not happening. Correct. Okay. And is that part of this pilot program that

's already in place? We are developing a compliance plan, which is as a series of corrective issues items. And we're meeting with the hoteliers and their managers to go over what we think are the menu items that are applicable for those particular motels. Okay. I want to recognize the fact that these are hotspots for human trafficking. And I want to applaud the work that the human trafficking task force has done. I know when you first came to this city, a lot of folks said it probably wasn't that big of a deal. And so recognizing this and saying that we really have to chip away at these little bitty pieces, this is, you know, Franklin Middle Schools is a big concern for me. The same issue that the vice mayor raised where you have kids walking down the street and being approached by individuals is alarming. So I want to make sure that that is included in the next report that we get back. I also want to talk about some of the work that's been done in L.A. and I know that this really was an item that was focused on the fact that these were crime zones. And obviously, these numbers are very shocking to see. But I also want to recognize that we in the city have said that dealing with homelessness is a big challenge. I know that we have vouchers that sometimes we place people in some of these motels. But I want to really make sure that in a report back that we're looking at things like the City of L.A. did, which was an interim motel conversion ordinance where we would say, if, you know, perhaps if they fall into the amortization and we're saying we have too many of these, that we're working on an incentive program, working with our county, working with our health department to say let's have transitional housing where we have a connection to wraparound services. That is a need that we desperately need in the city. And it would provide oversight. It would ensure that we have people in those previous motels turned to housing that would have staff making sure that we have a safe place for people to get on their feet. And so I want to make sure that that's part of a report back as you guys are doing this work coming out of the health department, if that's okay. Fantastic. All right. I'm done. Thank you. Thank you.

Councilwoman Gonzalez. I just want to say thank you, vice Mayor, for bringing this forward. This is very important. I have and the first district, we have a ton of motels along seventh and new new motels looking to come. And I think that we need to address this issue first and abate it first and tackle what we can before moving forward with additional options. And so thanks so much. I look forward to, you know, seeing where this ends up. And just thank you so much for the work. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I think. This is a great item. It's proactive. I know Rex and his residents at the ninth District have been working very hard to to address this this nuisance and this problem. And it is very much it has been an issue up North

Long Beach Boulevard. I've seen it, witnessed it myself. And I think this is a very proactive, strong approach. However, and what I like most about the report is the fact that it identified the most problem motels. Right. It identified those and it didn't necessarily paint all motel operators with a wide brush. It said, you know, we're going to go after and identify the nuisance sites and work to abate those. I know for a fact that, you know, I have motels in my district as well. Not all of them are the best. But we actually have some some examples of, I think, very well-run and responsible motel operators who I think in this conversation should be be also stakeholders. When you talk about best practices, because there are some some some good ones. And I think we have some some representatives here from a couple of the motels in a district who who want to be part of the conversation as well. And so as we move forward with staff in terms of looking at feasibility and implementing, you know, an ordinance, I think we should make sure that we're talking to everybody. And so I would invite that that conversation. I hope you're amenable to that. Vice Mayor Richardson as well. So thank you very much. I'm really looking forward to hearing from the public, though. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. A. Thank you. I'll just follow up on what Councilmember Austin just said, if I can ask the vice mayor for just a little more clarification. We were contacted at almost 4 p.m. this afternoon by a group, and we had another event to start at 4:04 p.m. that had just heard about this. So if you can explain. And they were asking for a 30 day continuance. Can you reiterate what you said before, that this is a work in progress? We're not making a decision tonight that they will have time to weigh in on this. Sure. Thank you. So just to be clear, we had a conversation after the letter to make sure that if there is someone is going to step up and sort of represent those interests, they should have a seat at the table. So I'm looking to Oscar. We had this conversation. Oscar's nodding. He's acknowledging, so, yeah, we're going to bring him to the table so there's no need for a continuance. Let's start the process and have the

conversation. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Actually, I'm very happy to see this going forward in the way it is, because I think that there's anything that we need to have. It's more participation from those affected, from the stakeholders, as well as people who are most affected by it. And I think that when we finish at the end of the day, that we're going to come up with a better, better solution to dealing with human trafficking and being able to at least minimize it and maybe even benefit from it in terms of being able to transition some of these hotels into, you know, some homeless housing and affordable housing and some accommodations of being able to bring people in when they need the the housing the most, especially that we're looking

at opportunities for. Home. I mean, temporary housing. And this is a good opportunity to look at that. It's a creative way that the city can look at in terms of how to deal with its housing issues. And I'm looking forward to the results of the study at the end of the day. Thank you. Thank you very much. With that, we're gonna hear from the public. So please come down and just line up at the podium and. I feel like I'm out of retirement. Welcome. Welcome back. Welcome back. I'm going to sing that song for you. Welcome back. Welcome back. Welcome back. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and members of the city council. I am standing here in support and strong support of the Citywide Nuisance Motel ordinance. And I have to tell you, as a resident in North Long Beach and in my district and in the Coolidge Triangle area, we greatly appreciate the attention that we believe that has been long overdue and that we deserve accountability is the cornerstone of this ordinance. As a taxpayer, I have grown weary of picking up the tab for the property owners of these motels that have been costing us money and adding to our deficit. As a 25 year property owner in the Coolidge Triangle neighborhood who has had the privilege of living among some of the finest residents in this city. I am confident in saying Colors Triangle and other North Long Beach homeowners and neighborhoods are deeply concerned about our neighbors, about our neighborhood. And we are fierce protectors of our neighborhoods. We are hyper vigilant against anyone who does not live in our neighborhood. We really we look after each other in ways that I think would probably be the envy of others. We have phone trees. We keep in contact with each other. We are always looking out for the children and for our elders. And it's just been a phenomenal place to live. And and we do really kind of get a little sensitive on the fact that because of the demographics, you know, we have the largest population of homeownership in North Long Beach, the certainly the largest population of first time people of color who are property owners in North Long Beach. And our homes are worth, you know, quite a bit. We have a major economic investment. So the dubious distinction of being a high crime area, etc., etc., it really kind of rubs against the grain because these issues do happen and they are the reason why we're here. But the neighborhoods are quality neighborhoods. This proposal is among the best that the city has advanced in a long time, and we really appreciate it. I want to make the point that when we talk about the children not being able to walk to school, you know what? For those of us use the bike to take the bus to work, sitting at that bus stop became very dangerous thing for the person speaking because in the morning there would be individuals trying to, well, proposition you. And so it became very problematic, which forced me to have to now, you know, drive to work, taking a walk along Long Beach Boulevard in the

in a in a summer evening or, you know, just simply having a stroll to jack in the box becomes a problem because of the neighborhood nuisance of these motels. So thank you for bringing this forward. Councilman Richardson, you did an outstanding job with your report. And we are here to back this measure 100%. Thank you. Because we appreciate the neighborhoods that we live in and we want them to be better. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. On an open air vice mayor staff, many of the members from my north Long Beach neighborhood are seated behind me and in line. My name is Dan Press Burg. I'm the president of the DeForest Park Neighborhood Association. My information is on file. We in North Long Beach are in support of the pilot program. It addresses nuisance properties and their exorbitant expense in man hours and first responders by police and fire. The expense in human lives. From human trafficking and on crime. That is why the focus has been so specific on those six motels tonight. And however, I'm going to just address two corridors. That's the Atlantic corridor and Long Beach Boulevard. I drove those corridors when I was working full time. You could not stop without somebody knocking on your window and saying, Hey, how about a date? That's horrible. A nuisance. Motel pilot program pinpoints the activities on blighted corridors affecting the adjacent neighborhoods. That is why these motels were looked at, and that's why they're most troublesome. This was a multi

departmental program with an effort to address the ongoing issues, and we've had some of these before over on Pacific Coast Highway, where they were converted over to education sources and somehow it disappeared. The pilot program identifies trends and establishes a baseline for police activities at the motels throughout the city. It monitors calls for service incidents. Reports and records have already been analyzed and the program needs to keep going on. And Rex has already said that he's going to dangle a carrot and put a carrot so we can all be at the table to talk about this. The pilot program will conclude this September three review review of the pilot program established, just like I said, the best practices and many, many cities. We'd like to thank the Vice Mayor for his vision, his vigilance and consistent care of our community and the neighborhoods of North Long Beach that the Forest Park Association. And also there's a there's an alliance that we have are in full support of the new ordinance as it as it progresses and as it addresses the specific needs of the neighborhoods and the human element involved in human trafficking that focuses into our neighborhoods. It also addresses some of the issues that lead to drugs, crime and other interdiction, as well as eliminating what has been a blight on our community for many, many years. We are united in full support. Thank you for moving this forward. And one other thing in the eighth District, I don't know if y

ou remember the chief motel. It's still a vacant lot. We spent ten years working on getting that removed before I became the councilman over there. And it it just about wore all two to nothing. So thank you again. Thank you, Rex. Thank you, Mr. President. Next speaker, please. It evening, Robert. And distinctive council members. The president of Coolidge Triangle Neighborhood Association and the issue of human trafficking has been pervasive for a very long time. It's not unique only to Coolidge Triangle. If you represent the corridors of PCH, Anaheim, Long Beach Boulevard, we have the same mutual concerns. If you are by the Travelodge, if you take a look at, you know, men against human trafficking, the message is loud and clear. Their present, the different parts of our city. Thank you, Rex, for bringing this to the table. This is a long term concern that the residents have spoken about for a very long time. I think that in many, many years you've been the first to actually step up and address this issue. I hope that you as a council members do support Rex with this measure. The community deeply cares about our growth in many ways. We're very proactive in our community in ways that perhaps city funding cannot fund. We have leaders here who are both alumni from neighborhood leadership programs, have developed leaders in the community from tree plantings and corridor improvements. We want to continue improving our neighborhoods because we care deeply about those neighborhoods. If there's anything that you can do tonight is support Rex in his endeavors in improving North Long Beach and in your quarter two. And what we do look at at the end of the day as well, if somebody had mentioned Rex, you had mentioned the kids also have to see prostitution on their way to school, going on in cars, on their way to school, going through our neighborhoods and as many times as our residents call. And they keep on coming back. Where is the equity for these kids? So we as a community are going to continue being vocal. We as a community are continuously going to be fighting for what's right for our kids, our communities, our community as homeowners that are vested in this community. We look to your leadership and your support in the proposition that Rex is presenting. So I do. Thank you. Thank you so much. Good to see you again. Next speaker, please. We've always it's funny, right? I know. We all need to laugh. Okay. Thank you. Mayor. Last year. Council members. Public in general. My name is Hilda Guyton. I am the co-chair of the Coalition for Katrina Long Beach. And I'm here to support this item. I don't need to describe the atrocities that human. Trafficking brings to the people. Involved. And to the community as a whole. With all my respect. I urge you to please support this item and to help end the exploitation, especially of kids or children's children, and make. Our city and. Neighborhoods safer for all. Thank you very much. And thank you, Mr. Garcia, to bring

this item to the table. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Next speaker. Next speaker, please. And that was very the time on. That was wonderful. Thank you. Said so much in 45 seconds. I loved it. My name is Dennis Patel, and I'm here with the Long Beach Hotel Motel Association. Good evening, your honorable mayor. The Long Beach Council members and the staff. You are doing great work and we sincerely want to thank all of you for your service. I'm here this evening with our Long Beach Hotel Motel Association to give comments on the feasibility of a citywide nuisance motel ordinance that, for some unknown reason, is just applicable to motel and not hotel property

owners. Today is the first time that we are all hearing about this ordinance through tonight's agenda. No one from the 14th floor has contacted us. Today we are just kindly asking for a 30 day continuance or extension during this 30 day continuance period. We would like to meet our council members to mutually discuss and understand the details of the ordinance. Today we contacted the Office of All Language City Council members. However, we haven't heard back from their office yet, as I understand that we had to send the letter out at a short notice as well. Your honorable mayor and council members. We think it's very fair to all sides to allow a 30 day continuance to meet and put our thoughts together to come up with more acceptable situation. Please kindly allow us this opportunity to work with our council members. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next week, release. 3 million council members and mayor. My name is Roswell Lopez, and I am here on behalf of Ana Soto, who couldn't join us tonight. So she wrote a letter which I began to read. Dear City Council, my name is Ana Soto, and I'm and I'm a resident of the Ninth Council District. This letter is in lieu of my personally attending tonight's meeting to speak in support of your proposal to evaluate and expand short and long term solutions to address the nuisance motels. These specific motels have become a hub of illegal activity over the years, causing much blight and crime in the surrounding areas, most notably human trafficking. I work as an analyst for human trafficking. I work as an analyst and human trafficking coordinator for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. But tonight, I speak as a resident who has much experience in the fight against human trafficking. I am a member of the Lambert Human Trafficking Task Force and see the devastation human trafficking is wreaking in our communities morally, financially and emotionally. I request the City Council support Vice Mayor Richardson's proposal. So Long Beach can continue its project towards a safe and caring city in the state of California. I make myself available to lend political, personal and community support towards a successful implementation of the short and long term solutions being proposed. Blessings Signed. ANAM Soto, Chair of the 63rd District, Los Angeles Cou

nty Democratic Party. Thank you. Thank you very much. And thanks to Mrs. Soto as well. Speaker, please. Thank you, mayor. Council persons and allow me to speak today. My name is G2 Patel, 50 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach. I'm not I was not aware of what you are considering today, especially as this will affect our livelihood. If it wasn't for the press telegram. I would have known that this item was being presented. Today. I think it's unfair to pass an item without the input from hoteliers. Hoteliers. We would like to review staff reports as well and to discuss the. Situation and how human trafficking is horrible. And I certainly don't allow that. Any of my properties. We just don't do that. It's not allowed and my. Staff is trained on that. Things and those things. My colleagues and I. Want to exchange ideas and to work together with you to figure. Out how to deal with this situation. Don't you have existing. Laws to deal with those two properties that are in your district, sir? Like sups or or licensing or something to to help you and then endeavor. I'm not sure why we keep. Adding more things. You use what you have. I want. To. I'm asking for your consideration. A 30 day continuation of. What we are going to consider tonight. I want to discuss our issue with the staff and our council people. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes. Excuse me. I'm Robert Bergman. I am. Thank you for allowing me to speak here. I've been here working in Long Beach for ten years, and I've been in school here in Long Beach. I'm a graduate from Long Beach State. I'm also a U.S. veteran, disabled American. All right. This is about time we have something like this. Because this has been going on for a long, long time. And I want to be I'm I'm also the founder of a clean up Sapp area coalition. And if you didn't hear, the Grace Motel should be added to the list. And it also burned. It went up in flames. I say take it all down now. Take it away. Because it's nothing but a cesspool of drugs violence. And. Prostitution. All kinds of illegal activity goes in and out of there and not one of your police officers will go in and do anything about it. They take a blind eye to what is right. And. For the homeless population. The landlords. This should also be this should cover the landlords of apartment buildings as well, because they are too at fault. And for the homeless crisis. Have each landowner. Have a division of percentage of units available for homeless vets. Homeless? Anybody? Anybody. Homeless? There should be. A percentage of their apartments ready to rent to the homeless. Thank you for your service. Thank you. Next speaker, please. That's your phone. Good evening. Vice Mayor. Council members. City staff. I applaud the work you do. My name is Jimmy Murray. I'm president of the Start King Neighborhood Association. I reside at six, seven. Nine five Beachley Avenue. Been there for 40 years. This is my third stint as president. Of the Neighborhood Association. In

that area, we have 1100 homes. But I want to say that I took the opportunity to stand with men standing against trafficking. On Long Beach Boulevard Friday night. It was an awesome opportunity to. Look at that. Strip. I drive. Past there five, six, seven times a month. And. Most of the hope motels. You wouldn't even know. They are there unless you happen to frequent them. There's only one multi-story motel in that little strip there. But I want to say this. Holding that sign up there, I could not help but. Cars with men coming to Victoria and then making a U-turn. And I thought. Did they see us with those signs? Were they out hunting and turned around and went the other way? That's what went through my mind. I said, get rid of those hotels, motels that are causing problems. Thank you. Thank you, Jim. Next speaker, please. Good evening, council members. My name is Virginia's Art and I'm a founding member of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. And as we were talking about the motels and as vice mayor, you were talking about their location and such. I remember before knowing anything about human trafficking, so many times you would ride down a street and you'd see a hotel, and in your mind you're thinking, this is kind of a strange place for a motel to be. It's not like it's in the center of anything, any kind of tourist area or anything like that. And I often. Wondered, how do these businesses stay in business? And then once I learned about human trafficking, it kind of raised a red flag for me that as you see these motels, they are actually used for exploitation for for the young for the young children, for men and women as well. But I don't want to insinuate that exploitation only happens in these motels. It doesn't it can really happen anywhere. But what is so hard to take is that it happens here in our own city. And as you hear the residents who live in the neighborhoods of these hotels and motels where all the crime is happening and all the calls for service, the numbers that you shared earlier were just outstanding. And to know that that happens in our city, just. Breaks my heart in so many ways and so many of our task force members are here to support. And we've been working on this issue for six years now and Long Beach, and we're here and we're ready to support you, and we appreciate you bringing this forward. I also wanted to. Comment that. One of our partners here was in court today with three young women who had actually been trafficked through motels. So it does happen in these motels. So thank you so much. I appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you very much for having this discussion. My name is Patrick Erlandson and I work at the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force for a number of years on the prevention side of this issue. I'm also the head of the men's standing against trafficking, which you've heard about. And I'm also an English teacher and the father of two daughters, one of

whom was approached by a recruiter for human trafficking when she was in high school. I really want to applaud Vice Mayor Richardson for bringing this in, his consistency and really and really caring about this issue and bringing this to the forefront in the community , and especially for bringing this this forward. I think we can't arrest our way out of this problem. It's it's too big. And it requires the community to stand. It requires legislation and it requires law enforcement. I think we've been doing as men standing, it's trafficking. We take these signs and we take over an intersection once a month, the third Friday of each month, and demonstrate to to the victims of human trafficking that not all men are customers, that we care about them, that there's a better life for them. We stand to demonstrate to the men who are on their way to buy someone's body that there's something better, that actually this is life or death. This is actually not a victimless crime that Lynette Washington paid the price with her life in one of those hotels. And I think that we want to also send a message to the traffickers that they're seen and that this is not acceptable in our communities. We've been doing this at different intersections for over two years. We've been taking a stand. And when we moved to Victoria Street in Long Beach Boulevard, the response from the community was so profound, so strong and so wholehearted that it was just really it was such a moving experience. We had so many people turn out. Many of the people that are here today, people hug, people, stop it, grab signs from us. And they wanted to stand with us because they love their community. And I think what this proposal really means and what what Vice Mayor Richardson is proposing here, as well as the other council members, is that there's a vacuum, and that vacuum is being filled by pimps and traffickers. There are empty beds and those empty beds are being filled by somebody daughter, by somebody who's been victimized, by someone who's being exploited for someone else, for some slave master to make their money. And I think this vacuum, what this proposal does is it takes that vacuum there, takes the people the people who love their community. It takes their love for their community, their homes and their children. And it stuffs that vacuum and

closes it. And I think this is really critical and really important that the community really stands, stands up and supports this proposal. One of the thing, as a teacher, kids always have these cute ways of texting their messages and things that are important to them, whether it's lol, which everyone knows. But there's one FOMO. I don't know if you remember that FOMO, but some kids use that and it's a fear of missing out. And it really struck me that that's really appropriate for this right now, that we should be afraid of missing out on the opportunity to do something about this problem that's gone on for years. And I think waiting 30 more days

, how many how many more mornings do people have to wake up and find condoms in there? Thank you, sir. I mean, we're at one time. This is this is a chance for. The most vulnerable. Thank you. Nice to be with you. Thank you. My name is Alfred Hayes Senior. I'm the I live in North Long Beach, right next door to the Luxury Inn. And I had moved out two years ago to housing. Use my home for homeless women and children. And I did that for two years and I spent my own money to help them. Get off the street. A couple of them went back to the street, but most of them got their life together and they went on to become productive members of the community. I moved back. January of 2016, but ever since I've moved. Back, I realized that my this area has. Gotten worse. Than when I had moved out. I've found people on top of my roof. Two nights ago, a guy was sitting in my yard, peering into my 13 year old girl's bedroom. It was a blessing to see them come. On the corner and try to to bring bring interest to this problem that's getting continuously worse. It has dragged the community down to total drug deals. My bills, my cars. My remote control have been hijacked. I've been I've been out watching my cars. They locked my car. They open my car. They put trackers on my. My vehicles. They broke in my house, put listening devices in my home. And I'm afraid that sometimes they hear me and my wife of 32 years and our most intimate moments. Do you really realize what's really happening here? This place. North Long Beach, the coolest part district has gone to. The docks. It has gone to the dogs. And I live there. I experience it. If you don't live there and have not experienced it, I'm telling you what has happened. Trackers on my car, listening devices in my home. They park in front of my home every day to walk around to the hotel to buy drugs. So I know I see it and I'm fed up with it. I was just on the verge of calling the FBI to make a report with them before I sing. Thank God, Rex, you know, do what they did on the corner. And I went out there and I held the sign with him. So just just to let you know. I'm really fed up with it. I put my life on the line to serve this country. I volunteered willingly to die for this country if need be. So I'm asking this city to stand up, to do something now for me. Give back to someone who put their life on the line for this country. Now, I have two children, twins. Now that's two. Just turned 13. My daughter. Two months ago in Lawrence, Kansas, we have the fastest time in the 400 meter, which was a 5712 in a 12 year old group. I'm trying to raise my children to be decent children in the city of Long Beach to bring a good life to this city. So, please, if you can do anything. Please don't wait 30 days. It's been too long. It's been years. Thank you. Next speaker, please. But my name's Matt Houston. I just mentioned short term and long, long term solutions. But something that occurred to me is also a holistic approach that's import

ant. Being from different parts of the country. Notice things are a little bit different here in L.A. County. One of the things that I've noticed is a lack of public restrooms. So one of the things that I've been trying to work on is an idea for for creating a company that all day that say all we do is as public restrooms and, you know, some of them self-cleaning, but then have access to Lifeline phones right there and maybe have some Lifeline phones with the apps built in right into it, right inside the hotels, you know, maybe have some, you know, touch screens, maybe figure out a way to use grant money to make sure that those are there. So people always have access, you know, find some people who have gotten out of the sex trade industry and maybe have them come together, create a nonprofit, private organization that creates a secure webcam, you know, for for girls that that want to do that stuff on online and make money whatever but not but do it in a safe way at least if that's if that's the way that's going to go, you know. And I mean, because people do that and a lot of a lot of sex trafficking ends up there, you know, and it ends up that, you know, people are sitting there watching and paying money online for people they don't realize are sex , sex slaves, stuff like that. So I think it's important to have security in those things as well. So the stick approach is important, but a care approach is important as well. So job placement opportunity, vocational aptitude test, maybe having one of the ideas I'm trying to toss around is having a separate kind of command structure for the sheriff's department. If I get if I get elected there and

have a separate one with different leadership and have people that can volunteer one side or the other, but it's not so much aggressive enforcement, but, you know, completely different, you know, kind of like the Peace Corps versus Marine Corps type of thing. So you have you know, you can have some officers with crossover, but the leadership is different. And then you it opens up opportunities to be able to reach people that wouldn't come up to you in another capacity with a gun on the hip kind of thing, you know. And it creates, you know, if you have a sex slave in a pimp situation and then you have a different code and this command structure, then that might create some opportunities that aren't available right now. Also creating increasing communication, creating a special cable channel, marketing apps, outreach to the periphery of crime. Try to reach all the people that you can. Scholarships for new ideas reached out to the schools. How can we solve this from inside of schools? Different visa programs, you know, disrupt the, you know, the the networks of of the traffickers and that sort of thing. And even, you know, reach people on the periphery of that and pull them in and do some more on honest run work. And I just recommend against too much of a fortress mentality, some carrot, some stick, but in the

right balance. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Houston. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Garcia. Vice Mayor Richardson. Council members. My name's Cam Patel. I'm here to represent my family. We owned the property at 1657. Atlantic Avenue. Was on the list settling in in the ninth District. We have had that property for about 30 years now. We've never had any accusations that we were a nuisance to the community we like. My management often attends the Uptown Business meetings, which is right across the street. We got a letter in November from the city staff pretty much blindsided by it. You know, we right away turned around and worked with Carl Wegman in the planning department with the city to address some of the concerns he had. We met with a Long Beach PD right away as well. I emailed him the next day that we got the letter and also gave him a few phone calls. So we want to work with the city, but also there needs to be a little bit more dialog. We felt like we just got this call called our in our hands and we were actually we haven't even seen a call log, so just a little bit of dialog going on. Giving us the opportunity to have a seat at the table is is a definitely a good thing and I just look forward to working with the city and the community. You know, we work with DPS to help people find a place to stay in between homes or even homeless people. So sometimes that give us a situation where some people have some mental health issues that can also cause an increase in call log activity. So to be sensitive to those things as well, I think is you need to have opening to an open mind as well. So thank you very much next week. Good evening, City Council. My name is Dr.. Johnny Rex O.D. and I'm a member. I'm actually vice president. Of the Forth Park Neighborhood Association, which is actually just across the river from the Coolidge Triangle and along with neighborhood associations that are most affected by the issue with human trafficking. And I'm in complete support of this agenda tonight. Agenda item tonight. We currently have an unacceptable situation occurring among many of the motels in my community along these boulevard. We have had several we have several daycares and two schools in the in the vicinity where our children are subject is not only see this activity back to be accosted and propositioned by traffickers, which is absolutely egregious and the situation has been allowed to fester for too long. So I implore the city to take the situation seriously and take the issue of crafting this ordinance seriously for the sake of the men, women and children being exploited every day in the community, face to force to have to endure it. Let us no longer be complicit by turning a blind eye to one of our most pressing modern day social ills. And with that, I say thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. Good evening again. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and our councilwoman strikes again. I have lived in North Long Beach for the past three

years and again, we've been having problems. Oh, my. Not not until I think about two years. From that point on, we've been complaining to the police because we have a neighborhood watch, neighborhood association meetings. And the police, they always tell us, okay, when I should please call and report them. I've been doing that for months and months and months in a year, right where I live, we got to 2 to 3 schools. And again, parents are afraid to even enroll their children in there because they see all these prostitutes I'm sorry, all these people with very I could say the way they dress so provocative. And again, some of these kids that are walk to Colin Powers, they used to be walking in the mornings about two years about himself, but now they're accompanied by their parents because they're afraid of especially young girls showing young kids. They're afraid to leave them alone because, again, a well, they see the activity, they see the crime in the area. So again,

when these gentlemen are saying that give us 30 days, we never heard about it. And I'm sorry, sir, but we never saw you there before. All of a sudden you're here because again, we're here. But we peaceful are newsletters once a month from the neighborhood association informing everybody about the crime in the area. These people never come to the meetings. There never were. We never have seen them coming to the meetings. We never have seen them. They don't even approach us to to see if they can improve the community. So there's the reason I'm here. So please, please. When you help. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thanks, speaker, please. Hi. My name is Ron at Mesa. I'm with the Hamilton Neighborhood Association. I'm a managing board member. Honorable Mayor Council members. Rex, I really I just want to thank you for. You know, bringing this to the attention and the awareness that you've brought. I had the honor of. Being at a demonstration. Last Friday with a number of. People here, men against sex trafficking. And there was a. Lot of community support, people giving. Us the thumbs up and honking. But there's also pimps that came. Out and threatened us and we had to cut our demonstration short. So that showed me and I guess I didn't. Understand that this problem is going on because I live in a in a couple. Of neighborhoods over. I do find used condoms and things on our streets. But I didn't. Realize that pimps. Would come out and threaten us and scare everybody off. I hope we do it again really soon. But I would have. To ask you guys as a group to ask the hotel owners that are saying they had. No idea this was going. On. Where are they? They have bad employees that aren't reporting. All these police, all this police activity, illegal activity that are going on in their. Hotels. They don't live around here. Because it's obvious what's happening. If you drive up and down the street or you live in the area. Or they just don't care or they're profiting from it. Yeah. And if they're profiting

from it, so is. The hotel alliance that came out and spoke. Because I'm sure they're paying money to be in this group. And I just have to say, I didn't. I. Got very educated since Friday. I didn't know there was 14 year olds out there. I didn't know that 98% of these people in servitude were basically slaves. They have guns held to their head. They're scared. They can't get out of this situation. And these hotel owners are giving them a place to. Perpetuate these crimes. So thank you again for bringing this to the attention of everybody, Vice Mayor And thank you for the protection you're offering these young ladies and young men that are in these situations. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Council member and mayor council members and Mayor Robert Garcia. My name is Renee Wheels and I'm a resident of the ninth District. I stand before you as an advocate for my community and a support for this motel ordinance. And thank you, Rex. I really appreciate this. And you took my 3 minutes, so I'm going to get this short. I just really. Want you guys to understand that between Long Beach Boulevard, between the 17 and new one, it's only a thousand steps for these children to take every day to go to school and come go home. Every day. It's a thousand steps. They are walking. They see the women. And the pimps waiting. So just. Imagine. Just take a moment for you guys, council members to take take a moment in your life when you're a. Child and you have this fear, these feelings of being uncomfortable and just the fear. Which is imagine you're a fifth grade student coming from Colin Powell walking down Amish Boulevard and he see a woman. What kind of feeling are they feeling now? They see a man standing by, just watching. What kind of feeling are they feeling? Then they have. Another time where they're walking and they're standing. There's a man following. Them home. And whispering in their ears. This has been done, as has happened to our students in Colin Powell. So please. This time's up on. Human trafficking and prostitution. But how many other how many more names do you want to add to hashtag MeToo? How many more names. So please support this ordinance. And thank you, Rex. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. And we have our last four speakers and they were closing our actual you'll be the last five speakers and the speakers list is closed. Yes. Good evening, mayor, vice mayor and council members. My name is Clyde ASADA. I'm a member of the ninth district lifetime member. And this has been something that has just waited too long. How do I know? Because when I was a child, I was that child that Renee spoke. I was a child in the Longwood neighborhood. And that is exactly the experiences that that I, I encountered. I'm an adult now, and I see it. It continues. 30 years later, nothing has changed or very little has changed. If anything, it's getting worse. I remember when the luxury and was built as the Days, Days Inn M

otel or Days Inn Inn Suites and you know, it was really shiny, pretty and new. And at that time we had we would have, you know, quinceaneras, weddings, whatever. And none of my family was going to stay there. Nobody was going to support these businesses as hotels are motels because we knew exactly what kind of activity was going on there. Now we have, you know, freshly painted luxury end, but it's still the same thing. You put a lipstick on a pig. It's still a pig. So what we want to do is change the the policy change, change the use of it. What we need are restaurants, coffee shops, banks that is reflective of the neighborhoods that are immediately surrounding that strip. The Coolidge neighborhood in the Longwood neighborhood are not reflected by what is on the street. The businesses that are there do not reflect our interests. They reflect their pocketbook interests. So thank you for the time. Thank you. That's bigger council members. My name is Peter McBride. I've been part of an organization that rescues girls that are being sex trafficked. Somebody said something about Snoop Dogg. I'd like to point out that he was a pimp. These pimps are taking these girls. They're they raped them several times. They beat them daily. That's that's just the beginning of what they do to these women. I could go into deep detail, which is not part of what's going on today, but this is the violence that's going on. And we all know that violence breeds violence. I pointed out I was at the stand over at East Croydon Street and Long Beach Boulevard Boulevard. And I was pointing out to the people, because I've been involved with the rescues. The extent of security that goes on there. I was pointing out how the security was walking around the different levels, how the security of the pimps, men were driving around. If you if you own that place or you work at that place and you can't see that type of security, then something's going on. You're missing out. Oh. For the police officers. Long Beach is setting the standard for handling human trafficking. They're setting the standards. So somebody is saying something about the police force here in Long Beach. You need to take a step back and regroup. And the problem that they're having with these hotels really needs to something needs to happen with the hotel. I'm not from Long Beach, but I've been down here with men stand against trafficking and you have a problem. And I appreciate what you're trying to do with that. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, the last three speakers. Hi, I'm Juanita Parrish. I'm a member of the Coolidge Triangle Neighborhood Association. I've met a lot of you. I was I had an opportunity to meet our mayor and of course, our vice mayor, Rex Richardson is my councilman. What I'd like to say, there are three things I'd like to address. One is every month we have our neighborhood association meeting. Every month we complain to the police department. We've had our chief of police come to our meeti

ngs, we've had our commander come to our meetings, we've had vice come to our meetings. And we've we regularly have officers come to our meeting. They give us updates. They're not the problem. The problem is the system. And we're trying to correct that system now and we're asking for your help. We can we can take a reactive approach to everything. Every time something happens, we react. But tonight we have an opportunity to take a proactive approach to something. All of you have an opportunity to take a proactive approach. And like the gentleman said, we become we become the the everyone looks to us as the example, just an example of set. I understand those three gentlemen from the motels. If tonight we were voting on something, it was becoming ironclad. They would have a right to say 30 days, but they don't have a right to say 30 days. All they want us to do is to put it on the back burner so that we have to come and try again. We're not making something ironclad. What we're saying is, after the pilot program, let's explore this, let's explore this. Let's change the laws. If they're not working, we've got to change them. So all we're asking you to do is to. Support. This program. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week, speaker, please. I remember. Distinguished counsel. Thank you. My name's Dave San Jose. I was born in Long Beach Area Community Hospital in 1940. So I've seen the good, the bad, and I guess I'm seeing the ugly. In. The house. I live in North Long Beach. I've been there 40 years. I really love my home, I love my neighbors. I got some great neighbors and they all feel the same way about our community. I ran a youth center for 18 years as a volunteer in this city and probably for at least 15 of those years I had kids. Tell me about the motel, the luxury. They told me all the things went on in there and I had to deal with gang members. Your average everyday kid, boys and girls. I couldn't believe the stories they told me. I found them all come true. And the situation that's happening now, it's I just heard the other day is this teacher is going to teach a class. About how to walk home safely. I'm Colin Powell. In middle school. God, I never had a class like that when I was a kid. I mean, how many your kids have to do that? But these kids really have to do that because they walk by and through this situation. It's really gotten there. But you've heard all the horror stories. These

are stories made up by this guy or that guy. This guy is their one day, get in your car and drive down lobby. Well, bar during these hours. I got a guy that goes to work at 4:00 in the morning and he sees trucker stop and pick up girls. They're. Another neighbor told me somebody else died in the hotel there somehow or another the other day they put flowers and candles there. We don't even know all the things that happened in there. There's always asking is, there's nine of you. Every one of you should pass this bill. There should be nine councilman here. I

guess the mayor can't. Nobody should vote for two. But then when do people leave the city? Because you're only going to be here four years. Five years, whatever it happens to be. Are you going to leave the city better than you found it? Now you have an opportunity to do that because what these people are saying, what these people are feeling is real. Last week, 17 people got shot in Miami. Uh huh. Things like that are happening. This is real. We live in different times. We need to do something about it. You need to do it now. And don't worry. The kids are going to be alive for a while because they're taking a class. How to walk home. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much. And our last speaker. Is a. Mayor. And council member. My name is Yogesh Patel. I own. Colonial motels, which is one of the listed property. I've been running the place for 37 years. I repeat 37 years. When I came to Long Beach in 1981. And only eighties, police used to do sting rings. Last 15 years. There is no such thing as ten years because the. Hostages are gone. Most of the complaint we heard from people on northside, i suggested you guys host September Stinger. These are the other thing. If you want to stop oh, stop renting rooms to people who don't have a place to go, where would they go? Do you want to have people living in huts, you know, Cambodia on. Pacific Coast Highway like we have in downtown Long Beach under a bed. So this is all we have to make. And as far as this clothes are concerned, I believe in the motels have a private security. We have private security. So I don't know where all these calls come from. If there a noise tick issue. If the. Boyfriend and girlfriend. Fight the call, the police. Are you going to hold us responsible for that? You know? If you think that's right? I don't think that's right. Also, we have a contract with the city. We work with the city to house the veterans. We are contracted mental health association. We work to help them. Now, if we did exist, where would these people go? It's our obligation to all walks of life to work together. And I'm urging you guys to come to the table and find a solution. And. Fix the problem rather than just building without, you know, getting what's real inside. So we are asking you to sit down and talk it out and solve the problem, not create more problems. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Appreciate that. I want to go ahead and go back. We're going to go back to the council, have a couple a couple comments, and then I'm going to turn it back to the makers of the motion. First, I want to just thank everyone that came out. I think that particularly for the neighbors that came out, I know how important of an issue this is to all of you. I know how important this issue is to Vice Mayor Richardson. I think we spent about 15, 20 minutes this last weekend over a beverage talking about this very issue and how important this is to him to get this done for t

he community. For those that aren't familiar with the neighborhood. I think some someone said it earlier that the neighborhoods have it's a community of homeowners that whose community and homes are really beautiful and the neighborhood has well certainly has needs is a great collection of property owners that are working to improve their greater area. And so to say that one major boulevard isn't a good reflection of Coolidge or of the neighborhood is true. It isn't a good reflection. And I think that Long Beach Boulevard could be well, hopefully one day rise to the level of where the actual neighborhoods are. I think that's I think obviously a lot of the interest. I think it's important. You know, I appreciate that the owners of the of the motels that are here, I do think that data is important. And I think when data is presented by the police department, those are facts. And I think that we have to look at data and understand that the data is telling us something. And when calls are being made, it is the responsibility of the property owner, sir, to ensure that those issues are being mitigated. Now I want to ensure I want to make sure that as we move forward on this, I appreciate the vice mayor wanting to work and bring everyone to the table. I think that's responsible and obviously it's very appropriate. But I will say that I completely support the motion in front of us today and the and I know that we will adopt this tonight. I also want to just make sure, Mr. City Manager, that one thing was brought up tonight that was of interest to me is if we are and if the city I understand that the city has a serious issue with homelessness. That is a statewide crisis, and I appreciate that. But I also want to ensure that when we work with property owners or motels or

others in a partnership to house, that this is that looking at those contracts is part of this motion. If the vice mayor is open to that because I'm not okay with regardless of who they are whether they're someone that's homeless or someone with a mental illness or a veteran. I want to ensure that we're also in there being placed in locations that are also safe and that are. That are appropriate. For for them. And so if the vice mayor's okay, if we can take take a look at the contracts and I'd be interested in any information back as to what what motels do we actually are under contract for for these services. And if they where they are and if they're actually on these lists and that would be just something for us, I think, to explore it as well. And and I will say also that what's impressive to me about this agenda item, besides all the work that went into it, which I know that the District 19 did, is there is actually the the liquor store ordinance has had really great success. And it's really impressive to me that and listen, there's still a lot of bad liquor stores and particularly in the area where we first looked at the issue in the north. But there has been some real

success stories out of that ordinance as well. And so I have a lot of hope for this. I would encourage staff to be very serious about the amortization program. I mean, that has worked in a lot of places. Now that we don't have redevelopment, think we need to be serious. I know there are legal hurdles and I think we need to be responsible about that as as a as a city. But I think that that should be looked at very seriously. And we should absolutely put in place an ordinance that looks at everything listed here. And and as we look at that and as a community engages if it needs to go beyond that and and look at ensuring that we have appropriate standards there for those that are also working there, that is within this council's purview as well. So I support this vice mayor, but most importantly to the community, you guys are doing a great job looking out for your neighborhood and for the city of Long Beach. So thank you and. And with that, we take it back to Councilmember Pearce and then Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mayor. And I definitely was going to follow up on many of the points that that the mayor made. I wanted to ask a couple of questions of staff. When police calls. Calls to service are done for these locations. How are the owners of these locations notified? And I know our police chief is not here, but I was wondering if anybody could answer that question. Will communicate that to the police department and get back to you as soon as possible. So it would be my request that as part of this program that the owners of any location where there are police calls, particularly hotels or motels that were I were mailing them a notification or reaching out to them. It's I could understand if an owner is not there operating it every day, their employees are dealing with it. Maybe there's a gap. Let's make sure there's not an excuse for saying that they didn't know these calls were being made. And so I would hope to see that. Understood. My other comment is in regards to, you know, the fact that we do use vouchers for some of these places and we do have standards in our continuum of care that might not be reflected in the contracts that we have with our health department. And so I'm curious, I know that we've been doing work for about a year on trauma informed care, and I know that we're about to do even more work on that and making sure that any location where we have a contract that might be out of the norm, that there be some part of trauma informed care or not trauma informed care, but trauma informed lens that not only would they be able to identify human trafficking, but also if it was a boyfriend and girlfriend that were having a fight. What's the best way to deal with that? How do you reach out to PD and not assuming that everybody that works in one of these motels might know best practices, but that if we are having a contract with them, we need to make sure that that's the bare minimum that we're doing. We'll make sure we

engage health department in that. Yes. Thank you. And then just recap one more time and making sure that the, you know, exploring transitional housing options after amortization in funds with the county is included as well. So thank you and thank you, everybody, for your passion and your commitment. I definitely got goosebumps a few times while you guys were talking and it hits home. And that's not often that we have a council meeting with something that could be so visceral. If you actually, while we're talking logistics about a program, knowing that this ruins lives not only for the individuals that are being trafficked, for those dealing with them, for their family that miss them. And so thank you so very much for caring and thank you so much to this council for taking the leadership. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So, first of all, Mayor, I want to thank you for your strong support on this item. I think that message came across really clearly, all the council members who spoke. Thank you so much for those comments. I just want to just acknowledge a few things. So, first of all, thanks for having the courage to share your stories. A lot

of people may not believe some of that stuff, but the truth is, you were being modest. You were being very modest. I was there Friday when someone said a pimp rolled up and threatened us. I was there. Right. I think if people did see that experience or see what you're dealing with, I think we would have a lot more support publicly around this issue. This is a you know, I have to say this. You know, there's been a lot of meetings organizing. I have to acknowledge that you, the neighbors, we've done maybe five meetings in the last few months, specifically on this issue, in addition to the neighborhood association meetings that meet monthly. So this is this is sort of community empowerment. And it's best you stepped up, made this issue a priority. City Council acknowledges it. Right. We're going to cast a vote and set ourselves on course to hopefully fix this issue because frankly it is fixable. It is fixed, but we can't fix every we can be on the right side of the human trafficking argument. We can't fix human trafficking forever and everywhere in the short term, but we can't fix Long Beach Boulevard. We know where they're rooted and the data justifies it. So I just want to want to want to acknowledge that to the city council. I want to thank you for your indulgence. You know, sometimes there are issues that mean, you know, I have no doubt that the city council acknowledges and values. When a resident steps up and says, this is important, we do it all the time. When issues come up, I may not be able to personally commit to it or understand it, but I take a step back because I know that that's 100% true to that council member in their district and it's 100% true to the people that are there. So thank you for that indulgence. These are the moments that these residents are never

going to forget. When the city council listened to them and heard them out because they felt ignored for a long time. So whether you hear me or not, I acknowledge I acknowledge you guys indulging. And I really thank you for that. So the final thing I say is, you know, I have no doubt that we're going to get where we need to get to. We have to remain vigilant, continue to have meetings. But I have no doubt that there is light at the end of the tunnel on this issue. There are policy changes that can make a difference. So thank you all again and again. Encourage City Council support. Thank you. With and with that, there's a there's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. Thank you all for. Thank you all for coming out. Thank you. We we will go back to the item on on parks and so per the the other motion. Thank you, guys. Thank you, Dave. Yeah. Thank you. Bush and Kerry's. Thank you. Next up is 34. Item 34 is a report from Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Marine. Recommendation two What the contract to you says cow builders for the Halton Park Community Center project for a total contract amount not to exceed 5.2 mil District nine. Any public comment? Re staff report, please, Mr. Mayor. Sure thing. Any public comment saying none. Mr. West. Steve Scott. It'll be Craig back. But we look alike, I guess. So tonight, we just wanted to bring forward this fantastic community project to build a new community center in District nine at Howden Park. We do have some images that we'd like to share. What you see here is an overview of the current site as it exists today in the buildings. Well, building, they're all kind of built at different points in time. And what's interesting I think about this perspective is that the newest built building, which was 1987, is the one that we're having the most challenges with, and we're probably going to have to take down a portion of that wing. So this site perspective kind of shows you where the new building will be, the one that we're going to start in 2018. This is a layout of what that building will be. It's a community center that represents roughly 6500 square feet, plus an enclosed courtyard that's another 4000 square feet. And these are some of the images. And you can see that we're really trying to respect the existing architecture of the older structure and add in the new structure so it can stand on its own with its architecture itself, but also integrate in with the new building where we're really shaping where the entrance will be. Again, some different perspectives of what that's going to look like. We will win for. No question. The exciting part about this evening, with council's support on this item, we will do a groundbreaking March 3rd at 11 a.m. We invite you all to participate and celebrate this new project. Construction will start will start shortly after in April, and we should finish in summer of 2019. That concludes staff report and available for questions. Thank

you very much. There's a motion in a second and a customer appears. I just want to say congratulations. I know everybody worked really, really hard on this. We should have heard this item when all your people were here, but congratulations. I know. I would have been a good idea. Congratulations, guys. Now, just say something quickly, Mr. Mayor. Sure. Just want to say I know how hard public works work to make this project happen under difficult budget constraints. And

Craig, you're doing an amazing job. And I just want to recognize that in park staff has been working with this for a long time on this. They know how important this is. Thank you to everyone. This is I like to call it a hundred years in the making. Right. So this is really significant. And we got to vote on it on your last day. Murray, thanks a lot. Thank you. Next up is item 35. So after the vote, of course, I did have a comment. We have we did have a comment. Okay. So we're going to go ahead and go to the regular agenda items. Item 22. Report from City Manager Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Long Beach Values Act and adopt a resolution entitled the Long Beach Values Act of 2018 Citywide. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to turn this over, I believe council. I'm going to go to start first for the presentation, so we will begin. Mr. West. Mayor, council members, our deputy city manager, Kevin Jackson and his team are. Going to present this item. They've been working on it for quite some time. Kevin Okay. Thank you, Pat. Good evening. Honorable Mayor Garcia and members of the City Council is my absolute pleasure to present this report on the Long Beach Vows Act of 2018. Before we get into the presentation, I'd like to acknowledge Deputy City Manager Monica Kalita and officer equity manager Katie Balderas, who will be assisting me with the presentation tonight. Get the clear. So to get started to provide context for tonight's discussion, I'd like to share some demographic information about our immigrant population in Long Beach. More than one in four residents in Long Beach is an immigrant. This includes at least 123,000 naturalized citizens, lawful permanent residents, temporary migrants, humanitarian migrants and other foreign born residents who were not U.S. citizens at birth. Nearly three quarters of immigrants in Long Beach have been living in the U.S. for 17 or more years. And one in three workers in the civilian labor force are immigrants. And over a quarter of Long Beach residents, immigrants are homeowners. And finally, over half of children over half the children in Long Beach have at least one parent born outside of the U.S.. So to get right into the item on September 19th, 2017, the city manager received direction from the City Council to partner with immigrant rights organizations to develop a local policy that expands on SB 54 with the following policy considerations in mind protecting and advancing, protecting and advocating for local DOCA and Dreamer studen

ts. Protecting the confidentiality of local immigrant residents and their information. Examining partnerships with the Los Angeles County Fair Local Defense Fund. Preventing future deportations of Long Beach residents. And affirming an aggressive approach to advocating at the federal and state level. For programing. We get policies. Engagement was the starting point for policy developing. Taking time to consider all stakeholder perspectives and to engage a core city. A core team of city staff representing the appropriate expertize from the Health Department's Office of Equity, the Police Department, City Attorney's Office, and the city manager's office was the essential first step in effectively assessing all relevant issues and to establish a method for facilitating organization. Community engagement. Doing the policy development process. Community Engagement included a series of listening sessions with key stakeholders led by the Office of Equity in the City Manager's office. Our initial session occurred with the Sanctuary Long Beach Coalition on September 29th, a little more than a week after receiving council direction. The Coalition was broadly represented at this initial meeting and we were able to gain some immediate insights from each organization on their concerns and general aspirations for local policy. In a follow up session on October 16, Coalition members presented our team with specific recommendations they would like to see in a city policy. And we all. We also followed up with listening sessions with the Executive Director of Central Chair, Cal State, Long Beach Police Chief, and the Director of the Dream Success Center at Cal State Long Beach. Most recently, we held a follow up session with the Coalition on February 13th. So what we heard from the listening sessions is that we should explore the development of a local policy that protects sensitive information and limited use of city resources for assisting enforcement of federal immigration law. We also heard that we should consider enhancing access to legal representation for local residents, and also that we should enhance the city's federal and state legislative advocacy. We found these interest to be consistent with the initial city council direction and identify them as core policy considerations for further analysis and development. Our report tonight will provide information on each of the core policy considerations, starting with an overview of the proposed local policy. So in developing a policy enveloping the policy under consideration tonight, we evaluated 28 California cities with policies related to immigrant protections. We compared our current policies and practices with the provisions of SB 54, the policy recommendations of the Sanctuary Long Beach Coalition. And from this analysis, we created an initial draft policy. And at the conclusion of an offer of a final

administrative and legal review, we obtained input from the Coalition on the proposed policy in our February 13th meeting. All employee associations were notified of the proposed policy on February 27th, and at this point negotiations have not concluded. So as proposed, the policy to an administrative regulation would establish limits for requesting and sharing information with immigration authorities and using city resources to assist with immigration enforcement. Here is addressed in the policy include limits on sharing personal and sensitive information, sharing release date information, executing transfers, responding to whole requests, enforcing civil immigration warrants and the use of city facilities. The the proposed policy allows the city to continue collecting information necessary for providing city customers. City services unrelated to immigration enforcement retains the law enforcement exceptions permitted in SB 54 and requires compliance with all relevant federal, state, local laws and regulations, including Title eight of the United States Code, subsection 1373 and 1644. The policy would expand protections for sensitive information beyond citizenship and immigration status by including the additional categories reflected here. The scope of the proposed policy is another area of expansion. SB 54 applies only to law enforcement agencies, whereas the proposed policy would apply to all city manager departments and offices. And in the interests of administrative uniformity, we would ask that the City Council consider requesting other city departments and offices to comply with the post policy or similar procedures. We also like to acknowledge that training will be provided to all city departments and offices on the adopted policy. The City Council letter for this item was published on March 5th, and at that time we did not foresee a fiscal impact relating to the implementation of the proposed policy. However, on March six, the Justice Department filed a lawsuit against the State of California regarding three state laws providing immigrant protections, including SB 54 California values that the lawsuit alleges that SB 54 and its policy consistent with it violates Title eight of the United States Code, subsection 1373. While this is a matter of interpretation that will only be settled by the courts, we must acknowledge with this new development that that the fiscal impact of the proposed policy is uncertain relating to the continuation of our eligibility for federal grants. Currently, the police department received nearly \$6.7 million for Homeland Security and other law enforcement purposes. So now turning to the other consideration, legal representation, enhancing access to legal representation was another policy consideration and it corresponded with the council's initial direction and we were specifically directed to examine partnerships with L.A. County for a local legal defense fund. In response to this direction, staff conducted an analysis of the L.A. Justice Fund, as well as similar initiatives underway in California and throughout

the nation. In our analysis, we were able to gain understanding of the outcomes associated with legal representation for immigrants. The most robust evaluation of community based legal representation comes from the Vera Institute of Justice. The Vera Institute of Justice works with government, nonprofit partners and communities to increase immigrants access to legal services and improve relationships between immigrant communities and the law enforcement community. Locally, Vera is the evaluator for the L.A. Justice Fund and has provided matching funding for the city of Santa Anna's legal representation for it. In his November 2017 report, the November 2017 Report of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project. Vera found that 48% of immigrants who had proper representation in court were successful in their cases, an increase of 1100 percent between when compared to the 4% success rate for typical unrepresented cases. The evaluation also found that 41% of clients in deportation proceedings had entered the entered or resided in the U.S. legally, either as a legal permanent resident or on a visa. Additionally, among parents who received representation in immigrant in immigration proceedings, 86% of their children had some form of legal status, primarily U.S. citizenship. So we also found in our analysis that there are a total of 491 individuals with pending immigration cases who do not have legal representation in Long Beach, Lakewood area. And only 9% of only 9% of individuals with cases filed in the last 90 days have legal representation. These cases are decided much more quickly and are usually unsuccessful. The main object of our analysis was the L.A. Justice Fund. The L.A. Justice Plan consists of \$7.6 million contributed by the city and county of L.A., the Weingart Foundation and the California Community Foundation, which acts as the fiscal sponsor to administer the fund. In 2017, the foundation granted this money to 17 community based organizations to provide legal services to any eligible L.A. County resident. However, because the L.A. Justice Fund is a countywide

resource, there is no way to prioritize Long Beach residents with the fund within the fund. We therefore found that it would not be possible to establish a local fund that prioritizes access to legal representation for Long Beach residents through a direct partnership with the L.A. Justice Fund. So to complete our analysis on what we thought it would take to feasibly establish a local legal defense fund, we created a conceptual model that could be implemented via public private partnership. To establish this bond. One time seed funding would be required in this model to encourage matching funds from philanthropic and individual sources. This bond could be established with a community foundation who could subsequently conduct an RFP process to select a legal services provider. This approach is similar to the way the L.A. Justice Fund operates. So what could this one do? At a minimum

um, the fund could provide legal representation for eligible individuals who are facing detention, deportation or in danger of losing immigration status. Parents who fear deportation and are in need of custody, support for their children under the age of 18. And those seeking asylum. Young people protected by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, DOCA and other related DEPORT should be taught deportation. Defense support. So who could this fund potentially serve? Also, at a minimum, the fund could provide services for individuals based on residency. People who live or work in the city of Long Beach and income individuals with a household income below 200% of the federal poverty level. This would be equivalent. This would be equivalent of \$32,480 for a family of two or \$49,200 for a family of four. So finally tonight, the last consideration relates to legislative advocacy. And the city has affirmed an aggressive approach to advocating at the federal and state levels for pro-immigrant policies. Council approved to approve the 2018 federal and state legislative agendas on January 23rd, including its official position on issues related to immigration, citizenship and DOCA on February 21st, as Congress was considering policy changes related to immigration, citizenship and DOCA. The city sent a letter to our federal delegation affirming our city's city council's adopted federal legislative positions on these matters. The city also connects weekly with our state and federal legislative advocates in Sacramento, in Washington, D.C.. They have confirmed that at this time there are no legislative proposals on immigration that are under consideration. We will continue to keep an eye out for legislation that is consistent with the city's adopted federal and state legislative agendas to ensure Long Beach remains aggressive in our advocacy efforts. That concludes the staff's presentation on the Long Beach Values Act of 2018. Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. I to turn this over to Councilman Gonzales, who was one of the initial initial author to bring this forward. Councilman Gonzales. Yes. I first want to thank everybody for being here. I first have to thank quite a few people because I know just talking about it within my office. We've been at this for nearly two years plus, if not more. And I know many of you have been at this longer than our office has. So we really appreciate all of your work. That includes Central Cha. Thank you so much. They've talked a lot about integration services and they're currently doing all of that work now. Sanctuary, Long Beach Coalition, that is a multitude of many coalitions put together and we appreciate all of their work to get these this information together and make sure that we highlight all of the issues remaining about immigration in Long Beach. Our Police Officers Association, Long Beach Police Department and thank you to city staff. Kevin came on board and then we sort of threw him into this this big policy. Bu

t I think it was very strategic in the way he presented it. And I really appreciate Katey as well from the Office of Equity. Together, they really informed me as to their collaborative effort. So I appreciate that. And I want to thank everyone for being here tonight as advocates and for sharing your stories about the impacts of our broken federal immigration system. We know that there are many hardworking families here in the city of Long Beach. I personally represent over 60% of of families in my district who are Latino. We know that we have the largest Cambodian population outside of the country. This is not new news to us. And nearly 30% of our residents identify as foreign born per the 2010 census. But that's who we can count. We know that's probably well more than that. We will be the first city to enact a policy, a local policy where the first largest city to enact a local policy, depending on what happens tonight after SB 54. And we were actually the very first city to enact our support for SB 54 as it was going through the process. So I want to really thank our state and federal legislative committees, as well as our state and federal government affairs team with Diana Tang in our city management for keeping us privy to the ongoing news of SB 54. So as a daughter of an immigrant immigrant, my mom came from our client as Mexico, and I know exactly

what many of you are feeling. It took her many years to get naturalized and then become a U.S. citizen. But I know that many immigrant families now, whether wherever you come from, we need to certainly build a city here of inclusivity and a city where you know that you're welcomed. And we know currently that many ICE raids are occurring. And whatever happens tonight, I have to be I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but I have to just be very crystal clear here, whatever passes tonight. And I'm hopeful that will pass something that will absolutely protect our immigrants that still, unfortunately, does not deter federal agents from coming in and deporting our neighbors, our friends, our family members, our sisters. So I just want to be crystal clear here, but what we can do is we can look forward to the future, as to what we can put together for Long Beach. And as the Center for American Progress Report, some of the most influential people in our in our country entrepreneurs, business people are the are immigrants themselves are children of immigrants. I actually work for one of the largest corporations. And what I was so excited about was that they put forward their support for immigrant employees. And we know we have many of them here as well. And in fact, many local business owners over this last year who generally are very conservative, you know, we know what side of the aisle they're on came to me in comments. And told me that they really wanted to see a local policy passed because they knew that their workforce, many of them who were undocumented, would hit their bottom line. And for w

hatever reason, they cared for this policy. They told me in confidence that this was very important to them as well. Many people have different opinions on this, but as I mentioned, we have a city that has an obligation to stand with our immigrant brothers and sisters and ensure that they have every opportunity to make a positive impact, not just with this policy, but with future years to come. That means continuing to help them with naturalization and citizenship. That means continuing to help them at Long Beach Unified School District with educational resources. That means continue to work with our faith based partners, many of which, you know, in my the Catholic Church that I attend, the priest there is actually holding many of the birth certificates and medical documents in order to help immigrant families so that if anything happens, they have all their necessary documentation in one place and. First I'd like to say as well that we know that the federal government is coming down on California pretty hard. And we know that Attorney General Jeff Sessions is coming down on California very hard due to sanctuary city policies. And we just heard in the staff report that there are some concerns. And although we want don't want to say that these concerns are not going to happen because many federal courts have shot them down and local courts have shot them down, we know that it's still a concern for our city funding, despite the best efforts. We know that we have several federal cases in the past that have affirm this legal issue, that it is on constitutional for them to come down on California so hard. For example, in April 2017, San Francisco and Santa Clara County versus Donald Trump, U.S. District Judge William Orrick filed an injunction against President Trump's executive order trying to strip funding away from local cities, passing sanctuary policies. And in his opinion, which is one of many opinions, the constitution vests the spending powers in Congress, not the president. So the executive order cannot constitutionally place new conditions on federal funds. And as 60% of immigrants have been here for at least a decade or more, about \$13 billion of their payroll taxes rolled into our systems while receiving little to no benefit. And many of us know this whether you're students, you're an employee, we know that you're giving to the system, but unfortunately not seeing much in return. And while the federal government is currently suing the state of California, particularly challenging the state rights as granted in the 10th Amendment over SB 54 and other immigrant immigration related bills, I'm confident that we will be able to prevail in court as a state and as the first city in California to support SB 54. It's certainly the spirit of this bill to lend our support and funding for a Long Beach Values Act and for residents of all different backgrounds and of all different spaces in the city. So I'm going to leave my comments there for now. I wi

ll lend my comments to Councilmember Pearce. I see a few people queuing up as well and then we'll go from there. But I want to say thank you again for being here and then we'll go forward with some motions and recommendations. Thank you. That was the that was the make or make of the motion. I'm not I'm not sure if those guys were welcome to clap, but whoever's making those noises just just now, actually, you have a chance to do your time, sir. So please, just, you know, clapping or silence. Next up is Councilmember Pearce. Thank you, Councilmember Lena Gonzalez. And thank you, everybody, that is here today. I see a packed house and I know that for many of you that

are here in this room, you, you, yourself or someone in your family might be undocumented. And coming out of this council meeting is, in fact, a step of stepping out of a place of fear and into courage. And so I just want to give you guys a round of applause for that. Yes, definitely. America was built on immigrants, right? America was built on immigrants. And part of what we know is that national and international policies often dictate the movement of people. Right. Sometimes people ask me, what am I doing in my sociology degree? And it's understanding how institutions and structures have an effect on people. And so we know that people come to our country for something better. We know that people make risk and leave families behind for something better. And we know that families live here for 20 and 30 years, sometimes before something happens. And like the gentleman that was at Cal State, Long Beach, who had a record, which I'm sure somebody here will speak to from 20 years prior, turned his life around and made a difference and ended up being deported, leaving his entire family back here. And so I look forward to hearing your story, your stories of courage. I want to thank the staff for their work on this. I think, you know, it's good to kind of see where the baseline is. But I do have a lot of concerns, as I've vocalized to many of you, with having something that looks similar to SB 54. So I look forward to hearing some recommendations from my colleagues. I look forward to hearing from you all in the audience today. I definitely support a financial fund, and I think having a conversation around how we have that, how much that fund should be is really important. But above all, I want to make sure that I'm advocating on behalf of every resident, whether they're a registered voter or not in our city, and that we know that our justice system is often flawed. And that is not a statement about one police officer. That is not a statement about Long Beach's police department. That is a statement around the American justice system that we too often have people of color that are imprisoned or pulled over. And I don't want that flawed system to break somebody's life and put them back in a country where they might not know anybody. And so I hope that tonight, through the conversations that we

get to a place where you can leave here feeling protected and like Long Beach has gone above and beyond what the state has done. And that's where I'll leave my comments now and I look forward to hearing from my colleagues. Thank you. Thank you very much. We are okay. We're going to go move on to public comment and then we'll have other debate and discussion from the council. So please line up and please make sure you say your name for the record and we will begin public comment. Hey, Mr. Pete, you know, we start. I got to get my phone right. Okay. Robert, Pete, represent Jesus Christ. Only one that sits around here. That's some bullcrap. And you advocating for people of color, you don't give a damn about a nigger. That's all you are is a communist. And you for illegals, you don't care about black people. Maybe you shouldn't even done this. I ain't never gonna forget this. And anybody who votes for this, this ain't no damn mafia matter. So, you know, especially black dudes. I mean, they don't gave \$99 billion last year due to illegal aliens to 1.4 trillion since 2015. And now we give them people who don't deserve one damn dime. Now, I love I have a lot of people that undocumented I love. But hey, what about us? What about us? I'm here for my people, too. But I will never hear. I'll never be a socialist talking about nothing for us. Let's. I'm saying what I want. Don't ask me up, please. You came out here. You came on as a Republican and you backstab and you, Benedict Arnold, people over here, you got money from people I know you liar. You. When did you just see? I'm talking to you. I'm just talking. You shut the hell up. Hey, so. So, yeah. Address the. And then you tell her. Don't talk about the issue. I'm saying what I have to say. No, I don't like none of this. You get your ass back to Peru and do this shit or whatever, you know, don't. Don't do it here. This is America red, white and blue. So you ain't doing it out of a damn about none of them. Tell them to shut up. Yea. Yea. Yea. Yea. Yea. You're going to get on the dance floor, but then you do it, so you're going to be asked for that anyway. Yeah. Yeah. But. See. I think your. Language is very offensive, and I don't really care for it. Mr. Mayor. I know. Hey. Hey. I got a time here. Thanks. I know you're almost up for me. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. You put millions, trillions to it you live with. Ever since Obama's been said nothing about no referee. Okay. Shut up. You talking about. All right. Time's up, sir. Time's up. Thank you. Thank you very much. Time's up. Thank you very much. All right, sir. Time's up. Got to go. Thank you, Mr. Pitt. Thank you very much. Your time is up, sir. Thank you very much. Okay. Mr.. Mr.. Gucci, before you speak of just 1/2. So just as a reminder, believe it or not, sometimes even all opinions have the ability to speak in front of the city council, including the he has a First Amendment right to say what he wants to say. It's been well documented in the courts. An

d so we will continue on the three minute time period. And we'll begin with Mr. Goode here. Mr. Goode, who praised my pragmatic solution to this issue, is that those people who are considered in South Dakota. Should line up, put their name on a list if they're not there already. And then what they need to do is get in line behind those who have been in this country legally. Now, for those people who are legal residents of the United States and who have come have followed the process, if they so elect, what they can do then is take one of the individuals that is in the dock line. And say, okay, I will underwrite your cost. So, John. Q Public does not have to pay to pay for that period, whatever those costs are. But what you have to do is get in line. Wait your turn. And for those people that want to pay for these people, they can certainly do so. But the government should not be forced to pay for illegal. Immigration. Period. Ahmed No matter who it is, no matter where they came from. Guys, everyone, please, in the audience, everyone gets a chance to speak now. No comments. Please, Mr.. Get here. That's the fair way to do that. In my view. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. HAYES Thank you, counsel, for having me. My name is Jonathan Solorzano. I'm a resident of the ninth District and a community organizer. With the Long Term Regret Coalition. Since January of 2017, the community involved. In its Sanctuary Language. Campaign. Has been consistent in advocating for a sanctuary. For all policy to help prevent the deportation of immigrants. Immigrants are deeply rooted in the history and diversity of the Long Beach community. And if our city is to reflect our values and respect what the City Council directed on September 19th of 2017, local law enforcement should not be helping to deport any immigrant residents. Despite members of our campaign working with a broad group of city staff, including the Long Beach Police Department. The current proposal of the Long Beach Values Act falls short of this shared value. What I want to do now is ask everybody who's here tonight to support a claim on beach values that to please stand tonight and please remain standing. Tonight, you will be hearing from community members from this city who want to see their political leaders stand on the right side of history and not only vote for this policy sitting in front of you tonight, but to also remove the language that would effectively leave out a huge population of our immigrant community, some of which are here tonight, by not pushing for more than what SB four, SB 54 offered. We're essentially wasting our time here. We need to do more as a city. We need to do more as a community. Because what we just heard earlier is only the beginning. This isn't a year into the Trump administration, and we've been seeing more and more attacks. We've been seeing more and more raids and deportations. And if this city does not stand for the immigrant communities, then they're e

ffectively telling us which side they stand on. It is not a it is not a time to compromise. It is not a time to debate. These are people's lives we're dealing with here tonight. And I urge you all to please stand on the right side of history and vote for a Clean Lobby's Values Act. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Next speaker. Good evening, city council members. My name is Jarrod Jimenez. I'm actually the chairperson of Unagi and Long Beach, a youth, a student organization that fights for the rights of Filipino youth here in the U.S. and in the Philippines. We are here today to support our immigrants and our undocumented community. And that enough is enough as a. That's who came here 24 years ago from the Philippines. I've seen my own family members get deported, and it hurts to see that that they were immediately taken away from their families, just like the 6000 Filipinos that leave the Philippines every single day to provide a better life for their families. My family arrived here and faced even more exploitation and hardship, like when my mother experienced wage theft and not being paid all the hours that she's worked, not speaking up when her employer treated her badly, and also fearing the police because she was undocumented and she didn't even know what her employer would do. As a youth of color, growing up here in Long Beach. I have also experienced neglect and criminalization in school and in my community. Now that I've turned my life around for the better, serving the Filipino community as a citizen. I'm very lucky to be standing here with a second chance, but a lot to a lot of our undocumented youth and our immigrant families who have turned their lives around. The second chance is nowhere near them. They are deported and separated from their families. Immediately, it is important that the city of Long Beach use city council members and its local law enforcement do not collaborate with ICE as we are seeing this administration. More and more families are being separated and we can no longer stay silent about that. The carve outs that were proposed by the city staff of giving information to ICE on past convictions is actually giving them more of a reason to separate and deport our families. Immigrants who has had past convictions and served their time deserve a second chance. If the city really upholds and celebrates diversity, then that should mean all of our immigrants. There is no time for

sitting around and letting time pass by while someone's family out there is being affected. So as I'm standing here today speaking to you all and I, along with my community right here, we need a clean Long Beach Values Act that will keep our families together and our families to be healthy. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi, my name is Denzel Bucharest, and I'm here representing the office. Of Congressman Alan. Lowenthal, and he wanted me to read this. Statement on his behalf. I want to urge the City Council to bicycling Long Beach

Values Act with no carve outs for past convictions and a fully funded deportation defense fund. The impacts of these carve out is inconsistent with the values of diversity, progress and inclusion, as it disproportionately excludes the majority of the Cambodian refugee community currently highly vulnerable to deportation. In November of 2017, I sent a letter to the President and the Department of Homeland Security expressing my deep concern. About multiple reports of. ICE targeting Cambodian Americans in the city of Long Beach and across the country for detention and possible deportation. Reports show that California is the most impacted with a significant. Number belonging. To my district. The rates are causing extreme worry and distress for many families in and around our communities. In recent months. Constituents have contacted my office to express terror and trauma that they are experiencing. From escalated. Deportation tactics of the current administration. Most, if not all, of those detained were lawful permanent residents who came to. The United States as refugees following the end of the Khmer Rouge genocide. Many were born in refugee. Camps and have never set foot in the countries that ICE is trying to remove them to. Upon arrival into the US, many where we settle into neighborhoods. Struggling with high rates of poverty, crime and failing. Schools still coping with significant trauma. From the war. These refugee kids made mistakes as teenagers and young adults and were fueling to the criminal justice system. All of them served their time and the majority transformed their lives to become productive community members. Business owners and loving parents supporting their U.S. citizen, families seeking the deportation of individuals. Who have already completed their sentences and have comply with the law completely since. Then is an. Unconscionable form of double jeopardy. It is troubling to see. One of the biggest roundups of Southeast Asian refugees in recent memory happening. Our constituents and families across. The city and the country should not be used as political. Pawns. I call on the Long Beach City Council to pass a clean Long Beach Values Act to protect. These vulnerable communities. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week, a police. Good evening, Mayor. City Council. I live in a first year. Took in the Walker building where I own a loft. And I want to talk to you a bit about this, because my family came to this country about 310 years ago. So it's quite a bit back there. We came into the Atlanta was owned by the indigenous people. It was their land. I'm not happy what's happened to them either. But I also then in the family of an immigrant, as are almost everybody in this room, and anybody with a European background definitely is. Other people were brought here against their will, but we took the land from the people who are here and in fact, the people of Latin America who are so seen as the enemy here and and wanted to be d

eported. They, in fact, come from families, many of which are African. I mean, not African. Well, they're African, too, but also Spanish and Indian. So, in fact, these are the real people of this country. All of us are all the people up here. We're the people of the country. And you are, too. And we have to remember that. And we have to do right by people here. And that means there is no cut out. If people are served a sentence or people have been found guilty in to care their parole and probation, now they are back to having their rights . And we don't help somebody else come in from outside and deal with the questions of criminal justice in our city. This is important because we need to build a future so that everyone feels secure. I've worked in immigration issues since the 1960s, starting back in the Midwest, and all the time that we see that if people can feel free in their neighborhoods, they can then move forward, maybe towards citizenship. They can have less fear of reporting crime and things like that. We have to keep it so people can talk to other people and that is so important. And having a good sanctuary city policy with no cut outs so everybody can feel like they have a place here that builds trust and that builds love. And it means that children get education and people have jobs, and we need to do that. And I think that is what you're being called upon to do here. And I want to see that as a person in this city and of this country, I want to see those gates open people from all lands to come here. And by the way, every time this would ever come up in this country, or at least over in my life and I'm 78 years old, it's always been people of color. They wanted to get rid of whether Mexicans or other Central Americans or Asians, whatever.

For some reason they never say, Well, let's kick out Irish or Let's kick kick out some Brit. And if you go to the west side of this of L.A., you know, there's a whole lot of illegal Irish and other British over there, but nobody ever said, let's go get them and round them up. No, it's always one that the people of color from the parts of the world, there are people of color. We have to look at this as a real justice issue and you can help do it. Thank you. Thank you. Next week offers. Good evening, Major Cashier Vice Mayor Reg Richardson and all members of city councils. My name is Occupy. I am the community operations director at the Community Development Y.M.C.A. at Long Beach. I and I am an immigrant and I am a resident of Long Beach. We are one of the YMCA across the country focusing on providing and focusing on providing comprehensive services to immigrants to help them better integrate into the communities and preparing receiving community to be more welcoming and inclusive. The Y is very committed to helping immigrants and their family become more civically engaged in the community and building bridges between U.S. and Western and immigrants for more cohesive community. For example, over the

last 17 years, our YMCA Youth Institute has inclusively connected and integrated over 4000 immigrant youth and youth immigrant parents into the community. We train them to be community leaders, social in top in law and civically engaged. We also host a community event like welcoming event to unify immigrants and as one resident, to have them build relationships between people of all backgrounds. By building bridges, we have to break down the often negative perception and still types often associated with the national immigration debate, since they are immigrant, dreaming to stay united with their family and keep their livelihood. It matters to us. That. They can be our family members, our friends, our colleagues, or even know we don't know them. It is our solemn obligation and social responsibility to ensure that we are here for them as they will people who will volunteer for us. Let it be the change and vote to make Long Beach a more welcoming and inclusive century city and bold stand up for all immigrants, including Dreamers. Let us feel our love, passion, commitment and social responsibility. And I. I faithfully believe that we all can do it. Can you say beat me? We can do it. We can do. We can do it. Yeah. I want diversity. Our diversity is always the greatest strength of this community of Long Beach nations. When we are. Protected, invested and supported with equity and inclusion, all of our children deserve a better community. We all are treated equally. We all are protected. We all are supported with. Equity and. Inclusion, and we deserve a better America. We all are treated equally. No matter where they come from, we can do it. Let's pass the where you ask at Long Beach. Thank you. God bless you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and council members. My name is Ann Burdette. I'm a member of the Long Beach Sacred Resistance and also the Sanctuary Coalition. Sacred Resistance is a network of dozens of local faith communities that stand firmly in the belief that sanctuary is a sacred and moral act of solidarity with our immigrant neighbors under attack from our federal government. Sanctuary is a historical response to a government which unjustly persecutes members of its own society. Starting with Sojourner Truth and the Underground Railroad to the Sanctuary Church movement in the 1880s, which offered sanctuary to Alaskans. Mr. Pete, you can't yell out when someone's talking during the clapping or booing. You cannot yell out when someone's talking. Please, please, please continue. Thank you. Sanctuary is an ancient religious practice which precedes and will outlast the policies of this current administration. As a sanctuary network of congregations, we are committed to advocacy, accompaniment and building network networks of protection for immigrant neighbors impacted by detentions, deportations and a broken immigration system. Sanctuary today is an act of decency and moral action in the face of the Trump administration's

policies to indiscriminately detain, deport and harm families. It is a necessary action in light of 30 years of congressional inaction to pass immigration reform and adequately address the economic root causes and military pass policies that force people to migrate. We cannot stand idly in the face of bigotry, scapegoating and violations of fundamental human rights by the Department of Justice, Homeland Security and the Trump administration. It is, in fact, ICE, which is violating due process the Constitution and universal human rights. We urge you to vote for the Long Beach Values Act to protect the integrity of our values, families and the very fabric of the common life we share in Long Beach, State and local laws that limit local involvement in painful these deportations. Uphold worker rights for all and challenge the indignity of detention are vital steps to recognizing our common humanity. We denounce the racist and demonizing mischaracterization of immigrant communities,

including those who have a past conviction. Those who have passed convictions and have paid their debt to society are now a vital part of our families and communities. We believe in transformation. No one should be separated from their family and deported to a place they hardly know. We call on your leadership to stand firm in Long Beach values and allocate resources to strengthen networks of protection in our city. No amount of political intimidation will deter us or silence our unwavering commitment to defend our values of equality and compassion. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Andrew Guy and. Probably the less. Well known co-chair of the Democratic Socialists of America as Long Beach chapter. We worked on the Sanctuary campaign. I'd like to just acknowledge the. Work and dedication that everybody else on the Sanctuary campaign put into this proposal. I think it says a lot about the power that ordinary working people have when they come together in solidarity and demand change. The Long Beach Values Act, as proposed here tonight, though, while a step in the right. Direction is not the same as the one proposed by the Sanctuary campaign. As its protections unjustly exclude. People with certain criminal convictions. I think in discussion, discussing the protections proposed here, it's worth making it plain exactly what we hope to protect people from. Mainstream news articles written over the past year have described parents being dragged. Away from their children in handcuffs. In front of schools. Mothers and their toddlers separated and imprisoned in detention centers thousands of miles away from each other. Dozens of people shackled to the floor of an airplane for hours, waiting to be sent away to countries ripped apart by war and violence. They tell us about lengthy stays and for profit private prisons with records of unexplained deaths, beatings. And charges. Of sexual abuse, where people are forced to work for next to nothing u

nder threats of psychological torture and solitary confinement. And they tell us about people whose lives are ruined after they sent away from their families, their friends, their communities, their homes and everything that they know to places they haven't been for decades, where they no longer have any roots or connections forced to try and rebuild their lives from nothing. The Long Beach Values Act, as proposed tonight, says the Long Beach will not help throw anyone into that situation unless that person has made a mistake with the carve outs in this proposal as written. If you've made a mistake in the past, no matter what you've done to remedy it, no matter if you've served your time, if you were born in another country, then your city reserves the right to tip off an ethnic cleansing squad so that they can come and. Snatch you off the streets. That is all. Ice is dressed up as it may be under the color of law. Ice is the latest in a long history of white supremacist organizations engaged in a campaign of ethnic cleansing and racist terror. Its director, Thomas Homan, has acknowledged as much, telling immigrants, You should look over your shoulder and you need. To be worried. Those are our neighbors he is threatening. Those are people in this room. Thomas Herman's bosses in our state tonight, the council should take the opportunity to tell them both that in Long Beach, all immigrants can breathe a little easier because we're going to make it hard for them to take any of our neighbors away. Pass a clean act, one that truly reflects Long Beach's values and protects all immigrants with no exceptions. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker, please. Senator. Thank you. Mr.. STEPHANOPOULOS And, sir, Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach Chapter. Good evening, Mr. Garcia. And congratulate and go to the fundraiser over the weekend with the college fraternity. I'm sure the discussions were very enthralling. I don't know if you had the opportunity to talk with your chief of staff, Mark Taylor, about his experiences at Brandeis University. Our shared, shared college alumni. But one of the privileges of attending that fine institution where there are many opportunities to speak with survivors of the Holocaust, those individuals, perhaps better than anyone in the world, are able to articulate not just the specific warning signs of impending fascism, but the corresponding lesson that such a dissent is not inevitable if those of us on the left unite in opposing forces by any means necessary. Make no mistake, residents of Long Beach are being targeted for forced removal on the basis of their race. National origin and political values right now turn on YouTube any day and you could see ICE actively breaking up families for no discernible or legitimate reason. And this is just the beginning. ICE is detaining witnesses at courthouses. Parents dropping off their children at school and community activists agitating for a better Long Beach. This is an intentional ca

mpaign of pro se ethnic cleansing. The pretense of respectability is gone. Trump has appointed explicitly white nationalist ideologues to DHS, ICE and the DOJ. Attorney General Sessions, he of I

like the Klan before they found out they smoked weed fame recently claimed the Anglo-American iteration of US policing right before coming to California to denounce sanctuary protections for all residents. What clear sign do you need that ICE is the modern Gestapo when deciding whether or not to vote on the right and aligning us with the state bill or providing additional necessary protections for our especially at risk residents. Ask yourself how you expect to justify this vote for generations that will come after you. Will you be able to tell your children or grandchildren that you did everything within your power to stop the fascists looking to destroy our city, or you appease the likes of Trump while he is in our backyard? The survivors who spoke at Brandeis were very clear about the origins of totalitarianism. Racially motivated deportations are one step away from many of us sharing the same character. Join with us and send a clear message to these fascists that they are not welcome in Long Beach. And way to the peel away mail is not worth voting on your conscience. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Mr. Pete Amos. Repeat, you need to take. Grab a seat, please, sir. This area is for two speakers. You already spoke, so you can grab a seat. You're welcome to record, but I need you. Grab a seat, please. We've got a lot of speakers, so we just need to clear the area, sir. Okay. Hold out through the room. Say, I cannot, sir. The rule. This area furnished for speakers or for some of that's with the speaker. Mr. C. Mr. Peet, I need you to grab a seat, please. Mr. Senior Attorney, can I be over here? Mr. Peet, I think you should grab a seat. I want to ask if. You can take a seat and record from wherever you want to sit. I can't stand. That's correct. Okay. Thank you, sir. On 1/2, go grab a seat in the late start. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Yes. Honorable Mary Garcia, thank you so much for that. And city council members, city staff and to everyone here. My name is Amy Ericson. I am the lifelong resident of the second District, but I'm also the chair of the Human Relations Commission here, appointed in the city. I would like to share tonight the letter that we have in support from the commissioners of the Lombard Values Act. The Human Relations Commission strongly expresses support for protecting all undocumented immigrants, refugees and Dreamers. We as a commission have witnessed heartbreaking testimonies of our very own undocumented community members who live in fear, particularly mixed status immigrant families with over 26% of our citizens being foreign born. All undocumented immigrants and refugees are part of our community. Neither nationality nor citizenship define a community and it should not be used to divide us. It is crucial to state Long Beach

stands with our own immigrant neighbors and to draw a clear line between the roles of the federal Immigration Enforcement Agency and our local agencies. This is about our values. As the city of Long Beach. When our immigrant neighbors are in danger of being deported, we should stand by them instead of having policies that help split up families and drive immigrants underground. We are not confident that the Language Values Act as it is written, demonstrates that we stand by our immigrant communities. This policy perpetuates the narrative of good immigrants versus bad immigrants. This, as individuals with decades old criminal convictions, convictions that they have served time for can be used against them to make a case for deportation. Almost 16,000 Southeast Asian Americans have received deportation orders since 1998. More than 76% of those final orders were based on old criminal convictions, according to Southeast Asian Resources Action Center report released in 2016. Southeast Asian immigrants are the largest community of refugees ever resettled in the United States. And so the issue of deportation is always a looming threat. These deportation orders violate due process and doubly punishes our Cambodian community. If we as a city want to send the message that inclusiveness is one of the core values we build our community on, then we cannot turn our backs on our immigrant communities. As a city with the largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia, we are in a unique position to implement a policy that provides a sanctuary for all. We call upon you to amend the Values Act so that it strengthens SB 54 and remove the carve outs as stated by the saying Sanctuary Language Coalition. Thank you for all being here. Thank you, Sir ERIKSSON. Further. We support the creation of a robust \$600,000 defense fund to strongly demonstrate that there is a weight behind our words. The purpose and function of the Human Relations Commission is to promote full acceptance of all citizens of the community in all aspects of community life. To recommend to City Council measures, including legislation which will serve to improve positive human relations and the elimination of discriminatory practices, and to enhance and improve mutual understanding and respect for all citizens of the community. It is in this context that the Human Relations Commission submits this recommendation with the hope and vision of Long Beach, where our city continues to embrace values of justice, respect and dignity. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week, a police. So. Dr. Brown. ALL 1/2,

please. So just again, Mr. Pete, you're not allowed to yell during some when someone's speaking, when when someone. No one is yelling when they're speaking. You can you can you can clap. What's the difference in during when someone is speaking? So I've warned you twice now I'm just letting you know you've been warned twice. We're not having a conversation. Just warning you again. Dr. Brown, all your ti

me. Thank you. My name is Dr. Lee, and they were a webinar and I am a resident of the fourth District, and I also served on the Human Relations Commission. My address is on file. I want to tell a story of how I became a U.S. citizen. So my father is a Vietnam vet and he served in the US Navy for 20 years. It wasn't until after his service of 20 years that he got his citizenship and my mother had to wait another 20 or so years to and also another seven years of living in this country to get her citizenship. So my my thought is, you know why you know, the folks that say that, you know, oh, just get in line, you know, get a citizenship. It doesn't work that way. Okay. So and also another thing, my thought is growing up, why does it have to take a war to get a citizenship? Why? My dad fought in Vietnam, right? To get his citizenship. So why does it have to take a war? And so with that, in closing, why do we have to continue with a war with ICE and law enforcement and have our immigrant communities be impacted? Please pass a Clean Language Values Act with no carve outs. So that because we are here now and what matters now is what we do right now. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Zoe Nicholson. I live in the second district. I'm a member of CLU, a proud participant in the Sacred Resistance and a member of the Human Relations Commission. You know, it's Women's History Month. I get up every day and I think it's Women's History Month. I want to talk about women. And so I will. My version of being separated from their children while they're being separated from their husbands, daughters separated from their mothers and grandmothers. And you will hear from many of them tonight, safety, sanctuary, security, family. For women, it's everything new. There are so much suffering here. It is hard to believe we are having this conversation. I don't really believe. I choose to not believe that you want ice to knock down a door and break up a family. You don't want. To go into the schools, the workplaces, the hospitals and break up a family. Frankly, we never voted to empower you to tear a family apart or to deport good people who are here without family. I want to take a moment and recognize there are wonderful people who have no living family right now. I think this is too much power for any elected for any person in office. But here we are. Families and loving people are exactly what we need here in the USA, now more than ever. It's exactly what we need here in Long Beach. Tonight you can open up your arms and wrap them around this wonderful city and say you are safe here. Creating and sustaining a defense fund is your privilege to vote on that tonight. Way beyond Judy. Honestly, I think that no one should have this unholy right to break up a family. Which is to say that you are gifted by virtue of our vote to hold us close and be champions of a sanctuary. Thank you. Thank you. Because the next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Alisha SI

M and I live and work with. Cargos in Action District six. I am a 21 year old. Cambodian American. Full time student and worker. Born and raised in the city of Long Beach. From low income parents with a family of nine kids. Which five of. The nine were refugees? My family fled here to escape the Cambodian genocide. Living in Long Beach, my family struggles with language. Barriers, finances, transportation and health. Issues due to the lack of our resettlement support. Both of my parents work as seamstress. As a seamstress. And struggle every day to make sure they had a roof over our head with our with all the help and financial issues my family faced. My brother made a mistake when he was young and served his time. After integrating into society, he got a life sentence and was detained and deported to a country he isn't familiar with . My brother was born in a refugee camp, raised entirely on Long Beach, and after he was deported, he had to start over in Cambodia with no one there to support him. My mom loving, caring mothers have remained heartbroken. No, my husband is no longer around him. With whom he. For the first few years, my mom has been trying to help my brother by sending him money so he can get back on his feet, even if we didn't have much ourselves. Deportation has broken my family. It caused so much stress financially, physically and emotionally. Deportation affects families and our entire community, not just the individuals who are deported. Our families are suffering and struggling because of our history as refugees and a lack of support. And now we're being sent back. There's this double punishment. I am here today talking, fighting for all families and friends to make sure that the city of Long Beach does not contribute to other families. Experience what my family and I face intergenerational trauma

that exists and the time is now to pass a Clean Language Bias Act with protections, including no carve outs for criminal history and a fully funded deportation defense fund. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Next speaker, please. My name is Paul Szoke. I work with the Youth Justice Coalition. I work with at risk youth and I do Men Circle and a lot of other things. I also am standing member of ICE out of L.A. so I got in that line of work because when I was 16, I was living here in Long Beach. I've been here. I grew up out here. I was brought here as a child, a refugee, when I was 61 days old. When I was 16, I became parents. I wound up pushed out of school. I wound up in the streets and I wound up in the juvenile justice system only to wind up in prison. And so this is in 1998 and 1999. I don't come home until 2016, only to face deportation. We're talking about nearly 20 years later. So when we talk about violent felons talking about me. And we don't look at the character of who I am today at all. When all you see is immigrant and you want to deport me. You don't see what I do. Good for the community. No,

that none of that is in the equation. And that's not valid because many of the folks in my situation now, business owners, maybe gone to school. And lately, because of the work that I do, been fighting my own deportation by myself because I taught myself law. I had to. It was the only way because there was no money to get me an attorney. I don't come from wealthy places. I come from low income, impoverished neighborhoods. A lot of us are in the same boat. But because of that work, I get calls from wives, mothers saying what I do about my son, what I do, what my brother, what I do about my husband. I can't pay the rent this month. They're gone. They're stuck in detention. So when you talk about deportation, you're talking about taking breadwinners. It's all about taking money away from families. So where does the money to support these families going to come from after that? It doesn't come from them. They have to find a different way. All it does is perpetuate the underground economy. That's why I told you where they're going to go, because they have no other means to pay the rent. Right. Same with me. I got in trouble because I made it for myself. There was no resources in the community. Nothing going on. Went to school. They idea. Here's your paper. Turn in your book. Goodbye. That's not a way to deal with the problems. Right. And if we want to punish people by sending them away, that doesn't address the problem, because that's still the case that somebody was hurt, the community was hurt. The solutions are in resourcing the community, so those things don't happen to begin with. So that's a real solution. But on any note, I just want to say something about people. What human nature? Illegal? Who would Jesus deport, if you want to talk about it from a Christian value perspective? And lastly, there are roughly a thousand people that are in our military, the US military doctor. There's a doctor all across the United States that are nurses, doctors, firefighters, even in some places. It's not about a piece of document. It's about their identity. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. I did. Evening Council. My name is Sheila Assi and I'm a lifelong resident of Long Beach, a homeowner in the city's district. And I worked with five year olds in Action, a youth led organization located in the fourth District. And we are a part of the Century Long Beach Coalition. I'm here tonight to urge the council to amend the Long Beach Values Act and pass a policy that is inclusive of the Cambodian community. As proposed, the protections granted by the Long Beach Values Act would not be extended to people with certain past convictions and thereby would not be extended to the majority of the Cambodian community. Vulnerable to deportations. Because of the repatriation agreement between Cambodia and the U.S.. Cambodian refugees, including those with green cards, are vulnerable to deportations for past convictions, even even convictions that, like we heard earlie

r, are decades old. To pass this policy as proposed, leaving out a segment of the population would perpetuate double punishment and would weaken relationships between our city institutions and the community. CG What's directly with impacted families? And we know that most in most of these cases, these these crimes were committed in the nineties by children from Southeast Asian families who became involved in crimes as a direct result of economic insecurity. Right now, 1900 Cambodians nationwide have deportation orders. A large proportion of those are located in Long Beach, specifically in the forth and city districts. Long Beach right now has the opportunity as the center of the Cambodian diaspora to pass a policy that is a model for inclusivity and one that respected its residents, including the Cambodian community. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and council members. My name is Alex Montanez and I'm a community organizer with the Filipino Migrant Center of Long Beach, which is in the seventh District. I'd like to thank all of the city council members who brought this important policy to the

table, especially the council members who are voting for a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs for community members, with past convictions and protecting all of our Long Beach. Undocumented immigrant residents and keeping. Their families together. It's the right thing to do. And we thank you for standing with us. But today, I really want to address the need for a fully funded deportation defense fund. There are close to 30,000 Filipinos here in the city of Long Beach, most of them residing in the seventh District or the west side of Long Beach. And every week in our little office on the west side, we receive calls and meet with Long Beach, Filipino residents who seek direct services and. Legal aid for any number of reasons. Whether it's housing and eviction, domestic violence, wage theft and abuse, human trafficking, or undocumented immigrants and families seeking relief and advice and even experiencing deportation orders. Now, a vast majority of these undocumented Filipinos are low income workers and families. Some work as caregivers for the elderly, grocery and shop workers, and others doing low wage work. But many cannot afford to pay for legal services and an attorney, if they. Receive deportation orders. Let alone their basic needs like healthy food, rising rent, health care or child care. And unfortunately, what I've seen time to time at the center is that many of our community members have sought help from Notorious, who pose as lawyers or paralegals and scam undocumented clients for hundreds and sometimes even thousands of dollars, leaving them high and dry when they seek help. And many of our clients and community members experience being scammed multiple. Times before they met with us. So we have to do more not only to protect Long Beach immigrant residents through limiting the sensitive information and

cooperation with ICE, but also to make sure that people have the means to legally defend themselves from deportation, especially are undocumented immigrants. So that's why we at the Filipino Migrant Center support a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs for folks who have past convictions. And really fully funding a deportation defense fund with 600,000 or more in public or private funding. We need your leadership here, city council members, and especially for us in the seventh District. We need your help. We need your leadership. Councilman Aranda and I just wanted to give it up to the to the committee members who have something to say. Some of them are lucha oranga escuchar estamos n la lucha. That's mucho estamos em lucha. All right. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name just started. My name is Native Tushnet and I live in the third district. I'm addressing the city council tonight on behalf of the Long Beach Area Peace Network, and we urge you to pass a clean Long Beach Values Act. To me, ensuring the safety of immigrants is crucial to preserving the exciting, diverse nature of our community. Equally important, we need to guarantee that our police force will not or anyone will not share information with ICE about any Long Beach resident. A values act that says it's okay to share information about some people does not reflect the needs of the community or our underlying values. For many, the convictions are years old and do not reflect the individual's current status. Since conviction, they have become positive influences in the community. They go to school, they hold jobs. They pay taxes. They raise kids. Crimes committed as teenagers should not be reasons to break up families and hurt lives. I also want to talk about the the the deportation fund. Deportation Protection Fund. I'm going to tell a story that has a little bit of bragging in it. In Michigan, a large number of Chaldean Iraqis were rounded up by ICE for immediate deportation. Most of their crimes were committed over 20 years ago. They have been law abiding citizens since. And we all know that the Chaldean Iraqis will go back and be killed. We have people here who will go back and be killed. And we know that the difference with these people in Michigan is that they had good attorneys. One was my. Daughter in law. That's the brag. They now are. Out of deportation, the deportation holding. They have full hearings to be held. They will not be deported until they have due process. And that's the importance of having legal assistance. It saves lives, literally saves lives. So I urge you to reject the carve outs. And I also urge you to fully fund the deportation defense fund to protect Long Beach residents from what we all know is ICE overreach. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Reverend John Forest Douglas, and I'm the associate minister of First Congregational Church in Long Beach. I'm here as a rep

representative also of clergy and laity, United for Economic Justice, which is made up of thousands of lay and ordained faith leaders all around Southern California. So I rise today to ask you to vote yes for a clean Long Beach Values Act without carve outs for criminal history, and to include a legal

defense fund throughout the Hebrew and Christian scriptures that people in positions of power are reminded that it's their responsibility to provide radical acts of hospitality to straight to strangers and immigrants in their midst and to provide for the needs of the poor. In the past year, our congregation has been engaged in deep conversations about racism and white privilege, and many of us have committed ourselves to speak out against racism when we see it. Our broken national immigration system is racist. It is deeply rooted in the sin of racism because it excludes people of color from opportunities to pursue safety and dream of a better future. It's racist because it dehumanizes people of color as criminals instead of dignifying them as people created in the image of God. Carving out people with criminal history from our ordinance is another way of degrading people of color who are vulnerable to economic insecurity. Many individuals with criminal history, committed crimes years ago for which they have done their due, have done their time. Mass incarceration and deportation are not ways to make our communities safer or a community that thrives. I'm particularly concerned about the Cambodian community members who are my neighbors in the sixth District, many of whom fled. War and. Violence in Southeast Asia decades ago and have criminal histories for many years ago. There's no reason to add more trauma of broken families to this community. As a person of faith, I'm not. I am reminded that our most important calling is to figure out how to live faithfully in times when it's hard and times are hard. And so we're called to live with courage, recall to live faithfully. And so I ask you to vote yes on a clean Long Beach Values Act without cutouts. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Good evening. Mayor Garcia and city council members. My name is Hailey Seawright. I am a resident of the third district, a registered nurse and a graduate student at Cal State Long Beach. And I have had the privilege of working on the Sanctuary Long Beach campaign. I wanted to bring your attention to some of the health impacts immigrant community members struggle with on a daily basis and often compound resulting in latent detrimental health outcomes. Consideration must also be given to their children, many of which are U.S. citizens who also suffer disparate health risks as a result of their position in this minority community. A Human Impact Partners survey found that 36% of immigrant respondents reported poor to Fair Health versus 9.5% of nonimmigrant respondents. And poor self-reported health has a s

trong association with increased risk of mortality. Food insecurity also disproportionately affects immigrant communities and leads to depression, diabetes, obesity and mental or behavioral problems. In 2015, 3.9 million children were recipients of SNAP benefits, and nearly 86% of these had an immigrant parent. A decline in the use of services has been reported by agencies around the country, with one agency reporting as many as one in five of their cases being closed. Use of medical services has also been impacted, with multiple reports of clinics seeing a decrease in use of services by immigrants out of fear of information sharing or enforcement activities. Children of immigrants are twice as likely to lack health insurance, and immigrant communities are also exposed to traumatic events and experience chronic stress. That manifest says depression, anxiety, headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, insomnia and as attempts of their integration in the larger community. Stress and trauma experiences can be intergenerational, and the children are particularly vulnerable to adverse experiences which have a dose related recent dose related relationship associated with negative health outcomes across the lifespan, leading to increased risk of cancer, miscarriage, heart attack and stroke. These health impacts are amplified by the other determinants of health which they are already facing as a result of their marginalization. I am standing here in solidarity with my with the immigrant community and call on you to pass the clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs that allow all Long Beach families to remain unified and lead safe, healthy lives. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello, City Council. My name is Jordan Doering. I'm a resident in the Second District and I'm also part of the leadership of the Associated Students at Cal State Long Beach. So I come to you tonight speaking as a resident of Long Beach, but also as a student leader that wants to defend the undocumented people in my 36,000 student body university. As a lot of you probably know. A few years ago, Cal. State Long Beach Police cooperated with ICE to deport a man named Jose Alvarez that set off a bomb on our campus of grief. And it's was very clear that our campus, our students made it very clear that they do not stand for subjecting undocumented people to double jeopardy where someone could commit. A minor crime before. I was even born, serve. Time, supposedly be rehabilitated. And then get deported back to a country they haven't been to in decades because of a speeding ticket. Or in

Jose Alvarez's case, because his car broke down. If Cal State Long Beach. I should also mention that our campus changed. Our policing policies to protect our undocumented students. And what I'm saying is, if Cal State Long Beach can protect. Its undocumented folks by changing their policing policies, I think at a minimum, the city of Long Beach can do the same. Please don't fall down

where Sacramento did and keep these carve outs in the. Long Beach Values Act. The problem with 354 was those. Criminal carve outs to begin with. So if we've taken an entire year, as a councilmember pointed out, to get to this point, and then we just pass a city ordinance that doesn't do anything for the criminal prosecution and allows undocumented folks to be deported by ICE. Well, we're also funding a legal fund. We're going to be. Paying into a legal fund to defend people that we. Deported, which doesn't make any sense to me. So I just want to ask that you protect the students of Long Beach and also that you protect the residents of Long Beach. Please don't make Jeff Sessions. Lawsuit any easier. This isn't Trump country. I would ask that you. Defend the residents of Long Beach. This is the interest. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello, everyone. My name is Kenny Lara. I'm a junior at Lakewood High School. I'm a resident of District eight and a youth organizer with Captains for Justice. Both of my parents are immigrants. The majority of my family and one of my closest friends are also undocumented. My parents came here in search for a better life and Mexico. My mom was only able to receive an education up to the sixth grade because she was forced to drop out of school and work with her father in order to support her family. She came to the United States, too, but to build a better life for herself. She came in search for the American Dream, just like many other immigrants do when they come here. However, when they get here, they're faced with the constant fear of being deported back to their home countries. These people risked their lives to come to the US to escape the hardships at home, such as war, corruption and poverty. This is why I'm asking for a clean policy without carve outs. The police target marginalized groups and there is no set definition of a serious crime. All people should be given the right to a fair due process. These people are working hard for an honest living. They aren't citizens, and yet they still pay taxes. And these taxes pay for the police salary. So instead of deporting their own people, the police should be protecting them. We should be protecting them. Being an immigrant isn't a crime. They are our own people and they are part of our communities. Being born and raised in Long Beach, all of my neighborhoods I have lived in were full of people of color. I grew up surrounded by undocumented people, and now I live in fear of being deported, of them being deported and being torn from my family and some of my closest friends. And although I am a citizen, I still strikes fear in my heart. So I can't even begin to imagine what undocumented people feel when they hear of ice. A year ago, I heard that ice was raining busses and I take the bus to and from school every single day. So hearing this made me terrified. I didn't even want to go to school. So just hearing about ice was in a way jeopardizing my education, even i

f it was just for one day. But a lot can happen in a day and so it's scary. So just trying to imagine with all these people feel. So this is why tonight I'm asking for all of you to stand in solidarity with our people and vote for a sanctuary city without exceptions. Thank you. Thank you. Mexico. The police. Thank you. When I started to throw those mean Mendoza so residents really st optimal informal pastoral parochial individual nurturing. Then obviously their clinical institute in Apollo and recommended immigrant. But I can only say I unless you that tend to you get a much more inclusive in practice personas getting a no record criminal bacchanal that this one that's a one that whatever this one letter said opportunity that particular committee only wrote in to Purcell mesa on Cielo Pego contrasted looking less familiar than ranked Begala's consequences for get Gwendolyn episode nice the patella turner circle of familiar sapphic tantaros aspect us inclusive in an economical most repetition parent I you wouldn't have me into escapism apparently resolution as had been on be on as you that centurion para todos illness incremental accounted elephant this parallel defensor the deportation vacation meal the latest notion sufficient. This is a similar petition he paid you most in minimal anesthesia and those meal dollars for colossal immigrants against which impressed us to memorable our common dream also. Yes. Yes, yes, us all. But I must have said the most translation. Okay. Good evening, everybody. My name is Elvia Mendoza. I am a resident of the First District and I am a member of the Church Divino Nazarene. I'm also a leader with ICA. I have I'm here to support the immigrant community so the Long Beach can become a sanctuary city. We want this even for those with a criminal record in the past, because everybody

deserves a second chance. And why not even a third chance? Immigrants should not have to pay double for a mistake they made in the past, especially if they've already paid with jail. And why should their families pay for their consequences when a person is deported? The family circle is affected in all aspects, including economically. We are petitioning the council members to pass and make Long Beach a sanctuary city for everybody and to increase the defense funds for deportation. 100,000 is not enough, and we're petitioning a minimum of 600,000 because immigrants do pay taxes. So let's see this as a tax refund. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Thank you, sir. Good evening, honorable mayor and city council members. My name is Tiny Nelson Niue and I am a resident in the seventh District. I am a proud member of interfaith community organizations Long Beach, Echo, founder, Project Alpha and Physician Facilitator for the Coalition for Safety and Justice. My story is one of many that have been carved out and continues to be marginalized in the narrative of policies become. Some still see the dichotomy of unworthy versus wor

thy people who are rehabilitative and able to reintegrate. This whole notion of worthy versus non worthy is an excuse, just as instill fear and to continue to divide. And we Long Beach must have a Clean Values Act period. Being formerly incarcerated with multiple serious offenses, my past has brought about 49,000 collateral consequences, and I firsthand endure these policies with carve outs. But today, I am committed to ensuring that every person is valued and embraced regardless of our past. My best friend and sister has been a part of my transformation for the past 18 years. She is transgendered. She is an immigrant and with a past history of 12 felonies. She and I both have endured the demoralizing and incomprehensible behind bars should it continue out here in the community? Within our addiction, I can only fathom what they do if they were in the hands of ice. We're both clean, living and thriving in our communities. Despite our path tonight, she had hesitations and she still lives in fear. I am not. I speak for the both of us. I would do anything for her. She is my family. She has been an integral part of my rehabilitation. She is my sister. She will always be my family. I dare not think again what would ever happen if she were in the hands of ice? The conditions are deplorable, inhumane. Today, I know that I have intentionally walked in every single one of your districts. We both have volunteered in every single one of your districts. And there is this love that we receive from your district members and even from some of you that continue to make us thrive and live and keep continuing to thrive and strive in our communities. This is the opportunity this Long Beach Values Act needs to be with our carve out and to see us now as collateral and to be part of this beautiful, diverse city where we have invested in the justice lab for the formerly incarcerated. Today, we need a Clean Values Act. Period. Roberto Council members, please pass a Clean Values Act. Thank you very much. Thank you. Let's look at this. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Good evening. Okay. You know, Mr. Pete, you cannot keep talking when people are speaking like now. No one else is talking to the people who are speaking. So now I've now warned you three times. I mean, just for the record. Yes, please. Good evening, council members. My name is Patty Diaz. I'm a board member of the Long Beach Interfaith Community District eight. I'm looking at District eight and whom has an organization who has always been committed to protect immigrants and their families, especially with the current Trump administration. It has definitely become a top priority. With that being said, we have created Media Watch, a hotline of volunteers that provides them with approximately eight dispatchers, 50 rapid responders, their guides and supports them when facing ICE raids, which are happening a lot. By the way, one of my biggest concerns is legal representation. We appreciate you putting y

our toes in the water with this sanctuary and sanctuary ordinance, one which values act of \$100,000. However, what we are asking is that you jump into the water with us. We believe 600,000 will say to our Long Beach immigrant community that you are committed and all the way in it with us as a faith based organization. All of our religious traditions believe and stand for second chances being essential. Furthermore, another concern is a carve out picking and choosing who is disturbing and who is not. Isn't there a legal justice system already in place? If so, then why should our community members be punished twice for the same mistake or the offense? If you want to call it that, we some of you may remember who say Alvarez case, a family man deported for a broke until late. Many of you publicly supported his return. However, Mr. Alvarez would not have been included in this proposed defense fund. These cases are complicated and many, too many to count. Therefore, they need legal representation because a city filled with immigrants and need your

support in dealing with unjust immigration policies. We hope you take a stand and walk this journey with us in making Long Beach a sanctuary city and definitely raising our fund for the immigration community. Thank you. Thank you. Next picture, please. Good evening. My name is Swimming Chair and I'm a senior staff attorney with the National Immigration Law Center. And like many of the people here, I stand before you to really urge you to pass a clean Long Beach Values Act. The city should not cave in to any kind of bullying or intimidation by the federal government either. We know that Sessions and Trump are going after jurisdictions that they consider to be sanctuary jurisdictions, and many places are standing strong. Not only is our governor and attorney general of California standing strong, we've also seen recently across the country places continue to pass strong measures. So just two weeks ago, King County, Washington, passed a sanctuary ordinance that has no carve outs. That includes no carve outs in terms of who they notify around notifying ice about people's release dates and no carve outs in terms of transferring people to ice. So I urge Long Beach to do something like that. This should be a race to the top, not to the bottom. We should all be in competition to have the strongest policy possible and not just count on SB 54 to do everything because it has its limitations. SB 54 was a compromise bill that factored in more conservative areas of California. Well, here in Long Beach, which, as you well know, is an extremely diverse place. It's a very progressive city. And so we should be doing better. I also wanted to share that I was formerly on the Board of Committee Growth and Action, and I had many Cambodian clients here in Long Beach who are facing deportation. And you've heard firsthand some of the very painful personal stories of that experience. And I also wanted to reemphasize that that, unfortu

nately, is all too common. I saw many of my young clients get caught up in overpolicing, the overcriminalization of youth and of people of color in the nineties and early 2000s. They were pushed into surviving by joining groups of people for self-defense, which are then labeled gangs. They were then put into the criminal justice system and forced to take plea bargains many times. This was a time, too, when people were not informed of the immigration consequences of pleading guilty to criminal convictions. So many people took guilty pleas not knowing that this will lead to their automatic deportation. And when they got in front of an immigration judge, often they were unrepresented or they faced the pressures of being in detention and decided to take a deportation order in order to get out as quickly as possible. So those people I knew who are lucky enough to win their case and get out of detention, they've come back into the community. They've gotten married, they've had children. One of them just recently opened up a cell phone business here in Long Beach. So this is what's possible if we give people a second chance. And therefore, I want to urge you again, please pass a Clean Values Act and do not have any carve outs for people. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Hello, everyone. I'm Bernice Osorio, and I'm a lawyer. I came to the U.S. to study a masters of law at UCLA. I was born and raised in Mexico City, as well as my whole family. However, since the day that I arrived here, I couldn't avoid feeling empathetic and identified with the people establishing California who shared my same roots. I believe that the only way that people can take action is to speak out through their use of the law. That's why. Grant Currently, I'm also part of the UCLA immigrants rights policy, and we are working together with the Long Beach Centauri Coalition. So here we are today in order to support this century Long Beach Coalition to speak on behalf of the immigrant community against carve outs for notification and transfer requests to ICE. These carve outs suggest ongoing collaboration with immigration enforcement on the fullest extent. They lead to a mistaken perception of immigrants as undesirable. Exercising control over certain groups of immigrants creates an oppressive environment that turns intolerable. This situation also generates racism, discrimination that turns into a social disintegration. Families are the foundation of a strong society and DNA part A home is not the way to build a united community. Assisting immigration enforcement simplifies ice school or deporting undocumented immigrants efficiently. As a result, the immigrant community becomes an easy target for a violation of civil and human rights. So that's the reason why we ask for a clean Long Beach values ordinance without carve outs. Because immigrants make an important contribution to the country and because this is an opportunity to extend to them the protections that

they deserve. Also, we ask for a Clean Values Act with no carve outs because it will offer harmony and acceptance to everyone in the community. Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Next speaker, please. Oh. Well, I start this and I'm going to ask how America is so little. I go viral and

after a love me, they look what tragic loss all of the U.S. has become as an audience. I mean, I'm in Gaza and Muslim enterprise in the middle and so follows those two systems. But those pile up of similar deportation. We see Hillary will go near no extra silos. But let's start with Alaska, Walla Walla Walla. Just I mean, if we look at the members of Plan A, we see a lot of instability and really stress for our society. So until I see the media, Estabrook Studios see that I'm in Gaza. So whether you get to or through Solaris and I am most careful in front of my local LA Policia opponents, you know, and then I just in the almost when I caught it. But I'm asymptomatic and you're welcome. A policia necesita. But you're still up by know I look for the Jacksonville Annapolis here in any attempt. Yes, I get they know the man they were there but it could upset Pakeha by that also. Rhodes your legs La Sudan. I can know that you know, stress, gas us and also sky yes Burleigh that women but the potassium is primarily la policia. Well, what I see I'm going nice is I lost my mother. The family can access. My name is America and I am a leader of ICA. I live in North Long Beach and I have four children. One of them is a Dhaka recipient. A few days ago, ice came to my house and since that day, my whole family lives in fear and we are prepared for a possible deportation. My children live in fear and stress in the afternoons when I pick them up from school and if I arrive late, they fear that I have been deported. My children should not be subjected to this stressful situation. They are citizens of this country and the only concern they should have should be for their education. If I could come to my house, I'm sure they'll be able to go to yours as well. We believe that they were informed by their police or a neighbor since we have a court case. It is important to me to be able to trust the police when I need them. But if they are going to support ICE, I can trust them. Any immigrant, whether they have a criminal record or not, should be able to stay since they've already paid their debt. I understand that the city cannot tell ICE to leave our streets, but they can prevent deportation by prohibiting the police from collaborating with ICE. Thank you. Thank you for your testimony. Next speaker, please. Thank you, Mayor Garcia. Council members. I'd also like to thank the tangle of people on whose land we are gathered. My name is Joe Berra. I'm clinical faculty at UCLA Law School. I directed the Immigrant Rights Policy Clinic. We've had the privilege this semester of working with the Long Beach Sanctuary Coalition, whose initiative to expand the California Values Act here in L

ong Beach and supported by valiant council members. Who support this initiative, seek to expand that in the Long Beach Values Act, and I commend the Sanctuary Coalition and the privilege to. Work with them. I'd like to address first any concerns about the legality of either the California Values Act or the Long Beach Values Act, given the recent lawsuit filed by Attorney General Sessions. I don't want this to be a constitutional class, but we all are aware that the Constitution defines our federal system, and the 10th Amendment specifically protects states and local government from the federal government's attempts to intrude on local sovereignty and to commandeer local government. Resources and authority. Similarly, there are certain fields of law, and specifically immigration law, which are the sole authority of the federal government. And so local law enforcement has no role in immigration enforcement unless allowed for or delegated by the federal government. But by the same token, and at the same time, the federal government cannot force or commandeer local law enforcement to. Assist the federal immigration enforcement. And so I can say, along with over 100 law professors who wrote a letter to Governor Brown. On this issue. The California Values Act, and by extension, a clean Long Beach Values Act does not violate the. Law and that lawsuit will not prevail. I do come here to speak in favor of a clean Long Beach Values Act without any carve outs. It's not only good law, it's good policy. What is the role of state and local government. With respect to our immigrant. Community? I would argue that it is integration and not removal. Removal has been a sad part. Of our history. And it's affected. State and local actors have been involved in. Removal since the beginning of our history. The farmers and settlers in Georgia pushed the federal government to remove Native Americans. Legislatures in Mississippi and Louisiana passed Jim Crow laws to remove African-Americans to the north. Businessmen in San Francisco pushed the federal government to. Remove Chinese and the Chinese Exclusion. Act. We should be about integration and not removal. The carve outs have nothing to do with criminal justice. They have only to do with removal. And therefore, I ask you for a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve out. Thank you. I expect the please. The the professor made a good note. I was just thinking. So my name is and I can. Say from sixth district, the professor he is. He reminded me, is crazy. You know, this country has had a long history of being a century. You know, our one point there was boats of rapists and murderers and thieves and they

allowed them to settle in. And that became the state of Georgia, you know, for a fact. Excuse me, sir. Excuse me, sir. He had three warnings of four others and he says, let. Me do what I got to do now. You can do what you gotta do. I'm here. I'm here to represent. You know, a part of the story that isn't really you d

on't see as much today. You know, my father is an immigrant from the war torn country, destroyed by as many people in this room, completely destroyed by American imperialism. My father grew up in Ethiopia. You know, so most of his childhood was spent dodging American bombs, American missiles, American tanks, American mortars. And after, you know, this country spent the seventies and eighties destroying my father's country, he had the great opportunity of being able to come here. He met my mother here. I you know. Unfortunately, he came in 87, 86, the last Republican president at the time, Mr. Reagan, he was actually the last person to pass amnesty law. So because my father came a year late after his refugee status was expired, because what was once an American enemy became an American ally, he was suddenly an undocumented immigrant, as many people are in his country. You know, borders changed and laws change, and what was legal becomes illegal and vice versa. And its impact on my family, specifically my older cousins, an older cousin of mine who was in his teen years, you know, arrested with possession of a narcotics marijuana. Years later, he was deported and sent back to Ethiopia, where he unfortunately was conscripted into the military and died fighting in a war. And that's an unfortunate case for a lot of Cambodians. I know as well as the Salvadoran people. I grew up here who get sent back to war torn countries or countries with regimes that don't necessarily like the people who are coming back and they have to face the consequences. So the idea that being born here and, you know, the travesties of growing up here, you should have to be affected by it later is a travesty. So I don't believe in the carve out. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Madam Speaker, please. Hello. My name is Myron Wolin. I am the president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. I am also a member of CLU, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice and a proud member of Migrant Watch, which you've just been told about. I want to compliment the Council for just for taking up the issue and going as far as you have in going for a Long Beach Values Act. If you were to be commended for that. However, you need to reconsider. No carve out. You need to go beyond what you've talked about now and think about what it means. Think about the stories you've heard and how it affects the people of Long Beach. Now, I want to tell you a little something about my history and why I am in favor of a Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs. Mike. I am the son of immigrants, as many of you are. My mother came here when she was three months old from England. My father came here from Poland before 1924. He was escaping a anti-Semitic environment. He was coming here to better himself economically. Now, why do I keep saying 1924, 1924 was when our country first limited immigration aside from the Chinese Exclusion Act. But for everyone else in the country, in the world, it became an exclusionary pol

icy of immigration prior to 1924. Anybody could come here to this country. And that's why my father was able to come here. And that's why my mother was able to come here. And that's why many people many white people are here because they came here before 1924. In 1924 was a racist law. It said that the immigration policy should be based on the what the census was in 1890. Why did they choose 1890? Because after 1890, many of my people came here to this country. Many of the southern Europeans came here to this country. And many of the Eastern Europeans came here in this country. The history of immigration in this country is a history of racism. It's a history of trying to deny this country to do to have its citizens. That's why I'm saying, although I wouldn't say that if you vote for exclusionary thing, you're necessarily racist. But consider the fact that there is racism in this country. We have a country that talks about shithole countries. And what is that part of? It's part of a racist philosophy. Thank you. Thank you for your time. I speak. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yeah. Chuck Brewer, first district. I'll give you a little history for 25 years. I ran a staffing company. We grew to 600 locations around the country. During that time, we had a creative was everyone who was colorblind. So where I grew up, I grew up in Chicago and I understand racism. What I'm going to tell you right now, I've also watched in my 65 years a lot of that dissolve. And we are a nation that is evolving. Yes, we are. So with that being said, I would just like to say, oh, by the way, I have I had family that fought in the Civil War for the North. I had family that fought a war to. I family fought the war of 1812, but they were for the Canadians didn't what the Americans have come over the border. So let's go to a real simple thing here. I am very empathetic to every one of the stories

told here today. I know what it's like to put a paycheck in someone's hands and give them economic opportunity. But our company that we grew to \$1,000,000,000 sales, over 600 locations was subject to be fined for breaking immigration hiring laws. So we went to verification where other didn't just so we would not be fined. So I say to you here, I believe that there are a lot of fine, but we moved to the city because it's culturally diverse. Not Irvine, Long Beach. And I've been here for over 40 years. Longer than that, actually. So I say to Patrick West, to our city attorney, to you all. Don't be the cool city. Be the city that does not break the laws but changes the laws. The laws need to be changed through lobbyists. They need to be changed through our states. We we all who have the privilege to vote, have the opportunity to put people in the representation to change the law by us as a city. Breaking the law. That is wrong. Should we and our last city attorney allow anyone to go through a red light this week to be in sanctuary if I don't pay my taxes ? Do I get a sanctuary from the

city because I don't like to pay my taxes? I pay them because it's part of my responsibility. So I say to you, yes, we need change, but it needs to be done legally. Don't be just the cool city. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Would you mind grabbing the mic for. We can hear you. That would be great. Thank you. So there we go. There you go. My name is Senior Year. Why you? I'm nine years old and my dad died in in Mexico a few years ago when I was drinking a lot. The only family I have is my mom. And I went to see there that my mom came from Mexico and headed to California. And I didn't want to say that and that I don't want those people, most people to take away my mom because the only family I have is my mom. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. Hi. My name is Melissa Gomez. I am 15 and I am a member of Saint Athanasius Church and I call and to start this off, I want to say I am proud to be part of the Hispanic community. And we all know my parents came to the United States for a better life, only they know why they left their home, their hometown, and and then sending them back is is unfair because only they know why they left. And they came here to give out to get a better life, to give my brothers and sisters a better life. And we we all know at least one or more families that don't have papers are immigrants. They keep they all came here for a reason. They all should have oh, they should all have the rights to be here, live freely, to live without fear. Because I know at least I know many families with that with are immigrants live in fear and I don't want that. I was born here. I'm a citizen. But yet it hurts me to know, to see those families being deported because I may not be related to them by blood, but I am related to them through God because I am. And the way they they're separating their families, their children, kids my age, younger than me. And it hurts me seeing that a hearing about stories, how they've been deported, how some of them don't have parents, no family. And that is just very devastating. I hope you guys support and to protect the immigrants. Thank you. Thank you so much. Mexico police. Good evening, City Council Mayor Anna Kristensen, member of the Long Beach Area Peace Network, and Negro Watch Negro, which has these little yellow cards. And they have information that we like everybody to have. And one of the problems is that people are afraid to even call Negro white. That's how fearful people are. They are not they don't even know how to call for the people. Who who. Want to help them and to stop what is an illegal act, a violation of our Constitution, and certainly an immoral act. Now, years ago. There was a. Woman who said in front of the city council, all us media. Well, all of a sudden here tonight, you will make history. You will make. History. You will either vote for or. Against inclusiveness and justice for all people. You will make a law. Even if it's just an ordinance, you will make a d

ecision. Do you ever Wonder Woman, if you had had the opportunity to make that decision, to round up Japanese people who are born here, including infants who were in orphanages and take them away from their families and shipped them somewhere. Do you ever wonder what if it had been your call? What if you had been Andrew Jackson, the president, who. Decided to remove indigenous. People from their homes? It's not about. Immigrants. It's about. Responsibility. It's about justice. And we all we all have that power. Jeff Sessions, you know, he didn't. Follow the law when. He was a state attorney general. His school, the state, the schools in his state were the last to integrate. He didn't. Follow federal. Law. Now he wants to come over here and check his idea of federal law down our throats, but we don't have to take that. And speaking of laws, the first immigrant from Europe was a guy named Christopher Columbus, and he had a on his side. It was called The Doctrine. Of Christian Discovery, came out of the Catholic Church, and it said that any Christian could go where there was a non-Christian and could take everything the land, the people,

the kids, everything. And that law was the basis for the decision to remove the Cherokees. That law is. Part. It's woven into. United States are so bad. Laws are always with us. And should we fear a man who smoked marijuana 20 years ago or should. We fear. A. Bad law that separates a mother and her child, just like this mother who. Just came from a sanctuary. To our border. This week in the L.A. Times and is now even though she never crossed. The border, she ask for sanctuary. And she is in. Lockup and somebody is. Making money. Off of that. Private prison. And her daughter's in Chicago. Her 11 year old daughter. When you go home tonight, hug your kids, hold your kids and understand that nothing is safe here. Thank you so much. Man the model minority. And the next minute you're a terrorist. Thank you, Miss Richardson. Next week, a this. Thank you. Please. Good afternoon. My name is Jackie Mendoza. 14 year old my brother got deported to Mexico. He he he came here when he was four years old and got deported. I have another brother and he is also in danger of getting deported. I am scared that my brother and my mother get deported and I would literally give up anything. So my brother is here because I never know when like if anything happened to him. And yeah, that's pretty much it. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. But not only not Rosemary Antoniou being a global icon. Good afternoon. My name is Maria Antonia and I am from the group I call La Nina. Capaci is Mika a song alternative to Nina's? The young girl just spoke is my daughter. I am a single parent of three children. I'm the owner of a portable. My son was deported. It's the oil that they need and love attention. They the land to the eye they could not see then they don't. He was detain a deal until were he suffer an accident and he had to hav

e surgery? Yes. Like almost all parallel asylum under 91. And right after surgery, he was sent to Tijuana. You'll be okay. But a lot of mamas get their normal six months report for our political reporter Cialis. I beg you, in behalf of all the other mothers to please stop. Deportation is needed is the better MCAT. And yes, it is not dangerous what Romano called Cornelia. It is very sad to see how my daughter feels when she has. She does not have her brother with her. Esther is dead north and if Caravaggio inattentive kidnaped boy, you better make work get the now but I give up Oh yeah yeah no it is very sad to not have a job did not have anyone to support me My son who was deported was the one who supported us . Our aid is in control and pays better say get us to work. It is a lot worth running of. So he is now in the country that he was born in, but he does not know the country because he came here at four years old. Yet without this period of our work. Give me an hour to look up Pasando. There are a lot of policy. They look familiar. And I am here asking you to look around and look at what's going on with all the deportations and military. Is David Gallo familia temporada you still cannot boyo, but we had a some of my mom's attorneys get the in and there's none of that. They need us. Simple story enough for you. It's very, very sad to see what's going on with the deportations. I am here in support of all the parents with everything that is going on. There are almost three stories, though. It's going to be Puerto Rico, Miguel. No. But the saddest thing of everything is the fact that my son is now here and that I'm not going to have him here with me forever. Liz Behar put her work in La Policia so you can look into all I'm thinking is what does that mean? I really want to look in ways, but I'm asking you please. I'm asking you to help so that the police now cooperate and as well with all the racist people who are acting like this. Or if we kill my Nancy, I will get a little special because I'm lucky. All because none of what I eat equal are separate. This is for millions, but far more than a consideration that almost others. Today I am here, separated from my family. But it could be anyone else on a different day. Please help us. Get us started. Thank you very much. Let's listen up. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Andrea Galicia, and I'm a UCLA law student. I am one of the founding founders of the First Generation Law Students Association at UCLA, which is a group to support students who are the first in their family to go to college. I come from an immigrant family and the cities that we will be allowed to visit out of as a child, depending on how immigrant friendly they were. My family perceive Long Beach to be diverse and welcoming community and would often work as parking attendants here in order to help people enjoy the holiday events like the 4th of July that the Long Beach community would hold. And Long Beach should create a public

ly funded universal representation program because immigration, deportation and detention harm communities and burdens the city. Immigrants contribute to the public funds, and they're part of the public. The deportation or detention of someone who provided the soul or big financial support for a family harm to their family. These families will have to turn to more public assistance. Almost half of

all Californian children have at least one immigrant parent, meaning many families are in danger of being broken apart and having a child put into state custody if their parent is deported or detained. Even those who are not in state custody suffer long term health consequences that lead to poor education and inability to lower earnings. The state bears additional costs in assisting these traumatized children for years. Even employers suffer with the turnover cost of all these lost workers. So it is therefore, it is more cost effective to develop a legal representation program for detained immigrants. And it is both physically and morally necessary for Long Beach to defend its residents from the detention and deportation. California immigrants who had legal counsel in their immigration cases succeeded more than five times, much more than did their unrepresented counterparts. This means we have the opportunity to keep families that contribute to the Long Beach community together by providing them this representation. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Katrina Landecker and I am a director. Of the UCLA Law Students for Immigrant Justice, and I'm also a student in the UCLA law Immigrants Rights Policy Clinic, working to advance policies to protect immigrants in L.A. and around the country. I'm here today with a Long Beach sanctuary coalition to call for the removal of carve outs of certain people from protections under the Long Beach Values Act. Excluding community members who have some prior criminal conviction from the Long Beach Values Act is inconsistent with the Council's stated commitment to the equal, respectful and dignified treatment of all people and excluding community members. The Council enables the Trump administration to carry out its mass deportation of so-called bad immigrants by handing them over to ICE. The city should not reinforce Trump's rhetoric of separating the community into good and bad immigrants and helping separate families in the process. Our communities of color are already overpoliced, and allowing those with criminal backgrounds to be transferred to ICE will only further entrench the systemic injustices in the criminal justice system. While Trump has gone so far as to sue California for its protective policies. The lawsuit is baseless and only serves to underscore the need for local leadership to stand up for our immigrant communities. The constitutionality of SB 54 has been well-established, given that the federal government cannot commandeer local resources to enforce

federal law. The lawsuit is simply another attempt by the Trump administration to instill fear in our communities and to bully states and localities into cooperating with its mass deportation agenda. I urge you to resist this scare tactic and to stand strong to protect the entire Long Beach community. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Good evening to you. My name is Ideas. I am sent to be a see as UAB graduate in political science and a member of the Board of the Future Underrepresented Educated Leaders Club on campus, better known as Fuel. I am here to request that the Council consider what it would mean for the Long Beach Values Act to be passed. This is not simply another day at work or another policy to vote up or vote down, or another opportunity to pretend the city government and its different branches care about the will of the people as an undocumented sea, as your student. Knowing that no city ordinance or protection from the federal government, specifically from its ICE agency, is currently in place, adds unnecessary stress, worry and anxiety. The thought that I could be taken away from this place I call my home haunts me daily like that. Hi, Bill. That's due soon. Or like an upcoming exam which can make or break my future. Or like being aware that I don't know where my next meal will come from. That kind of worry, that kind of continuous and draining reality that on top of ordinary things like school, work, friends and activism. I must also include in my agenda waste to prevent myself from being deported. This includes assuring my car is in top shape and not exposing myself by simply going out or going to school or participating in volunteer efforts or the many other activities where I question if I should be involved. If it's safe, as stated here earlier. Sometimes our dream can come to an end by simply being present at the wrong place and the wrong time. And so, again, I ask you to consider your position. You have the power to provide some protection, which will alleviate some of the daily stress, fear and heartbreak caused by deportation. I especially urge you, Susie Price, to consider how your vote will help or harm students and other members of the Third District and Long Beach as a whole. Waiting on the federal government isn't an option. Thinking this issue is not a priority isn't an option. Therefore, passing a clean Long Beach Value Act is the only option. The Value Act will provide much needed protections and inclusion for the many undocumented Americans like myself. Thank you. We are the change. Thank you very much. Next week, the first. Hi. My name is Caitlin Bellis, and I'm an attorney with Public Counsel, a nonprofit organization in Los Angeles. We're a member of the Los Angeles Coalition for Universal Representation, and we're

a grantee under the L.A. Justice Fund. I'm here to urge the council to create and robustly fund its own Universal Representation Fund. In my work, I go weekly to the Theo La

cey. Facility and the music facility, both in Orange County. My experience at these facilities, as well as at the Adelanto Detention Center, have shown me the immediate and overwhelming need for counsel. The L.A. Justice Fund is an important first step, but does not come close to meeting this need. There are nearly 2000. People detained in Adelanto and hundreds more detained in Orange County. Every time my colleague who works under the L.A. Justice Fund conducts an intake, the person he meets with inevitably brings a list of the many others detained. They're all desperate to meet with him and all desperate for counsel. When I conduct. The legal orientation program at the music facility every month, I likewise meet with dozens of detainees desperate for legal help. I also know from our experience in building our L.A. Justice Fund program that building these programs takes time. It's imperative that Long Beach quickly and completely fund a universal representation program. Additionally, in making the program truly universal. Long Beach would. Become a leader. A truly universal program is better than the L.A. Justice Fund, both on principle and in policy. It is an acknowledgment that the system is unjust. Rather than a. Judgment about who among us deserves justice. The Council should likewise acknowledge that all the city's. Residents deserve protection from ICE's devastations and reject all carve outs. No one should face imprisonment and exile, and certainly no one should face them without a lawyer. Universal representation is also more efficient and will ensure that more people can be represented. We need Long Beach to. Lead the field and to contribute now to the protection of our families, friends and community members. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Cameron Tabler and I'm with Clear Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. Though he couldn't be here tonight, Reverend Leon, Reverend Leon Wood would. Like to have you speak on his behalf. Tonight. All over this nation and our local communities, men, women and children are suffering from mental depression, causing both physical and mental pain. This pain and suffering is being caused by a nation's leadership that is regressed to the times most of us thought had passed. America is returning to its racist roots, which manifested itself by the oppression and enslavement of people of color. We must not deceive ourselves. This nation has oppressed, enslaved and abused people of color for over 500 years. This must stop. It's my hope and pray that the citizens of Long Beach will stand united and ending these oppressive actions by the federal government and targeting our brothers and. Sisters. Who came here seeking safety and opportunity for themselves and their families. America is a land of immigrants. This nation has used immigrants for its growth and development for over 500 years. The problem with that is the development has abused millions of people of color in orde

r to reach those materialistic goals. Mother Teresa expressed it best when she said There are many sorrows in today's world, these sorrows, hunger, dislodging all kinds of illnesses. Yet I am convinced of the greatest of all sorrows, is to feel alone, to feel feeling one, too deprived of all affection. It consists in not having anyone, maybe all the. Instruments of peace, of love and of compassion. Long Beach. Please show love and compassion to our immigrant brothers and sisters. Let's give them a chance to help the nation become worthy of the reputation it attempts to sell to the world. Please, Pax, a sanctuary ordinance for all immigrants without carve outs. Please, let's support the immigrant brothers and sisters in every way possible. Thank you. Provide me with this opportunity to express my concern. Thank you, counsel. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Rabbi Jonathan Klein. I'm the executive director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. And I'm so grateful to have Pastor Wood making that statement, which he shared with me, really wanting to make the point that it is time for action here in this community. And he's a long standing member of this community. You can't put can't please society, can one, can't police society with this trust. If ICE has the access they seek, why on earth would anyone ever report a crime knowing that it can result in deportation of friends and family? It's a simple fact. And how does inaction impact the most vulnerable in our community? Among the immigrants, the homeless immigrants, the people who are on the streets? Why are there only two opponents to this policy speaking here? Either they're just embarrassed or perhaps it's because people of conscience, mostly most of Long Beach, they know that this policy is a necessary step and critical to shifting the culture to one of compassion for the most vulnerable. The Bible identifies the most vulnerable the widow, the orphan, the immigrant. My people, the Jewish people. Less than a century ago were commonly known as wandering Jews, expelled from England and Germany and Spain and so

many other places. That is the policy of this ungodly disgusting president who has no commitment to anyone but himself. No one should be harassed and forcibly deported by the state. It's a human right to live without such interference, no matter our long journey along the way, whether we have been jailed or not. And this session sued. Is an incendiary device meant to ignite fear and to derail our forward march in history, which we've been doing pretty well in this state. It has no merits. It's a last gasp in a state solidly opposed to the Trump administration's heartless, not even conservative, just ultra nationalist agenda. It should be the last thing on your minds, as it was the last thing on the minds of California when it passed SB 54, the California Values Act, as it was when Santa Ana and other cities passed their own sanctuary ordinances, as it was when Los A

ngeles passed the L.A. Justice Fund, including Supervisor Janice Hahn. The fund is life and Death, one of the best investments in the community based on results. What has Long Beach done to protect our immigrant communities? Today is that blessed day. You can take action and you can make a difference in the lives. Thank you so much. Thank you. And this man should be removed. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and council members. My name is Zack Mohammed and I'm an organizer with the Black Alliance for Just Immigration and a member of ICE out of L.A.. I'm here to urge support of a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs. That is counterproductive to the white supremacy that is separating and disproportionately impacting all migrants, people of color, vulnerable and marginalized community. Black migrants are a growing share of the population in California. Currently, there are about 177,000 black migrants in the state, while Los Angeles County and Orange County cluster have the largest overall numbers of black migrants with 71,000. We have to understand the realities of four black migrants as we are racially profiled for being black and having to be impacted with immigration policies. Since 30% of all black migrants in California are green card holders or LPR legal permanent resident and 16% of black people in the state of California black migrants being undocumented. Undocumented communities are definitely impacted at stark rates than all migrants. But understanding that immigration policies and deportation affects green card holders, TPS recipients and more temporary statuses. And although being a naturalized resident or U.S. born person may think folks are safe, but the prison industrial complex affects all people of color. As a refugee born in Somalia, fleeing a civil war, I know trauma. And that trauma will stay with me till the day I die. I know firsthand what the prison and criminal justice system has had its effect on my family, my community, and people who I feel fearful and don't trust government or law enforcement. One out of every five immigrant detained while facing deportation on criminal grounds before the eagle eye, our courtroom responsible for adjudicating immigration cases is black. Black migrants are more likely to be detained for criminal conviction than the immigration population overall. Black migrants are much more likely than nationals from every other region to be deported due to a criminal conviction. I think a quote from Pastor Martin Memorial should speak on how injustice begets injustice has perpetuated to our history. First they came for socialists and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left for me to speak. Many residents of Lo

ng Beach and concerned communities from neighboring areas are speaking out today for a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs. We have to be intersectional in our liberation fight with the Clean Values Act with no carve out and a deportation fund. This is the continuation of having a long beach the residents deserve. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello, mayors, mayor and council member. My name is Cynthia Valencia and I work for the ACLU of Southern California as a policy advocate and organizer. And I'm here because I do commend the Long Beach and City Council has been working with SAC or with the Long Beach Sanctuary Coalition to work on a Long Beach Values Act policy . However, it is significantly flawed since this policy does not protect all immigrants. As we have heard, there have been many moving stories about mixed status families that have had interactions with ICE. And we do not want the city of Long Beach to be part of that process where most deportation proceedings that happen are through interactions with local law enforcement and not because ICE just discovers them. So that's why we think that protect that no carve outs and protections for all immigrants is extremely important. And no carve outs of any kind or any sort of time limit are acceptable for us and other

civil rights organizations. As someone previously spoke about their son who died in an adult Adelanto prison, our attorneys have frequently been working an auto on to a prison and many of the people who are in there are there because they had interactions with local law enforcement. So if Long Beach Police Department and if Long Beach, the city would want to prevent this from happening, we cannot allow any sort of interaction with ICE, an additional policy that we think that the city should look into. As we recommend that Long Beach law enforcement review any active joint task forces with the Department of Homeland Security and also in the future use discretion in any possible joint task force. This current California Values Act does not allow local police departments to work with ICE specific or with Department of Homeland Security specifically for immigration purposes. However, frequently a loophole used is for human trafficking and for drug enforcement. However, the National Immigration Immigrants Women's Advocacy Project has shown that communities are less likely to want to work with police departments if they are at work, if they know that they are working with ICE. So if the Long Beach Police Department truly wants to be trusted by the community and Long Beach, any sort of interaction with ICE needs to be completely subverted because we want to make sure that our communities are safe, but immigrant communities are safe. And the only way for that to happen is that they trust the police and local law enforcement. And lastly, I just want to say that our coalition of civil rights organizations are not concerned with J

eff Sessions lawsuit with the state of California. We have been anticipating this. The attorney general has been anticipating this. And we really hope that Long Beach is one of those Southern California cities that is a pioneer in making sure that all immigrants are protected. Thank you. Thank you so much. So thank you so much. Just for the council's practice. Unless there's any objection, we'll go down to 2 minutes moving forward. See? No objection. Please continue. My name is Alvarado and I'm a I'm the first district and I am a proud daughter of an undocumented worker. He fought in World War Two and that's how he got his citizenship. I'm also the mother of a Navy veteran for 30 years who just retired. I also am a videographer. I do videos and this so I did parabola, which means I am of the people. I recently did a video for my first show, Military Family Speak Out. They talked about PTSD and about how many parents were talking about how their children had committed suicide. One of the symptoms was alcoholism. The other problem is that many undocumented veterans are in our society and some of them have been arrested. What for? Homelessness, substance abuse. This just part of the PTSD, right. Also, I want to talk about military families speak out. Recently went to Tijuana where they talked to a vet who had been deported. And they are these are vets who had been deported. And it was because they were undocumented. People get out of the service and they are dealing with PTSD. They they can't always apply like my father did after World War two, to become a citizen. So what is going to happen? We're going to have vet who fought for our country. We have had fans who have fought for our country and have been have been deported. That's when the against these cut outs. Well, these policemen who are who are vets arrest another vet because he maybe he was actually was homeless, maybe because he's suffering from PTSD and then have him deported because he didn't get his papers. And then we have a classic example in front of us. Our mayor was undocumented. He became a citizen. Under Ronald Reagan. Very much. Right. Right now, she her mother is was undocumented. Thank you very much. Right. So why are we doing this to people who could become our mayors like you? Thank you very much. Thank you. We have to thank you. Now. Does he know? Does he. Know that I. Hadn't been taking. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker Finkelstein. Good evening. I'm Linda Valdez. I'm a resident and a homeowner in the second district. I'm also a member of Media Watch and an advocate for deported vets. Let me say that one more time. So we could all say to ourselves. Deported. That's okay. First, I'd like to thank the mayor for bringing much needed order to this council meeting tonight. Thank you. As you may know today, James Traub, a Northern California ICE spokesperson, resigned based on and I quote, false and misleading statements made by Attorney General Jeff Sessions and ICE

acting director Thomas Homan. And quote, Homan released a statement stating, and I paraphrase 864 criminal aliens and public safety threats remain at large in the community. I have to believe that some of them were able to elude us thanks to the mayor's decision. And Homan is referring to Oakland's Mayor Sharpe, who alerted the community of an imminent ice threat. The former spokesman Schwab as Homan to chase the message to reflect the truth and was told to deflect the

truth. I bring this up because this is just an example of the lies that this administration and ICE are spraying to feed the fear to the anti-immigrant sentiment. And it gets widespread media attention. OC Schwab also said they were never going to pick up that many people to say that 100% are dangerous criminals or that these people were picked up because of the actions of the mayor. That's just wrong. And he quit because he didn't want to perpetuate misleading facts. And this is a nice member. That's. That's my note tonight. I wanted to bring that up. And I implore this council to pass a Clean Values Act to truly reflect this city's commitment to the entire community. Not just a few see where they think you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Honorable Mayor and council members. My name is Barbara Farrell and I'm with Clu. And I also am a team. Leader of friends of Orange County detainees. We, the people had a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. People are living in terror. They're in terror that their parents are going to be torn away or their son will be torn away or their brother will be torn away. Young people, this is really terrorist activities that. Are occurring in the way. And it's they're making it very clear that it's a racially designated activity. That we should be afraid of the others. My parents came here. As uneducated people from Ireland. They were looking for a better life. They really wanted their children to have a life and to live and to eat a lot better than they did. So there were seven of us children. A police chief of the Port. Authority that participated. 911 Vietnam Vet a brother who is the highest paid guy CEO on Wall Street the year before he died. Health administrators and teacher. So that's. Our family. My parents got our kids educated. They worked. Hard. We all worked hard. That's the way it is. But this history of this country has some very bad history. And we should say never again. Never again. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Members of the city council. My name is Mark Cardenas. I'm a father, a voter, a resident. A resident of the ninth district and the youth organizer with my Girls in Action seven Today's young leaders from mostly the sixth and fourth District. I'm a son of immigrants. My parents came to this country as a migrant, as migrant workers from Mexico to make sure that American families have fresh. Fruit and vegetables on the table. And they can raise their children to be. Healthy a

nd together. Many of many of my relatives had migrated here with the same purpose and values at the same time, have lived in the fear of being torn. Apart from their families as a result of policies that undermined the values this country has been founded on freedom, liberty and diversity. I'm here to urge the City Council to pass a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs. As a youth organizer with Carmichaels in Action, I heard countless stories of. Youth members who have been living in fear as a result of federal administration's racist and xenophobic policies that unjustly target their family members and Cambodian communities. The context which our young people are forced to navigate is a direct result of immigrant policies immigration policies that have created a higher standard for immigrants by reclassifying everyday. Common misdemeanors. And aggravated as aggravated felonies, making it easier to detain and deport Cambodians and other immigrant communities. The U.S. immigration system has created an uneven playing field the lobbies should not perpetuate. The carve outs are almost all exclusively. For past convictions. In almost all situations, these are. People who committed crimes years. Ago. And have since turn their lives around. This is the case for Cambodians, who typically have convictions. From the nineties and early 2000 and after release have been contributing to their communities and helping out their families. Let the legacy of this Council be written today that you all stood on the right side of history, that you all voted with compassion, humanity, our Cambodian community and. Immigration and immigrant community are counting on you. And we got a message for you all. And so when I say when I say no, you say carve outs. No, hard no. And I say no. You say carve out. Oh, no, thank you. You say carve outs. No, no. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next week for peace. Okay. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Next speaker, please. It's not just. Good evening. My name is Helene Hoffman. I'm an immigration lawyer. I'm here for a personal reason as well. I'm Jewish. My parents are Holocaust survivors. They were in concentration camps in Europe. And I want to tell you that to me, in a sense, what's going on with the federal government is its own version of that in some respects. And it just makes me really sick that a country like the United States. We are doing this. I what? Because we're cut short on time here. I want to tell you a couple of things. I've lived all across this country. I'm from the Midwest. Long Beach is the best place I have ever lived. And I want to thank you, because a lot of communities would not even entertain any sanctuary kind of. Bill, I want to also tell you that immigration law, I practice different areas of law. It is the toughest area I have ever practiced. So I want to talk about funding, not to just give lawyers money, but

funding so that we can give undocumented immigrants who need to representation by lawyers b

ecause it is so difficult. This area of law, I cannot imagine someone coming here without an American education who doesn't speak the language to represent him or herself adequately before an immigration court. The we all need a lot of education about immigration law. There's a federal justice officer who had the gall to just say that a child, a lot of these undocumented people are young children, that a child, three or four years old, he has taught them immigration law adequate to represent themselves in an immigration court. This is what we're dealing with. Of course, that can't be the case. Also, two out of three Californians who are undocumented go to court without a lawyer each year if they have a lawsuit to obtain relief from being removed from the United States for their are for 15 times more likely to get a positive judgment from the court. Thank you. If they don't have if they do have a lawyer, I want thank you very much. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your testimony. Next week, at least. Hello. My name is Andrew. My cousin was supposed to be here today to share her story, but she's currently undergoing surgery. Her father, Felix, her mother Liana and her brothers and sisters were stripped away from us when I tricked Felix into walking into a police station under the guise of filling out paperwork, they had to leave behind a newly bought house, their friends and their family and their jobs. My mother and I did not see them for years. Neither did my. Nieces and nephews. But the thing that hurts the most is that my brother never got to see them again. My cousin Felix had to attend his funeral through a webcam. That's the thing that hurts the most. As a matter of fact, now that I think about it, my brother might still be alive today if my family was not separated. Why? Because family is the best support network that we ever have. And it's all because it's all because of these this narrative that the police department, the city staff, most of which don't even live in the community, in some of you behind the dias have put forth the good immigrant versus the bad immigrant. Susie. If your family were immigrants, then you support the Tongva community. Who are the original inhabitants of this land? D You represent blacks, Latinos, Pacific Islanders and Asians. That immigration is all of their issues. It's not just one. I want you all to understand that. And I know Roberta's not here, but I looked at all my hope. I still continue to look up to it. And Lena, as a former staff member, please don't let these Corvettes go through. I please. I look up to you. And what? And lastly, lastly, Robert, I know you are not out here right now, but I know you can hear me. I don't know if you've ever canvased in central, west or North Long Beach, but there are immigrants in those communities who grew up poor, just like you. Thank you for coming out. Thank you. But those communities. Well, let's be fair. That leads you to stand with them. Thank you. Thank

you for your time. And I just want to mention to the Journal that just because we were able to hear everything, so I heard everything just in case. So as I was walking in. So take. Thank you. Next week since. My name is Marina Soto. And today I got a call from one of my workers, one of my coworkers in the hotel that she was on the way to work. Her husband was taking her to work here in a hotel on beach when she stopped by to get a donut before work with her husband. And Ice came out of their vans in civilian clothes and arrested her husband as a leader in the hospitality industry. What? I told this housekeeper. I didn't know what to say. Last year, I had to get as many friends possible together to send to my dad that was deported. His crime. Driving without a license. He's he's lived in Arpaio death camps for almost a year without representation. Lina and Roberto. I looked up to you during the Love for the Girl Stand with Women Line. You stood with us. Rex and Janine stood with us. Don't make the mistakes your colleagues did and stand with us now. Don't wait until another Time magazine Woman of the Year comes out for you to speak to us. Enough is enough. We're indigenous people. This is our continent. We are not immigrants. Robert Garcia, you are not an immigrant. This is your land. Claim it. Claim it for your people in Long Beach. Claim it for your indigenous people. This is ours. And we're here to stay. I vouch today to defend to the fifth day. Sorry to disobey Trump. Do you stand today to disobey Trump? Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week, a piece. Next beaker, please. Hey, we got be your next speaker. Hello. Good evening. Okay, that's enough. This work. That's actually a threat. Now that's a threat. You're going to be asked to leave. I'm taking. We're taking. We are taking everyone. I want everyone else. There's a stereo seating. We're taking a shower recess. Are going to deal with that right now. What about you? You know. Thank you, guys. We're going to we're going. To go ahead and start the meeting again. We're going to go ahead and start training again. Thank you. I'm at the Carlyle. I'm going to call a meeting. Okay. We're going to go back into recess. Well, thank you. So we will we

will continue. Just just so everyone is aware, too, there you know, when we have when someone is removed, there is a process and a legal process that we have to go through. So I just want to make sure everyone is aware of what we do have a practice at the council that we have to follow. And so if you're wondering why, you know, folks came out and came back in, we're just following with that what that practices. Mr. City Attorney, you want to add to anything to that? Okay. Thank you. I want to make sure whoever was in line to speak as everyone back in line. Okay, great. Please go ahead. Hello. Good evening. My name is Farley Hakimi. I am. I'm pretty. I'm pretty meeting with Orange County and we get intimated as well as we. The policy, the team members for

the policy rating of the S.A. City Sanctuary City Ordinance. And I'm here today to talk a little bit about that ordinance, which is, well, your council or your community members have modeled for the one that is presented in front of you, but also a little bit of changes for it. So it was a really long process for us to come up with an ordinance that would that would fit in with the spirit of the community to protect undocumented people. Our city ordinance includes it prohibits all city departments from collaborating with ICE, including local police departments. And the reason for this is so that there would be more trust for survivors of domestic violence and other people that have gone through different violence in their homes to come forward and put. Trust. In the people that would help them. We also have the prohibition of any city resources to be used for immigration enforcement, and we also have a universal representation item that helps community members acquire immigration, help through the city, through immigrant defenders. All of this was done for the community, by the community. All of it has is very inclusive of everybody, whether they have convictions of not or not. And I'm here to encourage you to do the same. Just because it has been a huge help for everybody in the city of Stanton, and we're not stopping just in that city. But please help your community members. And if you need help, feel free to reach out to us. The Orange County Red Rapid Response Network. And if you all have any questions, I'm here to answer them as well. Thank you so much. And we are Mr.. Mr. Rivera's Rivera is the last speaker, so I'm closing the speaker's list. I don't see any more. There's more. Okay. Mr. Suozzi is the last speaker on the speaker's list. Okay, we've got to close speaker's list, so if you please get in. So the gentleman in the back will be the last speaker. And the speaker's list is close. 1 to 3 close officially. So the gentleman in the back with the cat. All right, next speaker. Thank you. My comments, I think, for all the city council members, but in particular for one and for seven. Roberto Dunga. But I mean, you know, the mayor here, the carve outs ultimately are the test of how and what kind of policy the city is going to enact. It is the ultimate test when Trump is literally visiting California to bully California. A week after Jeff Sessions filed a lawsuit to instill fear in officials in our state officials and local officials. That's why they filed a lawsuit to instill fear in each and every one of you. So this is really a battle between courage and fear. There's a lot of policy in there, but it's really a battle between courage and fear. And we know that the only person that should be afraid is Trump. That's why he does this. So this is an ultimate test for you. Are are you going to side with the politics of fear or are you going to step up and enact a policy that doesn't move us backwards, that moves us forward because the SB 54 i

s the best we can get in Sacramento when we're dealing with regions like Kern County and Fresno and, you know, the Inland Empire, Riverside , these are very conservative counties. This is Long Beach is this Long Beach. This is what we can expect. We need a better standard, a standard out of Long Beach. And what do we mean when we say carve outs? This isn't abstract. This is Hawk Alvarez. We met his family. This is. This is the Cambodian families that are here. And this is their home. And this is not just an issue for Long Beach, because this is a national conversation. And we need the places like Long Beach to push because we're also dealing with Texas. We're also dealing with Alabama. We're also dealing with Georgia. And yes, we are dealing with Kern and Fresno and Riverside. And so we need you all to step up and create a higher standard here in Long Beach. The carve outs are the ultimate test. And what a better message to send Trump here in California that we don't turn our back on anybody here in California. Let's do it. Let's do it. Big mamas, let's do this. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Sure. Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Garcia. Members of the council. Everybody who is in the room. My name is Hilda Guyton. I am a community activist and leader here in Rome. I came to America in 1989, and during my first years as undocumented, I lived in fear to go out after work. I lost my frontier because I was afraid to see a dentist. However, as an undocumented, I pay my taxes supporting my family. And I bought my first

house here in Long Beach. I did all this because at work there was a man who lived who believed I was a worthy. He supported me all the way. He even had a place where I can hide in case in immigration show up. I flourished because of these people. And thanks to all the people who gave me the opportunity of being me, regardless of my legal status. Today. Today, you can do the same thing. You can give the opportunity to everybody who is here and who is not here to have. The flourish, because if someone, one person flourished in the community, the whole community flourishes. I leave that and I ask you to please support this item in their agenda and to support you guys. This support. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next, pick a base. But it's just a bonus when an artist most likely conceptualist. I mean, nobody's my alter ego. We want to know. Medal winner represented all Latinos in action, California. Good evening, everybody. Council members. My name is Marta Cota. I live in the first district representing all the Latino Latinos in action. California. California. Okay. Can you give me a speech? Me, this lawyer. We are going to look at the L.A. campus hierarchy and the Lonely Society. Also look at the issue. Okay. I believe I believe my speech is going to be copied because I believe that everything that has been said here is everything that I believe in and what needed to be said. Better get on. You got to direct them. I

ntel of class, status and class. And they live across the country. They wrote it with anger. You know, they must stand in front of Latinos. Get in long. But. But I do want to reach Lena's heart, Robert's heart and Robin and Roberto Tango's heart. And I'm mentioning you because you are the Latinos who are representing us. You're going to get all you can say. I'm not sure about me, but I started like Orlando got up Alhambra. He got up at this union community. I got here. I believe that tonight when you go to bed, you will be remembering every word that was said from our community in Venice. The moment is the moment of their hit that still there is inspiration. Let us tackle money that ghetto can save my case. One of my sins were let go Southampton Anita. Bill Belichick blessing custom baby a little ceremony and in witness you know the desperation and now agitation for our community. I want you to be aware that that is just a small portion of what our community is going through. Missing three systems. So this cannot be a latency that I see on the planet. Is there be a lot of noise through the low rate or sentimental in most cases. But I still am promoting. Your new. Status and I feel sad for the insensibility of the people who have not allowed us to speak about our desperation or sadness and frustration to not be able to speak Lina, the innocent baby eaten in those eyeballs in this eternity, making us want this magic like Aslan Aquilina even organization and settle this blessed are also says both of you know you have a baby. You also have two teenagers and you don't understand how many people here have many husbands who have been separated. You are not Alcala is that not yet? Is Omega? He goes, like you say, No, not one other thing. I do not know. My book is one for families immigrant this but also be in La Familia go on separate us little seahorse in also special formula lost a companion I thought it was special if one with respect you know this woman, a new mayor I know you will let us down and there you will. Sorry, I get into another face. Let me confirm. It's as long as all three of you understand me. And I know that the epoch is another day. So I don't think they don't look again. They feel this social status is said can make what I saw exception Kyrgyzstan is going to stand is getting ambitious you know no matter what no intent of course as a project look at same of poor Colombian not the images sad in middle ASEAN but I can see it all those look on say they spent a lot of money that they cannot feed adults yet. No no I think that about that we can ask you. Thank you. Next week, please. Hi. My name is Charlie Trejo. Are we allowed to ask a question? I just. Just. Just comments, will. We'll ask questions. If you have a question that you'd like someone to ask later on, we could do that. Okay. I pray that all of you are with us and not with them. I pray that you are not going to tip ice. And let the police department give identity records. To si

ngling out the profiling as to who gets to stay and who doesn't. We need to carve it out. This is a loophole. Please do not let these divisive. And evil tools. Help Trump meet. His race based quotas. Let's not let him brag about his numbers. The number of immigrants he captures. Trump is going to build a wall that we can count on. That wall will be a progressive wall. It will be made of all of us holding hands across the border. I ask you to seize the moment and hold hands with us to stop this agenda, to stop the wall, to stop this loophole, and to stop this divisive tool and carve it out. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello, City Council. And Mayor Garcia, my name is Haugaard Rivera with Libra here representing the Sanctuary Long Beach Coalition. And we're asking you to adopt a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs. I'm standing here right next to, you know,

my people of color. And and we're asking you to stand with us because if you're not standing with us, you're standing with. Blue because blue is where the carve outs came from. And either you're on the right side of history or you're not. And if you're not standing and if you're not standing with. Us, you're standing where you're standing with the folks that. Actually made the carve outs. And that's why, as I recall, Blue has never been known to represent any. Kind of race. So so we're here standing. For people, not for somebody that had made. A choice to become blue. And so we're asking you to stand with us. And most recently. Robert Garcia, you you. You announced on the Twittiverse, you honored your man, International Women's Day. So I want you to imagine. What it would have been like for you if your mom was deported. What it would have been what would it have been like for your family if your family was torn apart by deportation? What would you have been here? Would you have had the same opportunities. That you are now, you know, being. Endowed with I mean, what would your family have done if that had. Happened to you? So today we're asking you to stand with your immigrant population, with your people, and to represent us in the way that we we want you to represent us. That's why we put you in that seat. So represent us today. Make sure that you pass a clean Long Beach Values Act with no carve outs and start protecting our families. Stop protecting them from being ripped apart and stop protecting. Stop protecting the folks that actually want to carve these things out. Stand with us today. And we're asking that of you. And the rest of the city council. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Better. Next week, a police. Good evening. My name is Pastor Cue from Clergy and Lady United for Economic Justice. Dr. King said injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. But I would like I would like to add that injustice to anyone is a threat to justice for everyone. Why do I say that? Because my brother served in the military. My brother went to Desert Storm. He went to Iraq and

he was convicted of a crime. He did his time. And as soon as he left the prison, he was deported. A veteran deported. He had been a military for quite a long time. So I'm here to say America owes people like my brother because my brother put his life on the line for this country. If America didn't want to be a country of immigrants in 1820, function of the Pilgrims shouldn't have landed in New England. America didn't want to be a country of immigrants. They shouldn't have come here because they were already natives here. If America didn't want to be a country of immigrants, they shouldn't have gone to Africa and forcefully taken black folks and brought them here. The legacy of America is sitting in this room. We're a nation of immigrants, whether we like it or not. The Pilgrims were not deported. They chose to come here and they weren't asked to leave. Thank you. Next week. At least I want that that aqua nature school here require teaching David de la Plata. Good evening, everyone. My name is David De La and more specifically, good evening, Lima and Jenny. September Heart. So it took my family 15 years to become legal. And there are some of the hardest workers that I know. They were six days a week, no paid sick leave, no vacations every single day, working and trying harder than most of the people in this room, to be honest. And but they finally got legal. So that's good. But I know there's still a lot of people in Long Beach that are living in fear every single day on the way to work. You can't even drive to work without having that weight on you. So with that, I just want to say we didn't cross the border. The border crossed us. This is Turtle Island. And if you're not a native person, you have no business saying who gets to stay or who gets to leave. Now, I've watched you support murderous policies like the poisoning of our people with 200 million barrels of oil. I've watched you guys ignore the police on women in the hotels. And if you make the wrong decision here today, you know less than supporting white supremacist ideology. Thank you. And next week, the police. Good evening, everybody. My name is James Sweitzer, the associate director of Building Healthy Communities Long Beach. Organization has been part of the Sanctuary Long Beach campaign, and we've started this effort over a little over a year ago. It's crazy to believe that it's been a year, but this is a campaign that's been really important not only to the organization, our organization, but also the community. As you can see, I have to say that I'm over so many emotions that so many people are behind me, still here late this night in preparing some comments, I thought a lot about the title of this act, the Values Act and the values that I've heard hear from you all in terms of what we value. And I think one of those is collaboration, and that's something that we have done a lot. And I think I also hear a lot of respect, great respect for this process, for what we've been through.

I also was one of the first people to say this. I'm sure you all will add. I have to commend city staff who worked with us, specifically Kevin Jackson, Monica and Katie, who have worked with the

campaign for five long months and buried our scheduling with this is a labor of love for them and we wouldn't be here at this point without their dedication. I have to say I am disappointed that we haven't been able to work and have the same as close of a relationship with all the council offices. I think we've had a really difficult time and I think one of the results of that is this line of folks here. But I think the other thing too is that we value is the inclusion, right? Inclusion of our Cambodian community, which we know is very politically divided. There is not one councilmember here that has a majority of the Cambodian population, and that's why we stand in solidarity, whether Latinos black and in solidarity with the Cambodian community to not be left out of this. And I get it. This is a hard decision for you all. And I'll be honest, we don't have I know chief love of here before we've been in the meetings with PD. We don't have the political clout that they have. We have the community. We have the courage to come here, share our stories, and talk about what's real and what the impact is to our community. So I implore you, please support this with no carve outs, a fully funded deportation defense fund. Thank you. I had gained two accounts on the day. Now we're going to go ahead to the council that they now have. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. We're going to go ahead and go back to the the city council. So I do have some people that are cued up and sort of go through the debate. And I just ask everyone, of course, is to be respectful of folks as folks are speaking and allow everyone to give their their points of view in the comments. And I'm sure there's going to be some questions back and forth as well. And so first up is Councilwoman Rice. Thank you. I have a few notes that should be displayed in just a second here. To go through. I appreciate everyone coming out and for all of your comments and regardless of what we do tonight and I look forward to what we do tonight, I think it's important. I mean, I certainly can only control what you do. You can't control what others do. But I think it's really important that we stay away from things like calling people who don't agree with us, white supremacists and things like that. I just I think that is not very helpful to the conversation. So you guys, guys, listen, everyone everyone is getting a chance to speak. And I just asked you guys, please just be respectful of now the council's debating and so we've please everyone has a chance to speak council. And I would say on the thoughts about having good relationships, it's interesting that one would get booed. Before. They've even talked about what their position is on something just because they don't like what what someone do

esn't like what they're hearing. So it's especially from our religious leaders. So let's try to be respectful in this conversation. We are a very diverse city and we have residents all over the city who have thoughts and opinions and concerns about things. Today, my office received between yesterday and today, when the Press Telegram article came out over 100 emails, I believe almost all of them were an emphatic no on tonight's vote. And I think there's a lot of misinformation on behalf of a lot of residents in regards to what we're voting on tonight. So I want to do a little bit of clarifying on that so that the biggest concerns that have been expressed by my residents is a request that we vote no on sanctuary cities. And I think that it's really clear to me that there is no official definition of what a sanctuary city is and what that means. Some of my residents have believe that it means things that it really doesn't. In my opinion, what I believe the term means, as it's been implemented by over 300 jurisdictions in the United States, is that it limits information sharing between local authorities and federal authorities, which I support. There is no legal definition for it. And again, there's a great deal of misinformation about it and the context of tonight. We are a city of immigrants. Several of you pointed out how many of us are immigrants and several of you talked about the different backgrounds that some of us have. I for one, I was born in America, but I went back to the country of Iran as a baby with my mother and my father. And in 1979, my mother and I left the country because there was a political revolution taking place. And we left behind my father and my sister and I was separated from them and did not see them for over 20 years and I was reunited with my sister about 13 years ago. I share that with you because sometimes it's really, really easy to pick apart things that you don't like or support things that you do like. But I think it's really important that we step away for just a moment of advocacy and realize that we are all citizens. Many of us are citizens of this city, and we're doing our very best to walk along this journey side by side. And at the end of the day, as Rumi, one of my favorite poets, has said, we are all walking each other home. And I think that's really important to think about as we're going through this dialog, because we may not agree on everything. And I'll I'll share with you a little bit of what I'm talking about. So this is really for my residents. I will do a little bit of an education for the over 100 people who reached out to my office and asked me to vote no on this item, which I'll tell

you in a moment. I do plan to support the item and why, but every city in the state of California has to follow state law, and that is a requirement. And that's necessary, of course. And SB 54, which passed, really went through a great deal of changes to get to the place that it did its original Version. An

d those of you who are here and some of you may have heard me then who might be booing me tonight, really didn't like some of the comments I made about SB 50 Four's original introduction. And it turns out it wasn't just me. Local law enforcement leaders and even our governor didn't like the original version of SB 54. And that's why it was amended to a place that I think makes a lot of sense. It makes a lot of sense to me, and it includes the law enforcement exception. But SB 54 is limited to law enforcement agencies only, and I think that it should be expanded as the staff proposal recommends to all city departments. For those of you who don't know and again for any of my residents watching at home. SB 54 allows a law enforcement official to have discretion to cooperate with federal immigration officials by detaining an individual on the basis of immigration hold after an individual becomes eligible for release from custody. Only if the continued detention of the individual on the basis of immigration hold would not violate any federal, state or local law or any other local policies, and only under the following circumstances. And it lists approximately enumerates approximately 34, I think it's 35 crimes, including felony DUIs, which for those who are familiar with with my career as a prosecutor, was a really important concept for me. And I support fully support those law enforcement exceptions. Many people don't know this. And again, this is for a lot of my residents who are at home who don't know and understand that immigration status is not something that is at all considered in the context of local criminal prosecution. Prosecutors and I've been one for almost 19 years, never know the citizenship status of victims or defendants. It's absolutely irrelevant to our core function, which is was there a crime committed and who committed the crime? That's the limited focus of local law enforcement. And so the immigration status of the individual is irrelevant and should not be known to prosecutors and law enforcement. I believe that very strongly. Over the course of my career, I have represented the people of the state of California and domestic violence cases and rape cases and in murder cases. And I have helped thousands of people through the trainings that I've done in my office on helping victims and witnesses apply for U visas so they could stay in the country after cooperating on a criminal prosecution. That's not me just talking. That's me actually doing. I've sat across the table from victims of domestic violence, and I've helped them stay in this country after they have cooperated with law enforcement. And I'm so proud of those efforts. Having said that, I've also prosecuted many, many white American born evil people. So in my opinion, immigration status is absolutely irrelevant to the concept of whether someone committed a crime and what crime they committed. I do believe that the fear of deportation, that information is shared will result

in less victims and witnesses cooperating with police officers. And I am a proud justice seeker. I got into the job because I wanted to fight for victims of crime. I don't care what their immigration status says. They're going to get 1,000% of my efforts and I want them to help us solve crimes. So I feel very strongly about that. So I learned my lesson with the hotel item. So I'm going to make a few things really, really clear because I don't want someone to come back later and say Suzy Price doesn't like immigrants because that's not the case. So I just want this to be clear. I support the exceptions which allow information to be shared under SB 54. And as a prosecutor, I know what it means for someone to be convicted of the very serious crimes listed, the crimes enumerated. It doesn't involve arrests, it's convictions only. And so to me, that makes a huge difference. And I do support that. The proposed values act as as presented by council has three components, if I understand it correctly. The first is that city departments should follow the current guidelines of SB 54 that the city should provide financial support for a legal defense fund. This is the one area I'm going to talk about that I have an opposition to and that the city should allow for federal and state legislative advocacy, which I fully support. I do not support using taxpayer dollars. Public funds to fund a legal defense fund. And I'll tell you why. Using city finances to fund a legal defense, in my opinion, is in violation of our city charter, even if it's not the city attorney who's actually advocating on behalf of the individual. I believe that the intent of our charter is to limit our functions as a city and limit to what we can do in terms of municipal affairs. Currently, the city cannot enforce or defend against against laws on behalf of those who are not employed in the city. It's actually in our city charter under Section 603. I think what's being proposed through the staff policy, in my opinion,

my personal opinion is in violation of the intent of the charter. Let's take, for example, the situation where we ask our city attorney to defend against an action for the city. And the city attorney contracts out with a public I mean, with a private law firm to do that city attorney work. Our charter and the limitations of our charter would apply to the firm that we have hired to work on behalf of the city. That firm cannot represent an individual in a legal action by going through a nonprofit organization, which, by the way, the staff report, as great as it is, is completely void of any details of how this financial allocation would work. So I would be urging my colleagues not to vote on that tonight anyway. There's no implementation plan. It's unclear to me what nonprofit is going to get the money. In the past, we have allocated large sums of money, and I know \$100,000 isn't a large sum of money, but in the past we've allocated large sums of money for causes that I've exp

ressed concern about, and there's been applause that's been erupted in the council chambers. But I would ask folks who applauded in those situations, do you feel that the city's allocation of that large sum of money has moved the needle on that issue? Because I tell. You, it has not, because we didn't identify exactly how that money was going to be spent or where it was going to go. In my opinion, allocating the money the city tax dollars to a nonprofit to implement a legal defense fund is a way to get out creatively, get around the intent of our charter, which is city money should be used to defend the city and city employees if it's going to be used for legal action. It's not the intent of our charter that we allocate taxpayer dollars for individual legal battles. So just to be clear, I do not believe that we should use public funds to support individual legal issues. So my vote tonight will be and I want to hear from my colleagues, but I think my vote is going to be I support following SB 54 because it is the law. I support staff's recommendation to expand the law so that all city departments cannot share information as to immigration status only. I support staff's recommendation, which does not eliminate the law enforcement exception that allows information sharing in the three or four enumerated circumstances. And I do not support using city funds to fund a legal defense fund. So at this point, I know there's been a motion and a second, but I would like to make a substitute motion that we adopt the recommendations of staff. Absent the legal fund portion. Okay. That's a that's a motion. Is there a second on that motion? Okay. There's there's a second on the motion. So that's a now substitute motion. We still have people cued up and we're just going to go right through the queue and hear from other folks. Next up is Councilwoman Gonzalez. Okay. So thank you all again so much for being here, telling us your stories, talking about your advocacy for this issue. It certainly, you know, means a lot to many of us on the council, whether we are or we come from immigrant families or not. I think this is an issue that all of us have to be aware of and care about, not just because I'm Latina, but because it should matter to all of us. We have neighbors who are being affected. We have friends who are being affected. We know we know the stories. We've seen them. We've heard them. We've looked at them on TV. And clearly there's an issue here. Now, I actually have a a line of questioning for chief for our police department. I don't know if Chief Luna is going to respond to those questions, because I do believe that we need to clarify a lot of what is out there. There is a lot of misinformation. And I want all of us to understand that this policy we're putting forward is to support immigrants as much as we possibly can. And I do believe in a legal defense fund, which I will talk about. So first, I want to get some clarifying answers to the questions that I h

ave for our police department. Of course, we know what SB 54 includes, but a lot of us know what it looks like on paper. But we don't know the exceptions, the situations that were in, in order for us to really realize what we can and cannot do as a police department and also as a city department. So first and foremost, and I appreciate you, Chief Luna, for being here today. I first want to ask you, because there's quite a few questions here, and so I. Please bear with me. I think this is all very, very important for us. First question, as it relates to making arrests on civil immigration warrants, can you explain a civil immigration warrant how that differs from a criminal warrant in terms of live PD participation? Mr. Mayor, and members of the City Council and specifically to council member Lena Gonzalez. The way that differs is we don't enforce civil law as a police department. Civil immigration warrants can be issued by a nice agent. A criminal warrant needs to be issued by a judge. We actually in our department currently have a special order that explains the difference to our employees between a civil warrant through NCIC, which ICE issues and criminal matters that we deal with. I'm looking for the special order. Give me a quick second here. Because I'm just going to paraphrase it if that's okay, because I know we've been here a long time on this, but anyways, it

does describe what a civil detainer is and just reading from it, it says Unless immigration status is relevant to another criminal offense, the fact that an individual is suspected of being a non-citizen should not be used as a sole basis for contact, detention or arrest. That's primarily what the special order calls for. The next paragraph deals when we do assist other law enforcement agencies, including ICE. Okay. Thank you. So I just want to summarize and make clear that we are not actively enforcing civil immigration warrants. We do not ask people in the three situations I named. We don't ask people for their immigration status even when we arrest people. We are not asking them for their immigration status. We are arresting people for criminal charges. Statutes under the penal code. Vehicle code at times. And welfare and institutions code. Nothing to do with civil immigration process. We do not do that here at the Long Beach Police Department. Okay. Thank you. And that is clearly stated in the special order, as you mentioned. That's correct. Okay. The second question I have and this has been sort of not clear and I wanted to get clear on this as well, was does the LAPD affirm that they do not ask about citizenship status, as you mentioned, but specifically, are we inquiring about country of birth at any time? So as stated prior, ma'am, we do not ask people for immigration status on these routine contacts, detention or arrest. There are some instances where we will ask people the country of origin. But I think that's a citywide thing. And the only two instances

I could think of is for pre-employment applications if somebody is applying for the position of police officer. We obviously ask them what their immigration status is and then when we get into U visas. Councilwoman Pryce talked about the U. Visa program. Obviously, that is an effort to assist somebody who's an immigrant who's been a victim of a crime. We're going completely out of the way to assist in those situations. Now, you asked about the place of birth, which is a little different than immigration status in our booking forms. That is an L.A. County booking form. There is a box there that we have to fill in that asks for place of birth. There is no follow up questions after the place of birth to somebody's immigration status. Okay. Thank you. And can you. So you've said I don't know if everybody understands certainly the process of the U visa. I understand it is for immigrant residents who want to receive a visa to stay in this country if they were a victim of a crime. And do they divulge the information? Are we. I just want to make sure the process is clear on what that visa is and what the process is in terms of obtaining that information. So are you visas an immigration benefit that can be sought by victims of certain crimes who are currently assisting or have previously assisted law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of a crime, or who are likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. And just to give you an example, in 2017, there were 284 incidences where people applied, and out of the 284, 212 were approved. So that's a significant amount that were approved for for that purpose. And again, we are focused on the fact that individuals are victims. We don't care what color, race, religion, affiliation or immigration status. That does not matter to us when we're dealing with victims. Okay. Thank you, Chief, for the clarifying information. I just want to make sure we're clear on why it's asked in the context in which it's asked as well, which is actually to, it seems, from what you're saying, to support our immigrant populations for staying here, in fact. A few more questions. So under in terms of sharing personal information, which was a big one for SB 54 and of course here in Long Beach, not just for the police department, but we want to make sure, as I mentioned before, that sharing personal information, retaining the information, disseminating the information is not it's prohibited not just from the police department, but from every single department in this city. That means code enforcement officers should not be doing that. That means health department officers should not be doing that. Public works. However, people provide information. It should not be disseminated, shared at all. Now, Chief, I just have to get clear on this one. Under what circumstances do we, if at any time, share information, do we still have to share it if the information is public? Because I know personally

information as well as release dates are an issue. I know that there may be some. Well, there is a large question about that. Yes. There are definitely questions about that and very good questions. Basically, when we're dealing with arrest information, the majority, if not all of that is already public information. So, for example, when we arrest people within, I want to say 24 hours, maybe just a little bit more, we're actually providing a list through relationships and previous agreements that we have with the media. So when you're arrested, people say, well, you're not supposed to give that out. Actually, we do give it out, and that's for everybody. It is important to note

that because we are tied into the L.A. County booking system, when an individual gets arrested in the city of Long Beach, they get life scanned. The minute they get life scanned, their information automatically goes into that booking system. ICE has access to that system. So whether we want to share it or not, it is something they have access to. That's important because I think a lot of the people who spoke, I don't think definitely understand, understood that the only exceptions would be consistent with SB 54. And I think Councilwoman Pryce talked about that as well. Okay. Thank you so much. Okay. I'm just going to get my notes here. I'm sorry. The next question is transfers to ice. Can you explain whether there are transfers to ice occurring from the Long Beach Police Department? The simple answer to that would be a quick one. And that would be not to my knowledge, at least during the time I've been the chief of police in this city, in our city, the last three plus years. But it is important to note that if ICE wants somebody in our custody, we do have a procedure in place to comply with the current law. And that's very important. And again, going back to the previous question in some of my answer, when ICE automatically gets the booking information they have in their system, when somebody is wanted by ICE for one reason or another, it is important for everybody who is listening to me to understand that when ICE wants somebody from the Long Beach Police Department, we do not automatically release people to ICE unless they provide us with a judicial warrant. If they have a civil civil paperwork, that does not work for us. It has to be a judicial warrant and that is per SB, it's actually a before and then SB 54. So we're following state law when it comes to that. Okay. So a judicial criminal warrant and is is needed on all of these cases. So for specific release date information and also for transfers to ICE as well. Is that correct? Yes, that is our current practice. And I believe based on what we're doing, we are following state law. SB 54 and 84. Thank you. Now a few more questions here. How are we handling criminal immigration reentry? I'm sorry. Just immigration reentry after someone has already been deported when they come back. Is there a specific. Way we a

re handling our process. We are handling these types of individuals. We comply with SB 54. We don't proactively enforce any immigration related offenses. The only way we're going to come in contact with somebody under the circumstances I think you're asking about is if they get rearrested for one reason or another. Okay. And then access to jails or ICE agents or federal agents using our Long Beach jails to conduct business. I did some research on that because sometimes you ask the question and people say either no or I don't think so. Based on the research we did, I didn't find any instances, at least recently, where somebody from ICE visited our jail. But under if you look at SB 54 or something, I want to make clear to everybody in this room and anybody who's listening is I don't if you are committing violent crimes, serious crimes, or you are impacting this community in a very negative way because you're a repeat offender, I'm going to allow any agency that will assist us in making sure that that individual, whether they are documented or undocumented, gets the full force of the law. Because at the end of the day and something I didn't say earlier, I'm people have said it over and over. I'm the son of an immigrant, too. I grew up in an immigrant community. I know firsthand what it's like to be victimized by individuals who I'm always looking around saying, boy, somebody needs to do something about these individuals. I live with that I know a lot of you out there, people I've worked with hand in hand, you know who I am. You know where my heart is. We don't go after the ice cream vendor, but I'm going to tell you something. There will be no sanctuary for anybody who's committing serious crime in this city. I don't care what your immigration status is. Okay, Chief, thank you. And the next question I have is in regards to the types of joint task force meetings we have and we've been involved with. And I know we do have an M.O.. You contract with the Port of Long Beach. Perhaps we can talk about maybe what's included in that M.O. you respective to how we can we collaborate on our waterways. We have an individual that's assigned to the best task force, which is maritime security, as you know. And we have spoken about this issue on many occasions. We are a very unique city with many homeland security needs. Part of one of our biggest responsibilities we have in this city is maritime security, waterside and and landside. Part of the task force that we're on. They focus on maritime security type issues which deal with homeland security. There is human trafficking involved. There's narcotics involved and other long term investigations. That is a very important part of keeping this community safe, our homeland safe. So we participate with many other law enforcement agencies that include include other federal law enforcement agencies. Okay. Thank you very much. And then, Kevin, I just have a couple of questions for you. To 87 G, if you're familiar with tha

t program, if you'd be able to just quickly talk about the 287 G program. It's in essence, I'll just say it real briefly. It's a federal program in which states can participate in deputizing their police officers to enforce immigration law similar or in conjunction with ICE. Do you are we saying in this proposal that we will not enter into any new M.O. user contracts with respective under this under this 27 G program? Councilwoman Gonzales. The answer to that question is yes. Okay. Thank you. Great. And then the last one for you, Kevin, is which city entities outside of our own city departments have we engaged with? And are we asking in this policy to implement similar policies because we want to make sure outside of the city if a student at Cal State, Long Beach, Long Beach, City College, the port, the water department, I'm hoping they were all engaged with, and that we can start recommending whatever we pass today to make sure the whole city is included. Councilwoman Gonzalez is part of the the process of developing the ordinance. We limited we limited our interaction to city manager departments. But we did discuss. The the need to, to reach out to non city manager departments. And as, as I indicated in the presentation tonight, we would encourage non city departments to, to either comply with whatever, whatever policy the City Council adopts or a similar policy. And so we have we have, you know, taken an interest in that. We've also engaged with Cal State Long Beach as part of the engagement process. We collected some information on the Long Beach Unified School District and some things that they've been they've recently done. I could I could have Katie come and speak to some of those things that those recent actions that have taken place. But I think for this this particular this particular item that's on the agenda tonight, our efforts are really focused on the city of Long Beach and its departments. But I would like Katie to speak to the engagement work that we did and what we found with some of the other agencies in the community and what they're doing to limit cooperation with immigration authorities. Good evening. Good evening. Yes. Good evening. Sorry. Getting the hang of that. Good evening, counsel. Councilmember Gonzalez in particular. As Kevin mentioned, we did some outreach with Cal State, Long Beach, both with the police department. As well as the Dream Center. And what we learned through. Our outreach there is the police department following the incident where a Cal State Long Beach police officer pulled over Jose Alvarez past what they refer to as General Order 55, which is similar in some ways to what we're proposing tonight. And the officers shall not stop or detain persons for determining, based on their immigration status or arrest persons solely for alleged undocumented entry into the U.S. and because their law enforcement. Cal State Long Beach Police Department also must follow SB 54. Additionally, what we found in outre

aching to Cal State Long Beach. Is through their dream center, they do. Provide resources for students, including an investment of \$200,000 to pay for fees for students. And they work to connect students to resources and help normalize the college experience. We also learned through just some research that Long Beach Unified passed a resolution in February 2015, essentially designating schools as safe zones and ensuring that any request by ICE, either for access to schools or for student information, must first go through the superintendent's office. They're not collecting any data with respect to immigration status for their students, and they also partnered with their afterschool providers to. Ensure that they're. Also abiding by those same policies. Thank you, Kate. Okay. Thank you very much for that. The clarifying information. So I'm going to have I have a motion that I'm going to put on the floor, a couple items that I'm going to put on the on the floor here, just including all this information, because I think, again, a lot of the information that we heard today was just not we haven't heard before. And I really appreciate the police department for and Chief Luna for answering these questions, because I think there were a lot of muddy points for many of our residents who didn't really understand what our LBB PD policy was. And before the special order came out and it just states one simple thing, the administrative warrants versus criminal warrants, I think we could possibly add more in the special order respective to what you're mentioning today and the answers you provided. So if that's something we can do, I want to make a motion, my first motion, you know, the special order. And I don't know if you've seen, but the city of Los Angeles created a special order back in the seventies, 1979, when Daryl Gates was the chief of police back a long time ago. And the special order was because of many raids happening, similar to what we're going through today, lots of raids happening to the L.A. community. The city of L.A. decided they need to do something and take a stand. And so the chief of police at that time put forward a special order, as we did, similar to what we're doing now. But it clearly outlined what we can and cannot do in terms of being a police department. So what I would like to to ask Chief Luna and adding in this motion is to include the a mandate, the special order that outlines the procedure

not only for civil versus judicial criminal warrants, which you've included, but also includes these special cases that we've discussed today. So the questions that I've asked Chief Luna and the answers provided, I would like that to be included. So it's clearly dictated what we can and cannot do as a city Long Beach Police Department. In addition to that, we do need to make this publicly available. I believe that many other cities have their policies publicly available online. Whether whatever happens today, we still need to educate indiv

iduals more than here that need to understand what this policy actually means and what we're going to do going forward. So I'd like us to have a a site, a city website similar to what we did with the land use element. Long Beach dot gov slash Long Beach Values Act that clearly defines maybe facts and questions so people understand in various languages what this means tonight. Thirdly, I'd like to ensure that we provide this resolution as soon as possible to all city departments. I'm sorry to all city entities outside of the departments for recommended implementation as soon as possible. And with that, with our city departments, it would be good if we had a letter of commitment from each of our department heads in that we make sure that this is protocol from now on, that the Long Beach Values Act is something that each of us are committed to, not just the Long Beach Police Department, but every single city department is committed to. And lastly, I do believe in the legal defense fund. I think many other cities have done it. If you look at the city of New York has \$16 million that they have a lot of money that they privately funded, which is fantastic. We have New York City. I'm sorry, I already said New York. It's been a long night. Washington, D.C., \$500,000 as little as Santa Anna, \$65,000. But I know we can do more here. And so and this is why I'm saying this is because regardless of what happens, I the police department, from what we're gaining and commitment from our police department in all of our city departments, is that we don't have a crystal ball to see anyone in here or ourselves or anyone who has any criminal background. We don't we don't know who does or does not. But we want to be able to protect all of our immigrants, as well as all of the individuals who are high need individuals outside of being an immigrant. Right. We talked about people of color. We talked about people who need to be universally represented. And much of the funding and various other cities do have universal representation. So that's what I'm going to ask for tonight. I would like to direct the city manager to secure. We've asked originally for 100,000. I am going to ask for \$250,000 in general fund dollars perhaps as a baseline. Perhaps we can do more, starting with any surplus from 2017 or any unused moneys from other special funds for the exclusive use of legal defense in response to deportation cases, including individuals who need universal representation. And this should be in conjunction with organizations such as the Vera Institute. We know that this institute has a longstanding history of working with municipalities. It is an organization that works with us that could work with us, possibly matching funds, so giving us another 250,000. It also provides key performance and metrics, and that's really important. How are we doing in this policy? What? Where do we need? Where are the gaps? Two years, three years, four years down the line and reports for

ongoing policy suggestions and how we can continue to report. I will say in that fund, whoever we work with, whether it's whether it's the community foundation or central charge. Whoever it is. We need to make sure that impacted communities like the Cambodian refugees do take priority depending on what the public feels. I also feel that if we're going to use this fund as well to look at all of our communities, high risk individuals who have maybe some background that they need to get expunged or need some additional services that we're also looking to places like our African-American communities and our Latino communities, whether immigrants are not. So that's what I'm putting out there. The last thing I will say is we need to provide updates on all. I'm sorry, this is another add on. Provide all updates on state and federal policies to the City Council. We've done a really great job at that. There is one bill that we I don't know that we've supported in the past. It's the Senate Bill 1506 that basically states that landlords should not be retaliating against immigrant populations. And I think we need to take a stand and support that as well. And then the last thing here is there is a initiative that we have not taken a part of. Los Angeles has taken a part of this. San Francisco has taken a part of this, but we have not. So we're missing here. And someone from the Cambodian community spoke to it. The Long Beach YMCA is a partner in this, but we are not as a city. So I'm asking us to be a partner. Welcoming initiate I'm sorry, welcoming America initiative. Becoming a member of this initiative cost as low as \$200 annually. We can do things like create certification processes for how well we're doing with inclusivity respective to

immigration populations, and it provides additional resources with a mission to provide a roadmap for training and in becoming a more inclusive city towards immigrants and really all residents. So I'm asking us to be a member, official member of this initiative. So with that said, I thank you all here for for being here tonight. I hope that this is a very robust motion for everyone. And I also want to say that the work is not going to be done. It's not going to be done here. And we have a lot of work to go ahead and continue doing. But this, I know, is a great starting point to support our immigrant communities. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. I know we have a long speakers list. I'm going to just say a few a few comments and questions and I'll I'll let everybody else cue up. I know we're going to second round now, Jessica, but a couple of things. The first is obviously just a a I think that she just amended her main motion is what she did. There's a substitute on the floor. This would be a substitute. Substitute. Correct. Is there a second? Is there a second on the substitute substitute? Well, we got a. Is there a second on the substitute? Substitute. Okay. All right. So that is the substitute m

otion on the floor. So a couple a couple a couple questions for the staff and the city attorney. So just the thing I think that's important and I want to make sure and I appreciate everyone's comments and I appreciate whether there will be is and where they're coming from. When when I think when we talk about public safety and one of the reasons why I believe that folks advocated and we have had a coalition of folks come together with the sanctuary coalition is because public safety, as we know, is not just about policing, but public safety is also about making sure that people in the community feel safe as part of that community. One of the reasons why sanctuary policies are important for all those folks that have also contacted to our office, is that in the current environment, a lot of people in our community just do not feel safe interacting, not just with law enforcement, but also with government. And so what we're seeing right now, and I've talked to folks in the police department, I've talked to judges at our courts, I've talked to residents in the community. There is a real fear from people to even interact with the judicial system or the public safety continuum system that we have in Long Beach. And so for for all of us, where it might be very easy and we don't have a problem with picking up the phone or calling 911 or asking for help. I think it's important for everyone to know, and particularly for those that are watching tonight, that that is not the case for everyone in the city. And so the fear that people feel with interacting with the government actually makes us less safe. It makes us less safe as a community because crimes and serious issues are not being reported. We have some cases out of the Long Beach courthouse where we've had women in particular. I'm not show up to some domestic violence cases because of their immigration status and because they're afraid of deportation. So those are real fears. And that's why I believe this council is having this this debate today. The first the first thing is a question I know I had asked the city attorney this, but it's my understanding on the legal defense fund question, I fully support a legal defense fund. I think that not only should the city have be a part of that, and I think it's important that there are and there is public dollars to a legal defense fund. I think that says a lot about the city's commitment, but also, of course, that the city would engage like like L.A. or the county has an additional fund raising, a nonprofit support. But Mr. City Attorney, is it your legal opinion that we can develop a legal defense fund, essentially have a system that creates one? I know I have asked you that. Mayor, members of the council, I think the answer is yes. But we couldn't, as the councilmember from the first District described, we couldn't do that tonight. What we would do is take direction from the council, as I'm taking notes here on what it is that you would like to do, how you w

ould like to set it up , we would need to do additional research, look at what the other cities are, and come back to council for an authorization for the Fund. Who the partners would be to provide council with the information necessary for the defense fund that then they can approve that as a policy decision. But I think at the end of the day, the answer is yes, we can get you where you want to be. Okay. And I just want to make and I want to just add to that as well. And so I think I'm clearly with both the County of Los Angeles and the city of Los Angeles and other jurisdictions establishing legal defense funds. Long Beach can establish one and we should establish one as well. I do have a question for the chief because I mean, obviously, the main conversation debate is around the carve out piece and those particular sets of crimes that have occurred in the past. And so when when SB 54 obviously was adopted, there was no in the law. I believe there is no set of kind of check and balance about what that meant. It was kind of it was kind of penal as a brush, a kind of

an overall crime that was listed. I don't know that it got overly specific or had any types of additional measures to protect undocumented people within local jurisdictions. And so I guess what I'm wondering is within within us here in Long Beach, is it possible that we could develop an additional policy that focuses if if there were going to be a carve out, if the carve outs, let's say, in some cases in other jurisdictions, have been abused or could be abuse, could we have a policy that could be developed that would essentially create either either oversight or checks and balances or triggers within within our policy or law? In order to afford for the police department to actually at that point with those types of crimes, interact with the federal government. Mr. Mayor. Members of the City Council. A policy can can be developed. It can include supervisory or management oversight of anything that would come forward and be approved at the at higher levels within the police department. Okay. So what you're saying that if there is a that there could be a there could be a additional level of approval if there was going to be a a transfer that was going to take place, that it just wouldn't be automatic, but there could actually be a different level of protection or there could be a policy created that we could have to have some kind of approval at the highest level for that to occur. Yes. The only thing I would ask is to confer with the city attorney, make sure we're looking at SB 54 to make sure that that's possible. But based on the way you're describing it, it seems completely plausible to be able to do that. Okay. And I just want to just throw that out again, as I think there regardless of where and there's a lot of folks that are keyed up to speak. And so I'm not sure exactly where this will this will end tonight. But I just want to make sure, as we keep going, that we look at ways o

f strengthening beyond what we have with SB 54, that the mandate because I believe there are still additional ways that we can strengthen the law and create additional protections for undocumented members. So I think that would be one way. I think there are many opportunities beyond that that would be able to, I think, make make good beyond just be 54 and make a little bit stronger for us here locally. Let me keep going on on the speakers list, Councilmember Pearce. Thank you and thank you to my colleagues and Mayor and Chief Luna. Typically, I would have talking points right now, but this is definitely it did not see where the night was going. I want to first say how much again, it means to me that you guys came out that not only did we have residents that we see come out to a lot of these issues like Claudia's law, but that we had clergy in full force and more importantly, that we had the opportunity to hear from from attorneys, some attorneys that have taken a look at this and written, you know, I've got the letter from ACLU in front of me that's very easy to digest and a lot of points around what legally we can do as a city. And I think that coming up to tonight, there are a lot of questions. What we're hearing from PD on what is practice, where there's transparency and actual policy, where we get to see a policy that says this is what we actually do versus , you know, the situations are different. Every single situation is different whenever we have somebody in a community. And I remember in my first year in office getting the calls early in the morning about the Cambodians that were facing deportation and hiding out families that have lived here, hiding out in fear. And while that wasn't a situation where it looked like PD had somebody in custody and then communicated with ICE, it seemed to folks that there was some collaboration. And so I think that that's the message we need to make sure that we send tonight. I do not support the carve outs. I know that there are. I know that my my colleagues are listening to the discussion or digesting a lot of the information that you guys provided to us. And again, having legal letters in front of us definitely helps. And so I know that it seems like there's some movement on that, and I know that there's a very easy way for us to have that conversation. But there's already substitute motions and subsub motions. So what I'd like to ask a couple of questions just to get us coming from some of these letters and making sure, again , that we're having a transparent conversation. One of the questions that was brought up was that agencies allow in-custody transfers of office. And I know, Chief Luna, you already made mention that since you've been in your position that you don't have record of that. But is that in fact a policy not to collaborate? And I know some of this is going to you're going to hear it twice, just a little bit. I just want to make sure that we're getting the answers correct. Did you unders

tand that question? Sorry. I wanted to conversation afterwards. Councilwoman Pryce or Pierce. I think I understood the question. And the answer to that is we follow SB 54 when it comes to the transfer of and a before before that. And so following that means that if there are exemptions, there are certain situations like federal crimes crimes in 15 years and that those those carve outs. Right.

Are those exemptions, I should say. With SB 54, and I don't have it in front of me, but there is a clause in there that if you get rearrested and you had committed, I believe it's a felony in the last 15 years that SB 54 states that yeah, you can absolutely get deported. Okay. So what I have in front of me is that if it's a conviction for a serious or violent felony conviction for a felony that's punishable by imprisonment conviction within the last 15 years or any other specific. Yeah, well, I'm looking at some of the top ones that are that people have talked to me about recently and a conviction that's occurred in the last five years of a misdemeanor. So these are all opportunities that ICE would be able to come in and work with PD to to remove somebody. Is that correct? Yeah. I'm sorry. With the list of crimes like assault, battery use of threats, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of a child, burglary, robbery, all those things are listed under there. And that's within 15 years. And so that as we move forward, I'm not going to be able to to vote yes on something tonight that still leaves those in there. If there's a move from the council to continue having this conversation. And I'm open and I want to say that I you know, I'm a mother. I'm somebody that has been a victim of violent crimes. I have a five year old daughter. I do not want to provide an opportunity for more violent crimes to happen. But I think it was said by, you know, one of my colleagues and also attorneys that we're here tonight. Immigration status has nothing to do with the crime that was committed and that we have seen people be rehabilitated. We've seen people be rehabilitated. We've seen change that has been able to happen. And so how are we as a society talking about rehabilitation and second chances? And I know it's something that another one of my colleagues cares deeply about our our prosecutor cares deeply about. And so what I'm interested in is that there's a conversation around instead of 15 years, that there's a small maybe there's not exactly what everybody in the room wants, but maybe it's five years. Is there a conversation that we can have here that brings us a Long Beach policy as a starting point, and that we can continue to have this conversation about what other items we have in here or don't have in here. And so I'm probably going to queue up again, but I want to hear what my colleagues are. And again, the carve outs are not something that I support. And I really appreciate all the efforts that my Councilmember Lena Gonzalez, have put in here. And I really support all

of those and continuing to make sure that we're transparent, that we're working with PD on those conversations, but curious to hear what my colleagues are. Thank you. Thank you. Counts membership or not? Thank you. My topic was going to be the justice fund, but it was somewhat defined yesterday and certainly earlier this evening. But now it's become somewhat amorphous. So I'm not sure if this will make any sense. But my original objection to the way the fund funding mechanism was structured was, I understand why we didn't want to be part of the Los Angeles Justice Fund. We don't want to be a small fish in a big pond, so we come up with a legal defense fund. So my point was just continue that philosophy right down to the council office level. So for instance, for public works, we have something called divide by nine funds. So I just wanted to get my fair share for the folks in need in my district. And I met with the. City manager and deputy city manager yesterday. And they said, well, is it possible under this system? And that's that's a tough one for me. I guess the worst scenario for me would be to have a constituent in need and say, well, you know what? I don't think the money's in the fund, but I don't control it anyway. I hated a system that would potentially lead up to that. So I think we also have a discussion. Well, I don't know where that's going to go, but because the funding mechanism has been questioned tonight, I'll leave that one alone. Also, I found it interesting because we're talking about Cal State, Long Beach in terms of jurisdictional issues and the fourth District borders, Cal State, Long Beach. So we have that. But I think I count four other agencies that border my district alone. Our northern border is a four or five freeway. So that's the California Highway Patrol. I border Orange County. So that can be the Orange County sheriffs or Los Alamitos Police. Then I have a long border with the Signal Hill Police Department, and ironically, there's a large Cambodian population within the city of Signal Hill. So I think that speaks to the fact that these issues are more regional, are our state in nature, because it's tough to have all these different jurisdictions. I think that's all I have to say for now. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Vice Richardson. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And this has gotten to be a very, very complex conversation. I'm actually really enjoying enjoying this conversation. So, first of all, just thanks to everyone here who's given their stories, particularly, you know, I want to shout out Hilda, my ninth district resident here. Hilda is one of the most active leaders in North Long Beach. And, you know, from the Lions Club to the neighborhood associations to the healthy eating, active living hill zone. And thank you for stepping up and telling your story. I

think you you nailed it for me in terms of the value that that folks, you know, that are undocumented or have a history of being different, imm

igration status, their contributions to our community. So thank you. And and Councilwoman Pryce, thank you for sharing your story as well. And that was really that was really interesting to hear hear your perspective, hear your story. That helps to help me understand where everyone is. I would say under normal circumstances and in normal times, we would encourage our local government to coordinate with other agencies. In normal times, these are not normal times. You know, frankly, these are not these are not normal times. And we have to protect the institution of government, the faith that folks have in the institution of government for a number of reasons. And a lot of them have been articulated. So I won't I won't repeat them. But we've seen when when states and cities have or have not done the right thing and the federal government has had to step in and help enforce state cities and states to do the right thing. I see this as sort of an inverse of that. And what I'm talking about is sort of the end of segregation, a number of things that were happening in the South. Many people don't know this, but I moved here from Alabama, from from the south. And, you know, we do have a history of understanding the difference. And when the federal government, state government and local government are on the same page, and I think we're just in one of those moments right now that we have to be very clear about the experience that we want our residents to have. And so just to be very clear, I support this policy. I support this policy. I want to be very clear that, you know, I didn't like you know, I want to better understand this situation and carve outs because the reason I signed on to this to begin with wasn't to create loopholes or wasn't to create opportunities to game the system. The opportunity. What we wanted to do was protect citizens and have confidence for all of our citizens to make sure that they they have confidence in their government. So I want to understand this a little bit more. So I'm just going to ask just a just a couple questions, Chief. Just walk me through just walk me through my understanding my understanding what went through what happens under two scenarios. One, someone gets stopped for non felony local issue that's under sort of our responsibility and our local prosecutors responsibility. Let's say it's a like a misdemeanor type citation or a citation, something like that. What happens from the moment an officer detains someone? Can you walk me through from that point from particularly from sort of information sharing with with ICE position? Oh, Vice Mayor Richardson Members of the City Council, if I understood your question correctly for for a misdemeanor citation, the officer would make contact, determine that a misdemeanor crime occurred and then probably run the subject either on the radio or in their computer to see if they have any outstanding warrants. And if they determine that they can be cited out and not taken into p

hysical custody and to the station, they issue the citation. The citation has information on there that has to be filled out. The subject then signs a citation, they're released and the citation gets turned in to the station where it eventually makes its way through the to the court system. And then they're held they show up in court to answer to the charges if they are, in fact, factual or not. Basically, that's what happens from an information sharing perspective. If we're specifically talking about ice, it goes into our system and I'm trying to think really hard in regards to ice, getting that type of information because the person's not actually being booked into the L.A. County system. So their name doesn't pop up because if, for example, we change that hypothetical around and the individual actually gets taken to the booking facility, they do get life scanned. And that's where the that life scan portion is, where it goes into the county booking system. And then that does become available to ICE. And I'll stop right there because you probably have some questions. Okay. So at the live scan, so someone's getting booked, they get a live scan and that becomes public to all law enforcement agencies, is that correct? That's correct. You're you're you. Forcibly send this information to ICE? We do not send the information to ICE. The the life scan goes into the L.A. County booking system and becomes available to other law enforcement agencies. ICE is one of many tours. And so from there, let's say that this this person, we haven't checked their documentation status. We just do a live scan on everyone. And then let's say ICE reaches out and says, hey, we want this guy. What is the protocol there? So sorry about that. So we don't check documentation status at the Long Beach Police Department. That is not something that we check. We check criminal history. That's what we're interested in, but we're not interested in in legal status. Now, what would happen in the in the case that we're I'm giving you an example of ice. If they are interested in somebody, they would send us an immigration detainer notice of action. And it's

basically a form that they would send to us telling us that they're interested. It's signed by an ICE agent. At that time, we determine one, does the individual that they're looking at even meet the criteria that we've been talking about for the last hour? Do they meet that criminal criteria? If they do, then we inform ICE that if they want this individual, they have to provide a court order in order to retrieve this individual. That's what I talked about earlier, that in my last three and a half years, I have we have not seen one court order that was presented to us where we turned somebody over. So at that point, so you've live scanned them. Ice reaches out and says, we're interested in this individual. Then they have to produce a formal request from their agency. We don't act on that request. We push back and say, you have it has t

o come from the court. It has to be a a court action, a court order to respond. Correct. We have additional requirements. And if they meet them, then that happens. And if they don't, they don't get them. And they haven't gotten anybody in at least the three the last three and a half years. And here's where I'm unclear. And Mr. City attorney under was in front of us tonight. Will that step change at all? Because, you know, what I'm hearing is that we do not provide the information unless there's a court order under the motion, under the law. And these values act, no matter what the crime is carved out, not carved out. Does that process change at that point? Well, I think what you just said at the very end would change it. But if we are currently in compliance with SB 54 and we would remain in compliance with SB 54 tonight. So so the answer would be no. The process would not change if it's current. So we. Don't give. We don't we don't turn anyone over to ice unless there's a court order and there haven't been court orders. That's that is one way. Yes. That with a court order, we would we would turn the individual over to ICE. And we have not received a court order that I'm aware of. Do we have the legal ability to say if there's a court order from a court that we don't turn them over? No, we would be in contempt of the court order. So from a legal standpoint, there's no way once the courts get involved, you have to local cities have to comply. That is correct. Okay. So at this point, we haven't I'm trying to figure out where the carve out exists, because right now, whether it's a you know, someone that's in that kind of carve out category or not, the question is if the court or some if the courts require us to take action, we don't have any I mean, we don't we don't have a choice. Well, I think one of the distinctions would be with with the exceptions under SB 54. Law enforcement has discretion. If you remove that discretion from them by a policy, then they couldn't do some of these enumerated things. So I'm still. Mr. Chief, could you clarify that a little bit more? Yes. Sorry about that. Yes. So what I have explained to you is the way our process works. SB 54. Allows us to look at a certain set of circumstances, and I could read those to you if you'd like. And based on those circumstances, we can turn somebody over to ICE. And are all those circumstances federal like felony level circumstances? I'm going to look. For my piece of paper. And I'll read one portion of it. But it's never healthy to read one piece because you got to get the whole picture of it. Says The individual has been convicted within the past five years of a misdemeanor for a crime that is punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony for or has been convicted within the last 15 years of a felony for any of the following offenses. And that's the one that I started to list. There are some very serious, significant crimes on this list. And as you are trying to look at this policy

and evaluate it. I think it's very dangerous for us to limit what your police department can do. The tools you have, you are taking tools away from us in a toolbox when we're trying to deal with crime. And I'm not suggesting that crime is only committed by undocumented immigrants. It's it's it's all across the board. I. I'm going to leave it at that. And you ask more questions. Listen, I. I mean, what is what I like, what I heard tonight that I like is that we should be treating everyone the same one way or the other document if they commit. I mean, but that age court cut, that sort cuts both ways. I mean, frankly and Councilwoman Price said it, if, you know, if someone committed the crime and they did it, we should treat it a certain way. I think the question is how we treat it. And if it's a felony, I and as I understand it, we don't even prosecute felonies in the city. We do misdemeanors to a prosecutor and the D.A. handles felonies. That correct? That is correct. So how does that translate when I'm under I'm not a prosecutor. I don't understand this piece. But what happens from how what does the transition from, say, our shop to the D.A. shop? How does that work? Like if let's say let's say it is a felony. Right. And this is something that we know our prosecutors are going to handle. It's a big deal. Crime probably falls in a list. How does how does it end up in your shop, Mr. Chief? To the prosecutor shop. How does that happen? So what happens in the field is that a police

officer will take a crime report or a department record that depending on the crime. So if you're dealing, for example, with assault, sexual abuse or child abuse or robbery, those crime or I'm sorry, those reports will go to the individual detective detail that handles those crimes. Okay. Once they evaluate it to make sure the elements of the crime are there, they may have to do further investigation at that. At the point that case is ready to be presented, they decide again, based on the elements, is it going to go be presented to the district attorney's office here in Long Beach, or is it going to be presented to the city prosecutor here in Long Beach? If hypothetically, we go to the district attorney's office and they don't feel the elements are there, they will either decline the case or refer it to the city prosecutor because they may believe that a lesser crime may have occurred. Does that answer your question? No, it does. That really illuminates things for me. So I think the issue here, you know, I mean, signs and politics aside, I just think I just think the issue here is sort of we already if it's a significant crime, we already know we're not going to be the ones to handle that. It's going to be the county. And there's a process in place for that. And I think anybody who commits a crime should be punished or, you know, this should be handled right. I mean, we should address crime in our city. I think the issue is at what point we hand them over to ICE. And I thi

nk with the council saying, I think what the public is saying and what I what I think we should where should we should try to get to, frankly, in all the motions we're taking. I can't make another motion here. I think we try to get to is we evaluate if there's just simply away. If they meet this criteria, it goes directly to the D.A. to try to treat them the way you would treat anyone, regardless of documentation status, that we just treat sort of anyone who commits a crime. Documents, as, you know, blind to documentation status, we treat them the same. And I don't know I don't know if that's something that city council can just. I don't know if that's something we could figure out, like on the dias, like wing it. But I think I think that's, in my opinion, that's kind of where we should be talking about. And I don't know if there's an easy way to. Well, if I understand what you're saying is, please remember that within the SB 54 and what we're talking about, if this wasn't clear in the previous, is you've got an individual with a past record. Yeah. In order to go with SB 54, they have to be re-arrested for something else that they've done. Now. They're at the end of the day though. Yeah. That carve out says convicted of not arrested for. So we have to be convicted. Of the crime. On the set the first offense or that second when you stop. Them for the second, first and second. So if the second crime is a murder or something like that, that's listed in this group. So if someone committed the crime, let's say you committed something, you did serve their time, whatever you got out, and then you do a lesser offense on the second incident. And that's not a felony, just a traffic stop. Right. And you end up getting live scanned on that traffic stop. Do we would we under under this law because of their past, would we have to comply with ICE? What we have. Not for a traffic stop. But if you were you committed murder and you did your time and then you go out and commit another crime, say you commit sexual abuse. That is one of the crimes listed on this list. So if you get convicted of that sexual abuse, then that's when SB 54 kicks in and you get deported. But that wouldn't be that wouldn't be us. That would be the district attorney. The court conviction. Would be through the district attorney's office. So I think I think we're at a point I mean, if you just said that, we wouldn't be actionable on that anyway because we'll be the D.A.. Right. Because if it's a conviction on one of those laws, those are all the laws, right? Well, the conviction would have to come through the at least in our case, the L.A. County District Attorney's Office. So I'm going to look just this way, because I'm not in a position to make a motion. But what I'm hearing right here is that what I'm hearing right here is that, frankly, it wouldn't happen in our shop because it would happen when it got to the next step. Maybe I don't want to give up the floor, but I would like like some I

ike clarity from from Lina and from from Suzy because it seems like it seems like there's not much of a difference from a procedural standpoint here. But. I am. I am I am I here now? So. So if I can just attempt to. I understand what you're asking him. And the SB. 54. Is. Designed to prevent local law enforcement from sharing immigration information with federal immigration authorities. But if there's a category. Of enumerated crimes, then they have the discretion to. Not that they will, but they have the discretion to share that information. It doesn't matter how the case gets prosecuted. Or if the case. Gets prosecuted. SB 54 is designed to prevent local law enforcement from communicating with federal immigration authorities. So what happens is, if you're a prosecutor and I know there's at least a couple of attorneys in the audience who who can attest to this, but if you're a prosecutor, you're going to get a police agency if if federal immigration authorities find out that

someone has. A is is here illegally. Then they will put an ice hold on the individual, which means if they get arrested, there is an ice hold on there. If they know of the federal authorities know that the person's illegal. They'll have haven't they'll put an ice hold on them so that they cannot be released without going to ice. Right. It doesn't matter if it goes to the prosecution office or not or if. They can be released. They can't be. Released if there's an ice hold. That's what an ice hold means, is that they can't be free. They can't just walk out of the jail. They have to be released to the custody of federal immigration authorities because there's a federal immigration hold on there basically for the days that would show up on the rap sheet. It would say ice holder would show up on our file. Basically, we know that's the only way we would know if someone is there, their citizenship status. But. SB 54 it doesn't matter if it's at the local H police agency level, at the DA's office, at the city prosecutor's office. It doesn't matter because it's about information sharing and how that information gets to federal immigration authorities. So I got what you were trying to say, but actually that information can come before the item goes to and I might be wrong on some of this, but am I wrong on some of this? Okay. Okay. Sorry. Okay. Maybe before you guys jump. Jump in. I think the point here is that I think there is more to this conversation about. The car was I want to better understand it and I'd like to give direction to city attorney, to the police chief to figure out how to get it done. And what I mean is like, in a way that because there's there's and correct me if I'm wrong, but I like to, you know, sort of preserve the rights of workers as well. But is this is there anything related to this that might trigger any type of meat and confer process? The answer is yes, depending on what you direct to do. If if you are eliminating the exceptions or the carve outs, the

n you are. We are back to meeting confer with the unions because you've changed the conditions working condition. Yes. So I think there is a step in this direction we can get to that respects the parties at the table. I haven't heard anybody here say that we want criminals to to go free. I think what I've heard is I've heard people say, frankly, we don't want to be in a position to directly sort of participate in deportation actions. Right. But that doesn't mean we want to stop a step in prosecution for someone who's committed a heinous crime in our community. I think there's a difference there. So what I'm saying is I think I think, you know, Lina's motion and I think she's cued up is going to say some more stuff. I want to hear more. I'd love to see them work that out. So I want to just, like, stick a pin in that for now and go to because this I think there's something there. I want to go to the the fund part. So. So I know that cities do establish funds and charities non-profits thing like our health department has Long Beach cares and they do a lot of work that, you know, they can't do within the city, you know? You know, you've got partners of parks. You've got other things. So I think there is a way to do a fund and I support a fund. And if we're able to figure it out in our budget to use public resources to do it legally, then I want to do that. I think we should make that statement. I support that. We did hear today, though we did hear today, though, that the city attorney said he that the step is they have to come back to with we have to give clear direction and come back. So I'm just going to ask Councilwoman Gonzalez, because I'm supporting your motion. I'm going to ask, are you okay with sort of adding that city attorney gets the word, you know, city attorney, city manager gets to vet that out and bring it so we can actually establish it. Can that out the what is it? So separate out the the fund. So city attorney says we have to. And city attorney correct me but didn't you just say for us to move forward with that? It wouldn't you couldn't actually do it. Tonight was just the direction. That is correct. The the action tonight and the agenda item tonight doesn't allow you to actually establish the defense fund. We don't have enough details and information in front of you this evening for the council to take an action on. We would need to come back to you with how is the fund going to be established? Who's our partner going to be selective, all of those details so that the council then can decide whether they like that proposal, want to amend or change that proposal. So this evening, you could certainly give direction to staff and to my office to investigate that defense fund. And you had mentioned in your motion a 250,000 in the staff report. It talked about 100,000, whatever dollar amount you wanted us to look at. And then it would come back to the city council for a vote to establish that fund that the dollar amount you determine to

be appropriate. So like separate so we can put the fund on one track and the sanctuary policy on a different track. Sure, we can do that. I'd like to hear from colleagues, but absolutely I. All right. Well. Those are my comments. Thank you, everybody. I think this is I think it's a healthy conversation. I learned a lot here. But I think in general, like the reason we proposed this was to keep people safe

and to not coordinate with with with ice. And thank you to the community for helping us better understand this issue. I didn't hear understand anything about carve outs until about 48 hours ago. So you community organizers keep up the good work in informing you're speaking power to leadership and and we understand you. We hear you. But thank you. Thank you, Councilman Price. Okay, so I'd like to hear from the city attorney, because I think maybe Vice Mayor Richardson and I were talking about very different things. I know there's some correction that needs to be made in terms of the procedure of SB 54. So if the city attorney could clarify that, that would be great. So I think on a couple of things, I think the chief was indicating that you needed a conviction on the second arresting offense. And the way I read and interpret 54, that's not correct. If the person is arrested and put into the system, then with these carve outs, there could be the cooperation if there are these enumerated crimes, as everyone's been discussing. So that was the first issue. The second issue was that you brought up was the ice hold prevents the release. That is my understanding. It is not correct and is not how it's handled, at least in Long Beach, in that if ICE does notify us of an administrative hold on that person, we tell them you need to get a judicial warrant for us to hold the individual. We are not going to hold them past the release date. And that's very clear. I think the law is very clear on that. And so we do not there is not a hold put on a. Person because I said there's an ice hold. So that was, I think. Yes, statement. Yes. So those are the two items. And then if you had another question. Now, so what I'm talking about is an ice hold. That is a judicial determination that there's an ice hold that appears on their rap sheet or other place because it's been judicially identified as a hold so that the person, the custodial entity, whether it be the L.A. County Sheriff Sheriff's Office or whatever county sheriff's office they can't release if there's been a judicial order to hold the individual. Okay. So so. Without. What I'd like to do is, is, is, is make a friendly motion because I think there is definitely and the record should be very clear on this. Definitely some agreement here that we want to protect information sharing, that we want to protect people from being able to talk to the police. We want to encourage that. So what I'd like to do is make a friendly to remove the funding for a legal defense fund from the current motion to bifurcate it and have

that be a second motion that we can vote on in regards to what happens with the funding of a legal defense fund, because I know for me, I support and will will actually work to do whatever I can to help put money into that legal defense fund. But I think for the city, given the fact that we're talking about deficits in 2019 and we just had a meeting two weeks ago where we talked about some best case scenario assumptions that would allow us to not have to lay off employees. Every single dollar is going to mean something and every one of our departments is going to be competing for money right now. And even though 100,000 or \$250,000 may not seem like a lot of money, I can tell you our police department, our fire department, our Parks and Rec and our public works and our libraries could find something to do with that \$250,000. So we're going to be competing for funds. So what I would like to do is separate and bifurcate the funding option so that we can, you know, maybe evaluate that in another time. So that's my friendly to my colleague. Good council member. GONZALEZ Yes. Given the discussions going on today, I think as you can see, a lot of us are, you know, going back and forth, but it's with good reason. We want to make sure we get this right. And so with that, absolutely, I'll accept your friendly amendment. Thank you. Councilwoman Mongo. We're going to keep going through the speakers. Councilman Mongo. Well, here we are. I would just like to say that. To get clarity of the motion on the floor. It's to enumerate the policies. Would you outline. If I if I may, as has just amended, we've divided the question. And so the motion is to adopt staff's recommendation, including the special order as described between the chief and the council member from the First District to make that special order public, to make the resolution, if adopted, available to all the city departments and encourage their adoption. Six five to provide regular updates to the City Council on the legislative efforts at the state and federal level. And six, to join the Welcome America America Initiative. And then the Legal Defense Fund would be separated out of that question and a separate motion and action would be taken on the legal defense fund. Okay. I'll also say that in law enforcement, I have felt that it is so important that the community are our eyes and ears. There are never going to be enough police officers to keep everyone safe. And that more often the victims of crime are actually immigrants. And so we need to continue under the current version of SB 54 to be partners with our community and ensure that they feel safe working with local law enforcement. A felon is a felon. Is a felon. Regardless of where you came from, where you live, if you are a predator in our community, I'm very appreciative of our men

and women in blue who are out there working hand in hand in those communities to make sure that we're safe. I, too, am open to helping support the nonprofit deve

lopment. Long Beach is a very, very generous city. When you talk about \$250,000, I will tell you over the last three years, it has taken Councilmember Andrews years to build up the four afterschool programs and summer youth programs and the Parks After Dark program. And to get four parks after dark program. That is \$250,000. It took four years to build a program that we know is universally used and supported. And when we do have to make those tough choices, I believe that those decisions should be done through a budget process. And we have fiscal policies in the city about making budget adjustments outside of that process. And so I appreciate bifurcating the issue and potentially either referring it to Budget Oversight Committee or another method. But we don't allocate funds mid-year. It's not a smart way to budget personally and or as \$1,000,000,000 city that is responsible for so many. And when when you talk about our workers that are working hard to make a living and we have tough decisions to make, it's important that we protect those who have stood with us. And we want to also protect those who want to stand with us. And so we want to move forward. So with that, I appreciate the dialog and. Look forward to finding a way for us to unite as a community behind something that the community finds as important. And that's how we we can all put our money where our mouth is, because every single person here can pitch in in a similar way to the way that we are looking to help fund our small businesses and our immigrant communities. Through social crowd crowdfunding, we can help fund the legal defense fund. Guys, everyone gets a chance to speak. So, Councilmember Yallingup. Thank you, Mayor. I knew that if I waited long enough, we'd come around to some sense. But, you know, unfortunately, I disagree with a lot of a lot of some comments that were made here, because I believe justice is not blind, given the fact that the high number of blacks and Latinos in our jails basically says is not colorblind. And why is it that we know when we're talking about this issue here, we're talking about, you know, Latinos or people of color with an issue with their immigration status and that we have to report that out and we have to to turn them over to ICE and to immigration. Again, people of color. I disagree with that. I have I have issues with a car, but I really do because some of the crime boats that are here, some of the crimes, I don't see them reaching that level of having to be deported. For example, a DUI, embezzlement, forgery. Those are I see those as perhaps white collar type crimes. And I see and you know, there are some people in jails now that I wish I could deport. Right. He'll be back. He'll go back to Europe, twitching in despair. But you know that in at the risk of saying racist race only races, this is a little reversal type. Of thing here. But. But the bottom the bottom line is, is that, you know, SB 54 went through its struggles. I was there. I

supported SB 54 when it came to us, what, a year and a half, two years ago, I supported putting it there and I supported Citrulline, which being part of the number of cities that supported it because I thought it was it's a good it's a good policy to have. But now that we're here with our Own Values Act, we have to talk about our values and what we stand for in Long Beach. You know, we're always talking about the Long Beach way and how we do things differently. And we need to look at those carve outs in a different way, in a way that it's much more justifiable for those that get who are in danger of being deported because of their their status, legal status here or not and because of the level krone did. You know. I was I was concerned Janine Pearce took it from me in the sense that, well, maybe we. Should look at, you know, instead of 15 years, we should look at five, make it even stronger, make it even. Less of a time span. I mean, I know. Some of these crimes have have. Term limits. For example, what is it? Do you wait if you. Don't get a second conviction. Within the ten years, it's like it goes away and you start fresh again. Why can we do something like that? What's some of these other ones? Like fraud or or embezzlement? Now, there are some crimes because of the nature of their their seriousness that maybe that we do need to to look at those more seriously and consider if you are an undocumented person and you committed a serious. Crime, maybe you should be kicked. Out of this country. But again, it's we're looking at possibilities of of deporting someone that you did it the first time for first time or so we do we have a3a3 strikes law on deportations. I don't think we do it when we're in your pocket once and ice comes and says it, put a hold on you. You're out, you're gone. It doesn't matter. So anyway, I have no issue with that. With the carve outs, I'm not going to be voting for that only because, like I say, it's it's it's it's a slippery slope. I really don't really agree with it. I think we could do better. 15 years is an extremely long time. We should look at modifying it in terms of maybe having it strengthen it. And we were

talking earlier about strengthening some of these things, and I think that would be going a long way in strengthening the carve outs. As far as a legal defense fund, I'm totally in favor of it and I'm glad that we're separating that out because that's a to me, that's a separate issue regarding to in terms of the carve outs and and establishing a defense fund. So I will totally support that. Thank you. Thank you. Counselor appears. I told you guys I'd be back on. Okay. So I think what's really clear is that we've had this conversation once before and that it was a conversation around SB 54. This is our second conversation where we're really, as the vice mayor mentioned, having the discussion around what carve outs mean. And so we heard from you guys, no carve outs, but I still don't feel like we've had a trans

parent conversation with PD, with our city attorney and with our counsel. That really means that we all understand all of those components. And so I, I feel like we're not really prepared to have that up or down vote on the carve outs or not. And so I want to make sure that we all have the opportunity to have that in a transparent, open way. I would like to ask if we could have the vote today on both the items and then direct the staff to come back and do a presentation from PD on clear on what all those items are that are carved out, particularly in sections three, B, four D, four F in 4G. And I'm not going to go back and read them all because it's already late. But if we could come back and have a conversation where all the councilmembers and myself included, feel like we're having a thoughtful discussion and vote on those carve outs, that today we move forward with what we have. So voting I would vote yes for that if we could come back and have that conversation. Council Member Yes, we can absolutely have that conversation. Thank you very much for that. I do want just on the conversation. And around the financing and that discussion. I do have a lot of concerns and questions as well around giving that to a nonprofit or is it a city based or county based? I look forward to that thorough discussion. So with the coming back from staff, coming back with the police chief to have a thorough discussion around all the carve outs, I will be voting yes for this. Does that make sense? Yes. Councilman Andrews? Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I think everyone up there I've had a chance to listen to everyone, you know, conversations about what they think they should and should not be. I think it's very fortunate we have a staff to work on an item of this type, because the fact that, you know, we have a city made up of people from very unique backgrounds and the walk of life, you know, like refuge seekers. We all as people grew up here and the families that are, you know, relocated and the search for jobs and new opportunities, you know, I think just with that said, you know, this is very you know, this is the various effort we put towards celebrating the diversity. And I think is this is the time that we must use to protect that. You know, I've listened to all of these things, and I'm sure you have to and I know you're waiting for the vote, because, remember, this vote doesn't mean that these things are going to happen. It's just to let you realize that we are, you know, really supporting, you know, like I say, a sanctuary city. I think that's a no brainer. You know, but the thing about it, we have to follow certain laws. And I'm so glad that Nina and Mrs. President, the authorities on this, the agenda item, I want to thank you guys for doing a fantastic job. And I'm here to support whatever we have to do, you know, to make these things work. Thank you again. Okay. Thank you. And then our last last speaker is Councilman Gonzales. Okay. So we're going to tie this up

together. And I just, again, want to thank you all. I don't want to, you know, go on too too long. But it looks like we have something on our plates here. So keeping with our subsub motion that asks for the special order that asks for to update our city resolution with that various departments, we'll keep that as one motion. Yes. Councilmember, if I could on if if maybe I don't understand. And updating the resolution the way I understood it would be it's accepting stamps for, I guess, recommendations. You're requesting the police chief to create or to update a special order. Correct. And can make that public. So on the website. So the special order would be a public document out on the website. As well as our policy, whatever we pass. Today. Yes, absolutely. Which is sort of the same. But I just want to make sure that. We wouldn't be bringing in if you adopt this evening, we wouldn't be bringing the resolution that's attached to the agenda item tonight. Back to you. We would be coming back, it sounds like, with a report on SB 54, and then we'll talk about the legal fund. Yes, SB 54 carve outs that were mentioned, bringing that back. So we have a presentation on that. That is the first motion. And then the second motion would be to address the fund legal defense fund. Yes. After after this motion, if the councilmember from the first District would have the floor to make the motion on. However, she would like to go forward on the defense fund. Okay.

Okay. Councilman Price. Okay. So I'm just clarifying right now that we are we're adopting an expansion of SB 54 in terms of its applicability to other city departments. Yes, we are not eliminating the carve out exception. Exception. That's in 54. That we are keeping those in. Correct. Okay. And we're not right now, by way of this motion, putting any money into a legal defense fund. That will be the subject of the second motion. Yes. Great. Thank you. Okay. And thank you, Councilmember Pearce. Just one more clarifying. We are at the time that staff comes back, could have that conversation around our carve outs then, but that we're not having that full conversation on each item today. But for the community members to know that carve out conversation is ongoing is what I wanted to clarify. Well, I think yes. I mean, you're having a continued conversation, but the action this evening will keep the in Long Beach Values Act as adopted by council if it passes this evening would have that language in it. And the way I understand your motion and as amended and accepted, would be that you're requesting the Chief of Police and staff to come back to council for a further discussion of those particular of the carve outs contained in SB 54, specifically the 70 to 82.5. Thank you. Okay. There's I'm we're going to take the vote first on the first part of that motion, which is the actual Sanctuary Language Values Act, piracy. Ah, with the friendly amendments made by both Councilwoman Susie Price and Councilwoman Janine

Pearce, that is the first vote. So Members, please cast your votes on that. Motion carries. Okay. So that so that passes. So that is the the sanctuary policy, the first part of that of the motion. That's the Values Act that was as presented by staff and described with the with the additions that Councilmember Gonzales described. The second vote right now is on. My apologies. Can we clarify the timeline to bring that back as well, to make sure that it comes back within 30 days, if not before, as soon as possible? Councilmember We have an eight day agenda. So in order to do this and all of our city council items have to go before the city attorney, the finance better to do that so have to get in 30. Days act is this basically like five. Days to do this. So we will do the college try and we'll give you an update where we are with 30 days. But I can't promise that we'll have anything that. Okay, well, let's try and then we'll go forward from there. You. I mean, the vote happened, so we can't. So many people. Put it. Out. Just want to make sure. Okay. So. So the the motion pass six two on the proposed language values act four that's passed. The second motion is on the legal defense fund as proposed by Councilwoman Gonzales. Do we any clarification on what that motion was exactly? I don't have a second. And I think there is there's a second on the motion. Thank you. And it's to direct staff to investigate the defense fund as a universal defense fund in the amount of \$250,000 and report back to counsel with options to establish that fund. Councilmember. That's a motion. Okay. So that's the that's the second motion to explore the defense from the set to come back. Members, please cast your votes on on the on the second motion. Motion carries that carries as well so that that both both emotions carry. And with that motions, we were going to take a recess. And we'll start with rest of the agenda after that. Thank you. Okay. If I can have everyone, please. We're going to rejoin the meeting. If we want to be part of the meeting, we'll grab a seat. If you want to chat, please exit the council chambers. We can start the meeting if you want to continue to chat. If we can just please exit the council chambers and we're going to go and start the meeting in just a minute. We're going to. We're going to call you back to order. Madam Court, please call. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Pierce. Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Supernanny. Councilwoman Mongo. Councilman Andrews. Councilmember Arango. Present. Councilman Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. Mayor Garcia. Okay, I'm here. So we have to go back to the first hearing, which we didn't do at the start. And so hearing that we are going to a quorum for a quorum, they're. Okay, I'm here. So we have to go back to the first hearing, which we didn't do at the start. And so hearing that we are going to a quorum for a quorum, they're. Going to. Let me wait till we get quorum. I thought we had quorum. One, one, one. Ok

ay. We have a quorum. Okay. I think we got enough quorum. So, Madam Clerk, we can please go and do the first hearing. Communication from City Attorney Recommendation received supporting documentation under the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt negative declaration. Declare ordinance amending various sections of Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to unattended donation boxes, read and adopted as read and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading, declaring the urgency thereof and declaring this ordinance shall take effect immediately and adopt a resolution to submit a request to the California Coastal Commission to certify an amendment to the sort of. Certified local coastal program citywide. Thank

you. There's a motion and a second. I know we've had a report on this in the past. Is any additional report from Mr.. Mr.. City Attorney, Mr.. Mayor. Only to add that if you if you recall, when this matter was here on. February. 13, Council requested staff and the city attorney's office to make additional changes. We've made those changes. They're all incorporated into this recent draft as requested. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this hearing? Casey no public comment on the hearing, Councilwoman Mongo. I just want to say how thankful I am for development services to take the time to consider the input of both the community and my office. We received some great feedback and we're really excited about the changes and we think that it will make it a stronger ordinance. So thank you for doing that. We appreciate the city attorney's office and developing services. Thank you. Thank you. We have a motion and a second is Councilmember Brown. Well, let's single out our assistant city attorney, Mike Mays, for all his hard work. Thank you. Goodbye, Mr. Mays. Of seeing no other counsel conversation will close the hearing and go for a vote on the on the hearing. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. And there are two. Votes, I believe, on this item, one for the ordinance, one for the resolution. So the second vote will be on the resolution, and we need to get a motion in a second on the resolution. Is there? Is there a vote on the second? Andrews motion carries. Okay, great. Two them hearing one and the both the hearings go through. Excellent. We're going to go to public comment. I know. I don't see Mr. Goodhue. I know. I just chatted with Mr.. Is Hank still here? We just talked. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you. And we will. We're going to go ahead and move on to item 12, please. Just the next item on the agenda. Item two, I was communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Spano, Councilman Andrews and Councilmember Turanga. Recommendation to require a city manager to develop a free voluntary bike registration program by partnering with Project 5 to 9. Thank you. I can have everyone just say we're going to keep moving the agenda as we exit. So please. Councilwoman Pric

e. I'm not. Is there anyone left from public works that might be able to. Speak about this? I know Mr. Beck is here. Do we want to grab Mr. Beck? We're going to grab Mr.. Mr.. Beck. This is a quick one. Well, I'll go ahead and get started since I think our colleagues have probably read the TFF already, but I'm glad to be bringing this item back before the City Council to establish a city wide bike registration program. As you may recall, I brought the initial item before council asking staff to provide a report on the feasibility of developing a free online voluntary bicycle registration program. They Richards staff returned with a report on March the eighth recommending that a bike registration organization called Project 5 to 9 would offer the greatest ability to deliver a robust, low cost bicycle registry program to our residents. Since 2011, the city has not required registration of bicycles. The registration program was cumbersome and difficult for residents to comply with. However, today, bicycle thefts are serious and growing concern throughout Long Beach. So a new approach is needed. Currently, many residents do not record this information for their bicycles, so if their bicycle is stolen, they are unable to provide the police department with detailed information that could result in the return of the bicycle. Additionally, if a bicycle is registered. The. Police department would be better able to proactively return stolen bikes to their owners when they are found, as well as prosecute those committing bike thefts. The police department currently has a large number of recovered bicycles that are unregistered, with no way of contacting the owners. And free and voluntary online bike registration programs. Will give. The police. Department a better chance of returning stolen bikes and confronting the. Bike theft problem head. On. Addressing bike thefts has become a big focus for me because every day we see bikes stolen and there is little the police can do to address this. If they cannot prove ownership of a bike and the crime goes unreported, stolen bikes are chronically used as currency for drug purchases, primarily the drugs that we've seen them used for purchases for as heroin and methamphetamine. So bike registration gives police an important tool to fight a number of issues, while also improving our ability to return bikes to their owners. The costs for us to be involved in this program is minimal, considering that we're servicing a city of 500,000 residents. And I see that Mr. Becker's here. So I don't know if Mr. Beck wants to offer any additional comments that I didn't cover. Councilmember Apologize. Yes. I think moving forward with an online bicycle program is the best approach. We have worked with our colleagues in the police department. They are very supportive of going in this direction and we look forward to getting it up and running for the community in. Okay. Thank you. I don't have any further comments. I ask my colleagues t

o support us. This is, in my opinion, as as our city manager often says, motherhood and apple pie. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Supernormal. I support. This item. Wholeheartedly. Thank you, Councilman Andrew. Yes. And I want to thank Councilman Price for bringing this item, you know, to the diary, because the free bicycle registration program, I think it's a step in the right direction because we always kind of brag about our Long Beach bike friendly city. But our infrastructure is intact. Isn't the most effective regarding bike ownership or theft? You know, I believe a streamlined process for this registration will support our recovery effort and hopefully encourage more residents to ride their bikes. So I'm excited about seeing this progress in program, you know, coming to action. Thank you, Councilman Price. Thank you. Any public comment on this item saying no members, please cast your vote. Councilmember Ranga. Motion carries. Thank you. Support next. Thank you. Next speaker. Oh, excuse me. He's late. Item number 24, please. Note 22. Item 22, Communication City Attorney Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the designation of the VIP record signing as a local historic landmark read and adopted as read. Thank you. Public comment, please. Hi. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council members. It's been a long night. I Calvin wanted to be here, but he's dealing with some health issues, and he actually wanted me to come to thank you. He wanted me. It's been a difficult journey, and we wanted it to end on a positive note. As the mayor is working behind the scenes right now, hopefully to find a resolution, we wanted to thank the Economic Development Department. Honestly, they've worked so hard for us and Mark Taylor, our council members, and Pat Pat West, our city manager. So we appreciate it. I just wanted to leave on on a note tonight because the sign is down. And that's been very hard for us as business owners. It's sitting in city storage. And so we're hoping that maybe one of you as council members tonight can direct the city attorney to potentially or the city manager to come back with what the next steps are so that we can execute the contract that we have with the city, which is to bring the sign back to a home. Making it a landmark and having it in a public storage is not helping us. It's not helping the city. And so we're hoping that we can get past that. So I appreciate your support. I'm going to be reaching out to all of you in about a week or so with some exciting things for VIP records. And, you know, you guys are doing a great job, ups and downs. Hopefully we'll get we'll get past this. So thank you very much. Thanking customers. I just want. To say thank you to VIP. Thank you to the council members and thank you to staff. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. No, no further comment. Members, please cast your vote. Motion case number 24, please. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 24 Report from

Financial Management. Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 first budget performance report citywide. Mr. MODICA I'm sorry that you're. The one guy. That's not here. Mr. West. I will call Mr. Morgan Hawaii. Darn, Tom. This is Grayson. Our budget manager is going to walk us through the how we're doing with our fiscal year 18 budget and whether is the director, John GROSS. Good evening, Mayor and members of the city council. This is the first performance report for FY 18. This covers the first four months of the year for the period ending January 31st, 2018, for all funds. Typically, this first performance report of the year is very high level. It is, as it is still early on in the year in terms of actual expense and revenue information available. As the year progresses, staff will continue to closely monitor revenues and expenditures and will report any significant changes overall for the general fund. There are some underperforming revenues, but this is looking like it can be offset with other revenues that are trending better than anticipated as well as planned budget savings in FY 18. However, it should be noted that revenues will also be adversely impacted by an estimated 4.8 million due to the water and sewer utility litigation. And at this time, we cannot say if this will be offset, but we'll be closely monitoring this. Specifically, some areas of concern that we are monitoring are the utilities, user tax and franchise fees that are trending lower than budgeted. We are also monitoring other uncertainties such as cannabis related revenues and other potential unanticipated costs, like Measure eight infrastructure project costs. On the positive side, however, sales tax, property tax and Measure A are trending higher than budgeted. The Fy18 mid-year savings targets on expenditures is also anticipated to save 2.9 million of the general fund. So we'll continue to monitor all these revenues and expenses as more information becomes available. All other funds appear to be on target and there are no revenue or expenditure concerns to report as of now. So this concludes the staff report and I'm available for any questions. Council on Industry have any questions or. No? Okay. Accounting in Boston on the second? Nope. Council woman mango. Thank you. I want to thank the staff. This report is very promising and look forward to over the next few weeks. Going. Budget by budget. Both S.a.b. and S.A. though when I was in

the oh 2 hours to make sure that at the not only department level are we seen this, but at the sublevel I've of heard some minor overages in some sub levels that are easy to combat. We've seen some opportunities for some grants that have come in that have been very helpful. And I really appreciate those. And I also have really appreciated the amount of efficiencies that the staff have been able to find. I think that we are well on our way to a balanced and fiscally responsible 2018 19. And I really just want to thank the Bud

get Oversight Committee, the Budget staff and my colleagues on the Council for maintaining this fiscal outlook. Because if we do not stay the course and save while we can, we will be in a situation like other cities, and we are not there because of the fiscal prudence of this council and the budget staff. And I really appreciate your creativity and really pulling out all the stops. Great work. Thank you. Great. Thank you. Seeing any public comment, saying no public comment on this item, please cast your votes. Okay. All right. So that concludes our presentations. Thank you all for participating. Will now move on to item number one hearing. Number one report from Public Works and Development Services. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt negative declaration and the 1117 Declare Ordinance amending Chapter 21.56 and Title 15 of the Long Beach Municipal Code read for the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting for final reading. Adopt a resolution directing the Director of Development Services to submit a request to the California Coastal Commission to certify an amendment to the Certified Local Coastal Program and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute license agreements with wireless telecommunication providers and carriers for wireless telecommunication facilities for ten year terms citywide. Thank you. And I see that there's no oath required. Is that correct? That's correct. Okay, so I'll hand it off to Mr. Modica. Thank you, Vice Mayor. The presentation tonight for staff will be given by Craig Beck, our director of Public Works, and Eric Lopez, our project management officer. Thank you, Vice Mayor Members, City Council. We appreciate the opportunity tonight to come before you and have a discussion about small cell and some of the work that's been done, not only between city staff and with our technology partners. If we give me a minute to get this thing working. There we go. Okay. So just as background information, we wanted to kind of clarify why we're here tonight and where we started. The city currently does have ordinances and rules in place that govern the implementation and placement of macro cell sites. That requires a conditional use permit and is heard typically by our planning commission. But there's a lot of new technology upgrades and the telecom industry has been evolving and what they're looking for is an opportunity for more localized distribution and placement, and that is generally called small cell or micro cell sites. So why proposed regulations? What we're finding is the small cell infrastructure that the telecom industry is requesting to be placed really doesn't fit within that typical process that we use for the macro cell sites requiring a conditional use permit. And that whole process that goes along with issuance of a copy doesn't seem to quite fit again for small cell. So we're here before you to really try to clarify

the difference between a macro installation and a small cell installation and have really tailored an ordinance for council's consideration around streamlining that process. So what we've seen in our due diligence in bringing this ordinance forward to you this evening is there are many locations where small cell is happening without any regulations. And what we're finding is that it is adding to some of the urban visual blight. What we believe is important for a city like Lamberts that's investing in its public right of way in its neighborhoods and the esthetics thereof, is that it's appropriate to ensure that these installation meet some of our new standards. So what you see on the screen are some examples of where that technology can work, where you can hide a lot of the infrastructure needed for small cell within a either new light street light pole or affixed to an existing street light pole, as you see in these images. The technology is getting smaller and smaller, and therefore the intrusion into the public roadway environment is becoming less and less. So what is before you this evening? So I just wanted to make sure that we illustrate what this ordinance would do. And the ordinance is really intended to do a couple of things. A streamline the process. So instead of going through a copy which can typically take somewhere between six, nine, sometimes 12 months, we want to make sure that we are fast tracking applications that are coming in. We are seeing continued interest in placement of small cell in our city and those applications are increasing in the number and the different type of carriers interested in and placement in Long Beach. So we would have two tiers, essentially. One is Tier A and that's intended to say if a carrier comes in, meets all

the standards, it's something we would call an over the counter approval and we could get that done very quickly. Certainly within 20 days. We think it would be even less than that, likely two weeks. But then there would be a tier B, which is there are some requests to go outside of kind of the normal standards, which would take a little bit more deliberate deliberation and discussions with the applicant about what they're proposing and how it fits within the city's goals. So we want to make sure that we understand that our goal here is to make is to limit visual blight and to really work with the companies to address that. So where appropriate, we think undergrounding of equipment is important. We would like to explore co-location of equipment. We want to minimize the look of the antennas on street lights. And certainly if an applicant is coming in and wanting to use some of the city assets like a streetlight pole, that there would be some lease revenue generated from the use of that pole. And then that lease revenue we could negotiate if there was other consideration provided by the applicant. So just to kind of give some background of of the process that we've engaged in thus far, this ordin

ance was taken to the Planning Commission for review and discussion. There was some comments that were made and we further deliberated and made additional considerations. For example, in our initial proposal to the Planning Commission, we had a prohibition against placement of wood poles. Certainly we believe that wood poles are outdated and we should move towards a different material type than the old wood telephone poles. But we do recognize that there may be situations within our city where it may be appropriate for a wood pole placement. And we didn't want an outright prohibition, but we wanted to have an opportunity to have a discussion with the applicant and have some discretionary approval over wood poles. So we made that adjustment. Some of the undergrounding. We do stress that undergrounding is our preferred method, but there may be situations where that isn't possible at the particular location. So again, we wanted to add some discretion and some oversight to give flexibility to the applicants as they come forward. We had a prohibition in parks and schools. We understand that those are areas where it might be important to provide public access to Wi-Fi. And so we softened that approach as well. So we believe we have detailed is an ordinance that addresses both the city goals, where we've listened to the telecom industry, we've taken many of their comments and woven that into the ordinance and made some adjustments. So we've taken a balanced approach that not only gives us the ability to regulate what happens in our city, but also promotes the expansion of small cell and ultimately 5G, which is typically associated with small cell. So that concludes staff presentation and we are available for questions. Thank you. Thank you. So at this point, we'll ask for a public comment on the staff presentation. Now be the time. Give us your name. You have 3. Minutes. Angela Meyer I'm here on behalf of my neighborhood today to talk about 5G. This is the first time I've done this. I'm nervous. Okay. 5G was vetoed by the state of California. Okay. So every city has the ability to choose where and how it's placed. The fire department in L.A. banned it. It was getting them sick, so they got rid of it. The state of Michigan banned it. They chose fiber optics, broadband for a safer way. To install it. 5G is a military weapon being used by the military right now at 95 gigahertz. So hours will be up to 90 gigahertz and we won't have any control over it. Okay. So it would be 100 feet from our homes, which is really scary if they let them do that. Okay. Now, I've been a realtor for 20 years and I can tell you that at least 93% of my buyers will not buy a home or a business that's at least 400 feet from a cell tower. Okay. So this will definitely have an impact on the property values, 20 to 30%. And you can ask any realtor right now, they'll tell you. That it will lower the property, value, the cost of the home. So there's already some lawsui

ts out there. Okay. People are suing cities because they didn't put a public outreach out about 5G. And I was going to ask you, if you did that, did you tell the people put a public outreach out so they can see it ? So that might be a future lawsuit for you. Okay. So now we have proof from lab rats. Okay. Tested that. Do they get cancer? Leukemia, among other things. So we know that it does cause cancer. The EMFs. Okay. And close to cell towers. Now, the phone company needs to prove to us that it doesn't cause cancer. They have done nothing to prove to us that it's not going to cause cancer in ten years, which is what they're saying. What about our children in ten years? Are they going to die from cancer? I mean, they need to prove to us before they put this on our homes. So there's alternatives, too, for 5G to be safe. You can do fiber optic broadband technology. It's feasible and safer. I think, for everybody. Okay. So please read the information. I put it up for you. I spent all day printing. It and a ton of. Ink. So please read the paperwork. It's very crucial. And this is

a really. Important matter. Thank you, alex. Speaker, please. I'm going to romanized this podium here. Make it a small peoples. Whatever you want to call it. Small guys think big. Okay? It's going to be little bit shorter than I'm going to use the whole 3 minutes. I just wanted to let you know that the. That this 5G stuff. Is is a big deal in some of the state. States have decided not to go forward with it. One of the states is Michigan, and that's in some of the documentation that was presented to you by Angela. The reasons they have the pros and the cons, some of the stuff that. I think Pat West put out. Saying that it's safe has been refuted in some of the the information that's there. I hope you guys will take a look at it. The state of California also had a 5G bill that was. Sent packing, basically it was defeated. So the the state is struggling to, I guess, develop a standard of some sort. So even our own state is having difficulty dealing with this and in how it works. I'm an electrical elect. I'm an electrical engineer. And this does have some some far reaching concerns for me. Certainly, I don't want to have it in my house that that's the main thing that I'm going to say. There's there's Bernie. There's there's safety issues associated with that. And I'm just going to leave it at that. I don't have a lot of material to put forward to you today. I haven't had enough time to really put together a coherent process, but I certainly wouldn't want to see this in a residential neighborhood. No way, shape or form, he thinks. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council Members. My name is Damian Huggett. I'm a senior manager for engineering with T Mobile and wanted to speak to just for a moment about this proposed ordinance. We love what the ordinance is doing, streamlining the process that's associated with the installation of telecommunications infr

astructure. We believe it does help accomplish the goals of both providing excellent coverage, capacity and capabilities to our customers and your constituents, while at the same time looking out for the esthetic issues that are associated with installations like this in the city of Long Beach. T-Mobile is committed to providing additional extraordinary capacity and capabilities for the city of Long Beach. That being said, one of those tools that we do use to provide this additional capacity is indeed small cells. The specific portion of the sources that I want to address specifically related to the ordinance are the strand amounts. These amounts allow us to provide a small form factor installation, utilizing the existing infrastructure that's there, maximizing the utility associated with that existing infrastructure without really having to provide anything additional. The fiber and the power that's required for those installations is already on site and it allows us to quickly target areas where capacity is a concern for our customers. The the small form factor associated with the Strand mounts is about the size of a small laptop. We know that this technology works and doesn't need to provide this targeted coverage and capacity. So our request for this evening is that the portion of the telecommunications ordinance that specifically prohibits the installation of the strand mounts be reviewed. We would like to request a motion that this go back to staff to take a look at that portion of the ordinance and see if we can't work out something that would better provide for these small cell strand mount installations on the existing infrastructure. We also do recognize that there's a initiative by the city to try to promote undergrounding of the existing utilities. And we do understand that should a small cell be permitted on existing IT pole somewhere and that portion of the pole was moved toward the undergrounding initiative that we would indeed have to remove it and we do acknowledge that. And so that we were hoping that you would understand that that wouldn't prohibit the undergrounding initiatives that are going before the city. So if you guys have any questions, I can thank you. Is there any further public comment? Now would be the time. Okay. Our final public comment. Speaker, will you do? I have no electrical back. I have trouble screwing and a light bulb. But I would suggest, given what we've heard from a number of people, that you take the requisite steps to make sure that the. Whoever is responsible for building these has the financial backing and will pledge a bond to cover any health. Issues or damage. Done to a structure or particularly a. Human beings, period. And if they're that confident, if they're that confident in their product. And their system. They should have no problem if they have a problem with it. Hopefully your olfactory senses will kick in. Thank you. Thank you. Next for please. Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Good

evening. My name is John Lee. I'm a consultant for T-Mobile. I work closely with Damian as well and just wanted to add a couple of more points to make clear about two issues that came up in the meetings that we have with staff as well as the staff to your offices was the esthetics and the undergrounding and as it is, stacks, I think there there was a letter sent to all of the all of you as members and your staffs about just exactly what the small cell looks like on the street amount. And

it's no bigger than a laptop. And there was a photo that I saw in the presentation which so the little loops, the, the the mechanism that T-Mobile puts up, this is a cut and splice on it and an overhead wiring where Crown has existing power and fiber. So it doesn't look quite like that. The other issue that came up in our meetings was the concern about undergrounding. So let's assume that this council was so inclined to ask the staff to amend the ordinance to lift the express prohibition, and we were allowed on to do the strand mounts. If, if, if that particular strand mount that pole location was slated for some type of citywide policy to underground. We recognized and acknowledged we wouldn't have any kind of reserve right now like any other public utility. We would, of course, find alternative locations. And so the point I'm trying to drive home is that we're not in any in any way trying to thwart the city's current policy and goal to underground to eliminate visual blight. Thank you for your consideration. And I hope that you would do a motion to direct staff to make some changes to that particular express prohibition. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson, appreciate the opportunity. Council members and staff. I'm John Heffernan, AT&T; External Affairs Manager for the region. AT&T; appreciates that staff efforts to consider our comments as it seeks to develop this ordinance to regulate regulate the wireless network upgrades in the public rights of way. I think you know, I think Eric Lopez the lead lead program manager for the public works departments, done a great job. He's been responsive and he's been considerate when discussing our concerns. And for us, you know, it's important right now to consider not only the pace of the usage of these connected devices, but also the advancing wireless equipment technologies such as small cells. So we think a city like Long Beach, you know, it's it's important, AT&T;, that's why we're investing in our wireless network here, not only for the residents, but for the businesses. AT&T; small cells will also foster public safety. AT&T; was selected, as many of you may know, by the federal first responder network authority, FirstNet, as the wireless services provider to build and manage the first ever nationwide public safety wireless network. So each of our new small cell sites, as well as modifications to our existing sites, are going to enhance our capability to improve your first

responder communications in a crisis. Regarding the ordinance specifically, as a reminder, AT&T; has a statewide franchise right to install facilities in the public right away. And we feel like some additional work needs to be done on the ordinance so that it is a smooth and seamless process. And for example, right now, applications must be coupled with when appropriate prop maps, feasibility studies as well as alternate site analysis. And we're confident that we'll be able to work with the state public works staff to work things out. But, you know, frankly, Eric did such a good job. I have a feeling he might get recruited way to be promoted to another city. So we just we'd like it if the ordinance language was was real solid. And there's there's a 500 foot separation requirement in residential zones that continues there. There's also language regarding requiring the the carriers to install street trees or public art and also just, you know, city owned assets. A lot of these small cell antennas will go on city owned streetlights. And we think that the the negotiations for those license fees shouldn't shouldn't begin at \$3,000 per attachment. It's high in all circumstances, but especially for small cells. Again, AT&T; recognizes all the work that's been done. We appreciate it. And we think we would support a motion to have the ordinance fine tuned just a little bit. So we're all on the same page. Thank you. Thank you for the next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Members of the City Council. My name's Scott Longhurst. I'm the government relations manager for Crown Castle in Southern California. And I'd just like to echo some of the comments made by my cohorts here from the carriers. We appreciate the efforts put forth by your staff, in particular, Eric Lopez. He's done a fantastic job as well as your staff as well. Those of you that took the time to meet with us and listen to our concerns again, I'd like to just reiterate that the need for this technology is based on the consumer demand, and the ever increasing demand for additional bandwidth is driving the need for the wireless carriers to build this type of infrastructure in your city. Crown Castle is not a wireless carrier itself. We are a fiber optic and telecommunications infrastructure company. What that basically means is we own wireless facilities and we own and operate fiber optic network. So we partner with the carriers and they access our networks in order to backhaul all the data and voice calls on their networks to their hub sites. So we're close partner with them. We also provide fiber optic networks to cities like Long Beach and other school districts, hospitals, large businesses that transport a lot of data. So these air interfaces or small cell nodes, as they're called, are really important because they allow the consumer to access it's an access point, if you will, to the Internet. And so as these 5G technologies that you've heard about are rolled

out, it's important th

at this infrastructure is in place to support that. Now, the 5G standards themselves are going to be approved later this year. Once that occurs at the federal level and at the Standards Committee level, then the manufacturers, the content producers and the service providers will start adopting those and inserting those 5G chips into their products. And once the next generation of cell phones come out, they'll be able to utilize those higher speeds. And what we're looking at is download speeds of up to 100 times faster than what we're employing today. So, you know, the paradigm shift in the way that we've communicated over the last ten years since the advent of the smartphone, the iPhone in particular has radically changed how we all communicate as a society. And this next leap to 5G will be similar. It's going to be a real paradigm shift in how the public and business and everybody communicates with each other. And this infrastructure that we're proposing and building here in your city will support those services. So again, we look forward to working with the city in the future. We applaud the efforts put forth by your staff. You've taken monumental steps forward. There are, as I mentioned, a few little things, like we'd like some flexibility on the small cell design to be able to utilize that where it truly is the least intrusive means. So rather than have an outright prohibition, we ask that you consider treating that the same way that you've treated the wood pulse. So thank you very much. Again, we look forward to working with you down the road. Thank for your testimony. You bet. Max Baker. Police. Good evening and Cantrell. And I'm not interested in the esthetics of these small cells and where they're placed. I'm interested in the health of the community. I understand there was question about whether to put these in parks and near schools. And I'm wondering what the questions were. Is it because there still is unknown about how these cells affect human health, whether they cause cancer? My husband died of a brain tumor 25 years ago. And at the time, it was suspected that it was caused by his using one of the first car phones constantly. This has never been located by anybody but scientists at Caltech. Some of them were very suspicious of the effects of not only cell phones, but any kind of a microwave or any of these kinds of waves that are going through the air that how they affect our health. And until there are studies that are done on this, I think we should slow down on the amount of cells that we put in our community. It seems like you have talked to the people who are wanting to put these up, T-Mobile and the other AT&T.; I think it was asked tonight whether you have talked to the public about this. And as far as I know, there has been no public outreach on this. And before you make any decisions on this, I think there should be public outreach and you should know more about the possibilities of health effects. Thank you. Thank you. Ne

xt speaker, please. Hello. My name is Dr. Linda Scholl and I am. The former. Vice president of Employee Public. Affairs and government affairs for Sprint. When Sprint was first being started, we were five people at the time it started. We hired all the RF engineers and we talked to all the RF engineers at that time. And based on that, I would just. Give the same advice that you've heard already. Please look at the technology. Understand the placement, and make it a public, transparent process. If you you're going to approve this so that the citizens and residents know what's happening and. That they can. Address any issues that they may have. It's serious. The technologies are changing. They may be fine. I'm not familiar with the new ones. But I don't know about you. If you are holding your phones. These days, I. Can feel the phone in my hand and I have to set it down. I can't put it in my head, so I don't know what the next technology is going to be like. I know I wouldn't want to be around it if it's going to be by my house and I can't get away from it. So where it's placed and what kind of influence that. Has upon the human health and the public. Health, I think is really important to know before we make something become an invisible process. Thank you. Thank you. Our last speaker. I wasn't planning on this, but I was thinking what to say in Europe as opposed to United States of America. A very different approach is taken to something new, whether it's new kinds of seeds, whether it's antibiotics in meat, and the approach is make sure it's safe before you do it. I don't find that much of a problem, but I guess if I were a developer of a new product, it would be one more thing to have to leap over. We do have some FDA testing. We don't and interestingly enough, we don't even test herbal teas or a natural stuff. So so what I would say is, let's look at who's bringing this product to us. It's Southern California Edison, for one. Well, gee, what else have they brought us in California, our nuclear power plant down the coast. And now they're going to continue to want they apparently have gotten even the approval of the Coastal Commission to bury nuclear waste, you know, on site. So people are going to be living with the

consequences of that choice, even though the plant shut down. I mean, we're fortunate because of public outcry, public outrage and public outcry, we didn't have 22 or more nuclear power plants in California. I think we don't regret that. I don't regret it. I don't know about anybody else, but it seems to have been the case that maybe nuclear power has a lot more risk than people, the people who brought it to us imagined it possibly could. So I would say, use your imagination, think about all the benefits and all the best case scenarios, and then, you know, use that other part of your imagination, the part that gives you nightmares, you know, and decide because you're choosing for all of us. And personally, I have no idea. I know you

did approve liquefied natural gas. I look right now the lithium battery storage. Now that has something futuristic about it. And you didn't even as a city, feel it was necessary to do an environmental impact report. And I don't know what to say about that. I mean, I know I've come up here a lot and I basically end up just kind of whining around like, please keep us safe. But, you know, it's a risky world. So I guess if we get these cell phone towers, we'll we'll survive somehow. Thank you. And that concludes public comment. Thank you all. We're going to close public comment now and begin council deliberation. We'll start with Councilwoman Price. Thank you. So I support this ordinance. However, I do want to. And by the way, Eric Lopez is not going anywhere. We can't afford to lose him. He's amazing. So thank you for your work on this. But the question I have for staff is, is there an opportunity to go back, as has been suggested, and further refine some of the issues regarding strand mounts and other nuances of the proposed ordinance that would make the process more efficient in its rollout and come up with something that's a little bit more suited to the concerns that were raised. Councilmember Price. We believe as staff that we've done that, that we've not only met and worked with the telecom industry to make some modifications, but the items that are remaining from staff's opinion are items that we're recommending council approve. And we put a prohibition against strand mounts because we believe that they add to the visual blight in our community. If council were to take a direction that they wanted to not just pull completely prohibit that opportunity, but to make that approval discretionary, that's something that we believe we could accomplish tonight if that is council's direction. But I think staff's recommendation is there for a reason. The other item that I heard really related. To fees, we understand that we are not the lowest fee structure, but we're also not the highest fee structure. We are recommending a fee for use of our assets at \$3,000. But I would say that that is a negotiation point that we've structured that within the ordinance. So if a telecom provider came and had a public benefit that they wanted to provide in exchange to reduce that fee that is already afforded within the ordinance that we have before council this evening. So from our position, we have streamlined the ordinance. We have addressed the items that have been brought forward by the telecom industry. But we are down to these kind of last two sticking points, and we're moving forward tonight with those recommendations for council's consideration. Okay. Thank you for that. My motion is going to be to support the ordinance, with the exception that in regards to the use of strand mounts that it be a discretionary approval process and for the development services and public works divisions to jointly come up with a protocol

for how a decision would be made in regards to the use of those such that esthetic considerations are taken into account. Mr. Mays has something to say. Councilwoman Price If that were to be your motion tonight, I would be glad to assist you with the precise language to insert in the ordinance so we could have that done tonight, and it could come back as a complete ordinance for second reading next week. So if we move in that direction and you do make the motion, I would be glad to help you with that language. Okay. So I know I have a few other comments cued up, a few other colleagues cued up to speak. So I am moving in that direction. So if you want to give me some language, I can read that into the record. I do want to say. That prior blight. Has been a major issue for us as a city. I'm not sure how many of my colleagues have been dealing with this, but this is something that I deal with all the time, and I'm grateful that we're taking steps to be proactive. About future. Installations, but I am concerned about what's currently there. Is it possible and if Sapp is prepared, can you cover just briefly, kind of where we're at with existing wire brite and what what jurisdiction we have as a city to move that issue forward, if any? Sure. Councilmember So there is something called Rule 20, and it is essentially funding that that we receive through Edison that allows us to underground some of our electrical utilities. And what we find and is typical in many cities and certainly typical in Long Beach, that many utilities will co-locate along the Edison

Poles. So we're not only running, say, electrical wires along poles above ground, but we're also running cable or other utilities. And I think that this discussion about adding this strand, Mount Small Cell, would be above ground on those wires. And that's one of the reasons that that staff is recommending that we not do that. One of the complications when you move forward with any undergrounding project isn't only the cost of undergrounding, but also coordination with all utilities to ensure that they are aligned with that undergrounding process. I think the gentleman representing one of the telecom companies said that they would be willing to relocate that. I think our hesitation is staff is, well, what does that mean from a process perspective? I would rather have more discretion to to address that if we did move forward with an undergrounding project versus looking at coordinating with yet one more utility when we move forward with that process. The utilities do have the right to place them in our right of way. So certainly Edison has done that over the years. But as we find in many new communities, those utilities are now underground in both from. An esthetic perspective, but also for safety. Great. Thank you. Thank you. I have a number of questions. I'll just add them here. So regarding the questions about health impacts, what is the agency that regulates or evaluates whether technology is

safe to be deployed in the public? Vice mayor, the FCC, the Federal Communications Commission is the entity that regulates that. And do we have do we have are we comfortable from a staff position that, you know, the issues raised around the technology, it is safe for us to get behind as a community. Mr. Vice Mayor, if I could weigh in on this question. The city, as were pointed out in the staff report, does have the ability to regulate in areas such as esthetics, which is primarily what this ordinance is directed to in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, specifically prohibits the city from imposing new regulations related to radio emissions. So this is one of those areas where the federal government has taken the lead and pretty much preempted a city's ability to regulate. And they asked cities to rely on the fact that they have tested this technology and that, in their view, it is safe for to be around residents and humans. So so it's not even something that the city can the the health issue can't be the basis for a decision on whether or not to allow this technology. That's correct. And that is correct. As to small cell and actually it's correct as to the larger cell sites that were. Pictured in the initial photos that were shown. Thank you. So my next question. So if the city were not to take any action whatsoever, could this technology still be deployed in our community? It could. And many of the telecommunications companies take a position that a lot of this they can do as a matter of right. And so that's the reason the city tried to get out in front of this back in I think it was March or April of last year when we adopted and the Council adopted at the Planning Commission recommendation, what we call the patch ordinance, so that we would have some form of regulation. So this wouldn't get out of control visually from an esthetic standpoint. So and I asked that just to be clear to the public. Passing a local ordinance actually allows us the ability to limit the technology and control how it's deployed. So it's important that we do sort of engage on this issue before sort of it gets out of hand. So the next question that I have, our next thought. So, Mr. Beck, you mentioned the ability. So the \$3,000 is really a negotiation point and you're able to, you know, sort of negotiate the rate with carriers in exchange for a public benefit. I like that. So I want to take this opportunity just to toss out some technology or some ideas that I think we should be leveraging that amount for. So first, I would say expand expansion of publicly available access to Wi-Fi parks, you know, public corridors, things like that. And then secondly, I would say a few years ago, maybe five years ago, the city did entertain ShotSpotter technology. And at that point, it was too expensive. There was really only one or two companies doing it, and there was a subscription. But we could potentially leverage this, leverage this in order to sort of see if we can br

ing that technology. And is that something we can we can discuss or toss on the table? Mr.. Beck. Vice Mayor. Certainly. Again, we are looking at public benefit options. So we certainly value access to technology in our public spaces. And ShotSpotter technology, from my perspective, is a public benefit. Okay, great. Okay. So I want to talk about the SRAM issue. So what is the cost difference between Strand Mount or undergrounding the small cell? What is is there a major cost difference? Why is there such a demand for strand? I think you would have to direct those questions to the telecom industry. I would imagine a strand mount option is cheaper than to. Achieve an undergrounding of a power source and a small scale integration into a new light pole, as an example. Hmm. Yeah. I'm not satisfied with that. With that answer. Well, I'd like to understand better is if we choose to limit and completely sort of exclude stranimillis. Does that mean that that

sort of 5G will not be deployed whatsoever because it's not feasible, cost feasible? Or does it mean that it's just going to cost more and we'll ultimately get there? That's what I'm trying to understand. Well, I can give you an example. So Crown Castle is here this evening. They did speak on this item. The city actually worked with Crown Castle to move forward with a master license agreement for deployment of small cell down in our waterfront. They have roughly 25 to 30 locations of small cell. Those have been in operation for over a year. All of those were placed in New Paltz and almost all of them underground and the utilities as well. I would imagine that Crown Castle didn't do that for free and they aren't losing money on that. You would have to talk to them specifically about the economics, but that is one example of where this is working with the standards that we've shared with you this evening. Okay. So is Crown Castle still here? Hi. Good evening. Scott Longhurst, government relations manager with Crown Castle. Thank you, sir. Happy to answer any. So my question. My question is the reality of strained financially. If the city were to outright ban strain mount, does that make it financially and feasible to expand 5G or would it just. What would be the impact? The actual expansion of 5G, as was referenced by staff, really are the manufacturers of the technology. The Ericsson's, the Nokias of the world are always working to try and make this technology smaller. And that's evidenced by the fact that we are here before you and I talking about small cell. So that was a technology that was really not available to the industry up until about three years ago. So we deployed the traditional macro cells. Now we basically have taken that and we boiled it down to a small eight by eight by four inch box that has all the technology in it. So there are our recommendation is because we work with all the carriers and they all deploy slightly different equipment because of who their vendors are and wh

at frequencies they transmit and and other factors. But rather than outright prohibit it because it may be a solution in certain instances, we would like to see the city at least have give the industry an opportunity to propose that it may be in an industrial area where you have lots of overhead, you know, utilities, and we can just integrate it into the existing fiber strands. It looks, you know, it's not much different than a splice box that are up there now for fiber optics. You know, cable companies are deploying wi fi nodes throughout the city. These particular units are about the same size as a Wi-Fi cloud. So rather than prohibit it, allow yourself the flexibility to choose that if it is the best option. Thank you. And then the cost difference between the cost difference is it's not significant. It really is. The cost is in the equipment itself. Okay. Thank you. Certainly. All right. So, Mr. City attorney and we're going to come back with some language of the second reading about the discretionary approval. I would suggest if we're going to do it, we're going to hit that route. I like how we do. Sometimes we have standard conditions that allow like on liquor store cups, for example, the city council sort of would be able to give direction that could stand up in all different all the different sort of conditions of approval. So, for example, if new technology comes out or there's a new standard and it's smaller, we'd like to be able to insert across the board a condition through this process that says this is the esthetic requirement. And then the other thing I would say is I would like to, you know, sometimes with the conditional process, certain areas of towns are just less engaged than other areas of town. And I would hate to, you know, to say that a conditional process to approve this technology, you know, under you know, in the years to come, you know, someone else say it's a different city council there and they may not be on top of making sure that we don't have this technology, this or that. So what I'd like to do is see if there is a way to sort of called carve out like major corridors and say, you know, we still want to if ideas blight, I don't want to see this on Artesia Boulevard. I want to see this on the major corridors, on strands or behind someone's house. If there's this esthetic and it makes sense, in my opinion, I think we can go through a process. So I like the idea of still creating a path for technology to improve and for us to address the esthetic issue and the blight issue. But I sort of also want to sort of protect the major our major corridors from having this visual blight. Is there a way that we can do both? Mr. Vice Mayor, members of the City Council, if I could read to you the language that we would. Propose to. To insert tonight that would. Solve the problem. I think we could do that. If you could adopt this language, we could do it tonight as a first reading, because it's actually a very simple, straightforw

ard change to the existing draft ordinance. But if we get into a situation where we try to articulate on a quarter by quarter basis, there's no way we could do that tonight. And we would have to bring this back for first reading some other time. So what we would propose in regard to Stranmillis is if you have the draft ordinance in front of you at page 41. That small Roman numeral number four, we

would. Change the existing language to add the word stranmillis basically two times, and the new language would read. New word poles. And strand mouths may be allowed by. The director of Public Works if the applicant demonstrates that a wooden pole or strand mount is less and. Less impact or tactful. From public safety, visual and logistic. Standpoints at a specific location. So we did the director of Public Works. The ability on a case by case basis to make an evaluation and come to a determination in an appropriate situation if a strand mount would be or would fall is appropriate. So the public works director could. Take into consideration, as you mentioned, things such as, you know. A. Corridor that is highly visible where you might not want to strand mount and maybe they would use their discretion not to allow it there. But in an area, in an industrial area where there's already a lot of overhead and it didn't visually add to the impact they could grant it. But again, it would be a case by case. I'm comfortable with that. If the maker of the motion likes that language, I'm comfortable with that language. Sure. I still have discretion for grand mal. It's to the discretion of the public works director. And so we would work with the public works director to make sure that discretion is well defined. And it would go in the ordinance where. We've already given the director discretion on a case by case basis to permit. New would poles so. They would have the same type of discretion to evaluate either one. Good. And then the final thing that I have is I want to I want to do we have the ability, Mr. Beck? You know, if the the technology is going to be deployed, I'd love for it to be deployed more like the LED lights than the bikeshare. All right. Let's let's have let's sort of have randomize it across the city map sort of a market based model that has something we can monitor. I believe that's a dig at Bikeshare. But no, the applications come in from the telecom industries and they're driving the locations, and I'm assuming they're basing that on some client service needs. Okay. I would say if there is an ability somehow and I know it's hard to figure out at the dice, but there's an ability to say you've already installed 20 of them over here. You need to get over to the other side of town before you approve any of the other ones on this site. We have ability to still do that. See the attorney saying no. We're really limited on on. The types of regulations. So if they come to us and demonstrate that there's a need in a particular location and they otherwise

meet the criteria, the statute or the ordinance, then we would have to let that go in. And if their choices to deploy it first in one part of town and not the other. Trying to get to a cap and trade wi fi situation. But I guess we won't get there. Thank you. That's all my questions, Councilman Austin. Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor, you asked a lot of questions on a lot of the questions, actually, that I had prepared already. I do think and I want to thank Councilmember Price for. Her her. Her thought to add discretion and flexibility to our ordinance. I think it's very important that we have local control. Last year, the city council opposed SB 689, which was a a a bill that was mentioned, but in public comment that had overwhelming legislative support, by the way. And if it weren't for the governor vetoing the bill, it would be law today. Today we're talking about having the ability to negotiate up to and what is recommended here is \$3,000 per site. Had that bill been passed last year, it would have been \$250 per site across the board. One size fits all for every city in the state of California. And so to to the point raised earlier, I think it's important for us to to move on something today, because today we have local control and we have the ability to to do that, for our inability to to have a say where these sites are placed, how they're placed, and how much we charge for them to be placed there. So with that, I like the the amended motions and I will be supporting. So thank you very much. Thank you. Quick, quick question. What is market rate on that on these clearly very high low. What do we set in the market at 3000? So, vice mayor, as I mentioned earlier, we are not the highest. We are not the lowest in our review of other cities. An example is Lakewood, which is about 2000, San Francisco, which is 4000. So we're in between both of those. Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Stabler. Thank you. I, too, can support the motion. And in partial answer to the vice mayor's question, there are instances where it is physically impossible to underground. So I think this would be another application that's probably covered in your language that you gave us. Also, I think the language in a perfect world would have come from the telecom industry. I'm not sure if our assistant city attorney got it from that direction, but it did. It might have. It just didn't come to me. So I don't know if this suits them, but I'll support this. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Yes, I want to thank my colleague, Councilmember Price for her amendment. And I thank you guys for coming out and educating us. Definitely. It's exciting days whenever you have. A variety of issues, including small cell towers. So I did have a couple of questions for staff. Could you just remind us, when was the first time we. Heard discussion that this

was going to be happening for some of those residents that feel like today was their first time? So Councilmember, this initially came

up last year. We've been working on this ordinance for over 12 months. I believe it was February, earlier this year when it went to Planning Commission. It was scheduled to be read by council in March, and there was a request to spend some more time addressing some of the telecom industry's ideas about how to amend the ordinance. We've been doing that and we're before you tonight as councilman or excuse me, as city attorney Mays indicated, we did bring forward to council a patch ordinance, and that was, again, to try to ensure that as best as we can. Long Beach maintains some local control over the deployment and esthetics of how small cell expands in our city. Great. Thank you. And I just have two more questions because, yes, the vice mayor did a great job of covering everything in that conversation around basically. Having equitable distribution of. New small cells. Could the city at its discretion, since. We've listed 3000 as that revenue, could we reduce. That to say, 15. In areas where we see. The digital divide as the greatest. To try to incentivize. Putting them in? Yes, I want to amend my earlier answer because there is some hope as far as the city having the ability to control somewhat the deployment of these. And that is and what I forgot to mention, but Craig covered in his staff report. The city is actually the landlord on a number of these poles. So and that's a different situation than when they want to put their own poles in or they want to utilize an existing pool. So we're we're the landlord. If they come to us and say they would like to use a pole at a particular location. The city always has the ability to, as part of that negotiation process, to see if we can get them to say, okay, we'll let you put it in on these four poles that belong to the city in this area. But what we'd also like you to do is consider adding two poles in another location. So we do have that ability as part of the back and forth negotiation, being a landlord. That's great. So that's good. I don't think we were supposed to be able to recover cost recovery, so to reduce the amount would not necessarily be the correct thing to do. But we are. Leveraging. Ourselves as a landlord would be the better way to approach deployment on an equitable base. And that's already. And you're saying we already have that ability right now? Yes. As a landlord, we have that ability as a landlord. Great. Because I know. That from talking to some folks, I know there's an interest. In the industry to make sure that we're closing the digital. Divide. So I would ask that staff, when you guys are working on this, really try to identify I. Know that. Councilmember Gonzalez is cued up next and she's done a lot of. Work on the digital divide. So whatever information we have in the city, if we could use that as an opportunity. To try to close that gap, I think it would be really helpful. I think you guys covered all the rest of the questions. I would. Say in. In conversation around the S

trand Towers. I mean, you guys gave us staff, gave us for photos, and then I have a photo. From the industry, which is a very different photo with a lot less wires. That definitely looks something that's more appealing. So as we're talking about installing those. Recognizing that we're not installing things from. You know, 20, 30 years ago, that this will be more esthetically pleasing than what we currently have. So with that, I support the amendment and the item. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. Thanks for the work as well. I just want to ask if we can receive report back basically quantifying the amount of small strand mounts. Is that something that's easy to do if we're able to do that and see where there? I know I'm giving you extra work, but the reason being is because and we've talked about it, but just to put it out there again and reinforce the message, we know that these are concentrated over concentrated in certain areas. And from what I understand, new places like the western portion of the city, many T-Mobile users and many T-Mobile users, of course, because of the technology, require the small strand. But perhaps there's a way that we can quantify that and see if we can lessen that load, you know, for those areas with that with that blight. So I can't remember the exact question. I think what I would add is that right now we don't have any strand mounts that we've approved. So through the application process, I anticipate some will come forward if council takes the action that they're contemplating this evening. And we can certainly track that and be able to report to council where those requests are coming in. The locations of those requests, which request were approved and which requests were denied. Okay. Well then that would be great. And thank you so much. I appreciate it. Thanks. Thank you. So that concludes council comment. Let's go ahead. Members, please cast your vote. And just so we're clear, that. Motion includes the revised language that I wrote. Read into the record. Thank you. Motion case. Thank you. As have hearing number two. Just a moment. I have a request.

Councilwoman Price. Which was the. Item? Item number 25. We're going to move up to 25 quickly and take care of it. Motion carries. Thank you. We're going to take number 27 quickly. Congratulations, all. We're inside 27. Communication from Councilwoman Pierce. Recommendation to request city manager to study the impact of amplified sound from city permitted outdoor events in downtown Long Beach on adjacent residences and neighborhoods. Thank you, Mr.. Mrs. Councilman Pierce. Thank you, Vice Mayor. And thank you. Chair, for moving this item up. We have been working with Orca residents, ocean residents for a while on trying to get our hands around some of the impacts of noise and events in our downtown. One of the things that makes our downtown fantastic is that we do have events like the Grand Prix, which had a record year this year like Music Tastes

Good and some of the events that happened at the Queen Mary. Last year we had more events than we've had in recent history. And so this obviously takes a toll on the residents. And looking at our entertainment district as a district that is thriving, that adds a vitality to our city and wanting to maintain. That vibrancy, but wanting to. Do that in a way that has a partnership and respect for the residents that also live in downtown. And so we have taken several months of sitting with special events, city managers, office. And residents that are impacted by these. They're going to craft some recommendations for staff to come back. And I want to highlight that. One of the things that I think is most important is doing the. The actual reading of some of the impacts in some of these buildings, which I know has been a topic of. Discussion before we hear from residents. That are here tonight. I want to make it. Clear for the record. That this. Item should also include Councilmember Linda Gonzales as a co-sponsor. And so we had. That was a mishap on our paper here. So making sure that that's. Reflected that Councilmember Gonzalez is a co-sponsor. On this. With that being said, I really am going to turn it over to the residents to talk about what it's like for you guys to live in downtown. I don't believe special events is here tonight, but we have a clear path to move forward with some recommendations to come back on. How do we have a thriving downtown with thriving residents as well. So thank you. Thank you. So there's been a request to go straight to public comment and public comment on this item. Thank you. Now will be the time. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Pearce. I'm Margaret Mustafa and I'm with Orca and I support the recommendation and here's why. Imagine you go home tonight and a neighbor is playing amplified music so loud you can't hear the television, you can't talk on the phone and you can't sleep. Thankfully, when you call the police, they will come and they will enforce the noise ordinance. Now, imagine you live on East Ocean Boulevard downtown, and as hundreds of us do, and there is a city permitted event next to your home with amplified sounds so loud you can't hear the television talk on the phone or relax in your own home. Then when you call the police, they will politely tell you there's nothing they can do. Why? Because no ordinances are being violated. Why the unequal protection? Well, one in one area of the city are protected and the other you're not. Here's why. Long Beach Municipal Code eight 8280. The entertainment exemption allows exceptions from the city's newest ordinance for occasional city events, occasional city permitted events. However, the events are not occasional. There are city permit permitted events next to our homes almost every weekend, seven months, a year. Events often last 12 hours from ten a morning until ten at night and up to three days in a row. Sometimes there are events on weeknights. Decibel

levels are typically five times the noise limit for the downtown district. Often they are higher. We have to leave our homes to protect ourselves from the relentless boom. Boom, boom. Of amplified bass sounds. California noise law. Excuse me? He asked me. How was it? So in short, we are being. Our health is at risk because of because of city permitted events. California noise law for 6000 says all California residents are entitled to a peaceful environment without the noise, without noise which may be hazardous to their health . The petition we gave you last week asks you to amend the entertainment exemption to ensure that by the time amplified sounds reach adjacent homes, decibel levels don't exceed the city's noise ordinances. This is doable, and it would ensure that all Long Beach residents have equal protection from excessive noise. The recommendation on the agenda today asks the city manager to recommend ways to address the effect of all Palisades sounds on residences. I appreciate what doctor what council member Pearce said about we need to respect the residents. If approved, this this recommendation would be a step towards the city being in compliance with California. But you might get 3 minutes. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please. Hello. Vice Mayor and City Council members. My name is Dr. Linda. Shaw and I.

Am in support of this recommendation for this. Study. My question is, how many of you have been angry when you're next to a car with loud bass amplifiers, which obviously the person's really enjoying and you want them to enjoy their music. But it's booming. Into your car and into your body. I'm sure you've all felt that before. Well, that's what it's like throughout much of the year at our homes when the outside events are being amplified to excessive levels. We're not opposed to events. We love events and we're not opposed to music. But we're being tortured in our homes by the amplified noise, by these events. And it's not environmentally friendly and it's not a green soundscape. If we're going to be a green city, we need to be green for the benefit of the hearing of all the residents who live here and find a way that's mutually beneficial to support events and businesses as well. The prolonged exposure to high levels of noise for continuous days and evenings without noise release is hazardous to our health and well-being. It affects many hundreds of residents who reside. Adjacent to these events. We measured the amplified noise last year from May to October. We have the photos, if decibel readings that show excessive noise, 41 of the 4140 days that we measured from May to October. I have some here and we charted it as well. So you could see where the noise just graphically is excessive. And from different buildings. We have different noise levels both the average, the max and the peak. The people who dismiss our complaints like we don't understand how the music becomes a weapon when it's amplified to excessive levels. Mus

ic is. Fine, but keep it to the levels that the health standards already say. Are healthy. And we don't know why all these events have to be allowed to. Be excessively loud. Residents often get in a sleep at night because at night the tear down and setup of the beeping trucks prevent people from sleeping. And this puts the public at risk when they must drive to work the next day without having sleep. So let me just read a few of the comments for you from the other people. Who took. The amplified sounds are so loud. I have to go into the hall to talk on the telephone. The bass sounds from amplified music are so disturbing I can't rest in my own bed when I am sick. Some people would like you to disregard this matter because of the faulty view that it is the price humans pay to live in cities. But you should all know excessive noise. Is not the price we. Pay. And it shouldn't be. Even the former mayor and city officials confirm the importance of preventing noise increases and the cacophony. Of sound in the city's own noise element. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor. City Council members. Staff. My name is Bob Kelton and I live in the Alcoa building on Ocean Boulevard. I've been here for 12 years. Love living downtown. The number of events that we had initially were about a third of what we have had last year. So the number of events has increased dramatically. I love the events, so that's great. I do support this item and I want to thank Janine and her staff for putting this together for us. I know that it was a lot of work. Last year we had 41 different days that had 70 decibels or above at my unit, which is actually very loud. We had 17 more that were above 80 decibels. And so what that means is that some of the events sort of 5 a.m. with amplified PA systems. It is an issue and it affects a lot of residents. And the what we're trying to do is not to actually stop the events, but try to find mitigation methods, try to PowerPoint speakers out to sea, or to try to find other ways to mitigate the sound levels. And there's a lot of different tactical ways that that can be done. And one of the best ways to find out what the actual impact is, is to actually get a study done by the city so we can get actual real measurements. And that's why I'm in support of this particular agenda item, and I encourage you all to vote for it. Thank you very much. Thank you. And next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor and city council members. I'm Robert Fox. I'm the executive director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations. You may have met me before. The Council of Neighborhood Organizations has outreach to our leaders and find that we all agree that the noise level and continued lack of mitigation or abatement in the downtown sector is unacceptable. The impact on the health and well-being of citizens is severe, especially as our population ages. As a side note, I know when I was 22 I probably enjoyed louder musi

c than I to as I've aged, and I think maybe my ears have changed, but I just, I don't know, I can't even go into a bar, you know, and it intolerable for me because I can't talk to people and you know, I love to talk. So we are concerned about the the municipalities laws as recently tweaked by staff because they seem to be in in contradiction to the laws of the state of California regarding noise. Just because a staff wants to change a word or rewrite a definition does not mean the issue has gone away. Ultimately, in a contest between the city and the state, the state will prevail. One cannot

just define something as temporary and exist and exempt it, which is in our statute right now. One can't use the word occasional and exempt it occasional. Now, in real terms is every week in the city of Long Beach. It is time now to address noise as a continuing factor as a city develops its tourism and attraction businesses in the downtown and shoreline areas. Our Special Events Director. Our suggestion is should not be the point person in defining new noise ordinance suggestions. Perfect. However, there's a conflict of interest here between her position as an advocate for the role of tourism and business activity in the city and the possible negative report that may come out of this particular request. So we'd like to see some outside agency perhaps selected to be in charge of this process. This has been a difficult time for the citizens of Long Beach regarding the process. They've it's been a stop stop thing a long time. And we'd like to see it go forward. And we hope that, you know, Council Member Pearce's project is going to work very well, hopefully as quickly as possible. And we hope we don't get to a place where we're having to deal with that conflict between state law and our city's law. Thank you so much for your time tonight. Thank you. Seeing no further public comment. All right. Speaker's list is closed. This is our final speaker. You may not be able to see much of me, but I hope you can hear me. And I'll give us your name. I am begging you to please approve this recommendation. The noise level is. So bad. That it's very difficult to live with because it's frequent and it intrudes our homes. I put in earplugs. I use a sound canceling mops. And I've invested very heavily and I'm trying to get some form of soundproofing in my unit. I've bought heavy curtains that cost me a lot of money. I have now tripled paying windows to try to deaden sounds and the sounds still come through. It's mainly bass type vibration. There's nothing that seems to stop it. And I would like. Very much to have some peace or a peaceful environment in my home. And yes, I do believe the city should have a lot of events. I enjoy music and I also enjoy the, you know, going to events. But I will tell you, the sound level is so unreasonable and we need to address it. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Okay. Okay. Well, I think I'm gonna keep mine. How many. How many additional speak

ers do we have on this item? You got to say something. Go ahead. Okay. One more after me. Okay. These are final two speakers. The speakers list is closed. Okay. Well, my name is Latoya marshall. I usually come about homeless issues. Okay, so it looks like there one additional person. So this gentleman. Oh, the last speaker. Well, these two. Thank you. Yes. Please proceed. What I'm saying is, when you look at these new developments or whatever the case will be, you see that these gurneys are being. You know, built. Where you have residence at the top. But at the bottom you are turning them into retail stores in different commercial stores or whatever. They're making it inconvenient for you guys because is happening in your building or near your building where you can get away from this sale. Now, there's a difference when something else is going on across the street or around the corner. And the music in a base is not right there. You know, in your building, being housed or surrounded by. So sometimes it's just that, a, these are vets are placed in your buildings or in your communities where you guys, you know, don't have the option to be a quiet community. Like you want. To. They turn you guys into a live showroom or a stage and they're not understanding that you guys have to live there, but they are profiting when they're, you know, paying people or selling tickets or having these live events. So maybe sometimes you need to understand certain things that you guys. Let's address it to the chair. Because when you agree to them, they get the right to place them wherever they want. So sometimes you guys need to start really thinking about the people behind. The. Music or the events and think about the residents that suffer from you guys events. Have a good night. Thank you. Next speaker. Please. Oh. Hi, vice mayor, fellow councilors and staff. My name is people like I live on Ocean Boulevard International Tower for the past 23 years. My question is, why do you let allow the event to happen without checking the health impact of the noise, the smoke which affects Long Beach residents and animals like cats and dogs? We love events, but not the unacceptable noise and smoke which affects our health. Even the animals, like dogs and cats, get restless, disturbed. I have seen that myself. I understand what the health issue is because I am a registered nurse. Anesthetist means I put patients to sleep. It's not a one time issue. Several times throughout the years. It should be a must to control the noise in the hours, throughout the days. For example, if I drive very fast breaking the rules more than the limit, the police gives me ticket. What about you guys? Can't you control that? Do you prefer to have money? Or are you worried about the resident's health? We raised the issue several times. It has been presented in writing repeatedly by Marguerite Moustafa, Bob Kelton and Dr.. Show them that show. Can you hear us, whale? Or is your ear affected? And thank

you very much. Thank you. And our final, final, final speaker on this item. Good evening. My name is Gregory Summers. I live in the International Tower also. And I urge you to vote yes and approve the study. I'm an aerospace engineer in the field of stress dynamics and acoustics, and I have worked all my life hard to achieve my dream, to have an ocean view. Unfortunately, now that I am retired and have the time to, I cannot do this most weekends from March until October. I feel I have been robbed. I can no longer use my balcony due to climate change. I can even no longer open the doors to get cool breeze during cold days, which is a big health hazard. Hundreds of residents are exposed to the elevated level and prolonged time to nice noise has become unbearable, especially the low frequency. I will not go into detail. I prepared a longer briefing, but I won't because most people covered most of the things. But I want to emphasize one thing, which is, I believe, very important what is harmful. We all agree to listen to music, we go to concerts and we spend an hour and a half or two and we enjoy music, all kinds of music. But there are three components. It's not. Its first one is the sound pressure level. Anything above 55 hertz but DB in most cases that we have been measuring, the noise can reach above 85 DB and that is harmful. That last weekend, for example, I measured from my balcony hundred and ten DB two days in a row, all day long. Prolonged exposure. This is the second thing. So it's not just the level we have to measure the time we are exposed to. If you're exposed to 65 DB for half an hour or an hour or two, you might be okay. But if you're exposed to all day long, you will have harm, will be oh, it will be close to you. So for example, all day events, usually concerts that last few days are usually conducted out of town. Coachella is one example when we go to concerts there, one and a half to 2 hours, why do they have to be 10 to 12 hours, two or three days in a row? And then the third thing is we have to control the frequency of occurrence, because that adds to the time of exposure. So. Study that shows that people that they're exposed to one day on the traffic noise at 85 DB in one day without noise, they suffer psychological blood pressure and both frequency increased and all kinds of biochemistry in balance and in blood and urine. I urge you to approve this study and definitely pay attention to it. Thank you, sir. To measure this, study the time. And thank you for your testimony. Thank you. We will take it back behind the wheel. Councilwoman Gonzalez? Yes. I want to say thank you to the residents and to Councilmember Pearce for bringing this forward. Living in downtown for nearly a decade, I can absolutely understand, you know, what the impacts are and how we can do a better job of ensuring that we're studying this and seeing what we can do. Other cities are doing it really well. They have information and educational fact sheets f

or event planners, so they are going to the tee on all of their noise levels and environmental impacts and health impacts to residents. But I'm glad she brought it forward because this has been a long going, as you mentioned, long going and long, long standing issue that I don't think we've ever really solidified. And so thank you for bringing that forward. And I look forward to being in those discussions as well. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. Okay. So I'm glad that this item is here too. And I genuinely understand the concerns of the downtown residents because you deal with a whole host of nuisances and noise that you probably never envisioned when you invested in your home. So anything we can do as a council, individually and collectively to mitigate that, I believe we should. But I bring to this topic a different discussion, and that this discussion should not be limited just to the downtown area. I've mentioned this before, but last year at the Pride Festival they had amplified music and I love the Pride Pride Festival. I'm a huge supporter of it. But they had amplified music and art windows in Alamitos Heights. I live two miles away from the SEAL Beach border. That's how far east I am. Our windows were rattling in our neighborhood and our residents were. Nobody could sleep. It was on a Sunday night. Kids, you know, kids windows were shaking. And so we just. And if I could just make one request to the city manager. That should never happen. That should just never happen. Where a permit that we're allowing in one part of the city is impacting a part of the city that's two miles away from the next county. I mean, that that just just should never happen because my residents didn't have any notice whatsoever that that was going to happen. And I realize it was an unusual situation, and I'll probably mention this more than once as we approach Pride weekend, but that should just never happen. And if we can do everything in our power to make sure that doesn't get repeated, I'd really appreciate that. So that's it. And I support the item. Thank you. Councilwoman Pierce, where you queued up again? No. Okay, Members, please cast your vote. Where is she? Miss Mungo, are you voting yes on this or no? Okay, thank you. All right. Motion carries. Item. 30, please. Report from Long Beach Airport

Financial Management. Recommendation to award a contract to elite line services to perform maintenance, repair and support of the baggage handling system at the Long Beach Airport in an amount not to exceed 3,018,293 for a period of three years. Authorize City Manager to increase blanket purchase order with JB Aerotech services to continue maintenance on the baggage handling system by 396,000. Can there's a motion and a second staff report is requested? Mr. West. We have Juan Lopez Rios of the airport. Matassa, the members of the City Council. This item relates to the award of a contract with elite line services to provide maintenance, repair and support

t of the baggage handling system at the Long Beach Airport. This includes the in-line baggage system for outgoing baggage screening and the baggage carousel systems at baggage claims one, two and three for inbound baggage pickup. The airport requires a full time services of technicians specifically trained in developing and performing preventative and corrective maintenance for the baggage handling system. Our current airport system consists of components constructed in the 1980s, in addition to the newer, more technologically complex components constructed in 2008. This evening's item also requests authorization to increase the airport's blanket purchase order with our current provider, John Bean Technologies, doing business such as JB Te Aerotech Services to continue to perform baggage handling maintenance services through June 30th, 2018 and to increase appropriations in the airport fund. Staff request council approval of the recommended actions to ensure a smooth transition with minimal disruptions for the baggage handling system at the Long Beach Airport. This concludes my oral reports. I'm available for any additional questions. Okay. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I fully support this item. This is going to be a great enhancement to our already award winning airport support. That from Eureka. Okay. Any public comment on this item saying CNN, please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. I think there's a lot of folks here for the power steering items, so I want to do that next. If we get a quick motion for the concern of improperly steering item will be the next item on the agenda. There's a second person. A second for the consent, please. Okay. And is are we're going to do all of them except 1430 public comment on consent. Okay. Please come forward. This is an all consent items minus number 14. Stephanie Dawson So Democratic Socialists of America law, which I am number ten, specify concerns the destruction of items of items from the Internal Affairs Division of the Long Beach Police Department. We strongly oppose this as we believe that these items are very pertinent. If it's an issue of storage, we can make space for it and hold on to them. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. And with that, I don't think these are great. So please go ahead and cast your vote. Are you going to consent and the consent calendar, but not item 14? Okay. Come forward. Good evening, Marin, Fellow Council and City Staff. My name is Tom Evolve. I represent think you represent IBEW Local 11 and we're here in for support of item concern item number 22 and Amos and the IBEW, we have a partnership when it comes to the infrastructure of battery storage. And I think that's a great synergy because Amos brings to the other expertize when it comes to this infrastructure and IBEW brings to the good qualified electricians to install this infrastructure. So we are we are as a support on this item. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. I NATO-Russia

Council members and staff. My name is Robert Brink and I'm here on behalf of Advanced Microgrid Solutions. We're here to support Resolution 18 340. We're very excited for this advanced energy storage system. This project will provide significant cost savings to the city, improve local grid reliability and reduce carbon emissions, as we already heard tonight from me and others. Long Beach is has been and is a leader and innovator in more efficient use of its energy resources, promoting sustainability and reducing emissions. I think that ethos has been reflected in our discussions with the impressive team at Public Works, an equal amount of work, professionalism and diligence they put into evaluating this opportunity. And as mentioned, I'd also like to thank IBEW Local 11 for taking their time tonight to support this project. We're looking forward to creating local jobs and working with skilled craftsmen needed for these types of projects. So thank you for your consideration consideration of this resolution. We look forward to working with Long Beach to create a cleaner, more resilient and more efficient electric grid for the local community. Thank you. Okay, thank you. There's a motion and a second. Please come forward. Are you on the consent calendar. Please? Kitchen counter. My name is Victoria Marshall. I have a couple of comments to this. Say you guys. Are. Saying that you guys win. Which one was it? The legislation and the state issues. You guys want to turn around and, you know, destroy records from internal affairs or

whatever, documentations or whatever. How does that help the community if I'm trying to, you know, file a complaint or issue with internal affairs about an incident and you guys are destroying records or any type of proof of the complaint that I'm trying to file or whatever. I don't really understand. How is that helping the community if there are problems, you know, are different things are coming up and these are the only records that I'm able to go by. If these, you know, items are being destroyed by the Internal Affairs Division, how would I go back and be able to, you know, target them or say that they're doing something wrong when the items would no longer be there? I requested a lot of of, you know, paperwork and documents from being harassed by, you know, police officers, different things of that nature, different organizations, paperwork that, you know, I'm filing, you know, with, regardless if it's the multipurpose center, Section eight, whatever housing paperwork that's supposed to be available to me every time we question is paperwork or whatever is either is not showing up in your eye systems or has no documentation of it. So I'm being erased. Every trail I go through, just be heard. The question is, find out why things are taking so long. All the documentation is constantly being erased and I don't know what to do, how to stop it, how to get the information before it is deleted. But it's like a cover up of anyth

ing and everything that a person is doing. They do not want to be acknowledged, are aware of, and I feel like I'm not being protected by you guys and I don't have money to go out and pay for a lawyer or, you know, someone that knows the trail to get to these documents before they're destroyed. And it doesn't say which departments are destroying them at what time or what dates or nothing else. So I don't know if evidence is going to be lost forever by me not coming here, because this is only the only trail that actually shows that I had been here going requested help. Don't ask what's going on and everything else. But when I go in I try to get documentation of this is like it doesn't exist. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. There is a motion any second on the agenda here to pass the consent calendar minus item 14. So please cast your votes on that. Motion carries. I, I do like the glove. It's a nice it's a nice look with that. I will be moving on from public comment and going on to their first item, which is item nine. Recommendation to receive and file an oil report from the Economic Development Department recognizing May seven through 12th, 2018 as Economic Development Week in the City of Long Beach City One. Thank you. Do we know we have a staff report on this? Mr. Mayor, council members enjoy an economic. Development. Week. John Keisler as team. Honorable mayor and members of the City Council. I'm very excited tonight with our staff to to present to you that it is a national economic development week. And we're going to start a short video to celebrate that here in Long Beach. So over the next week, we'll be pushing out messages and videos about the benefits of economic development in conjunction with the International Economic Development Council, which is doing this around the planet. There's about 350 events going on around the country to really celebrate the people like our small businesses, our developers, the people who create jobs, and also our commissions and our committees. And all of the volunteers in the city council who are doing such incredible work to promote economic opportunities for workers, investors and entrepreneurs in our city. So thank you for your ongoing support. We'll be celebrating Economic Development Week and you'll see more information coming out. And thank you for pushing that out to your constituents as well. Thank you, Country Ranga. Thank you, Mayor. Nothing shows the vibrancy and the desire and the dynamism of a city like economic development. And I'm so happy that within the last several years that we reinstitute and recreate it, refocus, reorganize, restructure our economic development bureau and department, because I think it's one that has really been a focal point and a key to having the city be as successful as it is. And I want to congratulate the John and his and his team for doing a great job with our economic development goals. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. Thank you. That was an amazing video

. It was a really great video. I don't know if I've seen it before. Did we show it at State and City? I have seen it before, but it was a really great video and I enjoy seeing it. So if you push it out, then we can share it as well on our social media. So thank you and thanks to the great work that you're all doing. I love the energy and the vibrancy that your team, your entire team is bringing to the economic development efforts. I can really feel a difference. It just feels very fresh and out of the box. And I love the anything as possible attitude that I feel like I've gotten when I've reached out to members of your team. There's never a hard no, there's always a, you know, a soft no. And so and and that's good because it allows us to to, you know, keep the opportunity open if things come

along and they have and we've seen things come along. I do want to highlight a city department that I think contributes greatly to economic development, but we never really link them with economic development, and that's our libraries. I think first and foremost, our libraries provide Internet access to a lot of people who wouldn't otherwise have Internet access. They offer bilingual computer classes, in-person and online, teaching people marketable job skills such as graphic design, Microsoft Word, coding, robotics, ESL. They have free online classes on computer science, accounting, software programs, finance, entrepreneurship and business development. They have free access to online one on one job coaches who provide resume skills and cover letter assistance. People can visit the Family Learning Center to meet one on one with a guide who provides them job search, resume and cover letter skills they can practice tests, take practice test to become an EMT, firefighter or police officer. And they have free access to various databases full of sales leads, market research and employment opportunities. So I want to highlight the libraries because we rarely connect them directly with economic development. But for many of our residents and visitors, the library provides them a place to be able to get prepared for the job they want to have, so that when we do have investors coming into the city, we have qualified people ready to go into those jobs. So thank you very much for everything that you do. And specifically, I know you help citywide, but specifically you've been a real asset to the third district and again, allowing us to achieve things that may not be traditional. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Hooper now. Thank you. Well, as long as we have John Stewart in the hot seat there and he's never even given me a soft. No. No, I would like to commend him and thank him for all the work on Community Hospital for over the past six months. And I think what a great job he does in economic development and still finds the time to work in community hospital. The community really appreciates that. Also down the hill from CUNY Hospital is the traffic

circle area. And not a week goes by that I don't get congratulations, although it shouldn't be going to me on all the new development in that area and the removal of the blight, let alone eight brand new buildings, probably a dozen new businesses when it's all done and by my rough estimate, \$50 million of private sector investment. And we couldn't do that without the team here. So thank you. Q Councilmember Councilwoman Mongo. I just wanted to say thank you first and foremost to our Economic Development Commission. They've worked very, very hard, and the Chairman and past chairman have really spent a lot of time on our economic blueprint. I'm thank you to my colleagues, especially the two members of the Economic Development Committee. Councilman Price and Councilwoman Turanga. The tough decisions have to be made somewhere, and I really appreciate the time that we spend together debating those things, because at the end of the day, without a engaged council and a staff and a department that is open and willing to make the implementations, and when we come up with something, you find a way. I don't think I've ever heard. No, either. It's let's think about it. Let's find a way. Let's find the funding. That is how a city of our size has the lowest percentage of unemployment in the recorded history of the city. It is because people come together and they're willing to have the hard talks. And I really appreciate everyone, every department here. The library. Yes. A big part of economic development and also development services. The big strides you guys have made in the last three years in putting things online and shortening the process and being open to refunding business licenses, things like that weren't discussed before. And your willingness to be a part of that with us is really powerful. So thank you. Thank you very much. Councilman Austin. Thank you. So I'd like to first of all, congratulate the mayor and the Council for having the foresight and commitment to restructure and create an economic development department. And then they have been doing a great job on the economic development team, the staff, the commission led by John Keisler. They bring a an optimism and energy and strategic approach that that I, for one, very much appreciate. Yes, they do have a get to. Yes. Kind of mentality, which I very much appreciate. And I think that's a quality that we want to have in our economic development team. I also want to specifically thank you for your efforts, the team for their efforts to to help us with our development on Atlantic Avenue. I know myself in the eighth District and Councilmember Richardson in the ninth District are really looking forward to some of the new developments in the North Village, new retail and restaurants that will complement the the new development of our new library, our crown jewel in the north, and also the new developments planned along Atlantic in Artesia, which will, I really think, transform our north part of our

city. And lastly, I want to thank you guys for all the great work you do in support of our business improvement districts. They make a big difference. So thank you very much. Thank you, councilman. Accountant Pierce. I want to echo my colleagues and say how much I appreciate your willingness to partner with people that you haven't partnered with before. You're always very honest about what you know, what you don't know, and willingness to learn, which I absolutely love. I think in downtown, maybe as of now, we've got six cranes instead of seven. We saw one of them coming down today for the Civic Center, which is exciting to see them go up. It's real exciting to see them come down. I also want to just applaud Development Services as well. We know that economic development, while you guys are running as fast as you can, it's got development services working extra hard as well. And so just want to say thank you to the entire team. Long Beach is definitely moving quickly. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. Yes, thank you. I think a lot of the credit should go to Mr. West because, you know, I look at these guys history the hard way and these three guys walk into your office. I'm trying to figure out what is this? And I guess they do on the hardness. Yes and. No. Keep living, you guys. You know how to say no. You're doing a great job. Keep up the good work. I don't know about all this. No business. But but let me just add that really obviously proud of our department and Mr. Kaiser is in a great job of leading our department. This this city council restarted in its first budget the economic development department, which had been eliminated for for many years. And I think that was the first kind of bright step in creating the department and creating a director that is now Mr. Chrisler in creating the Commission, which created our economic blueprint that is now guiding a lot of this work. And in fact a lot of the I know equity work that's happening out of that blueprint, including the summit, is directly one of the commission's, I believe it was item number two in the blueprint that's being kind of implemented right now. I also want to commend the members of the Economic Development Council Committee, which includes, of course, Councilwoman Mango and Council Woman Price and council member Ringo. And I want to include also the and thank our partners at Bloomberg and many of the foundation partners that are allowing us to experiment and do innovative work. And that has led to a lot of changes on our interface with our businesses and our users, particularly when it comes to busy port and a lot of the upgrades that we have done to our systems, whether it's through the permitting process or whether it's been through the appointment process, the business licensing process, the list goes on and on that our team has worked. It is such a smoother experience to open a business today than it was a few years ago. And a lot of that has to do with your work.

I want to thank, of course, our community partners that are doing work with us. I know that you partner with our bids, with the chamber, with the work, with some of our work organizations and so many others that are particularly involved in the blueprint implementation. So I just want to thank all of you for that and and if any public comment on this. Please come forward. Hello. My name is Kimberly Obiero and I'm with the Long Beach Public Library Foundation. Thank you for highlighting the many ways our our city supports economic development and for also mentioning the library and the many programs we provide. I'll just mention one more. Many of the digital tools that the library provides have been mentioned. The Library Foundation is also very proud to fund scholarships for the career online high school program, giving adults a second chance to earn their accredited high school diploma at the library. Since 2016, this program has had 28 graduates and of course, the many literacy programs the library provides. Studies by the Campaign for Grade Level Reading show that students who do not learn how to read proficiently by fourth grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma. And this can have a huge impact on our economy. We hope you will continue to view the library as a valuable public education center that gives people the opportunity to transform their own lives and create a more prosperous Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. And ah, the comment. And then we'll go to a vote. Dave Shukla on file. Fellas, I'd really like to see more on manufacturing, especially clean tech manufacturing. We're losing a lot of market share in a lot of critical parts to San Diego, to San Francisco. As someone who grew up in this town, I really, really want to see a better focus on the things that we can say yes and continue to say yes to it, as. Well as some of the. Limits that we're going to have as a city. Cranes coming down is a good thing if we are the ones bringing them down and someone who lives where I live. Considering everything that we're talking about today, consider everything and choose wisely. Thank you. And with that of vice mayor, did you queue up? Sure. I just want and thank you. Obviously, this is this is a good thing. But I want to take a moment. Just give a recognition to the economic development department and also shout out to the team that's coordinating our upcoming economic equity

summit at the Long Beach Convention Center on May 17th. So this summit is going to outline some national best practices and strategies. We've got a number of our council members, number of stakeholders engaged and want one level or another and essentially is going to make the case for, you know, when you think about everything from homelessness to public safety, education, these issues all have a common denominator and that's poverty. So cities who address that and make it the core of the economic development strategies are cities that ultimately

thrive. So I encourage you if you haven't signed up. My understanding is that it's sold out. There is a waitlist. Go ahead and feel free to contact our economic development department or office at 570 6137. For more information on the summit. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor and I, we didn't mention also that I want to thank you guys. Also, I know the the beach poverty rate, which had been about 22% for for many years, is now down to about 18%, which is the first time we've hit under 20. I know a long time. And so as fairness, I do want to I do want to thank the team and all the work on that issue. And we did public comment. So Members Pisco and Castro votes. When we did public comment, I called for it. Motion carries. 22. Report from Health and Human Services recommendation to execute an agreement with HUD to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of 8,185,190 for the 2017 Continuum of Care for Homeless Assistance Program, and submit a renewal grant application for the 2018 Continuum of Care for Homeless Assistance Programs Citywide. Thank you. And I'm not sure there's a staff report, but or that we need one. But I just wanted to uplift that. This is a again, significant amount of funding that is being awarded to the city for homeless homelessness prevention, assistance for people experiencing homelessness and for a lot of our projects, we are a continuum of care and so we're very thankful for this and look forward to putting it to good work. Any public comment on this item? There's emotion in a second, Ms.. Bouchard, come down. This, too, is not new. We've had this grant and the reception of grants. I've said it and I'm very, quite a few of these recommendations and motions and they have been passed and carried year after year. When you want to show what the city has done and is doing, you will invite the women's shelter, the domestic violence , women, people, human trafficking people will be out there in the lobby and we talk about what we have done for the homeless. What new are we doing? And I understand I reached Cal State. Long Beach is getting in on. Something. I sat here one night and Mr. Austin, you asked Mr. West to do a study to see how much money we were giving. To what prior to the program of homeless issues. Somebody else asked for another study. We had a study. The mayor gave a study and the line went out the door. We have studied now we're going to have a summit of the summit. People downtown Long Beach said they were going to have a summit. Did you? I didn't go. I didn't I was making the point of nothing. Nothing new. Are we doing? And you're elected into office because you don't need the homeless vote. They can't book because they don't have an address. And you're able to get past the homeless vote and be reelected. This is the thing I'm telling you that God is watching. And in the courts of heaven, the city of Long Beach. You're not looking good. And so we have a president now who made a deal with God to raise fa

ith in God above government. You heard him on May 3rd. God is above. All, all. Government. That was the deal he made. That's what that statement there got him elected. He made a deal. God, I will acknowledge you. And what is important to you the whole time I am in office. Never mind. I am perfect to my. To my family or nobody else. I may not be perfect, but I must state what is important to you. God. And He's doing that job. Now, what city of Long Beach are you going to do to your commitment? You made a commitment. I've run out of time. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. And Councilman Andrews. Has also started this. I want to thank Kelly for this building work that they do, because this is a great necessary for the functions. You know about homeless assistance, service for temporary and permanent housing and social welfare. So I give you my full support on this. I think it's wonderful. Councilman Austin. Just to let a public comment, I wanted to just clarify the question before us. Are we. Is the question for us to accept 8 to \$10 million in HUD funding to help homelessness in Long Beach? Yes, this is our annual funding for HUD that provides permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing and transitional housing and supportive services. And we've received about a half million more this year than we have in previous years. Okay. It has my full support. Yes. Thank you. And please cast your votes. Thank you. Item 32 Report from Health and Human Services Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Health and Human Services Department on the My Brother's Keeper Youth Leadership Program Citywide. Mr.

West. Mayor, Council members, this is a great program that we entered into several years ago. It's run out of the Health and Human Services Department through Kelly Colby's team. So, Kelly, could you walk us through this? Yes. With a grant from My Brother's Keeper Alliance, the Office of Equity launched the city's first MBK Youth Leadership Program. Over the last six months, these young leaders from across the city have come together to learn about health equity, violence prevention, and how to make Long Beach a better place for youth. I'm happy to turn it over to our leaders. They'll share a little bit about what they found, and they'll start with a language to put together and equip. So we'll start with that. And then the team will come to the microphone and give their presentation. In 2014, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative. He issued a nationwide call to action for communities to address persistent opportunity gaps. Faced by boys and young men of color. I firmly believe that every child deserves the same chances, right? Long Beach accepted that challenge and in 2015 implemented a citywide plan to advance equity and opportunity for all young people in our city. We're very excited about moving forward to ensure that every young person has access to a quality education and access to positive experiences

with their community and law enforcement, and a future with a good job to take care of their family. This year, Long Beach reached another milestone with the completion of the My Brother's Keeper Health Equity and Violence Prevention Youth Leadership Program. The purpose of the My Brother's Keeper Youth Leadership Program is for youth in our city, specifically boys and young men of color, to really understand how policymaking works, but specifically to ensure that youth have a stronger voice in the decision making process here in our city. During the six month program, 20 young men and women engaged with their peers to collect and present information on ways to make Long Beach a more equitable city for everyone. What I like best was that we were able to talk about problems that are happening in a community and we're able to see how it may be solved. Richard I met somebody before I was in the program. I really didn't think about how hard it was and how easy it was for kids to change Long Beach and really make it like a better looking place and how we can improve the way the streets look. But now I see like how easy it is that that me and my friends could get involved and really just change the community. Guided by mentors and support from the city's Office of Equity. These young men and women learned valuable communication, leadership and community organizing skills. This is a program that we welcomed everyone, and we made it okay for everyone to be a part of it. And we also wanted them to understand that we value education, but we value them as well. We like to be a leader because when you become a leader, every leader has like a genius breakthrough. And then once a lot of genius has come together, they can make something even better, something extraordinary. This program, it actually helps you learn about your community and the people in it. And actually being involved in that makes you feel like you're a part of the city. To learn more about My Brother's Keeper and how you can get involved, visit MBK Long Beach dot com. Thank you. And now we have a continued presentation, so please. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor and members of the City Council. My name is Omar Thomas and I am a 2018 graduate of Jordan High School. Hello. I'm Andrew Wang, and I just recently graduated from Millikan High School. Good evening. My name is Melanie Bezerra, and I just graduated from Long Beach Poly High School. Oh, good. Good evening. My name is Emily Beshear, and I just graduated from Long Beach Poly High School. Good evening. My name is Abraham Gudino. I got a Millikan High School. Good evening. My name is Drew and my son and I attend Malagasy school. Good evening. My name is Eleanor Shakespeare Townsend, and I go to McBride High School. We are here tonight to speak on behalf of the city's first ever, My Brother's Keeper Health Equity and Violence Prevention Youth Leadership Program, or MBK Leadership Program for short. There are 11 of us here

tonight, but as you heard in the introduction video, we are a cohort of 20 youth from all across Long Beach. And we represent we represent the north, southeast and western areas of our great city. My peers and I attend high schools throughout Long Beach, including Polly Jordan Beach, Millikan Reed and Lakewood High Schools as well as Long Beach City College. The program brought us together to learn about health equity, racial equity, and how to make a change for boys and men of color in our city. As a program, we are 100% youth of color, 90% male and 10% female. We aspire to be leaders in our community, the first in our families to go to college. Long Beach. Homeowners, artists, graphic designers, CFOs and positive role models for our families. During the six months that we spent in this program, where we had facilitators from across the city to speak with us

about racial and social inequities affecting the language community. We learned about how youth can make a difference and making change in our communities. Our program included a retreat to campfire led by Leadership Long Beach, where we learned about our leadership potential as well as our training from building healthy communities, where we learned about improving community health. We received a training from a nurse, Del Rocha, from Community Coalition, who taught us about storytelling for social justice and the power of sharing our story. I learned about a public health campaign from the Long Beach Department of Health that showed us how using art and media in a creative way can reduce health disparities in our own community. Finally, each youth in this program was matched with our health department mentor. Our mentors showed us different employment opportunities available to the youth in our own city and may ask any mentors that are here to stand up. All of this training helped prepare us to complete a month. Long engagement process with our peers throughout the city. Each of us were asked to engage 40 of our. Peers youth ages 15 and 22, who live in Long Beach and ask them about what they love about Long Beach and also what they would like to see improved for themselves and others. Youth. Other youth in their community. Overall, we spoke to over 300 youth throughout Long Beach. We asked some questions about their schools. Neighborhoods, gangs, gun violence. Are there access to fresh food and afterschool programs? Throughout our engagement, we heard we we heard that a lot of youth in Long Beach loved their schools, friends and communities. However, we. Also heard a lot of youth. Talk about wanting their neighborhood parks to be cleaner and safer, and also that a lot of youth wish that the streets and sidewalks in their neighborhoods felt cleaner. The youth we spoke to want to see more youth programs offered in the city of Long Beach like afterschool leadership, mentoring, civic engagement, arts and sports programs. A lot of youth we. Spoke to didn't know if these programs existed. And if

they did, they did not know how or where to access them. One we heard whenever we heard a lot about is about the relationship between the youth in Long Beach and Long Beach Police Department. Many of the youth we surveyed spoke about the presence of police. Either make them feel more scared, more safe. The youth we spoke to respect the work of the police officers and wish there were more opportunities for police to hear about what you want and need to help them feel safe in their communities. Some ideas we heard about. Where opportunities. For youth and. Police officers to have more opportunities to. Share their experiences with one another, to open on and honest conversations. Only if we spoke with ultimately want to make positive changes in Long Beach, but don't always know how or don't always feel like there are enough programs in the city to support them. One idea we heard a lot about was that the youth wish they had more opportunities to participate in public art projects. The youth we spoke to think that the public art in Long Beach is one of the things that make this city a really cool place to live. Youth wish there were more opportunities for them to participate and create more public art throughout the city, specifically youth led murals in public spaces and places. We want to thank you, Councilmember and Mr. Mayor, for giving us the opportunity to come in tonight and tell you more about our experience through the program and to tell you a little bit about what we learned about. The speaking to 300. Of our peers throughout Long Beach. We are excited to. Continue being. Leaders in our city. A few of us, as I've said, are going to college next year, but we are still excited to be involved in the city and making a big difference in our communities. Thank you for your time. Thank you guys very much. But let me let me just say let me just say that that we're all very proud of you. And I think you all obviously love your community and you love each other. And and you're obviously passionate about making sure that your peers and your friends and your community is strong and and are well represented and that are being treated fairly and are uplifting communities that have traditionally not had an even playing field. And so I just want to thank you for for that. I just also want to note, because it was in the video and I just need to say it again, that all of the My Brother's Keeper work across the country was initiated by President Obama. And I was there with another group of mayors when he announced the initiative from the White House and and asked, you know, mayors to accept the My Brother's Keeper challenge. And a lot of us did at the time. A lot of us didn't and chose not to to support the program. But I'm really I'm really proud that Long Beach supported the program in a big way. This council took up the issue and supported the became program in a very big way. And in talking to the Obama Foundation, which now serves as the nonprofit

arm, that does a lot of grants and a lot of work with My Brother's Keeper, the Obama Foundation leadership will tell you that they feel that Long Beach is actually one of the best cities in the country that is doing the My Brother's Keeper initiative that the president had laid out for us. And it really was a challenge to us. And so I'm really I think I think we owe a debt of gratitude to to President Obama and and to the first lady, Michelle Obama, for for this work. And we're also grateful that before they left office. This program continues in a in a very large foundation that the president set up, that which is supporting you guys. And so so as you're out there and you're doing all this amazing work, make sure you're always thankful to to the president and first lady for for for doing that for for this city and for this country. And so with that, I want to congratulate you. Amateur this over to Vice Mayor Richardson, who has a motion. So I just wanted to be brief and and just say congratulations to all of you. When we talked about doing this work three years ago, you know what it was? It was one of the first things this council had taken on. We were a new council. Many of us had just joined the city council. But the president did issue a challenge. And, you know, I was there at the Congressional Black Caucus the week before he announced it when he said, hey, a big announce challenge is coming next week. Our mayor responded, we responded at city council. But really, the community responded and they stepped up. Community members held us accountable and said, this is an important issue. It's not a fringe issue as central to the to the success of our city. And when we look at so many youth, men and women from all across our city, all ethnic backgrounds, and we know the barriers that you face, we've seen the data to see you here and say where you've graduated from. It's a know that the best the best staff in our city leadership, Long Beach and all these folks have really come together to help support you and that you can stand here and be a testament that this is the kind of work the city of Long Beach should be doing. I say thank you to you. Okay. So there's there's you know, it's it's important that I'm glad that the Health Department brought you all here in the van. I see you, brother. I see what you guys are doing. You guys are doing really incredible work. I also want to thank leadership, Long Beach. Leadership Long Beach, you know, really stepped up with this program and craft and I don't think that ever done this before. They took the leadership lobby's model or the retreat and applied it to My Brother's Keeper and gave you a really quality program that's been really honed for the last 30 years. And so I want to say thank you and to the community that really fought and defended My Brother's Keeper to get us to this point. I want to say thank you to all of you. So this is this is just great work. And I can't say enough how much how proud I a

m of the city staff and the partners that made this happen. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Pearce. So I got a little teary eyed while you kids were were you young youth were speaking. When I think about the difference of Long Beach today versus ten years ago. It is in the leadership of residents and our mayor and this council. I don't know if ten years ago we would have accepted that challenge with such vigor, with such commitment, with resources and staff behind it. And so I'm really proud to have you guys here in front of us. I want to I know that you are not only leading by example in your cohorts, but that you're having those conversations and that leadership is going to be with you for the rest of your life, and that it's going to come into your neighborhoods and with your families, where you're able to talk about some of these challenging conversations that sometimes are really hard to talk about. And so I want to applaud you all for stepping up. I want to applaud staff for taking that on. And I want to put a challenge to leadership, Long Beach and our health department. I know that we have some women in this group today, but also I know that we have a My Sister's Keeper. And it's one of the things that I talked about early when I got elected, and it's not something that I've fully followed through on. And so I want to challenge myself on that and challenge the city to make sure that we are doing this to the best of our ability. And so just congratulations and congratulations to the mayor and the vice mayor. I know. That their leadership early on really made. This happen. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Price. Thank you. I want to congratulate all of you in participating in the program and taking on a leadership role. And I can tell you that your results of your interviews with the youth would represent the views of the youth and every single part of this city. And I think that's it's really great. I'm sure you all have that experience because you go to different schools and you'll you'll appreciate that every child in this city wants clean and safe playgrounds, and every child in this city wants sidewalks and areas that are clean and safe. And so I'm glad that you guys are experiencing that firsthand and that you're taking on the challenge of being leaders in your community. I think it's a really tremendous thing that you're doing, and I commend you for participating in the program and for speaking to us tonight. You all

did a really great job. I'm not sure if you've ever spoken at a council meeting before, but you all did a really great job, so congratulations. Thank you. Count summary Ranga. I do want to add my voice to it and congratulations you get to congratulations on first of all, you graduate from high school which is one that's that's the goal and you also participate in this program and graduated from that. So I know that there was a lot of sacrifices that you had to make personally, not only in terms of social activities t

hat you might want to get involved in or maybe some sports because you were involved in this program, but also the sacrifices you had to do in order to finish your homework in high school. So I want to thank you and commend you for that. And I see Andrew right there and a friend. He worked with me this past semester as an intern in my office and the preparation that he came with to my office was just phenomenal. So I want to that's a reflection of the program that the mentors that you had there, that preparation that he had and the preparation he had to come up here and step up into the microphone and speak to us. Was it all of you? In fact, all of you is is phenomenal and really is it speaks volumes about the program and the level of mentoring and education that you provide them and exposure to leadership. And I'm looking forward to your next level of participation at the universities when you continue your studies up there and continue to strive to be the best you possibly can, because I know that we're going to be looking we're going to be seeing you again in the future as future leaders in Long Beach. So thank you for doing that. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I just want to say, I'm so glad that you each of you came. Each of you were really brave for coming up. I don't know that I would ever at at your age, have come up and spoken to a city council, you know, city council meeting. But collectively, you're so fierce, your age group, your generation is the most socially conscious and aware. There's so many issues right now that you that many of your your friends just even in the nation are taking on. And you know what those issues are. And it's so great that you're a part of the change now. And collectively, like I said, things are going to get so much better. But we have to have your voice at the table every step of the way. So congratulations. Thank you so much for your work and being here in Long Beach. Thank you, Councilman. And yes, I want to thank all you young men for stepping up. You talk about My Brother's Keeper, but I like to give a lot of credit also to the mentors and the mothers and fathers of young, wonderful individuals. So keep up the good work, you guys. Thank you, Councilmember Shabana. Thank you. And congratulations to all the speakers tonight. You did a great job. We have a fairly new high school in the fourth council district. It's called Browning. It's at the corner of Obispo and Hill. And we sure would like to see the program there. So contact my office if I can help with that at all. Great. Well, thank you all. We have a motion and a second on the floor. Appreciate that. Seeing any a no public comment for this item. Gordon, cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you all to the youth. We appreciate you. Next up is item 23. A report from Health and Human Services recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the National League of Cities regarding the city's four Ra

cial Equity and Racial Healing Technical Assistance Initiative citywide. Okay, great. That is a good emotion and a second in the motion. And Mr. West, Mr. Mayor, council members, we've recently been approached for the National League. Of Cities to participate. In a. Program with them. So the National Two Cities is out here today. They're going to be. With us for the next few days. They met with many of the council members today. There I'll be doing a presentation on this with our department heads tomorrow and the rest of our staff and do some other work on Thursday. So I'm going to turn this over to our Health and Human Services. Director Kelly Collopy to walk us through this. Good evening, honorable mayor and city council members. The City of Long Beach is just one of six cities across the nation to participate in the National League of Cities Inaugural Race, Equity and Healing Technical Assistance Initiative. We're excited to have them join us this evening's council, and they'll be meeting with a number of different folks throughout the city over the next three days, including the department heads tomorrow, and then they'll be at full day training on Thursday. So this initiative really adds to the momentum that we've generated by the Office of Equity through its equity trainings, policy analysis and development, the community engagement trainings for the city staff, and its participation in the Governing Alliance for Race and Equity. So with that, I'd like to invite Leon Andrews to the podium, and he'll be providing a brief overview of their framework and initiative for advancing racial equity and healing in partnership with our city leaders. Thanks for. The great. Thank you. Good evening. Thanks, Mayor and the council. So great

to be here in Long Beach. My name is Leon Andrews. I'm with the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. I'm representing this new center that we created called Real. Real stands for Race, Equity and Leadership. And so our mission is here to to strengthen the leadership capacity of local leaders, to eliminate racial disparities, to heal racial divisions, and to build more equitable communities. We're excited to be here in Long Beach because we are very committed to working with cities that are very much invested in the theory of change that the National League of Cities has built as part of our commitment to creating real. Our theory of change is, as we have invested in creating real, is that as cities, they recognize why the change is needed. They also are committed to understanding the potential for what solutions are needed in the city, but also recognize the urgency which I think is very much captured in the work that we do. And so coming to here in Long Beach, one of the things we think is so important is to look at data. Data for us, it drives the work we do in cities across the country. And so when we talk about the work that the National League of Cities has done to really advance racial equity, we recogniz

e it's not just the moral thing to do. It's good governance. You know, it's economically the right thing to do. And so that's why we're excited to be here in Long Beach. And so one of the data points that we highlighted as we came here to Long Beach was just looking at what the economic value would be as a city that is really committed to really advancing racial equity within your city. And so as you see here on the data, the economic value for if there was no racial gaps in income within the Long Beach area, there would be over a \$500 billion increase in your economic value by addressing the racial equity implications within your city. And so one of the reasons why we're here is because you as a city have recognized that you've recognized that in your economic equity summit that you launched a year ago, recognizing that as you are addressing issues of racial equity, you recognize the economic value. And so as we're working with you, we are working with you to really recognize the importance of really being able to really engage in that work and understand the importance of that. And so many of us that engage in this work recognize one of the things that's so important as we do this work with cities across this country is understanding the difference between equity and equality. So as we work with city leaders across the country. There is this kind of interchangeable language. And as one of the things that we do this work is recognizing just the difference. This diagram is one of probably many versions of understanding the difference between equity and equality is looking at three people trying to watch a baseball game behind the fence. And all of them have very different needs. Right. And so as we look at issues between equity and equality, equality is giving people the same thing. And as we understand what the goals are here within the city of Long Beach, as you're thinking about your economic equity issues, how are you thinking about what your clear goals are as you are not trying to give everyone the same thing but to the right looking at what do people need right? As you're defining what those goals are, recognizing where people are setting very clear goals. And our job as we're here working with the city, is both lifting up the great work that you're doing here within the city, but also figure out how we can support you. So we're excited to be here over the next three days, both to learn and share across the country about the work that you're doing, but also to figure out how we can support you and the city as you're committed to really driving this work forward. And so we have been very clear in launching rail that when we launched it, we were very intentional about putting the comma between race and equity. It's called race, comma, equity and leadership. But we also recognize the reason why we're leading with race is because we've seen the data across this country. Also here in Long Beach, when we look at infant mortality to life expectan

cy rates. This is still the strongest predictor of one's success in this country. So I'll say that again, race is still the strongest predictor of one's success in this country, whether we look at infant mortality, to education, to criminal justice, to jobs, to housing. Looking at data across this country, including the data we've looked at here in Long Beach, and so how do we be very much intentional about calling that out in doing this work and how we work in collaboration with all the great work that you're doing here in this city? And so our job in really advancing racial equity is to close the gaps where racial equity is no longer predicting one success in this country while improving outcomes for everyone. And so we're excited about how we take that very targeted approach. It's referred to as targeted universalism being targeted in our process, but universal in our goals and recognizing that to really take this work on how do we work with you in all the great work that you're doing to really be committed to really taking on that kind of investment and really looking at the policies, the

practices and procedures that really are committed to really being targeted in your work. And so I knew my time was really limited, so I wanted to bring a voice into the room that can say in three and a half minutes that would probably take me 30 minutes to say. And so this was the launch of our when we launched real three and a half years ago, our CEO Clarence Anthony, really and our board charged us to really figure out what does this work look like? And so I wanted to bring the voice of Tim Wise in who serves on else's real board to really help frame that work, to really help kind of bring to light the things that I'm trying to really articulate here in the room. So I hope the video works. Let's see. I the tech folks in the back. Welcome to the video. If I had magical hands, I would try to do something with my magical hands. It's going to be all right for three days. Yeah. Or left. Thanks. Well, I know that they're probably working on it. Okay. Why don't we. Why don't we keep going and. Yeah, we're working on the video, but it's. Or is there anything else that you'd like to say? Yes. No, thank thanks, Mayor. And so what Tim Wise really brought to light was really acknowledging the charge of being very explicit about calling out critical issues that really drive why it's important for us to do the work we're doing here in partnership with the city of Long Beach, really acknowledging the importance of looking at racial inequity , institutional and structural racism, understanding the impacts of implicit and explicit bias. And so we're excited over the next few days that we have an opportunity to work in partnership with the council, with your leadership here, and also the agencies that are really invested in this work, that really are committed to really building on that work. And so our commitment over that work is really acknowledging that what we do is b

oth training, it's both technical assistance, it's creating opportunity, you as city leaders to be connected with others that are engaged in this space across the country. And so we are very much passionate about being able to connect you as peers, but also recognizing that there are a lot of intersectionality of this work. And so we are one of the things we'll be able to do while we're here is to be able to offer a training on Thursday. I think we have over 80 or so that are registered for racial equity training. That will be an opportunity to really introduce a lot of the concepts around racial equity. How do we normalize a conversation on this that we hope will be a foundation to all of the great work that you're doing here in the city? But we offer a range of ways of really supporting cities across the country, but we also recognize it as cities that there are a lot of different ways for you to get started. And what we have appreciated in selecting Long Beach is that there are a lot of great examples of leadership from your mayor to your council . They're really setting the example, setting the tone, creating spaces to observe and listen to your community as you're having that dialog. But we're also looking to explore ways of of going further of what you could do in your city, whether it's making clear public declarations. The city the commitment to creating the Office of Equity was an example of your commitment to recognizing the need to have a dedicated infrastructure to action. So we really appreciated seeing that that was the investment that the city was making and having it housed within the the Department of Health Health Department, as well as recognizing the need it needing to exist within your your executive office and having your deputy city manager being accountable for really advancing that work. So we are engaging with you, leveraging what we have seen across the city, across the country and engaging this work and are hoping to be able to bring what we can to support you in that work as well as what we hope. And so as you see here, we've highlighted a number of examples of where racial equity is, strong examples of models that we want to lift up. And so part of what we hope to take away as we're here is to really lift up Long Beach as a model, given that it's here in California, we have not lift up a California city yet. And so we're hoping Long Beach is the first California city that we can really lift up as an example of the work that you're doing to really advance racial equity. And so we're creating these profiles. As you can see here, these are four of an example of a number of profiles that we're lifting up, and we're hoping that Long Beach is another kind of profile we can lift up nationally for people to see the leadership of the work that's happening here in the city. And so we excited as we are launching this work. We've been generously supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to launch a national learning community of

cities that are committed to truth, racial healing and transformation. There have been now there's a list of 15, I think there are almost 20 now cities that have been a part of this network. And as you can see with listed here, Long Beach is one of six, as you've heard, that were competitively competitively selected to be a part of this National Technical Assistance Initiative and literally a diverse range of cities. We're in strongly conservative cities as well as progressive cities as well in the Midwest and across the country. And so what we're excited about is how can we support the

great work that's happening here in the city as you're really committed to really advancing this work going forward. So really appreciate your commitment to this and recognizing that your commitment also started with your investment in the boys. Women of Color worked in My Brother's Keepers work, which was also another reason why the National League of Cities really saw this as a great opportunity to partner with the city. But we also recognize the intersectionality of not just boys and men of color, but a. A number of other special populations, whether we're talking about our immigrant communities, our LGBTQ, our religiously persecuted, particularly our Muslim communities, as well as women and girls. And so the city here has recognized the intentionality of all of these intersections. So we're excited both to celebrate your work, but also to figure out how we can support you as you're on this journey together. So sorry the video did not work because Tim would have said a whole lot more than I could have in the time they had together. But I'm also grateful that my a number of my team members are here. Both Bernadette O'Neill Naka and Alisa Wasserman, who is here in the crowd. Just wanted to give them a shout out as well. And we look forward to spending time with you over the next few days. So thank you so much. Great. Will, thank you very much for that presentation. And and thank you to the National League of Cities for for the work by Sammy Richardson. Thank you. And we had an opportunity just to meet today and I just wanted to chime in and say a couple of things. First, thank you for selecting long term. And as you have, there's written a lot. That wasn't. Me. It's okay. We're going to we're just going to keep going with the items which are good. But I wanted to say thank you for selecting Long Beach. I know that there's an incredibly diverse set of cities that you have there, and I know how difficult it has been to really have this conversation in cities that are far less diverse than Long Beach. Right. Cities in the Deep South with with deep, deep histories of segregation. And there was a lot of tremendous healing to do in the sea to see what's been what's what's been taking place in some of those cities and see the work that's taking place in cities like Seattle and Oakland. And to know that Long Beach is in league with cities that are really having a smart,

data driven conversation about really acknowledging the community that we are today and the deficits that exist and how we need to be. And you said this word a number of times, intentional about calling out those deficits and really creating plans to address it. Sometimes this stuff is uncomfortable. We're a very diverse city, diverse in opinions on diversity, on political points of view. And we have to respect that. And we have to go about it in a way that everyone feels comfortable and sees the benefits. The fact that your first slide really highlighted economic disparities and how it's a better proposition for a city from an economic standpoint to really embrace diversity and to engage on race. I think that's the right move, and I think that really brings people together when you can really see that it's in the city's best interest to maintain your status as a world class city, if we think about it from a economic standpoint. So thank you so much for your presentation and I really look forward to the results of this work. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes. I'd like to thank you as well. Appreciate you being here and presenting in front of the council. I think many of us on the council believe very firmly in racial equity, in making sure that we're always looking through that lens when we're making policies, whether it's park programs, whether it is any policies that we're putting in front of of the public, it's very imperative. And we're a very diverse city, as you mentioned, LGBTQ individuals, people with various backgrounds. We've passed a language access policy as well. And I'm just so glad to see that you're bringing this forward and that we can actually integrate our policy work together. Thank you very much for making the trip. Thank you, Councilman Andrew. Yes, thank you. Also, I want to thank the national lead for cities, for, you know, bringing your expertise to our city. You know, we're living in times where racial equality is being allowed to be ignored and this is unacceptable. So I hope that as the city and we learn from your training and thank you for bringing this presentation to us. And I heard your name was Last Names and. I'm going to make the same comment. No wonder you did such a fine job. There you go. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Captain Pierce. Yes, I could talk on equity forever, but I will try to keep it brief. I want to thank you and Leah cities for all the work that you're doing. I personally was a part of the California Department's work with so many other community members that had this discussion around bringing this conversation, specifically governing for racial equity to Long Beach. And we really struggle with the conversation. Do we talk about equity by itself or do we talk about racial equity? And I think even in a city as progressive as Long Beach, to see us struggle with that kind of conversation just highlights the need for it. And I think you really us having to echo that systematic rac

ism is real and it's not calling out a person as racist, but it's calling out the systems and that sometimes it makes the conversation difficult and understanding that whenever we look at the numbers, that race is that number one decider. And so I really want to thank you for coming out here, and I look forward to working with you guys in the future. And I just appreciate all the all the work. Thank you. Thank you. And finally comes from Ranga. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank. We're choosing Long Beach to do the study, and we're going to be here for the next couple of days. And I'm looking forward to showing off a wonderful facility that we had, that we work with the homeless population here in Long Beach, the villages of Cabrillo. So I'm really looking forward to being able to show that to you, that it's a great program. It's in my district, in the seventh District, and hopefully we could take some back, some ideas as well with to share with you other cities as well as what we're doing here in Long Beach to address that issue as well . So welcome and and looking forward to more discussions. Thank you. Thank you very much. Is there any public comment on this item saying now we're going to go out and go to a vote? Members, please cast your votes. Just do this one public comment and then we need to go to a vote. We've got to do four items before 8 p.m.. The paper, one item. How's it going? My name is tonight Convey. I'm a resident of sixth district. How you doing, Councilman? Uh, I think is a great program. If I can get out of work in time, I will be there on Thursday. One idea this crossed my mind. An opportunity to push your agenda to help our city. Maybe we can get a citywide commemoration for Juneteenth. Today's Juneteenth. I didn't see any moment of silence or any energy put towards the the Juneteenth celebration. Juneteenth is for those that don't know, Juneteenth is a it's a holiday state holiday celebrated by 45 states in this country. And it is the official end of slavery in this country. General Granger, he led his army into Texas, which had over 500,000, sees me and over 500,000 slaves who were unaware that slavery was ended in the rest of the country. And unfortunately, they want to let it be known because there was a harvest coming up. So, you know, as is the systems that benefit to take advantage of free labor. But I think that would be a good example. Maybe you can bring that up on Thursday. Another one also relates to the see, maybe we can we can get some help on a change in the name of some of the streets in this the city. You know, I live on a street called BURNETT Street, and it's named after Peter BURNETT, who's the early governor here in California. He was also a white supremacist, and he led early settlers here in California to add segregation laws prohibiting people who look like me to settling into a free state. He also then later moved up to the Pacific Northwest and did the same. Now we did a great thing. We changed t

he name of the school in my neighborhood, but it would be great to maybe change the name. The Street is a couple of other white supremacists. We got streets named after here, but just a suggestion. Thank you. Thank you very much. And members, please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great and think you're going to to the National League of Cities and for the partnership there we're doing item 22. Please read item 22. Well, I wanted to have our citizen group come up first, if that's okay. Sure. I think that's first on the item. And just to be clear, there's there's no relationship between the two reports. We usually get a report from fire leading into 4th of July on their outreach efforts. And I hope to do that. But but as if we can take up the item 26/1 and I can give a little bit of an intro. So so we have before our residents begin talking, I wanted to just highlight a few things. So probably about eight months ago or so, one of the third District residents can Weiss, who's here, reached out to me. Ken is an active member of the third District and Long Beach resident and often brings forth suggestions on issues that he's observed in the community. And he and many other neighbors in the city of Long Beach, and especially on the coastal areas, have expressed a lot of concern about the use of illegal fireworks every year. So Ken suggested that we put together kind of a citizen. Group that studies the. Issue, that calls other cities to find out what their rules are, that looks at outreach efforts, that looks at opportunities for improvement for city wide practices. This group of individuals spent countless hours. I can't even begin to tell you how hard they worked on this completely volunteer task, and their only goal was to come up with some recommendations that the city can incorporate. And I'm happy to report they're going to go through their recommendations, but that our the council office has actually started to implement some of the recommendations, including a PSA. I know the city already does. PSA is what we hired a recent graduate from Cal State Long Beach's film school to help us create a PSA that was, you know, hip with the with the teens so the teen age group. And so they've already, you know, been working on that. They've shot the PSA and they're working on First Cut. So we're in the process of

that. But I wanted to just recognize this group of residents, let them do a presentation on what they've done and tell you their names. So we have Ken Weiss, who's here with us tonight, Eric Whitten, who's going to be doing the presentation for us. Sandra Rangel, Leslie Patterson, David Val Tierra, Jeff Dawson, Peter Hodgkinson and Jason Bollman. So these are our residents who were served on this committee, and I want to thank you on behalf of the City Council for your excellent work and for the folks in the back. I don't think this is the presentation that we're going to queue up. Did it did you. Guys send it? Yes. Okay. So hold on 1/2. Let's se

e. It's got some fireworks on the front cover, the white background. Jack. Did they get it? I look. There we go. Okay, so, Eric, take it away. All right. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and council for having us here. This has been a really wonderful process for all of us to learn to come together and learn as total strangers to take on an issue and and try and and see where it takes us. What I have here tonight at five, the next slide is to describe the process that we went through. We had two separate parts of this. One was the city departments that are involved and or impacted by fireworks. And what do the other cities do? And you can see here, we had an extensive list of departments and cities that we spoke to and met with in person over about a four month period. We had 21 sessions and more than 344 committee hours in a four month period to take a look at what people are doing with regard to fireworks. And the next slide, this is kind of the CliffsNotes version of what we found. And on the left hand side, I'd like to call your attention to the emergency call center this last 4th of July. These numbers are for last 4th of July. There's were 3200 calls received by the emergency call center in a 24 hour period. And this was about a 60% increase over a normal operational period. So the workload for the call centers is really, really significant. On July 4th, there were 1365 calls that were directed for a response. And of that, 1092 were fireworks related. And in the period between a 45 minute period, between 830 and 915, there were 715 calls from residents to the call center. And of these calls, there were 40 felony and misdemeanor arrests and 40, 46 citations. And to compare that, we looked at July 3rd also, and I only want to summarize that that call volume on July 3rd was 1000 calls. We also discovered that there's a lot of calls that we're holding. And so that becomes a significant impact to the enforcement of the four fireworks rules that the police have to deal with in the collective agency. We listed all of the things that we found here that have to be dealt with or were dealt with actually on July 4th. And there's a lot of medical responses. Both rescues assist at the beach, the arson department. So department. But that unit, they they made 11 block party visits and issued five citations and confiscated £150 of illegal fireworks. The actionable results just in review of that and I wanted to mention, because this was very significant, that the police department seized £7,000 of illegal fireworks prior to July 4th. I can only imagine what would have happened if they hadn't had done that. But there were a total of 80, 86 citations, 46 citations and 40 felony arrests, which I think was pretty significant. But by comparison to the number of calls for service, I think there was quite a few residents that were not happy about the response . On the next slide is the police department's logs for that night. So you can see that they're quite busy. A

nd in fact, we talked to Commander Herzog, and in the police department, it's essentially all hands on deck that there are no days off, there are no special circumstances. Everybody has to work because of the high call volume. And we think that probably is a big impact on morale for the police department. Have to do this because we're all enjoying July 4th except for the police department. I believe this held true for the fire department, too, and the Marine patrol. So essentially what you have is all the public safety personnel are on duty on July 4th. That also relates or results in somewhere. And we didn't do an audit and we didn't look at people's budgets and we didn't really calculate. But what we did was take a look at some some averages. And it looks like maybe the cost for overtime on July 4th may be as high as \$600,000. So doing something about fireworks has a fiscal impact as well as a morale impact and has an impact for the community at large. In the next slide, we took a look at the Long Beach animal shelter and it's hard to read these numbers and it didn't turn out quite straight. But what happened was that the animal shelter collects a lot of stray dogs and cats that are loose on July 4th and only in 2017, only 39% of them were returned . So it turned out that animal control is all hands on deck also, and they're overloaded with animals on July 4th. So our recommendations are kind of we looked at the whole group of what does a city do and what do they have possible right now? And in the winter, when you look at what the police and the fire department have to do, all of the enforcement right now is criminal enforcement, which requires the policemen or the firemen to actually witness the lighting of a fireworks. And when you recognize

the calls you're holding for service, the police don't get the call or the fire, too. Don't get the call until after the fireworks are even lit. So the ability of the of the police and the fire to see the lighting and the fireworks is in our estimate was pretty, pretty impossible. So we need to come up with another strategy to get the message out to to the public. And so what we believed was for the Long Beach Fire Department, they were significantly involved in pieces and doing an excellent job. And what we wanted to do is support that. Let everyone know that that is happening. But what we thought is a recommendation is that the social science research and social websites and social videos and contacts and things like that is evolving very, very quickly. And the fire department needs to take a look at that. We found that the impact of fireworks tends to be more on the younger side than on the older side, like old guys like me. The you know, I'm not going to be a problem for fireworks, but some some are. The next step is administrative code enforcement. We discovered that there's a mechanism in the city to have administrative code enforcement for fireworks penalties. Or there's it's in the code, but ther

e's no mechanism to actually carry it out. The only mechanism to carry out enforcement is through misdemeanor and felony contact. And I think we put our police officers, officers and our arson unit in a very difficult position to be successful when they have to witness the lighting of the fireworks. And we find that that doesn't really happen. So we would like to recommend that. The city. Take a look at code enforcement. And I'm not speaking of the code enforcement necessarily, like on housing codes and water heaters and things like that. I'm talking about more of an administrative process of the fireworks code. The Long Beach Police Department in the short term could also take a look at that and provide input on that. But I do the committee believe that we they're in an ineffective position to actually witness this. So there's got to be another another focused on a mechanism that is not as stringent as a criminal criteria that requires witnesses, that doesn't rely on other forms of evidence, like a neighbor report I saw it or a video even or photographs of a party going on were lots of fireworks. The other thing that we had recommended to Miss Price was data collection is kind of a. Not really happening. We have a lot of data on what responses are and who does what, but what neighborhoods are impacted the most. And so we've recommended to go Long Beach be extended so that people could maybe report the fireworks. They know that there's not going to be anything, no police response as a result of that. But it could take a load off of the call center and it would be a mechanism to collect data so that the next year the plans can be fine tuned based on data as opposed to let's just put everybody out there and let them go where they're called, which sort of I am critical of that because they do go where they're cold, but maybe they don't have to go to every call that that was the community's point. And then in the long term, I'll go through there. They're essentially extensions of these short term recommendations. And then you can see up there some of the administrative enforcement concept was that the administrative citations can be citations and warnings that we felt more could be issued by the city attorney so that if the call center takes a call, we would ask them to get the address so they could then compile an address and maybe a response is not required, but they could forward that address to the city attorney, who then could send what we called a courtesy letter to say, Hey, we just want to remind you that fireworks are illegal and there's no criminal penalty. We're not putting Dad in jail because he was trying to have fun with his kids. But we're getting the message out. So when you take a look at this list, there's there's citations that go through the city attorney's office. And maybe I'm speaking incorrectly about the city attorney. Maybe it's a city prosecutor. We didn't try to determine who would do that. But there also could be differen

t evidence requirements so that maybe if if the violation is severe enough and someone has submitted a video of people lighting fireworks, say, in one of our parks, then that would rise to a different level for the city attorney to maybe pursue a citation or some other action. But it would keep the police and keep the fire department focused on things that may be more important on July 4th that they can't get to because they're dealing as best they can with a fireworks situation. That's really a no win for them. And so I would like to make those short recommended more, but I thought this kind of summed up what we found and gave you a good feeling for what we did do. I want to thank you on behalf of the Third District for spending as much time as you did. It's unbelievable to me that you guys would have volunteered 344 hours to researching something you care about. And I appreciate the presentation. I thought you did a nice job highlighting the great work of our fire and police departments and understanding the challenges that they face. There are some

recommendations there that are certainly recommendations that we're going to follow up. And the first is the PSA that we hope to get into the schools, which I think is important. But also the administrative citation option is something that my staff is researching now to bring back as a potential agenda item in the future. So I want to thank you and Ken for your service and for sharing with us your recommendations. And it's unusual to gather a group of residents together to research a subject like this, but this is something that you're very passionate about, and you definitely rooted your energy to a very productive place. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And I just want to I just want to thank you guys also. I think that that's a lot of time for community members to go in and just do the level of research that you did on a topic. It's a very important topic across the city. And so I just want to thank you guys and the whole committee as well. Well, thank you. I wanted to. Thank the councilman's office, she and her office, because they. Really helped us a lot. And one of the things how we wanted. The message we wanted. To send was that the committee is while we serve at the pleasure of the councilwoman, we're planning on sitting down in July. After the fireworks and look and see what worked and what didn't. Work. We have other. Recommendations that are more long range that we need to work on, but we think. There's a lot of good things that can happen to kind. Of get a handle on the fireworks issue here in Homage. Well, thank you. And this will be, I think, all part of the public comment as any other public comment on this topic. Seeing none. Councilman Mongo. So thank you for your suggestions. I think the go Long Beach up add on is really important. We're already having issues with fireworks in January and so we've had even more recently and I think with the administrative process, the go long r

ecap is helpful because when our Assistant Chief Brant and I were in an area last year watching fireworks go off, it's easy for everyone to videotape the fireworks. But soon as the cars come, the fire department or the police department, everyone runs and scatters versus with the go Long Beach up, you could actually take a picture of the person lighting the firework and save that into the app in the same way that you take a picture of the broken sidewalk. So great idea. I whispered to Councilwoman Price that if they are doing fireworks, perhaps their community service could be required on 4th of July the next year. So they couldn't possibly be lighting fireworks again. But I really appreciate the work that you've done, and I may have a few residents who are interested in talking with you more specifically because they have their own kind of dialog about the same issues that we've been having over on the fifth. So thank you for your work very well. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. I want to echo I knew that Councilmember Mongo was going to talk about the goby job. I think that's a great idea. If we could figure out a way to work with the city attorney's office or somebody like that to send some letters, sometimes all people need to know somebody is watching. And so I know in my district also a beach neighborhood, we have a big issue as well. And so let me know how my office can get involved with you guys and any of our neighborhood leaders as well and keep up the great work. Thank you. Thank you. This would be Councilwoman Royce. I got to I received an email yesterday today. Asking for advice on the. PSA and we were talking about tonight. It might be a really good idea to put a little tag on the bottom. On it for. The Go on beach. App so that when neck goes out, they know how to. Go to the next step. Great. Thank you. Thank you very much. And to close Councilman Anders. Yes, thank you, Mayor. You know, I cannot thank the council Councilwoman Price well enough to bring in this item forward. You know, bringing this fireworks, you know, beginning at the fireworks are illegal in parts of the state. But I know that it is tough to control them. But we really do need to try, you know, as a city to put some sort of prevention, education and enforcement. On this issue. My residents, especially the ones in the regular area, deserve some sort of peace of mind. They heard illegal fireworks and those being set off in the Wilmington area. I know my office requested a meeting minutes from the fireworks advisory committee from June 5th. And still has not received the copies. Thank you to the Third District Committee and the fire department for working together, and I hope we can have a better 4th of July than the past. Thank you very much. Thank you. Please cast your votes. Councilwoman Mongo. Vice Mayor. Richardson. She's. Yes. Motion carries you item 46, which is also filed which related. Communication from Councilmember Pearce, Councilwoman Gonzalez

, Councilman Price, Councilmember Super Non recommendation to request city manager to work with Department of Health and Human Services and Long Beach Police Department and report back to council in the next 30 days. Long Beach's Current Suicide Prevention Methods and establish a suicide prevention plan. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. And I want to thank my

colleagues for signing on to this item last minute. I know that we have a long council agenda tonight, but we wanted to make sure that we started putting the wheels in motion for this item. And it has been something that I've wanted to put on the agenda since I got into office. And with everything that's happened recently and awareness around it, it seems like we've kind of missed some opportunities. So I wanted to agenda is this tonight, so I'm just going to read the item and have a little bit of public comment. Since the early 2000, we have seen a rise in suicide cases. In a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, they found that from 1999 to 2016, suicide rates spurred spread to the top across the nation. In 2016, the highest suicide rate was among whites at 15% and Native Americans at 13% in 2018. On average, one person dies by suicide every 2 hours, making the at the 11th leading cause of death in California, and second leading cause of death for ages 25 to 34. In Long Beach, we have an average of 3 to 4 suicides a month. Action is desperately needed. Aside from mental illness, there are several risks that factors may contribute to the thoughts of suicide, attempted suicide and actual suicide. They include previous suicide attempts, substance abuse, incarceration, family history of suicide, poor job security, low levels of job satisfaction, history of being abused or witnessing continuous abuse. Being diagnosed with a serious medical condition such as cancer, HIV being socially isolated or a victim of bullying. Currently, the states such as Utah, Alaska, Colorado, among others, have taken steps in creating suicide prevention task force to do community outreach and provide training services with the guidance of methods such as applied suicide intervention skills, also known as Assist. Safe Talk Assist is a two day training that covers understanding of suicides, provide skills to recognize suicide risk and intervenes to prevent it. Safe Talk Trains individuals to learn how to respond to someone when expressing suicidal thoughts. Identify a person of risk of suicide and how to connect them to resources. Establishing a suicide prevention plan will educate the community on suicide risk factors, protective factors, recovery and healing process. Creating a community task force will be able to work with you with strategies such as education, outreach and support for the community. The goal is to reduce deaths by suicide, increasing awareness and understanding, and to connect individuals with resources that can provide methods of healing. And I want to applaud the city

. I know that we are taking on trauma informed work. We've got a lot of resources in the city already and I think working across the county with other organizations and leaders and I know we have some here tonight really will help us raise awareness. And when we look at these factors as a whole, the city is doing a really great job. But if we don't have that lens of preventing suicide, then it might not work. And for me and I know that I tend to share my personal story back here a lot and I could not do it on this issue. When I was six, I found my mother OD'd in the bathroom. When I was ten, she slit her wrist and in 2009 she was finally successful. And so I know the impacts of suicide. My district is a district that includes downtown in our waterfronts. The majority of public suicides happen in my district. I'm reminded often of these impacts. And so this item for me is important, not just as an item to say as a city that we're moving forward on suicide prevention. It is something that I'm going to put my heart into for the rest of my term to make sure I'm working with the health department, with the county, and with any resources that we can. And so I know our director of the health department, we haven't really talked in detail about this. And so I'm asking for a report back in 30 days just on kind of where we're at and where we think we can go and what resources we might need to implement a plan like this. I don't I'm going to put you on the spot tonight, but we can work together over the next 30 days. And I know we have at least somebody here in the audience that wants to speak. And so I urge my colleagues to wholeheartedly support this item. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, thank you, Councilmember Pearce, for bringing it forward and sharing your story. I know oftentimes we're led by policy, through policy making, by our personal stories and backgrounds. And it's it's very profound that we're able to do this, of course, for a colleague that had dealt with that in her family, but also for a lot of the residents, you know, I really hated seeing some of our watch commander lists. We see all of the every action. Unfortunately, that is violent action happen. We see it come through our email, our city council members. And the last week or so, we had seen I think about two or three public suicides in the second district, and it was just really alarming. It was the same time, of course, we had heard about Tony Bourdain and then about Kate Spade, which is on a national level. But to see it here in your city is a whole different story. So I'm glad that we're actually putting some effort and energy to this to see what we can do to, you know, to to limit this. I know in the LGBTQ community, obviously, we have seven times more

likely to commit suicide, especially within the transgender community. So we have a lot of work to do in looking at those specific demographics and then, of course, looking at it comprehensively to really erad

icate this this issue and hopefully provide more resources in light. And I think our health department, too, because I know, Kelly, you've been working on this issue as well. So thank you so much. Thank you. Councilmember Muranga. O'Rourke. Thank you, Mayor. Great enunciation by way. I learn first language, brother. There you go. I want to, first of all, thank Councilmember Pearce for bringing this forward. Suicide touches are touches us all in one form or another, whether it's a national icon or a person across the street. I had a couple in my history, in my lifetime where I haven't witnessed it, but close family friends have taken that route. And, you know, when I reflect on those relationships, I wonder if I could have done something myself in recognizing some of the behaviors that were present at the time, such as a couple of very, very, very compelling to me is like self-mutilation or self hurt, pulling their hair, burning their fingers, or pinching themselves or cutting themselves with a knife or a blade. Just those types of behaviors that that eventually led to the ultimate sacrifice on their own cells, in their bodies. And and had I known more than what I know today, perhaps I could have made a recommendation, or I could have intervened in one way or another. And I think that this type of education is very important for all of us to note, so that we can do our part to prevent someone from from making that that from taking their own lives. So I'm glad that this is put forward. I totally support it. And I hope that we have a significant impact on it as well. And I hope that when we finally put something in place that we could get a report on it and to to see what the what we can what we can add or tweak or enhance, probably as we were as we move forward as to as well. So thank you. Thank you, Councilman Andrews. You know, just kind of mentioned on this the item that was brought forward in front of us today, because the last, you know, past Friday was Juneteenth celebration at Kings Park and that and help manage the nonprofit organization in my district, you know, which I partner with. And for the main focus, the celebration was bringing out mental health resources for the sixth District community. You know, in light of this recent tragedy, I think that this item is needed. And I would like to thank Councilman Price for bringing it forward. I'm looking forward to having six district residents on the Community Tax Task Force, if that's possible. And thank you again, Spice, for bringing that forward. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. It was my my twin Pierce who brought the item forward. But everyone always confuses us. But I was privileged to be asked to sign on to this item. I think, you know, what's happened in the last few weeks with the public coverage of high profile suicides is really been just. A. Huge exclamation point on this concept of mental health, mental health discussions, mental health awareness, and the fact that you just neve

r know where people are at in their lives. You just have no idea what's going on in people's lives and what is causing them sadness and feeling like they're they have no hope. So I'm I'm I'm very supportive of this item. And I thank Councilwoman Pearce for council person council woman hope. I don't know what should go by council Lady Pearce for bringing this item forward. And I think anything we can do as a city to provide support, outreach and education we should be doing. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. And thank you, Council Lady Pearce as well. Hey, this is you know, it's a real issue. And, you know, you know, people in their kitchen tables, they're looking at the statistics. It's all over the news. It's it's an epidemic that's growing in our in our country. And and I don't know why. I don't understand the psyche of it, but I think it does need to be acknowledged by our city. So thanks for bringing this up and hopefully we can make a difference in somebody's life. Thank you, Councilman. Mr. Brown, thanks for the. Bringing the item forward and inviting me to sign on. You know, it's been a few hours now since we spoke about community hospital, but I'm just struck by the fact that we could use a lose 28 beds in that psych unit there and how critical that is to. This very issue. So thank you. Thank you. And I also want to thank Councilmember Pearce. I think this is a very important issue and it's one I think that affects everyone. I know that I think everyone is affected or has been affected by suicide or knowing someone that has had mental health challenges. And so I think this is great to look at and I certainly applaud all the cosigners on this item. So with that, I want to go take public comment. She waited. Honorable Mayor and city council. I'm her Linda Chico Phil Deputy for supervisor Janice Hahn. Mental health and and and well-being is very important to Supervisor Hahn. So it was important that she asked me to read a letter of support for Councilmember Pierce's item into record. I would like to

thank Councilmember Jeanine Pearce for introducing this agenda item that would establish a suicide prevention plan. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that over the last two decades, suicide rates have increased across the nation. In fact, suicide is now the 11th leading cause of death in California and second leading cause of death for ages 25 to 34. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health has established an access center which is designated to facilitate connections to crisis intervention and the Psychiatric Mobile Response Team 24 hours, seven days a week for all L.A. County residents through their Youth Suicide Prevention Project. The County of Los Angeles also provides outreach and support to schools, parents and high risk youth populations. Please count on the County of Los Angeles as a resource. The topic of suicide is a difficult but important conversation communities need to have. I am proud of th

e leadership. The city of Long Beach is demonstrating to educate the community on suicide risk factors, as well as strategies for outreach, support and prevention. I look forward to expanding our partnership in addressing this serious issue. Janice Hahn, Chair Pro-Tem, Supervisor, Fourth District, County of Los Angeles, thanks. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is and I am resident sixth district. I want to thank the Councilperson Peters for bringing this up. Today I have a question I want to know. The state of the in my neighborhood on the 21st and long is provided as a mental hospital. It was used to be a mental hospital, I believe. I wanted to know the state of the reopening I saw on the news maybe a couple of months ago. I think the mayor might have spoke about it, reopening a couple of hundred beds there. What's the the state of that? It's under construction. And so they're actively working to open that site up. And they believe that that's something that'll be you know, I think there's still probably about six months plus away for Mr. West. If you want to quickly make the big facility on one boulevard there at least six months away. Right. Approximately six months. Okay. All right. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion in a second and we had public comment. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. We have two items are related to fire fireworks. So those are item 26 and 46. One is an item by Councilwoman Price. I think the other one is a report on fireworks from the fire department. Councilman, should we hear the report first from the fire department and then the item or how did you want to do that? Well, I wanted to have our citizen group come up first, if that's okay. Sure. I think that's first on the item. And just to be clear, there's there's no relationship between the two reports. We usually get a report from fire leading into 4th of July on their outreach efforts. Great. Thank you very much. We're going to go ahead and do our second and final reading for the recreational marijuana items. I want to move that up and that is item 33. Out of 33 is report from City Manager. Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Menace Code related to adult use cannabis read and adapted as Read City. Thank you. And this is the second reading councilmember. We have a motion and a second. Is there anything else you want to add, Mr. West? No, sir. Okay. Councilman Pierce. Councilman Mongeau? Yes. I'd like to make a friendly to move to declare the ordinance read and adopted as read with the following changes to the text of Chapter 5.92 as presented in staff's recommended action. This would not change the reading. It would still remain a second reading one that section 5.92.1520.8.3. B is amended to add or to the end of the sentence. And to that paragraph C is added to section 5.92.1520.8.3, which I'll read is a Long Beach resident currently receiving unemployment benefits. This is something that we discussed at the last

council meeting and at the time it was thought it would force it into a second reading. But upon additional discussion with the city attorney's office, it's it does not do that and it still maintains the value and vision that was originally intended. And so that would make that possible.

Councilmember Pearce, would you accept my friendly. Yes, I have a couple of questions for the city attorney. First one, understanding that this change would simply expand, who would be part of the social equity piece? That is correct. We've talked to Councilmember Mongeau about her proposed amendment and it would expand under the social equity piece, add an additional category of making other folks available to participate in this program. That's correct. And I think that that's great if someone's on unemployment and we're making sure that we have new job opportunities for them. And to clarifying from you that this would be the final reading today. That is also correct. We looked at this and this is a small change in it expands what was already approved by the council the following week and by the motion is specifically identified where and what language we would be changing to this substantially large ordinance. And so, yes, we believe that we can do that this

evening. If it's accepted and approved by the body tonight, this would be the final reading and the audience would go into effect 31 days after the mayor signs it. Wonderful with that. I'd like to just say that it's a historic night. I know a lot of residents have waited for this night. I think the staff has done a fantastic job of working with all stakeholders, from residents to industry to council officers, in making sure that this is an ordinance that moves the city forward. And so I urge my colleagues to accept the motion and vote on this today so we can have our final reading. Thank you. And this is the final rating, correct? Correct. Okay. That is correct. We're done. We are. Okay. Thank you. There's any public comment on this. I just wish you would. Do the right thing. You recognize? You have to recognize. And certainly cannot be unaware. The devastation that this will bring on this city. Period. Whatever our crime problems are now. They will near double whatever our homeless problems are. Those are all the intensification of those problems. This doesn't solve a single thing. If people want. They can go somewhere else to get that. They may come back here. But at least you can go to bed at night. And you can look your constituents in that eye and say, we've done that. We did the right thing. Approving. This is clearly not right. All you have to do is look at where the one is in Belmont Shore. In the middle of a. The pathways at school kids, period. There will be an increase in every single neighborhood like that. All it takes is character and backbone. I know some of you don't have that, but I know I think and I would hope that the majority do. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. I am Francis

. My two friends passing it out. I am Francis Henley Dyson Harris. I reside in District one and I've spent a tremendous amount of time putting together the document that you have before you. Mayor Robert Gates City Council members I'm Shirley Charles Pratt's hammers quote I believe that the the positive truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous arguments is a noble understanding. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversation, has helped guide this ordinary nation's destiny as a great guideline to implement while making decisions regarding this ordinance. Because I'm a pediatric nurse, that's the only reason I'm standing before you. Because I'm a pediatric nurse. I'm reluctant to completely support the second reading of this ordinance. Why? Surely this ordinance requires and needs special care? Because there's too much at stake. Therefore, any reasonable and protective recommendations must be considered that is, be allowed, discussed and decided upon, even if a second reading is postponed to a later date. Now, combined, marijuana dispensaries exist in Los Angeles, Nevada. I believe that only existing medicinal marijuana dispensaries should be allowed to apply for adult use, recreational marijuana dispensary license and must coexist meaning same location. I believe in an adult use. Recreational marijuana dispensary needs to be initially operated as a medicinal marijuana dispensary. Now there are 23 pending movement to some dispensaries in Long Beach. After a six month trial period, then it may be a medicinal and or an adult use cannabis recreational dispensary. I feel strongly about a performance period. I believe that any medicinal and or adult use recreational cannabis dispensary which violates its permit must lose and forfeit is slicing to operate in Long Beach. I believe that any person who lives in Long Beach and whose low income and the district qualifies as being eligible as a local hire and a bit distant and or adult use. Recreational Cannabis Dispensary. I believe this ordinance must include mandatory notification to the public regarding hearings to applicants for a CFP conditional use permit, particularly for adult use of recreational cannabis. Surely public opinion is imperative a protocol regarding handling use less than 21 years and age who are illegally using and possessing medicinal and or adult use. Recreational cannabis is naive in smoking, medicinal and or adult use recreational cannabis and the public needs to cease. Yes, this ordinance is a living document which can be amended any time. Please do not permit this belief to prevent you from your profound capability creating and supporting and approving an ordinance that is noteworthy with accuracy and integrity. Thank you. Thank you so much. Okay. You're welcome. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Seven Orson silos second District coming in, talking and speaking in support of this measure. This has been many years in the work, in the works. Rea

lly special thanks goes out to the city attorney's office for their patience and really just care in terms of making sure that this ordinance stayed in compliance with appropriate state regulations as they were being adopted. As a quick aside, however, at the current moment there are 86 non-compliant delivery services that are not paying into the measure m taxes. That means that they are not supporting that they are a negative they're a revenue negative source for cannabis within within the city of Long Beach. They are provided untested and on and frankly just on regulated cannabis to

patients and adult use patients or adult use consumers across the city. And at this particular moment, members of the BCA as well, and frankly, anybody who any well minded cannabis consumer would really appreciate extra attention being paid to these particular delivery services in the form of perhaps some sort of ordinance emphasizing already existing enforcement measures that are that have been provided. Other than that, we're really looking forward to continued, you know, evolving and good relationship with the city and hiring lots of people locally. Thank you. Have a good day. Thank you. Any additional public comment? Please come forward. Hello. I'm Stefan Freeman. I'm not from Long Beach. But what I can tell you is that we're spending a significant amount of time in Colorado, has been spinning a significant amount of time in Canada, seeing what they're doing in their approach that they're taking right now. And I will tell you that I only came here just to come to this one meeting. You're definitely on the right track. The only way that you can take something that's happening like this with the marijuana business is to take the proactive approach that you're taking. And I'm also looking at potentially putting a business here as well. But the only reason why we make those kind of decisions is because we see the people that are on this council and the work that you're doing to make sure that this is a transparent business where things are being done the right way. So I just wanted to say thank you for letting me hear what's happening in Long Beach. And I'm hoping that as we go through this, that I become a business in the city as well. So thank you. Thank you. That closes public comment. Councilman Mongo. Thank you, Francis. I appreciate your comments. That was something that I worked on very hard last week or at the last council meeting, but it was not accepted by my colleagues. I will let you know that, though, there has been discussion both publicly at this dais that after the ordinance is in effect, there are a couple of ideas about things that could improve the ordinance. But to do those things, they want a opportunity to first demonstrate that through the nine that are available now to open and see how it goes and learn from that experience. And I'll tell you specifically, one that I've worked on with the community and I want to continue working with industry

on is there are on both sides the way that the original program went. There were challenges for industry because they were locked into certain locations and therefore some of them have exorbitant rent. And on the neighborhood side, sometimes there were locations that weren't yet available but could be available 69 to 120 days. But if they didn't have their location, they couldn't get into the lottery. And so we're looking at options which would allow both the industry opportunity to move slight amounts without affecting the value of the ordinance and causing additional confusion. So we're in discussions with the city attorney, but those kinds of things, we really appreciate that you are so in tune and feel free to come to any of our community meetings. My district has had dozens of community meetings on this matter that industry has joined us in as well with the neighbors to have these dialogs. So thank you. Thank you. At the conclusion of a comment and the emotion in a second on the floor with those friendly amendments, there are slight changes. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay, great. Thank you very much. We're moving on to item 24. Thank you. Next up. Is item 24. Communication on Parks, Recreation and Marine Recommendation. Enter into agreements with as a landscape and park would landscape maintenance for grounds maintenance services and a total amount of 5,185,259 citywide. I think Councilman Mongo, you want to share with us. A short report. Yes. Hello, Tim. What can we do? A short report? Yes, sir. Good evening, honorable mayor, vice mayor. And members of the city. Council. I. I just finished my second month here, and one of the things that I have been doing is going to the different park sites. And I in a recent visit to recreation park, I bumped into Clemente, who is part of the ground maintenance team, and he was using an iPad. I was so impressed with Hurley and Kelly's team will be doing a very brief presentation on the landscape contract, the iPad tool, as a way to monitor our landscape contracts, to keep our park system. Green and clean. The other thing that I noticed that the team is so nimble, very flexible, they keep on anticipating problems. One of the issues that you may have heard about is Roundup with regards to being on the list of problem, Proposition 65, as well as a recent some some news with regards to a court ruling. And because of that and the quick thinking from Kelly Parkins and Hurley Owens, they believe and I concur and I recommend that we're going to be stop using Roundup in the parks and the maintenance contract is, you know, it's not just the parks, it's also the golf courses, the street medians, the landscape around the police, the library facilities. But right now, we're going to stop using Roundup, which is the chemical in question is glyphosate, glyphosate. And until so we can have time to assess. And have. An understanding of the regulations that are being placed on this

chemical. So we're going to

have to be on the safe side and stop using it in the parks. Now, let me turn it over to Kelly, who will be presenting the landscape contract before you get. Good evening. So landscape standards define how a landscape area is expected to look and function when the work is completed. Their consistent and have documented performance criteria, their line with the department's strategic objectives, they're defined by short and long term expectations. Give consideration to stakeholder use, horticultural function and esthetics and safety. Our landscape contract is our standard. It was written to achieve a satisfactory result across a broad range of landscape types, which include features as diverse as grass, lakes, trees and natural areas. This allows us to have an expectation that our parklands will be clean, safe and esthetically pleasing institutional landscapes, which are different from garden to residential setting and largely defined by horticultural elements such as plants, trees and lakes. But in distilling the landscape contract into maintainable portions, consideration has to include the institutional elements such as walking paths, picnic tables and playgrounds, which enhance the public's use of these spaces to simply recite the list of maintain areas which include over 3000 acres, 170 parks and 72 acres of medians, 45 acres of lakes, libraries, health centers, police stations really oversimplifies the unique challenges of what it takes to manage a 34 acre wetland park versus a park with 12 athletic fields. The breadth of scope is important, and this contract concisely specifies how these various entities are to be managed. This contract contains all the specifications to adequately manager areas, requires a broad skill set to provide the daily maintenance for a variety of landscapes and the amenities in each. It require sophisticated tracking and training of collected data and staffing to continually assess the data to make field changes. The work of producing a fully revised landscape contract began in the summer of 2016. Nearly a year long process resulted not only in the landscape specification, but the process by which the contract would be bid. In developing the RFP, staff consulted with cities including Riverside, San Francisco, Anaheim, West, Sacramento, Orange and Irvine to name a few. Additionally, the city auditor's part maintenance audit from 2016 clearly identified the need for a performance metric to gauge expectations. Crew defined service levels and the need to develop a worker system to identify deficiencies in mined data for trends and resource planning. The RFP resulted in a contract award based on the findings from a five member panel of staff and an outside consultant, a process which included a preliminary rating candidate interviews, reference checks with other cities, and a final rating. The award used a point system for gauging the candidate's approach experience as well as price

to allow us to obtain the best contract. So what's different now? The framework of the current contract provides a landscape period of satisfactory level to the process of evaluating and revising the scope of work. Staff assessed areas where improvement is needed, how they account for a rate performance, as well as a measurement, a guide or a benchmark, if you will, for contract execution. Some of the improvements in the can in the new contract include irrigation. All repairs are to be performed within 12 hours of discovery. The majority of the class will be under central control and directly programed by city irrigation staff. By 2019, athletic fields are being inspected daily fertilize monthly and irrigation repair completed within 4 hours. Early permits permit site preparation 7 p.m. versus 9 a.m. for weekend use specifications for trash. Abandoned items and debris removal are more clearly defined, and the management of this contracts includes weekly park inspections against the prescribed prescription duties prescribed specification using a mobile inspection system. Deficiencies are noted on the work order, which would be utilized for reduction and payment of invoices. The proposed contract is a performance contract in that tasks, inclusion frequencies have to netty clean, safe and esthetically pleasing landscape. The landscape contract consists of the same primary geographical areas but are now managed as six individual entities instead of four areas. One, three four remain the same area. Five consists of Thailand basins which are required require a specified landscape scope and area six. The MTA blue line was formerly merged with an area three so areas one, two and four will be managed by a staggered landscape. There are new in this contract that they have previously managed. That area, areas three, five and six will be managed by park now excuse me, park landscape. This is a new contractor for this section of the city, but they are also they're currently serving the port in the MTA contracts. The fiscal impact. The contract designations with associated costs are listed by area on this table. Total cost is \$5.1 million. This is a million more than the previous contract. This award

fully finds service levels for all sites, parks, libraries, street landscape, police stations, health centers, lakes, the Rancho Historic Site and natural areas, including El Dorado Nature Center and the DeForest Wetlands. The increases since the last contract includes 17 new park sites such as Gum Via and Drake Chavez Park enhancements such as the reconstruction of Shattuck Park. There are eight new islands, street islands and medians such as Paramount meetings and six street roundabouts. And there are four new MCU sites such as the Michelle Obama Library and the police station on the east side of the city. Contract Management Site Evaluation and communication of the most important component. Of. Managing a scope of this magnitude. The electronic mobile monito

ring system was developed in 2016 with the assistance from Technology and Innovation Department, an operation we employed since 2017. So allows for inspection against all of our sites, against the landscape contract. And if you wouldn't mind just breezing through these next two slides, I think we. Would just this is got to more inspection document has the landscape contract specifications listed ongoing deficiencies resulting in a reduction against the monthly invoice. Thank you. Thank you. So I had a couple of. Yeah, I think, I think we're good in the presentation. Let me let me turn it back over to Councilman Mongo. So I just I just want to tell you that I can see the considerable amount of work that has gone on over the last year. I met with the previous Parks and Rec director probably a dozen times on matters related to this contract specifically. I'm so thankful for the mobile monitoring. I want to give a special thank you to technology and innovation for adding the ability for the community to participate in the maintenance needs of the city by using the Go Long Beach app and how that will integrate completely. I think that it's important for the community to know that there are two or three big things going on in this contract. One is a 20% increase in in total resources being dedicated to park maintenance. That hasn't happened in a really long time. I know that Hurley and his team are doing everything that they can as often as they can. But without increasing this contract, we just would not be able to meet the needs of the additional park space. Not to mention the under service to some of the park space as it is today. Additionally, I really appreciate how much there is in the inspection side for us to be able to hold them accountable. We've had complaints in the past where certain contractors were in violation by either driving their trucks across our fields and breaking sprinklers and or matting down what we had just aerated. And those are the types of frustrating things the community sees that are just not acceptable. I appreciate our new Parks and Rec director kind of mentioning the potential for a pilot program and discussing. Our. Alternatives to some of the poisons that we're using in our parks right now. And maybe if we can identify some areas where we set them aside. But I do want to do it with a full picture in mind. I know there's some council agenda items that are potentially coming forward, some that I've been asked to sign on to and others I'm considering. But I think that when we talk about poisons use in our parks, we have to recognize that the ones we're using now aren't the worst available. And so if we're going to ban one, we need to ban anything worse than that as well. Some of the ones that are considered worse are more expensive, and that's why no one uses them. But should we eliminate some of the options? Park maintenance organizations that have won these contracts might be interested in using them. So for the area

s that we know or want to do pilot programs, I'm very supportive and I look forward to an opportunity to discuss and whatever different weed abatement options are available in the future. So thank you for your hard work on this, and I look forward to our continued partnership with our new park advocates in maintaining the parks together in cooperation. Thank you, Vice Mayor Andres. Yes. I mean, I also would like to thank the parks for the hard work you guys have been doing with the city manager or the park director. You know, before we move forward with this, you know, can we look at some of the added signage, you know, in our parks listing the contractors and the phone numbers to report day to day issues? My office, we see cars on a regular basis reporting problems that need to be, you know, related to the contractors. And I think signs would help residents report problems as they see needed. So this is something I would really like to see because a lot of people just think that we're supposed to go round and pick up everything. But some of those signage might in the phone numbers there could help you guys even with the work that they're doing out there. I think you could have both individuals. Thank you. Thank you, Catherine. I just wanted to say great job. I know that my constituents have been waiting to end Roundup for a while, and I also appreciate the thorough recap of the contracts. I like the idea of signs with phone numbers, though

maybe that would decrease all of our energy. Thank you, Council Minister. Thank you very much and thank you for the report. This is good news. Any time we can talk about our park maintenance and getting new contracts and taking into consideration for all of the new work that we're doing and maintaining maintenance issue. I just wanted to clarify something. I note that this this contract is a little bit more expensive than than before. To the tune of about \$1,000,000 more. I want to know, is this the money budgeted in the city manager's budget? The 1.5 million is to take into consideration here. Is that separate from this contract? No, this is totally the. You mean the water? The water. The water is separate. The water is a one time. Okay. This is structurally, structurally budgeted. So great news. This is good. More resources for Parks and Rec to to to make our parks excellent and keep them excellent. No pressure early. Thank you. No pressure taken off. We have a motion and a second. I want to just just to clarify. So are we saying that we're no longer I mean, completely stop using Roundup. Parata. At the parks at this time? We are going to stop immediately in the parks, the golf courses, the mediums are we're going to still use them, but we're going to take this time to really assess the new regulations and the alternatives so that we can be able to have a more proactive plan. But for sure, the decision. Has been. To stop roundup in. In the parks. I mean, listen, if we're gonna stop using Roundup in th

e parks, I'm not sure why we just don't stop using Roundup period. It's been I understand that, you know, my interest and I agree with some of the other comments there. There's so much I think data and research on there about Roundup that it's just it's very concerning to me that I'm glad that we're finally almost there. But I would feel better if we just stopped completely using Roundup. So we're going to beat it next week, you're saying? Okay. Well, then I'll wait till next week. But I think I think it's time to be completely off roundup up. And this is the time. All right, good. Any public comment on this? CNN, please cast your votes. Is there an agenda item next week? Yeah. Okay, great. All right. Councilwoman Price. Motion carries. Okay. Next item is. Dominate by. Noting case A2. Thank you. Item 19, which is the outdoor smoking areas item. Yeah. Item 19 is communication from Councilwoman Price. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to require city attorney to drive an ordinance banning smoking on outdoor seating areas of publicly and privately owned eating establishments. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. So this item is pretty self-explanatory. I'll spare everyone the wordy comments in support of it. I do ask my colleagues to support it in drafting the ordinance and. It. Should. The item passed this evening. One of the things I would like to ask included in this motion is that the city attorney look at including language. Which. Would allow an exemption for special events where people they might want to have a cigar party on a patio and they apply for some sort of a permit or special permit to do that that they could be able to do so. Additionally, since the the the gist of the item is really to provide healthier spaces at food or eating establishments, I think providing some sort of a carve out for patio areas where there is no food served, but rather it's used as a smoking patio. We have that at some live entertainment facilities, at some bars, things like that, where their food is not really served, but the patio is used as a space for smoking. I think it be the limited circumstances where those restaurants or I'm sorry, those those facilities would have an outdoor area where food is not served. But I'd like to include some sort of language that gives of some flexibility so that those particular establishments that are not serving food on the patio can be exempted. And I'd love to hear from my colleagues. We did do extensive outreach on this item and have received overwhelming support from the business. We did extensive outreach to the business community and have received extensive support from the business community in favor of this item. So thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Councilman Price. And a lot of the conversation on this stems back to the smoke free Long Beach campaign. The health department drove back when L.A. County was just driving a lot of money arou

nd tobacco prevention. And and so I'm supportive of this. The pilot that happened, the smoke free dining pilot was successful. And I think this is the next natural step. Thanks for including some conversation or some thoughts around those exemptions. I would also say one thought that we should ask them to consider is or figure out is, you know, if it's like adult hours, right? Like, a lot of times if you think about patio dining, you go with your family. You don't want to you don't want to deal with the smoking. But if it's 11:00 at night, I'm probably not going to have my three year old out there. And if there's a patio, I wouldn't want the businesses to have to go through a special permit for nighttime stuff. So some. That's when the rules get relaxed a little bit. So there's just something

to consider. You're open to something like that? Absolutely. Absolutely. Great. Thanks. I mean, I think if the city attorney were to look at some maybe best practices of how those carve outs, because the intent is really. Adult or child. The intent is really in eating establishments to save everyone the the the requirement that they have to now inhale that secondhand smoke if they don't want to. I also think it's I mean, in addition to just the eating, I mean, when you have patio dining, if someone's walking down the street, they shouldn't have to smell it when they walk past. But I mean, around 11:00 at night, you're probably an adult at that point. So. So, yeah, I like this. I think you got to Amber Peirce. Yes. I want to thank my colleagues for bringing this item forward. I did have some conversations with the Heart Association as well as some of the businesses in my district. And so I think following along that same idea, you know, we've got some, you know, like I have Fourth Street Vine in my district that has a back patio that closes at 10:00 at night. But they have entertainment license, but they have finger food. So they have a cheese plate and a pretzel plate, you know, so it's not weight service. It's they go and pick up a little snack and they take it outside themselves. So again, looking at some options that don't limit adults, I think venues would be ideal. And then thinking about as a weight service like Lola's outside, there's waiters, it's very different full meal that you're sitting down to enjoy versus just kind of snacking on some, you know, simple food. So I support the intent of this item. I look forward to seeing what the city attorney comes back with with some of those ideas about how we create a healthier space. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Gonzalez. Yeah. Thank you, Count Councilmember Gray serving in this board. I think many of our downtown residents had that exact concern. A lot of the smoke goes up into the buildings and into their units and oftentimes, you know, poses an issue. And so it's great that we're bringing it up. But I do like the flexibility in ours and looking at some other options, I look forward to coming back

. Thank you again. Thank you. And I'll just add, I strongly support this and this is a great next step in all the work that's happened. And so I want to thank Councilman Price for bringing this forward and for doing the work of meeting with folks on this. And the one suggestion I'll have to our city attorney, obviously, I know how we classify a restaurant versus a bar or bar bars that sell food versus a restaurant I know is very different in the city and there's a very strong classification difference. And so I'd be interested in that language as well because I know I can think of of many places that are not restaurants that are essentially bars, but that also serve food. But they're not it's not suite service, but, you know, just walk down the promenade or anywhere on Pine Avenue on any given Friday or Saturday. And there are specific places that are bars that are not restaurants, which is very different than, you know, restaurants with patios. And so I just as we as we have that conversation, I'll be interested in that. I think this is a really good policy and step. And I know that when we have done these types of ordinances in the past, there has been some good communication between the city and the kind of restaurant owners or the bar owners, and I'm sure that will exist in this as well. So a very good item, Councilmember Pearce. Any public comment on this item? CNN. Yes. Please come forward. And I'll make it brief very, very quickly also. My name is Primo Castro with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Mayor and City Council. The American Cancer Society Action Network supports evidence based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. We are asking the Council to move forward and support this ordinance in the city. I currently serve as a co-chair of the Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach, where we have been working on this issue for over four years and are excited to see this item coming to fruition. Finally, a smoke free dining patio ordinance would make our restaurant patios in a city 100% smoke free, which over 80% of respondents prefer. And a survey conducted by the Long Beach Health Department a couple of years ago. The current law calls that two thirds of a patio is to be smoke free. That's current law right now. We all know that tobacco, obviously, and other types of smoke does not stay in the same place, and which is truly a danger for our children and restaurant staff. Establishments like Berlin Bistro and and Portfolio Coffeehouse, along with Lola's and countless others, have voluntary smoke free patios currently in the city. Recently, the Long Beach Police Department was awarded \$211,000 from the Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant Program from the California Department of Justice. And the Long Beach Health Department was also secured over \$640,000 for fiscal year 1819, which will help support this particular effort through the coalition. We not only surveyed residents on their

thoughts, but we also engage the business community via the Council of Business Associations. We're asking for a comprehensive policy that includes restaurants and bars. Thank you. I would like to be, you know, be more than happy to answer any questions. I also ask that as you make your decision as to please I have the the city attorney consult with the Long Beach Health Department in terms of the language on this. Thank you. Thank you so much. And with that, please cast your votes. I'm an I. Motion case here. Thank you. And I missed an item. 23 was also on the list to be moved up. So sorry about that. So. So next up is so 23. It was 24, which was the dock management system, affordable housing and roundup. I am 20. There's that. Yeah. Yeah. Communication from Councilmember on the recommendation to increase appropriations and general fund in the City Manager Department by 35,000, offset by the seventh Council District one time infrastructure funds to fund a community concert and community engagement in the seventh District. KATZENBERG Duncan Thank you, Mayor. And it's gonna be very short that when I basically invite everybody to the peace in the park on September 28th, this funding would provide us with a great opportunity to celebrate culture with music, dance and food, and that they were celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which goes from September 16 to October 50. Thank you. Thank you very much. There's a motion and a second is for public comment on this. See none. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. I'm not sure if we did public comment when I was out there or not. Denim jeans. We did it. That's not a comment. The only one. Okay, great. I thought that was underwritten with public comment. Right. Okay. Item 20. No, I'm sorry, I'm 21. We haven't done official public comment. I'm not sure if any of the other speakers are still. Working on. It. Okay. Okay. Okay. So Daniel Jeans, Larry Goodhew, I think just two spoke. Michael Caldwell. Dave Shukla Okay, thank you. I am 21. It. Okay. Okay. Okay. So Daniel Jeans, Larry Goodhew, I think just two spoke. Michael Caldwell. Dave Shukla Okay, thank you. I am 21. Communication from Councilmember Wodonga Councilwoman Gonzales, Councilmember Pierce, Vice Mayor Andrew's recommendation to direct city manager to organize and host a community budget meeting with translation services available in multiple languages. Starting with fiscal year 2020 outreach. There's a motion in the second council. I'm very ringa. Yes. I want to thank my fellow colleagues who signed up with me on this one, because it's obviously very becoming very important to today's discussion on language access and the need for services there that we haven't had. I know we basically adopted a budget tonight or we will be in a few minutes. So we missed this opportunity. But I would like to have for next year for the 19, 19, 20, 19, 2020 budget year that we provide at least one or two workshops in multi languages so that people can

have a full level of participation during these conversations and direct the city manager to see what to make sure that we get at least one scheduled. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes, thank you. Councilmember Dunga just falls in line with what we've been talking about. Historically, my office has held. Two. Budget meetings. We've done some together and one in English, one in Spanish. Where all of. Our city departments have to speak in Spanish. And we actually have translation services in English. And I appreciate all of our. Departments being there. And oftentimes the Spanish budget meeting is well attended, more attended than the English speaking budget meeting. Which is speaks volumes. To the need for this. So thank you so much. I look forward to this item. I thank you, Vice Mayor Andrew. Yes, thank you, Mia. You know, because when I came up with the link to access policy, the goal was, you know, to sort of, you know, available for everyone in the language that they needed. And this year, I hosted two community budget meetings and one of them, the kumite was, you know, translators was what's wrong in locations ? And I had several Spanish speaking residents and to my who did not understand the presentation. So that was completely unacceptable. And I do hope that in moving forward, we think a grand scale and how to provide these presentations in the central locations with our translators available. And I really appreciate that we could make sure that this into any moving forward that this would be available. Thank you very much. Thank you. Vice Mayor Councilmember Pierce. Thank you for your leadership on this. I fully support it. It's rock and roll. Thank you. And also, I want to thank you guys for bringing this forward as well, especially I want to thank our vice mayor, Andres Councilmember Gonzalez. I believe a councilmember and I know that comes from a also in some of his meetings also had for the for my speakers. There's been efforts that have been made in those communities to try to be inclusive over the last few years. And I think this is just the next natural step. And so I just want to thank everyone that's already kind of been leading this. And I thank you guys. And I think this is a great item. So any public comment on this scene? And please cast your

votes. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 22. Report from City Manager. Recommendation to Request City Attorney to prepare a resolution to oppose Proposition six. The voter approval for future gas and vehicle taxes and 2017 tax repeal initiative citywide. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Yes. Given the importance that SB one has provided for not only the city limits, but for the state as a whole, I think it's very important that we oppose this proposition because it would have a devastating effect on all the projects that we currently have going in the city alone, which because of SB one, and when you look at what's going on with the replacement bridge at the replacement Desmo

nd Bridge, it would be a bridge going to nowhere if we didn't have the funds to finish that project. And we have as well some other projects in Long Beach, including the Long Beach Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway and a lot of other projects that we have because of SB one. So I would strongly suggest let's just so strongly support the city council opposing measure. I mean, Proposition six. Becky, there's a motion and a second seconded by Councilman Austin. Councilman Austin. Yes. I'd also like to just weigh in and say, I think it's important for us to stand by what we've worked for as a council and support it for for several years. It was the Fix Our Roads kind of campaign through the League of California Cities, a lot of our legislative advocacy for infrastructure support and dollars for state highways, but also for local roads as well, that this these dollars actually will go a long way, if I'm not mistaken. Stephanie, can you tell me specifically how much if SB six does pass, how much we would stand to lose as a city? Diana Chang. Good morning, Mayor. And Members of the City Council. SB 145 19 We've budgeted \$8 million for. Projects in all nine council districts, and so those revenues would would likely. Be. Repealed and, and the projects would be without. A source of dedicated funding. So that's that's \$8 million annually, correct? It's \$8 million for FY 19. And as the revenues continue to be implemented as part of SB one, we're expecting them to grow to. 11 million in about FY 20 and then indexed to inflation thereafter. I would also like to note that this essentially doubles what the city currently receives from the state for streets. Streets and. Roads. Currently with just hooda the traditional source of state funding for streets and roads. Our our budget, it's about 10 million annually. So with SB one, we add another eight for FY19. About 11 for FY 20, and then adjusted to inflation every year thereafter. So I think it's a the the, the gas tax that we have is a small price to pay for, for good infrastructure investing in our future. The impact would be obviously significant for our public works infrastructure budget. And if we didn't if we lost those dollars, we'd have to be made up elsewhere. We and that would be less dollars that we could actually put toward residential streets, which I think are so important to our residents. And so for those reasons, I support this this motion to support to support or oppose. SB I'm to be very clear to oppose SB six. Six and let me add one thing that wasn't, I think unless I missed it in Dana Takes presentation, which is that the SB one not just not only includes all the street work and the annual funding that comes in, but they're also doing specific, larger streets. And part of SB one separate of what we're getting annually this year is the entire reconstruction of PCH from our entrance point in Orange County, all the way through the city to our exit point in in western Long Beach. And so that

is a project that the state's doing that's in Long Beach that doesn't count towards our our amount. And so that that's a huge project that is obviously incredibly, incredibly expensive. And so that's why work goes through most of the city. There's a motion of seconds are public comment on this item saying none please cast your votes. Dr. Allison Diggins class over there. How are you doing? She's a great instructor and thank you to the class for being here from class at Long Beach. So thank you guys also. Next up is our is our next hearing if we can please have that read. And I'm Kirk. Report from financial management recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of Ashley's located at 1731 East Fourth Street for Entertainment Without Dancing District two. Mr. MODICA. Yes. I believe an oath is required for this one. We're witnesses providing testimony. Please stand. Do you and each of you solemnly state that you will, that the testimony you may give in the course now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council. We will have a staff report by Sandie Singh Palmer. Our purchasing and business services manager. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the city council. Tonight you have before you an application for entertainment without dancing formal hospitality LLC doing business as Ashley's. Located at 1731

East Fourth Street, operating as a restaurant with alcohol in Council District two. All of the necessary departments have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet. I, as well as the police department, stand ready to answer any questions Council may have. And that concludes staff's report. Thank you. The transfer of the council appears. Yes. Thank you very much. I want to thank staff for your work with the applicants. And I want to give a little bit of context because I know I've had some dialog with some of the constituents in the area. As many of you guys know, Fore Street and Between Cherry and Alamitos is one of the key areas that we are trying to make sure we have monthly cleanups, that we have our businesses meeting. And I just want to say that the owners of this establishment have done a fantastic job about opening up. And we've had not just community meetings there, we've had public safety meetings where we've had our commanders come down not only work with the community members, but work with the business owner and making sure that we do our crime prevention through environmental design with them. And so I wanted to invite the applicant up just to give a little bit of context to the history of of Ashley's and ask them to speak. And then I'd ask for my council colleagues full support on this. Thank you. Thank you. Hello, Mr. Mayor and Council. Thank

you for taking this time to review. We took over. Ashley's back in February now. And what is. What a journey it's been? Being down in that area is much different than the other businesses that we have and being coming from. Broadway and Councilwoman Susie Price's district and opening of the attic and cleaning up that area then going to saloon and fourth and cherry over there and trying to clean up what was over there. And now being a little bit further down, we've we've noticed the amount of work that's ahead of us. What we plan to do here. We're obviously restaurant people. We're not bar style people. But what the place is now is is a bar. And we plan to take take what's there now and make turn it into a restaurant for the future. And what we're asking for is to continue operating the way it is now and give us that time to make sure that we we do the right things there with what's what's there now that can only support so much. And so what we're asking for is give us the time. Let us put the right, right business in there to help clean up the area and to connect it all together. If you guys have any questions, I'll be more. Than happy to ask. Great. Thank you very much. Is there any other public comment on this hearing item? Please come forward. Hello. This is out of my arena. So sorry for my quavering voice. I own a property across the street. From the restaurant. And it's allowed. It's allowed bar before they bought it and they've had a dance competition that was loud. Uh, the people that I live, I purchased in across the street at 1738 East Fourth Street, the apartments in the front turn over quite a lot already because of the noise. Parking is incredibly hard at night and and tenants cannot just easily park in front. So having something that's creating more congestion at night will be hard. The parameters have not been made clear to the people that live in our building. We've gotten a notice from the police department and we've called in thinking that was enough to to create a stir that we don't want this. But now we have a poster that was dated May 23rd, 2013, that was on the public hearing paper. So people were throwing it away, thinking it was mailed egregiously. I was told we couldn't get this on a later date, that this was good enough because buried in the in the text is the real time for this meeting tonight. And people couldn't take time off of work. I did. I getting a I had a run around just trying to get somebody to tell me what are the parameters? Well, how is this going to go if we do have Senate Bill 905 pass? Are we having live music till 4 a.m.? I mean, I just think we really need to think about this a little harder before we go. Yahoo! They've got some nice businesses. I wish they would do something a little more like what he's got in the attic. And salud. Across the street from my building. But I guess we just because we are on the other side of cherry, we're going to go loud and crazy. It's a beautiful 1923 building that we'

ve got and we've put a lot of money into it to make it nice. We we sweep the trash, you know, twice a week and we've redone the the the outside plants and it's newly painted. And now we're going to get a bar that's open till 2 a.m. with live music. I don't think that's really going to be adding to my property value. I really wish you would reconsider and really have some parameters. They're very clear about what it's going to mean for that. About one block. I thank you for your consideration. Thank you. With that, we'll go back to the council on this public hearing. Councilmember, did you have anything, Councilman Austin. Nope. Back to Councilmember Pearce. Great. Thank you. I do want to ask that you or my staff will follow up with you in every body that sent the letters that we

haven't talked to so you can see the parameters of the night. I do want to clarify for the forum what's on the table right now is a is just for downtown, an entertainment district that I would not at this current time should it pass impacts where you were at. And I also want to echo that. I'm not sure if you guys have had the opportunity to work together, but definitely want you and my staff, Connor, who's sitting up there to work with Steve as well. I think that the vision for the property is what we need to have on Fore Street. And it's I know he came in hoping that that was going to be what he could open with and it's going to take him some time to get it to be that establishment that we want it to be, as though it's a commitment of partnership, I think, between the three of us and the city to make that happen. And again, I encourage my council to to pass this because we know that doing the step is the right step and that we can continue to work on noise mitigation and other issues as we have them there a little bit longer. Thank you. Thank you very much. There is a motion and a second on this item. Members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Okay. We're going to we're going to go ahead and continue here. We had two hearings. We're going to go to we have a series of items. We also have some public comment. Let me also I want to make sure that just for for the for the mother with the baby as well. I want to get to your public comments first. So I think we have some groupings. Is Melo. Melo, Desiree. Pamela Fields and Betty Trotter. Yeah. So what if you can come first, please? In that order. Mello, Desiree, Pamela Fields and Betty Trotter. All right. Thank you. Would you please cast your vote? Motion carries now removed item 21 1:00 please. We report from financial management recommendation declare ordinance approving resolution number WD dash 1392a resolution of a Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners establishing the rates and charges to be charged for water and sewer services and declaring the urgency thereof, and providing that this ordinance shall take effect on October one, 2018. Read and adopted as Read 21 permit. I'm sorry, si

r. Staff. Is there a staff reporter now? No, I don't. No. Oh, no. Okay. That's fine. There isn't. Others must in a second the public comment on this. Unit. Tom Stout Information on file. Wow. Didn't take long to get that race going again. It's not a new tax. Well, it sure is. But I guess the money's gone to the families, so it's always good to have the family well taken care of. Maybe it needs another lawsuit to see if this can be turned around. The last one lasted, what, three months? So maybe this one will be a little more in duration. You guys always talk about you're trying to help the the needy, the less fortunate, the lower income people. Well, this doesn't help anybody but you and the city employees. It's sad. You spent, what, \$1,000,000? \$1,000,000, most of that taxpayer money, a large percent of it donated by the police and fire union. It's tough to compete with you guys when you can take our taxpayer money and fight us with it. Maybe we need a new ordinance that would make it so. You have to provide taxpayers with the same amount of money that you piss away on these measures so that we could have a fair and level playing field. Maybe that's what we need to change in the city charter. So you can't keep stealing money and fighting the taxpayers with it. It's pretty pathetic on your part, but it seems to be the way this mayor and this council want to do business. And I'm glad to see that the no button actually does work. I was going to ask you to get Carolyn Barnes husband, an independent contractor electrician, to come down and check the button. It seems to work very intermittently on the no side of this anyway. So like I said, it's sad that this is going to happen. You guys lied. You lied on all those brochures, and you got away with it so far. So I guess lions. A way of life and politics. Thank you next week. Carolyn Byrnes I am guilty as charged. The wife of the electrician. I have to correct one thing that Tom said. He was unfortunately, at the district budget meeting the evening of the water hearing. So he missed the announcement by Diana Liggins that there will be another lawsuit against the water department. Personally. I'm against these lawsuits. There's only one person, two people who make money on those lawsuits, Trisha Pesci and Eric Benet. Eric Benet is running a mill. Shame on him. City after city after city. We are not first, we will not be last. We're five years behind the rest of them in being sued for these amendment violations of Prop 13. It's another matter. I went to this water commissioner's hearing and I saw a lot of my colleagues from the neighborhood groups there. And we spoke and then we found out from Michael Anthony, the city attorney. That in order to block. Them. From having you vote to approve the water increase that 50% plus one of the customers needed to be protesting either by mail or email, by telephone or by public presence. Well, I think the grand tally was 57 or 58 for all of those things that I just m

mentioned as far as protests. So didn't quite cut the mustard. And here we are ready to vote again for an increase in the water tax. There's a lot of things on your agenda and it ain't number 11, number 13 and number 15 that all have to do with grants for people who are in need, people who are on the cutting edge crisis of homelessness, people whose budgets they can't afford to live here. They need housing. They need mental health services. I am not saying we shouldn't give it to them. I'm saying that we should make it easier for them. We shouldn't keep taxing and taxing. I see that you're going to look at the cash tax and potentially support the no vote to repeal the gas tax. The average family with two vehicles. Will have received a burden of \$778.39 per year as a result of what our state legislature did when they passed that gas tax. Tom and I have gotten thousands of signatures, as have others. But we really strongly encourage you to endorse a no vote on Proposition six. It's stealing more money out of the pockets. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Would you please cast your vote? Okay. Mm hmm. Michigan. Jo Jo Weinstein And in case my information isn't on file, the 4000 Linden and District eight. I was at that hearing, that protest hearing. And what upset me is that it was called under misleading and false pretenses. For one thing, the I don't recall the meeting actually ever being formally adjourned properly. Instead, the city attorney volunteered an opinion that seemed to imply that because half or more of the customers weren't up in arms, that it would automatically this this fee increase should automatically happen. The water board didn't have to do that. The water board could have said, you know, we had only 57 protests, but some of them made some good points and we should reconsider. And they could have done that. Instead, they dumped it on to you. And as you have been warned because. The possible result of this increase and the stated the stated purpose of the increase to those people who looked at the notice of hearing was that Measure M had been passed. The passage of Measure M does not require a water rate increase. It purports to allow it, but it did not require it. So the fact that Measure M was passed was no justification in and of itself for a water rate increase. And yet that's what I recall being. Receiving in the notice of hearing, which was so way in advance of hearing that people forgot about it, of course. That was the alleged justification for this increase. It's not a justification. And as you know, the courts have held that the utilities are supposed to public utilities supposed to use that money just for the purpose of solid, well-maintained, well-planned utility service, not transfers to a charity or to a general fund of a city or anything else. So of course, there will be a lawsuit. And as you heard, the likely winners of the lawsuit will be the lawyers. The losers will be both the city budget. And the taxpayer

ers. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes item 21. Members, please go and cast your votes. Thank you. Now we'll go to a hearing. Number three. Report from a financial management recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of the sales located at 6 to 8 five East Pacific Coast Highway for Entertainment with Dancing District three. Thank you. There's an oath required. Yes. All witnesses. Please stand. Do you and each of you solemnly state that the testimony you may give in this cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. Mr. Vice Mayor, the staff report will be given by Brett, Jackie's our business services officer, and Emily Armstrong, our business from the Business License Division. Thank you very much. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the city council. Tonight you have before you an application for entertainment with dancing for ABP. Food and Beverage. LLC. Doing business as. The sales located at. 6285 East Pacific Coast Highway. Operating as a restaurant with alcohol in a council district three. For some background. This hotel. With a restaurant has been operating at this location with entertainment since. 1991. The ownership changed in June 2017, which required the new owners to submit this application. The new owners have since been operating under a temporary entertainment permit. All of the necessary departments have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet. I, as well as the police department, stand ready to answer any questions Council may have. And that concludes staff's report. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? I think this is a very good view, clear consideration. This is a commendable project. The only concern I have is relative to the dancing and what type of dancing there will be. Will we be saddled with the type of. Sidestepping or tap dancing around the truth, such as we get almost every time Robert Garcia opens his mouth. You can see what can be done to stop that type of dancing. That's something you have to consider before you approve it. And I think you have excellent examples of how proficient he is if dancing around the truth and sidestepping the facts

and truth. Give that some consideration when you issue this permit. Thank you. Thank you. General public comment on this item. Mrs. Price was not clear if he thinks. Ask urge my colleagues to support this item. This hotel is located right next to the Gaslamp, where it currently is dancing. There's no dancing, sidestepping the truth, but there are sidesteps when they do their country Sunday line dancing. But this is this is just straight up dancing. Mr. Good here. Councilman. I thank you. And I'm happy to support this. I'm not sure how this has progressed, but I can remember several years a

go entertained going to the Golden Cells Sunday nights for reggae and having a great time. So I wouldn't want to deprive anybody of that experience here in Long Beach. So I'm happy to support. Thank you very much. Cinnamon public comment. Would you please cast your vote, please? Now. We're going to have a clip. Yes. Now we can go to public comment. But these individuals, you can eat our lineup. First of all, we have a just tiny ranga. Yes. I'm going to move that item 25. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to receive and file a report on approaches to Park Equity in the city of Long Beach Citywide. All right. Councilwoman Gonzalez, you want to speak on this? Actually, we can go to public. I'm sorry. We'll have the staff report first, and then we can go to public comment and then we'll go from there. Thank you. Thank you. Vice mayor councilmembers. We this is a report that. We've been working on for some time right now. I know our new director, HURTADO Mowatt, has been working closely to prepare something, and he's going to make that presentation tonight. So I'm going. To turn it over to Harlow. So. I mean. Thank you, Mr. City Manager. Good evening, Vice Mayor and City Council. My presentation today is called Long Beach's Strategy towards Equity in Park Services or Steps for Short. This is an approach that will incorporate innovative strategies and incorporate a new prime strategic plan. In March, when I received a recruitment flier for the position of Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, I began doing my research. I was excited about the possibility of serving the Long Beach community. I started I started my explore on my exploring the park equity issue on June 18, 2018, when I began my job as your PRM Director. I thoroughly reviewed the July 18, 2017 and the February 20th, 2018 City Council discussions on Park Equity. I took notes and began talking to a lot of folks about the best approach based on best practice and to be responsive to this issue. I began exploring parks, beaches, neighborhoods, people, nonprofits and of course, the occasional restaurant or two, because we all have to eat. It has been fascinating so far these first few months and a great deal of fun. To give you a taste of my exploration experience, I selected six parks across the city to help explain the contexts of the steps approach, which goal is to help advance the development of an efficient and effective Long Beach park system. Here's a quick review of these parks. Silverado Park with 10,000. 10,081 people living within a half mile radius of this park. Cesar Chavez Park in thousand, 500 people living within a half mile radius of its center. MacArthur Park with an amazing density of 25,228 people within a half mile radius of the park. Eldorado Park West with 3566 people surrounding the park. Keeping in mind that there's a lot of open space from the center moving out. Long Beach greenbelt with 8352 people surrounding it and. Highland Park

with 10,800 people, 805 people surrounding it. A park system for all. And these parks that you just saw along with the other 165 parks, beaches and prime centers make up one park system , a park system for all, a system that can be strengthened when we apply creative solutions to remove barriers to benefit and serve the whole community. The coordinates key to successfully navigating through Long Beach strategies towards equity in park services path known as steps are. Access. How to get from a particular neighborhood to a primary source A or a primary source B? This is where different types of transportations will fall in place. Equity, fairness, challenges can be structural, historical or appear today or tomorrow. Having Fair Parks and Recreation. Having a fair parks and recreation system means removing barriers in a way that makes sense strategically for the benefit of the functionality of one park system. Going green. Forces that pollute, contaminate or negatively impact our environment can unite the community and come up with creative ways to mitigate. Inspiration and creativity, empathy and sympathy towards others, and a quest in leveraging beneficial opportunities for winning solutions to improve PRM services. This helps come up. This helps us come up with feasible outside of the box possibilities that otherwise would not be noticed. Inclusive community engagement. Getting to know people, their preferences, their culture, their ambitions, and using this information for creative programing and design of projects is an important driving navigational force. Effective, effective communication. Use the tools available or

create new to be more effective in communication and use different languages used in the community. These are driving forces that helps us explore the Long Beach community and become guides for the steps approach. These efforts must be tested in a reality based, balanced approach to ensure effectiveness and efficiency. This is something we have started. Not something for tomorrow. The intent is to walk the talk today. The mayor and city council did walk the talk with their approval of the fiscal year 19 budget. That included. \$100,000 for adding additional senior services. \$200,000 for continuing the Be Safe program. \$70,000 to launch the PRM strategic planning effort. It's not just the budget and but an investment in the direction of the department. PRM will be piloting new innovative ways for enhancing team programming at and Hampton and McBride Parks and \$40,000 to launch the strengthening of prime volunteer operations. Since February and even before I started Prime gone to work in the following added contract classes such as karate, basketball, resume writing, interview skills, Zumba, reading and math, enhanced water exercises and ceramic classes in in the past spring and summer season at recreation facilities that had recently not experienced these types of classes. Content redesign of the of the Recreation Connection catal

og has been started in this current fall issue. We added eight pages of free base classes for this fall brochure and will only get better as we continue to publish these issues. Continued Arts partnership with the musical Theater West for Youth and Seniors is another example of partnership efforts. Outdoor experience enhancement is important for our youth. And and there's so much more as well. As mentioned previously when I joined Prime, I immediately started exploring parks, beaches and existing social networks around neighborhoods. I see this type of work as as foundational for the preparation of the launch of a more targeted community engagement effort to develop a vibrant prime strategic plan that will be launched in more in a formal in a more formal way in January. Also thanks to the City Council for supporting a new component in the Prime Department structure to help increase capacity to assess community needs. Grants. Grant Development. Effectiveness. Part Planning and partnership development. The Steps approach will not ignore any of the components of the department. The goal is one department, one culture. Animal Care Services is going through its own review, led by the quest to develop a strategic plan as it continues to serve the needs of the community, listens to leadership direction and gets ready for the appointment of a new bureau manager. Facilities and ground maintenance are key components of the department's mission. The department appreciates its increased capacity for landscape work and money to irrigate more and is exploring best practices for piloting weed control methods. Beaches, boat slips and beach water quality adds to our One Direction quest to make community conditions more livable. Thank you for the added capacity to use new technologies to help with trash that reach our waters from the flow of the two rivers are unifying force. Will be a focus on respect and responsiveness, which is key for step success. Collaboration is an important word, but it's also an important way to work. Not easy, but more long lasting because of the ability to get a larger net of resources to align citywide for greater impact. Not so much an economy of scale as much as an ecology of scale. This is similar to a healthy watershed system helping the flora and fauna of the region. I mention here a lot of our city departments that we're collaborating with, and it is an amazing ecosystem, very similar to the watershed system. An important component of the steps alignment with all the city efforts is the focus on making sure that this very this very diverse city is served well. Partners of Parks. And PRM are aligning together to strengthen their respective missions. It is a creative tag team that yields scholarships, enrich classes and support of friends of groups and so much more. Our efforts to create a strong partnership to enhance parks, programs and services will identify how best people and organizations can help develop a vibrant one park s

ystem for all. Our goal here is to advance opportunities for our work on sustainable environment, urban agriculture, workforce development, arts and culture. Community awareness through local history. Exploration. Healthy lifestyles and livability. Resources. Key in these efforts is our collaboration with both higher education, K-12 schools and sports organizations. Collaboration with education, businesses, nonprofits and individuals in these efforts will expand the capacity to make sure the park system strives for complete functionality for a diverse city. The potential for the community benefit return is huge. The steps suffrage sets the foundation for a successful 2020 prem strategic plan. Inclusive community engagement is the lever that leads to data analysis that goes from neighborhood specific to broader variables of healthy and functional one park system. This will allow this will allow us to be more competitive in grants and partnerships to be effective in

this way. We need to increase our ability to communicate effectively with a diverse community. This requires creativity, cultural sensitivity, and multi-language abilities. Creative ways to heighten the awareness of transportation options is one example. With this evolution, PRM staff will be able to be more supportive to event and program development so that these events and services align with the one park system that serves all. It is hard to envision a sustained effort in this direction without the heightened awareness in the importance of respect and responsiveness. So these values are key. Steps is a solution approach that leverages the strength of diversity, whether it's 0 to 5 age, the in-between ages before you get to your eighties and nineties are sensitivities to unique attributes of groups, whether variables are economic, educational, cultural related to disabilities, gender based lifestyle or racial. The approach has to take all these diverse wealth attributes into consideration. From. A gazebo is the most famous, iconic structure for parks. It comes from the word to gaze. From any Long Beach, Park, Beach or recreational facility. Our goal is for any community person to be able to figuratively gaze through the one park system and choose what best experience will delight that person and add to the collective citywide joy of a strong, livable community. I really want to thank all of the following for helping get to this point on for this plan. The Long Beach neighborhood groups and the residents, the mayor and city council, the city manager and all the other city departments, the PRM, executive team management and staff, Parks and Recreation Commission, the partners of Parks Interpark and the Interdepartmental Park Equity Change Team and the local nonprofit organizations. Thank you very much. I the last slide I just want to mention this is a picture of the all city beach day. Not only does it create memories for Long Beach youth from across the city, it's also a great symbol

of what steps is all about. I'm excited. I'm excited about this beginning and look forward to more to come. Thank you very much, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Mm hmm. Yes. First and foremost, I really want to thank you, Heraldo, and all of your park staff. I know Stephen, who is interim director. Meredith, who's with you and many of our park and Rec staff members, if we can give them a big round of applause for their work here in the city. And I'm just personally very grateful because this has been a long time coming. And I'm very I just will say very succinctly that I'm very excited about the direction this Park equity item has now taken and evolved into. It started some time ago, and I'm glad we finally got it right, from what I understand and what I'm seeing here. And I really appreciate the effort that has been put in from all of your from yourself being new to the city, but also from your staff members. So, you know, when I brought this forward some time ago, this was not to say who has something, who does not, but it was really just to look at the systemic issue that I feel has been in our park system. And it may not be inherently apparent to everybody. But, you know, when we represent some of us represent areas that have a lack of programing, have had a lack of we have more dense neighborhoods and maybe have the same services as everybody else. And so it looks like a lack of programing oftentimes. And oftentimes it is, especially when you compound that with high poverty rates in some areas and high unemployment rates. So I don't do this because I want to, you know, say one place has something and one place doesn't. But I just want to detail the fact that this is it's a really important issue. Not only to me, it was I was elected to to do this, but to many of the families and community members who are here today, and I think many of our first district residents for being here from Craftsman and Willmar and North Pine and the seniors at the many various places in downtown, I really think them for being here as well as our park commissioners. I've talked in length with many of them, Margot Morales and David Sonata, and I've chatted with Stella, Ursula and Maria La Salgado, who is our first district representative. I appreciate them as well as our Karen reside from Partners of Parks. I appreciate the collective input. So a few things I will say about this. I think, again, it's a great step forward. It's a great job that we've done on this report. And I would like to add that and I know we have the data analysis that we've we've mentioned, but I just want to point out in terms of data analysis and what we've talked about in the past and where this sort of stemmed from it was the lack of contract classes for a multitude of reasons. And we know that the contract classes are based on zip code, from what I understand. And so I'd still like to see and I'm sure you're already looking at this data on resident zip codes so we can see exactly where reside

nts are coming going in our park system. For example, I attended because I wanted to try it out with my toddler. I went to a park I'm sorry, a cooking class in Eldorado Park. And I asked most of the there were probably about ten families there. And I asked the families I said, where are you guys

from? Just want to know. They had no idea who I was, right? So I'm like completely blank slate and most of them were from the West Side or central Long Beach. So thinking about Eldorado Park, you're in from West Side, Central Long Beach. Maybe we should have cooking classes there. Or just like I mentioned before, if we have a high unemployment area and a pocket of 90813, which we know city wide has been an issue, maybe we should have resume classes there. And I know we understand that, which is great and I'm looking forward to seeing that come to fruition. Just some things to highlight before I will ask for support on moving this forward and thinking you again for your work. So the department's strategic plan and what we see here and communication, I think are great efforts and I look to continue supporting those efforts to ensure we create a more equitable plan. And not only that, but just talking about equity a bit more, because I think, to be honest, I think you're the first director that's we're laughing here. But it's great because you've said both equity and community benefits, which has been a mainstay of this council for some time. So we appreciate that. And the created creativity around positioning park programing as the beneficiary of the coastal zone permitting process, I think that is a really creative way that we could look at in funding gaps for programs. Lastly, the Peps program, which I know partnerships which has been big with Council Woman Mango, she's brought up multiple times adopting a park and talking about how do we streamline the process for nonprofits citywide. You know, all of our council districts somewhere along the line, many community organizations are the ones oftentimes activating our parks, whether it's yoga classes or whether it's whatever it might be, summer and music classes. Those organizations are doing the work and we have to just decrease the red tape and in issues that they have when they want to come to our. And hold a workshop or conduct these activities. So anything we can do to continue doing that work I'm completely supportive of and I appreciate it's been indicated here in the report. Other than that, I just I look forward to my colleagues questions, ideas, if you'd like to make this more robust. But again, I think our Parks and Rec staff and are on our team for really moving forward with this. Thank you again. Thank you. Congresswoman Gonzalez, Councilman Brice? Yes, I also as Councilmember Gonzalez mentioned, when you said community benefits and when you said equity, I think it just really shows how much we've changed as a city. And the fact that we've talked about it a lot and to have directors talk about

it I think is wonderful. Your presentation did a wonderful job about showing the greenspace that is in each area and also how many people live near those areas. So I think that that is that density is a key issue. I want to say that I really like the approach of a one system which I know is challenging with a city of our size and highlighting that, yes, we have a cooking class in one area and maybe we need another one in a second area. But also that that conversation around how do we get people down to our sailing classes, you know, how do we look at this as one whole system while also tailoring needs to each area based on poverty needs. And so I really appreciate that you have done a job of highlighting every single aspect that comes in contact with our parks from from youth to seniors. And the fact that it is around the resume building is around jobs, it's around creativity and innovation. And so I was really pleased to see all of those comments throughout this presentation. I am happy, very happy to see that you have on here also a link online for people to donate to our parks system where there's a need. I know that one of the conversations that I've been wanting to have is around how do we get maybe corporate sponsorship? And I'll start saying we're naming a park after them. But, you know, at Bixby Park, where we have so many needs, we do have corporate sponsors that have said, yeah, we would like to come in like Spaulding, and that we don't necessarily have a policy that's in place yet. And I know we haven't taken that up yet, but echoing that with you, I think is really exciting. And I'll just highlight one more time around the memo due process with our friends of the Parks. I know that this is something that you're going to be looking at in the strategic plan, but for those residents that are watching and listening, having an email you that's most transparent, that we have knowledge and access to who the boards are and understanding how much money are they bringing in and where the needs are so that we can really be a partner with them to invest in our parks again, are just thrilled to see a presentation on equity from a director that has has jumped in all the way. Really appreciate you very, very much. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, Congresswoman Richardson. Thank you, Vice Mayor. So in following this conversation on on equity in our city, I want to concur what I've already heard tonight. I'll raise up two things just quickly in this report. I think we have to address systems, so we need geographic diversity on the Parks Commission with North Long Beach and the lack of open space , you know, 1.1 acres per 10,000 residents, we have to make sure that that area is represented on

our Parks and Recreation Commission. And I know that that right now it's the way our policy is set up. There is no geographic requirement. So it's not on the commissioners, but it is on us to acknowledge that, you know, systems do contribute to inequities.

So that's number one. Number two, as we move forward in this strategy, I think it's smart for you to infuse equity into your your your Parks and rec strategic plan as discussed. But I'd like to see some measurable, like tangible measurables that help us understand which needles we're specifically looking to move. How can I take this to my residents and say and boil it down to what this means? Does this mean that we're going to receive more access to contract classes? Does this mean that we're it's going to be a more equitable distribution of, you know, resources to develop more open space opportunities? Does this mean that we're going to, you know, direct our work to identifying grants and resources to move the needle a bit? That's what we want to understand. What are some tangible things that we can, some tangible measurements that we can track as we move forward. But that said, I think this is really important work. I think Councilwoman Gonzalez and everyone who's been a part of this conversation and. Our staff in the office equity. And I look forward to future iterations of what's to come. Thank you. Thank you. Next counts among all players. Yes. I want to thank the Parks Rec team for all their work on this. I know that you guys have spent a considerable amount of time over the last few weeks. I appreciate the number of meetings that you've been willing to have with me and my residents and the friends of groups. A couple of things. I appreciate the need for additional park space. It's always great to do that. I think that as we bring that park space online, we have to talk about where is the money to maintain it come from. Because what we have not done is maintain our parks. And one of the things that I want to make sure is measurable in our strategic plan is what is the level of park system of maintenance that we expect to deliver to our community? Because what we don't want to do is just have a new park of the week. And then right now everyone from all over the city is rushing to the eighth District because they have the coolest new park. But as that park gets desegregated over time, what funds are available to make sure that it's maintained? There are lots of mechanisms in place for starting new parks. There's a fund for that. But as you do that, if your park abatements budget is X and you've added. 20% more parks and you haven't added 20% more maintenance funding. And then you have a. A drought and now you need 30% more water. That's where we ended up last year. And so I don't want to see us in those positions. I think we need to start thinking about reserves for our parks as well, so that in certain years, as we have good years of there's lots of water that perhaps we set somebody aside that could only be used in a year that has a drought year or things like that. Then finally, I just want to say that. The communication is a huge part of it. What Councilman Gonzales mentioned is something that I've known since the first month I was on the

job when I was elected in June of 2014. I quickly was invited to pop water and soccer and all the different groups. And a majority of the kids in the programs on the East Side are not from the east side, but a majority of the park space is on the east side, so people have to commute to get there. We have to do a much better job of linking our parks through our our bus system. I know that when my brother was was a youth, he was actively a part of the bus system. And that wasn't something that my mom learned about until my parents got divorced. And we had to be able to move around the city and get to soccer practice and get to these places. And now I was a kid learning the bus system and. A lot of the routes are not conducive to getting the people where they need to go. They're conducive to maybe getting people to the jobs they have, which is great and important. But we have to talk about all three levels of systems. If all the seniors live here and all the senior program, be this here, we either need to move the senior programing and then communicate that to the people because a lot of where people know where to enroll comes from tradition. So often I was talking to the North Long Beach Pap Water Group. I help them fundraise that I go to their events and they've always practiced in El Dorado Park, even though they're the North Long Beach Pap Water Group. And so they came to me and said, we need better maintenance of these parks because this is where we're practicing. The parks on our side of town are actually in better condition. But the the tradition of where you get your park permit has been the tradition for so long. Your first right of refusal of the certain fields is what it is. And so we have to talk about that. And most importantly, we need to talk about rest. We need to have passive park, space and park rest regularly because the playability of parks over time is segregated by the amount of use. And I think that you've addressed all of these in your park plan. I look forward to continuing to support

resources. And then just as a final component to Councilman Pearce has called it, the Pep's program is for sponsorship. So if Spaulding wants to do that now, that is available. The policy was passed by this council 18 to 24 months ago. We just need to have that person on board who will work with Poppy, the Parks Rec Department in the commission, and kind of facilitate it. So if there's a contact person at a specific park in mind, I know that a couple of them have bubbled up, but they just haven't made it to the forefront. And so I think that those times are here and now and and I think that as we talk about what these things cost, similar to the way in which you can do something at the library, you should absolutely be able to name a soccer field or a baseball field for a designated amount of time. For a designated amount of money. And that money should be proportional to what it costs to maintain it at a level that you'd want your team name o

n it. And an example of that is right now, the Kings are going to be refurbishing a space for us in the city, and we're very lucky for that. But the Kings to put their name on something, what's a certain level of a field? They're going to be paid for the resurfacing to do that, and we need more and more partners to be able to step up and do that. Target has been producing lots of commercials about it online. Get on the phone, call Target and tell them we want a soccer field named after Target and we want them to refurbish it. Long Beach, because those are creative ways to continue to support our park programs. So once again, thank you to our commissioners. Thank you to our staff, thank you to our management team. And I really appreciate this moving forward and the extensive effort that's been put in. Thank you. Councilwoman Mungo comes when I say. Thank you very much and thank you of Mr. Mowat for a very comprehensive presentation. I think this is this is great work and we certainly I think we're taking steps in the right direction. I, for one, appreciate how this conversation has evolved about park equity. Didn't start out so, so civil. I was it was a lot of uncertainty around it. But like I said, I'm glad that we're headed in the right direction in terms of the decorum as well as is the approach. I think this is a this is a comprehensive approach that takes into consideration just about everything I to represent a district at a programing. It was evident and made evident in the last of Parks Recreation, a marine report on on equity. I still have a great deal of poverty in my district and particularly in North Long Beach communities. And however, I'm very thankful of the strides that have been made recently. To add greenspace in North Long Beach, dozens of acres of greenspace and investment in parks upgrades in the district. And I think that that also needs to be balanced out and considered. You know, we talk about new parks, we talk about green space. You know, not not every park needs to be programed. And I recognize that I said it here before. You know, there are parks that we have that, you know, if you try to program them, you're going to have a problem with the neighbors. You know, so one size doesn't necessarily fit all here. And so I do give a great deal of discretion and credence to the professionals who are who run our parks. The last time I checked and I will say this, our parks are still winning. Our Parks Recreation Marine Department is still winning awards on a national level for the delivery of services on and on and on again. And that's because we have awesome partners. And I love the fact that we are talking about, you know, continuing to build and leverage the partnerships that we have, partners of parks. I know there's some some exciting things happening with that data support organization. And I saw something here that really jumped out at me looking at partners, partnering with Colombia's unified school district. And I think

that is certainly in line with the the the aims, the goals of this this this council, as we have recently, you know, we generated the Joint Use Committee with Long Beach Unified. And we'll certainly be discussing these items on the agenda, you know, with with the with our Long Beach Unified Partners as well. I think engaging neighborhood groups and adopting parks is right where we need to be. And and making sure, like you said, this comprehensive approach engages everybody and takes into account and to our entire population, including, of course, most importantly, our youth, but but also our senior citizens who who contribute so greatly to the city. So I'm actually looking forward to this. As I understand it, this is a strategic approach. This is a beginning, right, of a process that will will engage several community stakeholders and partners. And a plan will come back to us at a later date. Correct. Thank you very much. I just wanted to make sure we were clear. Thank you very much, Councilman. I assume Councilman Supra, now. Thank you. And to staff, thank you for an excellent report. Really enjoyed it. The only downside was the fourth district parks were included in it. So I'd like to make a request right now, and that is if you want to just deliver it from the fourth District Office. And that is I'd like to see a crunched the numbers on AWS of a park

the corner of 14th and Zaba. I think those. Density numbers will probably rival MacArthur Park. 90804 is one of the most. Dense areas of the city. And I mentioned that because. When the numbers get that high and then you have a part that is challenged with access. Because of any variety of issues, then it's a double whammy. Then you have more people not being able to get to that park. So I would like to kind of address things that that very basic level. We had a situation at Whaley Park. When Cal State Long Beach changed their parking policy for. Freshmen. Suddenly, the students. Parked all around the park 24 seven over. The weekend and everything, and suddenly not only the neighbors couldn't get to the park, but we talk about that factor of people coming from the west side or the east side, and there was no place to park. Very simple solution we put into our parking bingo in a problem. So I'm looking at for some simple solutions where we have issues that are preventing the neighbors from utilizing the park. And I would love to see. PRM involved in that process. We have PD, we. Have homeless outreach. We have the city prosecutor's office. But really, PRM is kind of the eyes and ears right there. You have staff. There all the time, and. I know I'm a little bit off topic here, but the greatest equity programs in the world are of no use if the residents don't have access to the park. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Miranda. Thank you, Mayor. And I want to add my my voice to the compliment state. Mr. Miller is receiving care out of the. You're a quick study. Very good. I recall not too long ago

o where I say you got to stop using the term that you're new to the city, where this report right here shows that you've really made a great effort to go out and see all our parks, make a quick assessment, and determine what needs to be done to ensure that there's equity and equality in all our parks. I'm especially pleased to see that you're looking at creating more opportunities for contract. Contract programs in parks especially are lacking in some of those and some of those areas, such as dance or even the resume writing. So it's it's comprehensive. I'm very glad to see that you jumped right in and you go in hard and and you came up with a report that I think we all can be very, very happy to see because you're headed in the right direction. I think all the comments that I've heard so far from my colleagues is that this is going in a direction that we need to see. Well, one point that I that I missed here earlier and it's fairly new, I guess, and it'll be, I guess, in future reports we're looking at at a new park, if you will, to be activated. Will Springs Park. That's still evolving, as we know, and we're still trying to look at ways to get a a community resource center there, or at least to a reception center there so that people can know what the what the park is all about, its history and and what's available there and walking paths and all that. So, I mean, hopefully in another report, we can look at Will Springs and include that in in this area here, because it's greenspace and it's another opportunity for our residents to enjoy open space. Nature walks, as well as being able to learn a little bit more about the history of Long Beach and why it's called Willow Springs Park. It's a very little known fact there. So I see that we have some members of the Parks Recreation Commission here. Welcome. Glad to see you here. And that shows our support that you have with our Parks, Recreation and Marine Department and the people who work there. And I see that some of the staff is still here. Of course, they probably need to be here. They have to be here to support the director, but that's neither here nor there. But I'm glad to see that you're all here to support this item and to support this report, because I think it's obviously one that's headed in the right direction. And we this is not something that we're going to shelve. I think this needs to be a live document or a living document like this is a terminal we need to use so that it could evolve and and change as we move along and make those changes into our park system to make sure that we address all our needs in the communities. And you're absolutely right. That comes from basically what we were taught. We're about access. And that's that's a big issue with me everywhere and everything that I've done that I do. It's about making sure that our communities have access to all the opportunities that we offer here in the city of Long Beach. So thank you, Mr. Watt, for this report and I'm looking

ng forward to working with you even further as we go, as we move along. Thank you, Congressman. Uranium. Councilman, Mongo. I thought it was great that one of my colleagues mentioned how aware our new director is of the parks. If you don't already follow him on Facebook and you have not been to all of our parks on a regular basis, he is at a park taking photos of the park, participating in or talking to participants at the parks. I've lived here almost my whole life. That was a quick exception to go away to college and I've been to all of our parks over time, but in such a short amount of time for you to have been to so many parks is very impressive. And then to follow

up on something Austin said about the Joint Use Committee, I would love to see us get to a place where Long Beach Unified and the City have a better access policy. I know that right now there's differences between pools and fields and there's lots of opportunities where the principals have the discretion there. Oddly, Park Reservation system is very their online field reservation system is very different than ours. There's no congruency. And so what happens now is we allocate fields based on. A formula and that their allocation of fields is not based on a formula. And so there are winners and losers that we could really prevent if we had a better relationship. And I know that part of the relationships challenge is our on our side related to timing, because the timing of how many fields are needed is based on the timing of when the enrollments are, which really doesn't give us a lot of communication opportunities in that short little window between when we find out how many kids are in each program and when the season starts. And so for that, I look forward to any opportunities and solutions that I know Long Beach is ready and willing to be supportive of that. Understanding that principals change and move regularly. And so that's part of the the complexity of it all. And same with our, our our sister sports system commissioners change regularly as well. So thank you to everyone. Great presentation. And again, thank you, everyone for being here. Thank you very much. Councilman Michael, I first of all, I'd like to just say I'd like to thank Councilwoman Gonzalez to bring this item forward, because in a lot of our communities, our parks are a lifeline. And I just can find that, you know, this is where you go to gather and find out how to get together, come together. And this is what's so important about, you know, our new director here, he and his staff. You guys are very, very hard workers. And I say once this was brought forward, this you he just went all out. And I just want to thank you, because the first time I met this individual, you know, I met him at Vets Park and, you know, and the residents. So I felt even though there was a lot of work to do, I knew we were in the right direction because I'm looking forward to a masterplan citywide for MacArthur's Park, which we've had man

y conversations about. And I just want to thank you for getting on top of these things so fast. And and you and your staff, you guys are really wonderful. And I want to thank you guys for being so hard, such hard workers and working with the community. We have so many parks and you have such a large responsibility. But thank you again for being so supportive. And with that, the web and the community, I mean by coming. Yes. Certainly is a great presentation. The one picture you had up there that showed and I realize it was designed prior to you being there is that building makes sure that is high definition in this case me. But make sure it's an ADA accessible period. Also, it would be best to advise people relative to the waterfront areas. Remember that you do not fish off the company pier. Some people fail to understand that. Even some. Council members had also their full array of services offered by the commendable Parks Department. Psychiatric care is not one of them. So if you if one has some psychiatric problems or if you have a friend that knows one. If you have a friend that needs it, recommend they go and take it to the Health Department. A park facility is no more appropriate than that, than a city council seat being used to tell, you know, somebody to impart their tale of woe and so forth. But overall, absolutely tremendous job and the presentation. And again, given the short time that you've been here. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council members, our new director and the Parks Commissioners. My name is Michelle Aaron Eckhoff. I am the co-chair of Craftsman Village Historic District, and I'm here tonight to speak about park equity for our neighborhood and for all the other neighborhoods in our city that have been underserved. Our little park, Craftsman Village Park, was a dream of our neighborhood about ten years ago. The residents of Pressman Village worked together with our first district council member, who was Bonnie Lowenthal at the time, and then Robert Garcia, and then finally Lena Gonzales and the Parks Recreation Department to create a beautiful park, a park for our neighbors to enjoy. With a very robust effort by parks in writing grants to help fund the project, our park was completed in 2013. For the last two summers, we have been very fortunate to have the financial support of Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. She provided our park with a summer recreation program for children ages 5 to 12. In addition to this, she partnered with our historic district this summer to provide a movie in the park for all of us to enjoy. Much to our surprise and amazement. We had a very large turnout for this event. Over 110 residents enjoyed a movie under the stars. Families gathered shared company and camaraderie. Create creating a bond that will continue. And I want to go off script just for a moment and say that our last Craftsman Village historic district meeting, we had a record turnout of 30 plus people. And I

really feel it's due to the fact that we had that beautiful evening that night, and it brought out more people to that meeting. So it really does have a lasting effect, the effect that continues. Councilwoman Gonzalez provided the funding for the permit for this movie in the park and the insurance. And one of our residents completely donated all of his equipment and expertise to make this a night of pure magic. Gladys Kiser from Parkes helped with the logistics a little bit and we were all set. Overwhelmingly, our residents asked for another such event and regular programming at our park. We are asking our council to support specifically programming at Craftsman Village Park, a regular summer recreation program for our youth, and two movie nights next summer. More broadly, Craftsman Village supports other neighborhoods all across Long Beach who who deserve equal access to a recreation program. Thank you all and goodnight. Hello. Good evening, council. My name is Jim Danno. I'm here to talk about the new Parks and Rec. Director. Director Monet. I think you've done a fantastic job. And I say this because your actions speak louder than your words. I've seen you at two different events. You've been out serving the parks. And I really, truly believe that you're sincere in wanting to drive home the right direction of parks. And I really appreciate that. I would also commend the Council and what you're doing with partnering with local nonprofits. I think that there's a pool of money out there with different grants that can be reached. And if we can work together, we can help offset some of the costs that the parks are having. Also recently, I am now a card carrying AARP member and I would goldthorpe i would like to see more of senior activities at the parks, not just at senior centers, but things geared towards, you know, older people at the parks. With that being said, I thank you very, very much for what you're doing. Thank you. Thank you. Next video. Good evening. Council and vice mayor and Park Staff. Park Commissioners My name is Kathleen Irvine. I'm first district resident and president of Willmar City Heritage Association. The first thing I want to do, of course, is thank Mr. Mowat for his wonderful work. I talked to him a number of times. And like the. Previous speakers and this. And the. City council, I think that his work and his commitment in such a short period of time is really amazing. It is certainly something I would never have. Expected in the past. So I'm very surprised and very gratified. I appreciate Councilwoman Gonzales for bringing forth the Park Equity Challenge, and I look forward to working with park staff in improving things. I do not have children here. Most of our board do not. But we recognize the importance of our parks for our youth and that they are involved and have access when they can get in trouble, that there's someplace for them to go. So that's really one of our primary concerns, is that they have things that will

assist them in getting jobs and entertaining them and keeping them out of trouble. So thank you, everybody, very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker. Good evening. Thank you. Honorable Vice Mayor, council members and director, mouat and all of the parks people who are here tonight. I'm Carol Sergey. I'm vice president of North Pine Neighborhood Alliance. And I live in the First District and I volunteer and care for the raised beds at Cesar Chavez Park that were so lovingly developed by Jim and Kathleen, who were just standing up here. And with the help of my neighbors and with neighbors and kids from the neighborhood, we are doing a great thing at this park. And I also host a weekly potluck lunch there. And I've met neighbors, staff and I enjoy building community there. I've really fallen in love with Cesar Chavez and I can see how important this park is to our neighborhood. The community center is a treasure, but it suffers from what most of our parks, city parks have or experienced broken equipment, lack of maintenance and a lack of programming, services, understaffing being closed on the weekends, a lack of bathroom on weekends, and no recycling program. Our neighborhood is experiencing rapid increases in population without park space that's so badly needed. But we have a rich network of parks in our city that can provide green time for all of Long Beach. And I'm looking forward to working with director Mouat to make all of this much better. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next week. Good evening, Vice Mayor Andrews and City Council members and happy belated Indigenous Peoples Day. My name is Omar Cardenas, a resident of the sixth District and community organizer. With my goals and actions, I'm here to speak in support of the Park Equity Report and in the recommendations put forward. Our vision for a city is to foster a sense of ownership and pride among all our residents, from the youngest to the oldest, where public space is accessible to all and a vibrant energy is felt wherever you go, no matter which council district you live in or where you come from, whether you come from a low income family or an affluent household, everyone deserves the right to have a safe, welcoming and empowering space to go to in their communities that are equitably resource and uplift the needs of those who have the most need. I believe this Council has taken the steps in the right, have taken

steps in the right direction to open up more parks and renovate existing ones. However, the reality is that we are a long way from reversing the devastating impacts of discriminatory policies like redlining. They have created intergenerational poverty and low income and working class communities. A study by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition has shown that a vast majority of neighborhoods marked hazardous or coded in red and on maps have both by HUD and Homeowners Loan Corporation are much more likely than other areas to comprise of low income minority residents.

Other studies show that two thirds of community of residents who live in these neighborhoods are inhabited by mostly black and Latinx families, compared to 91% of green neighborhoods that remain upper middle class income homes today and roughly 85% predominantly white. When putting this into perspective, it is quite alarming to see that from the 2017 Park Equity Report, we continue to see that examples of redlining, maybe it's a stretch, but that some communities are being less invested in than in others. Furthermore, community based organizations like Margaux's In Action and other smaller community based organizations working to access spaces at our parks can be extremely difficult given the burden of costs we often have to carry, in addition to oftentimes the million dollar insurance policies that are required to reserve space at parks, creating barriers to increase our engagement and service in these communities. I want to thank Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Director Mowat for championing for bravely championing this Park Equity Report. Their efforts are aligned with priorities of Long Beach residents. As you all know, the Long Beach Long Beach Invest in Youth Campaign recently released a report where over seven seven out of ten Long Beach residents support greater public funding for youth programs. And 78% believe that Moore Park programming should be a top priority for this council. In conclusion, we call on the mayor and the City Council to create more streamlined process for community based organizations to activate park space and prioritize park programming hours in communities that have been historically under invested and families have been asked to unjustly take on the financial burden and unrealistic, unrealistic cost of programs. Thank you. Thank you very much. Good evening, everyone. My name is Christine Pettit. I'm an executive director for Long Beach Forward. Our vision for Long Beach is that race and income do not determine one's future. It's a community where everyone is safe, connected and healthy. I really appreciate the leadership of Councilwoman Gonzalez in bringing this item forward initially and continuing this work, as well as the new leadership of our Parks Director taking this on and really reflecting the conversation. I'd also like to encourage a strong collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Equity. As you continue this work and really tonight, I want to encourage us to keep the spirit of the original item going throughout this conversation. In that initial presentation, we saw the disparities in the contract classes. We saw the disparity where you have high rates of unemployment and one in the central area of Long Beach in particular, and other areas in the city, but all the adult enrichment classes being held at Eldorado Park. And so it's really important. I think density is one way of looking at that, who's served, what the needs are. But we really need to keep these other ki

nd of indicators, whether it's the the areas in terms of the zip code, what the employment rate and access to other opportunities are in those areas. And really just to stick to the intention of this item, another important one being streamlining the process, reducing the red tape for community organizations to activate parks and to be involved in the planning process. I was really happy to see items like community engagement and language access as priorities in the Parks Strategic Plan. And I've just seen so many examples, whether it be at MLK Park, MacArthur Park, Admiral Kidd, where there are community residents who are really wanting to make changes and activate those spaces and coming up with a lot of barriers. And so community involvement is very important to make sure that this is part of our process moving forward. Additionally, our organization worked with others to support. We do a lot of community events and I know in one particular instance and there have been several others where we were trying to hold a workshop at a park space and the cost was so prohibitive that we ended up, you know, using a church with no air conditioning in the middle of the summer. It was still packed, but it was not very comfortable. So it's really important that we have programming that's relevant, that's dispersed throughout the community, and we really need to keep the focus on equity. I'd like to see numbers about how we're really moving the needle in this conversation. Councilmember Richardson took the words right out of my mouth. We need to make

sure that we're staying focused on how we're actually making change around equity in our city. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Charlotte Hi, my name is Mariella Salgado and I am also a commissioner for District One. I just wanted to say that I support the city and parks in the interdepartmental and collaborative approach. It's great to see a comprehensive approach to our park system. There's and I second some of what said here, there's a lot of opportunity here to leverage relationships. Like I saw Long Beach Unified School District. One of the things I always noticed is how come our students are kids don't know about the great things that are happening at the park and community partners. Some of the folks that have spoken here and build relationships to increase access to our park system and provide educational opportunities and programming to our children. I look forward as Commissioner to supporting an increase in inclusive, safe and accessible infrastructures within our parks to its residents and in my opinion, more importantly, our children. Thank you. Thank you. You. Karen Reside, resident of First District. And I'm also honored to be almost an eight year volunteer of partners of Parks Corado. Thank you so much for this comprehensive report. We've really needed something like this for a long time. I work almost every day with the dedicated park staff. I have never seen staff give so much to our community

and be so unrecognized. Lena, thank you for bringing this forward. Parks are such a vital part of our community and we need more of them and we need more activities, particularly in the low income neighborhoods. I also want to reiterate the fee barriers and also parks. We pay taxes on our parks. We all do. We all support our parks. So asking for fees on top of it sometimes, as Christine mentioned, through the work I do with the Long Beach Gray Panthers, sometimes that's a barrier, too. So it's it's not just within the community. It's with our groups and bringing our communities together. So I want to mention those things and please include teams in the planning process for their particular programs. Through my work with with the Boys and Girls Clubs, teens will not participate unless they are engaged in the programming planning and its programming that they want. And it's absolutely critical that they have a place, a safe place and our parks, so that they can create and grow on their own. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Good evening. My name is Andrew Carroll, second district. I was happy to attend the sort of reopening of the East Village Arts Park that was helped to fight for. I'm very encouraged by the conversation here tonight. Very happy to see the new director as well. I'd like to add, I can't resist bringing this up when I hear about. Economic inequalities, and I think especially given the history within Long Beach of economic segregation. I like to remind if we're worried about money money echoing counter one Mungo's comment and also Councilmember Joe Rubinoff that the parks can be as great as they can be . But if we don't have access or if we don't have money to continue maintaining them, then it almost it's going to make the efforts twice as hard for us if we're interested in funding. I just like to bring this up because it's kind of my pet issue. As we know, certain parts of Long Beach in which the parks are better will by and large have higher property values as we make improvements to our parks. It is statistically very likely that property values in the surrounding area will go up. This could sadly, ironically, work to price people out of the. Areas that parks. Are in. This has happened with gentrification and other issues like that. So I would encourage the city to continue to look into finding a way to capture the value that reify itself in property values as parks become more valuable. That is public investment, public money. Parks belong to the public, but the money ends up in the private pockets of landowners through rent. So there is ways to catch this. The Belmont Shore area already does this with its parking, for example, and there are ways to get around Prop 13 with catchment areas. And I would encourage Long Beach to continue looking into that. This is probably not the best forum for me to bring that up. I should probably actually attend a, you know, Parks meeting one day and just sort of talk. But I just wanted to take

the time to say that. So thank you. Thank you, Miss. Councilwoman Munger. Yes. I wanted to address two additional items that were a part of the discussion tonight. One of the things that was talked about was fees. And I know that as a big part of what's going on in Parks and Rec, we're doing a fee study in 2015 after being elected to the Council. I specifically asked Finance Department for in future bringing forward our fees to state what is the cost of what we're providing, what is the cost that we are charging to the participant and that a column to show the subvention. So an example might be we allow sometime in the summer for a dollar per child, but the cost to run a pool at 250 children a day is actually closer to \$12 a child. And so that subvention rate would be one I'm sorry, one over 12. So just figuring out what that looks like, because I think that one of the

things that we often forget is the costs associated with that. And so I think that across the board, there might be things that we've been subjected that maybe we didn't want to add, other things that we think we should be. 17 And I think that that's where the core of the question comes from. And then we talked a little bit about metered said recycling programs, that additional park programs that could be available at different parks. If you have park programs or specific contract classes that you're interested in and you have a specific group of individuals where you can say, I know that if you give yoga in this park, we'll get 12 participants. That's really where we've had the success with some of our contract classes. The instructors are always very eager if they know they can get the participant levels. And so if you are already having those meetings in your community and you know which specific classes those are reticent email, please feel free to call. I have a lot of contact with a lot of the instructors because a lot of them already teach at Eldorado Park, so they reach out to me quite often. They are looking to add a second park, but they don't really have a gauge or understanding of which park should be that second park. And making those choices can often be bad business decisions because if the community that that gets yoga is actually the community that wanted resumés, then they have a class with two participants that they lose money. And so if you already have an engaged base that they're really eager to help and I'm happy to help as well. Thank you. Thank you very much. Councilwoman Gonzalez. I just want to close this up by saying thank you again for everybody coming today. And I look forward to connecting with the Invest and Youth campaign and all of our groups to start really talking about what those programs will look like. So thank you again. Thank you very much. I see I have a first and second which has two votes. Now we move to item 12 with the clock. Please read the item. A report from Police Department recommendation received and filed the application o

f Simos for a premise to premise and person to person transfer of an ABC license at 5 to 7 one East Second Street District three. Yes. Would have to me. Vice Mayor, councilor councilors. We have a quick report from Commander Lieberman here. This right here. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and City Council. Item number 12 is an. Application for a type. 47 on sale. General, a license for a restaurant. This license will authorize the furnishing of beer, wine and distilled spirits to patrons. The police department has conducted our investigation. And do not. Anticipate. Any adverse impact. With the issuance of the license. That concludes my report, and I'm available for questions, if you might have any. Thank you very much. I appreciate that report. We I strongly support this item. We did do community outreach on this. I received no objections that I'm aware of since this has been a very responsible partner in the shore. The entire block adjacent to this location is supportive of this concept because these operators are incredibly responsible. So I ask my colleagues to support this item and wish sympathies. The best of luck continuing to operate in the store. Thank you. Councilman Soprano. I enthusiastically circumsise it. Thank you. Any public comment on this? Not. Please cast your vote. Now we're going to move back to Paris. Okay, fine. Now we move that consent count. Do we have a motion for all the items on the consent count of four and 12, which will be heard separately? Next item. Item 41 is a communication from Council Member Richardson recommendation to increase appropriations in the general fund in the City Manager Department by 5000, offset by the ninth Council districts. One time district priority funds to support the 2018 Veterans Day celebration. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. We support the Veterans Day celebration every year. Fundraising is a little bit slower than we originally anticipated, so we're allocating \$5,000 to help offset the cost of the Veterans Day celebration this year. And if anyone like to help to contribute to support this. Feel free to reach out. We are raising money to help support our Veterans Day celebration. Thanks. Thank you very much. Public comment. Councilmember Price. Members cash of votes. Councilwoman Mangal, thank you much in case. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. Bush and Kerry's. Next item item three nine Report from Public Works Recommendation to execute an amendment to contract with concrete concrete construction for concrete repairs and related improvements. Increasing the contract amount by additional 7 million city. Okay. It's been motioned and seconded their staff report on this one. Craig Beck. Yeah. Just real quickly, council on this one. I wanted to bring the council up to speed as to where we are. Normally, we wouldn't come forward with a request to extend a contract this many terms, but we are doing an RFP for concrete replacement. And the last RFP that we had ready to bring forward thi

s past summer through the RFP process, it was deemed that none of the respondents met all the criteria and so purchasing essentially denied acceptance of the different bidders under that RFP

process. And so we are going back out. In fact, there is a new RFP on the street. As I present this this evening, I anticipate having the responses to that RFP and being before council, hopefully by March in the New Year. This is a very important contract. This is for concrete work, spot work associated with both our street programs and our ADA programs. This is, for example, preparing and installing new ADA ramps, path of travel repairs, bus pads, etc.. CGA Construction has done a lot of work in the city. They have always performed to our standards and at a reasonable price within market, and we're asking for this extension until we can bring forward a permanent contract. That concludes my report. Thank you very much. Is there because we were younger? Yeah, I. I'm going to go ahead and move the title forward because it is an essential piece of work that we have done in the city. However, I received information that the current contractor has some issues that need to be reviewed, and this brings up a broader concern that we might have with a contract that when we extend contracts and give additional money and that's doing such extensions without some kind of evaluation or or review of these contracts so that we can feel comfortable with renewing a contract or providing more money or extending it, that it's within the scope of the work that they're doing, doing it up to up to the standards that the city wants. So in the future, I understand that there's going to be a new RFP going out. And I would I would hope that if this current contractor reapply for a renewal or to continue to work in the city, that there would be a review of the performance this period. So that when it comes back, we have a better understanding as to the performance of this current contractor. Councilmember Price. I agree. Very well said. Thank you. I would just add that Public Works would be happy to work with Councilmember Turanga and this Council to review any performance issues and make sure that all of our contractors are meeting our standards. Councilmember Pearce. I'm going to be more specific. How are we ensuring that our contractors are paying prevailing wage? Is there any role that the city plays in that? Councilmember Pearce? That is correct, yes. All contractors that work on city projects are required to pay prevailing wage. We go through a pretty extensive process where the contractors need to provide certified payroll. We work closely with financial management who does our our prevailing wage analysis and review process. We also work with them to ensure that we're meeting all job criteria, including our place standards for those those projects that are covered by play. Great. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this? Hi. Good afternoon. Uh, my name is Nicholas Santos,

and I'm a investigator for the Center for Contract Compliance. We monitor public works projects subject to prevailing wages and apprenticeship requirements. And I wanted to bring a couple of things to light this evening. Um, I have a public file here. It's a, it's with five of the C.J. workers going after C.J. for wages and overtime for every L.A. County job that he's put out to bid for the past couple of years. That's one of them. And there's five workers that also worked on the Long Beach project that's been ongoing the past six years. So that will be visited in the future. We also have a couple civil wage and penalty assessments that have recently been issued. And that was through the Labor Commissioner's office here in Long Beach, the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement. Um, the closest one being in La mirada, where they owed 100 and well, roughly \$180,000 in wages. And with the total liability of 282,000 after the penalties and apprenticeship violations, there's also another one in the city of La Palma, where they also have violated apprenticeship requirements. And there is also public knowledge that there's three current investigations that have been assigned to deputy labor commissioners that are currently ongoing. So aside from that. Well, in conclusion, I urge that the Council I urge that the council postpone the motion and consider rebidding the contract to the outset due to the outstanding state investigations and the likelihood of obtaining favorable pricing by utilizing the competitive bidding process. And if not, I recommend that the future RFP include a requirement to disclose any outstanding state investigations. So when the proposals are renewed, a contractor's recent wage judgments will be taken into consideration. Thank you very much. Okay. Thank you. By the way, do you would. Where are you going to provide that to the clerk for for a counsel benefit? Yes, I can. I got kind of this was late notice for me. So I have copies here that I can leave. Great. Okay. Thank you. Councilmember Mongo. Yes. Just a little bit of information that I think is helpful. Mr. Beck, when we discussed this option items earlier, I think that you'd brought forward and a point that I thought is very, very important to Long Beach and why we stand out from other cities and don't have as many violations. You talked about certified payroll records that we require from our contractors. And one of the things that perhaps one of our committees could consider is from a influenced, influential

standpoint to some of the smaller cities that don't require that that maybe we could talk to other elected official bodies, that they would want to require that because one of the benefits we have is we have less violators because you actually have to provide certified payroll records. And a lot of these smaller cities where these violations are happening don't require such things. And so I know that a lot of us can either start to use that kind of influence or on any

of the regional boards or county boards that we sit on or talk with. Because what we want is everyone to be paid prevailing wage, even if it's not within our city. And so just something that I thought was really unique about our city. And I applaud you and the city auditor for your work on that. And I think the certification process actually puts them in a position where they are really in a position to comply. And I think that that's great. But people that work in our city have that. So thank you. GONZALEZ Yes. So how do we you know, because I've heard this come up before with C.J., not just here tonight. So how are we still working with them, if this is in fact true? And if they have provided certified payroll, how does that all work? I'm just trying to get that in my head.

Councilmember Gonzalez I'm not aware of any wage violations for Long Beach work. If there is a wage dispute, typically there's a number of avenues that a contractor and or employee can go forward with. To my understanding, the the. Athat is typically used is to go to the Department of Industrial Relations and file a complaint. They will then research that complaint. They will work with the contractor and the certifying agency for Long Beach work that would be us and ask for those records and those certified payrolls, review those with the work force that is on the job and the type of work that they are performing. And compare that to the prevailing wage tables and ensure that they are paying the appropriate prevailing wage. Sometimes those disputes are elevated into a lawsuit. Again, I'm not aware of any of those issues in our city, but we're here to work closely with the DA on any questions they have or information they need to do their investigations, if in fact, that's what they need to do for our projects. Okay. Thank you for that. And I will. Okay. Thank you. Appreciate it. Councilmember Pierce. There was no one and then there was everyone queued up. I have a question on the RFP process. Is there and I know we're dealing with this in another industry, but is there a process where we could require them to disclose any lawsuits brought against them for, you know, any wage prevailing wage issues? I actually believe that's already in the RFP as part of their requirements for submittals. But if it's not, I will ensure that that is included in any particular RFP process. Judgments only currently. Okay. Well, and the reason I ask that is because I think the concern, particularly with this contractor, is that this is not these concerns are not brought up just this year, but that this has been ongoing with this contractor. And so making sure that we are doing RFP with contractors that are good practice and in compliance with with labor law. That's my only question. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. It's one of the chime in and say this. You know, we've seen this happen a number of times when sort of the public brings you know, raises issues with contractors is

no way for us to stay on top of this. But what I'd like to understand or move to and maybe this is a broader conversation, but I'd like to understand when we go through a process of vetting contracts, there should be some some eligibility or some standard in place that talks about compliance with with sort of, you know, labor standards. And we should have an understanding on what that is before we are presented with an opportunity to extend, you know, a contract by \$7 million. I'd like to I'd like to personally know that I don't know if this is the venue to have that. So I'm going to vote and support this. But I think we definitely need to figure out a better way. I don't want to I think it's unfair to the projects. It's unfair to public works. If every you know, if when these contracts come up and these issues are are not necessarily vetted and we're not in a strong position to say, hey, are we setting a bad example for all the good contractors that are out there that's frankly a lot of money into local economics. And and we support, you know, using leveraging our expenses to create economic opportunity for our communities. So those are my remarks. Thanks. And so I will take this opportunity to chime in as well. I just had a question regarding our own city compliance officers. And has there been any issues with this particular contract here in Long Beach? That you are aware of? Again, I'm not aware of any issues associated with Long Beach work and prevailing wage or any judgments against this contractor. And as we move forward with the permanent RFP, I will ensure that we collect that information and provide that to this council when we bring the item forward for an on call concrete contractor. So I'm gonna also just go to the time sensitivity of this particular item. You know, are there projects lined up? Can you just tell me what they are? Yeah.

So currently we don't have anybody under contract that can provide concrete work other than all-American and all-American is our street contractor. So, as you know, this council has supported a complete Street's approach. So when we do any street work, we are also doing sidewalk repair. So all-American. When they do a street, they will pick up concrete. But any ADA ramps, any path of travel issues. As you know, as part of the A419 budgeted option, there is \$2 million allocated towards sidewalk work. There's \$500,000 towards our ADA Rapid Response Program. We do not currently have a contractor on board that can provide that work. So C.J. would be use to install many of our ADA ramps, etc. until we can get a permanent bidder in place. And as I mentioned earlier, that RFP is on the street currently. I anticipate having all those bids closed and have a recommendation before council in March or April of 19. So my question is, I mean, we just heard some information and public comment that, you know, I think gave the council some pause and concern. I've asked questions regarding our own city compliance and d

ealings with this particular contractor, and you're not aware of any any issues. But I would feel a lot better if if we could have an opportunity and maybe a couple of weeks to look into this. We're continuing this item for two or three weeks will hurt the productivity of the projects. So your agenda is that in December, that means no work will get done until December and this council can move this item forward. So I guess as Margo, did you have something. To say. If you're if you're calling me? We we have already communicated work that's been scheduled by public works to the district. So we have residents that are specifically told that their work would be done. And so now that just does bring up some other concerns from what I was understanding when I met with Mr. Beck earlier today to discuss the potential concerns. This is only through March or June. The item before council this evening is to provide a one year extension for CGA construction and add some funds to allow us to move forward with many of the concrete responsibilities that we have to do under our ADA program and our street program, etc. There is an RFP on the street that we will have a vendor selected to bring forward to council, and I'm anticipating that will be in March or April. And the concern is that we might be in violation of our ADA requirements of the lawsuit if we were to pause. Right now we are behind our agreed settlement stated goals in our settlement agreement where we said we would complete up to 4500 new curb ramps within the first five years. Correct. Okay. Well. And Mr. Beck, if I'm sorry, my train of thought was still going, keep going. Thank you. And, Mr. Beck, you have the option at the time when you bring back the vendors that respond to the RFP and your selection, that you could terminate this at that time you're just asking for in case we are ending up in a situation where we were before? Councilmember That's correct. Thank you. And I would take it a step further. Again, I've stated I'm not aware of any issues with this contractor in this city. I will review that and provide counsel at TFF stating that position. If in fact we find that we have those violations for any of our projects, then I will also recommend that we suspend this and not bring forward. I really appreciate that. Many people don't know. But. When I was younger, I actually was a complete infant in a labor dispute for not being paid. And I take this very, very seriously. But I also recognize that there's a process, and I'd like to know the difference between judgments and accusations and all those types of things and and make sure that we're doing the right thing all the time. So thank you for that. I appreciate the TFF and I'll be supporting the item. Okay. So I'll support the item too, especially after hearing our public works director commit to looking into this, providing that information to the council. So is there any other public comment here in non members? Please cast your votes. Mot

ion carries. And next up is Richard Lindemann. Linda been here? Nope. Okay, then let me go back to the regular agenda. There's been a request. I just want to make sure. Just that we hear this item, because I want to make sure that we're moving all the items up that we have request for item 28, which is the utility wires audit. No. Item 28 Communication from Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Super Councilman Austin. Recommendation to request City Manager to report back in 60 days on the feasibility of directing public works to conduct an audit of utility wires throughout the city to identify maintenance needs and violations. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I am encouraging my colleagues to support this item tonight. Throughout the city of Long Beach, you can see large collections of utility wires crisscrossing streets, alleys and over residences. Often these wires are wrapped in bundles, hanging from telephone poles or tied to other wires. Sometimes these wires are tangled among tree branches or appear in disrepair and have been left and removed when a previous business or residential tenant has moved out. Violations of maintenance

standards by the utility provider can cause safety concerns, including increased risk of fire, high wind, disconnecting, poorly maintained wires, tree branches causing service interruptions and downed power lines, resulting in damage to private property. Additionally, utility wires that are not well-maintained create visual blight throughout our city and can contribute to the overall deterioration of a community. Individual resident groups have begun conducting their own evaluations of wire issues like these and have begun documenting these maintenance and safety concerns with only volunteer time and expertise. This effort is severely limited and I want to acknowledge the Belmont Heights Community Association for taking a leadership role in bringing this issue to light. This issue could be addressed more comprehensively if city departments were to conduct an audit of major and minor corridors, alleys and other areas to assess the locations of maintenance issues and safety concerns with the goal of providing this information to the utility providers, as well as the California Public Utilities Commission. Most recently, we've seen fire danger that has spread throughout Southern California. And if we have ways to identify fire risks, such as abandoned wires in areas that can cause fires, we should be addressing those and addressing them as a public safety and public health issue. Long Beach is a beautiful and amazing city, but there's always room for improvement and taking more action to maintain something we all see every day, like utility wires, is something we can do to improve everyone's safety as well as make residents feel better about their community. Sure there is. This is not the biggest issue facing Long Beach today. That's definitely clear. But this is another way that we can continue to work to make sure Long Beach

h residents feel proud of their neighborhood and that we minimize the risk of fire danger in our communities. So with that, I'd ask my colleagues to support this item, and I know we do have some public comment on this item tonight. Thank you. I want to go to a public comment or councilman, you want to go first? Well, I'll just say I second the motion. I think this is a very responsible item coming forward. And I want to thank Councilmember Price for bringing it forward and asking me to sign on as a coauthor. I think this is the only concern I have is whether or not 60 days is long enough for for this order to actually happen and what sort of proactive efforts will staff make once they find hazards out there so that. My comments, but I'll be happy to support this. Okay. Let me go and do public comment then. Hello. My name is Sydney Simon. I live at 4115 East Second Street and I am wholeheartedly in support of this agenda item. Um, I have been interested in this issue for a long time and 202,013 I wrote an article for the Belmont Heights Community Association newsletter about the egregious wires going all over my driveway, patio, backyard, everywhere, and people just came out of the woodwork on this issue and everybody was interested in working on it. So we developed a team to go out and survey our our neighborhood using the criteria of if there were. We called out locations of lines that were more than two lines going to one house, low drooping lines, and the big rat's nest of wires that's at the at the poles. We filed a complaint with the CPSC, sending in our survey pictures, supporting letters signed by nine other community associations. And we were told that we had no standing unless it was on our property. We couldn't contact the service CPSC. So I just kept going up on their organizational chart until I finally found a fill in as Mr. Fill In, it says, was a program director of consumer affairs for CPSC, and he sent out their chief engineer to meet with us to go over the survey and to meet with Verizon and Charter. He called out many infractions that the charter companies had done and the CPSC sent a notice to Verizon to fix them and they basically refused. So the engineer said that he would send it to their legal department. Well, they heard nothing back. So a year later, we wrote a letter to the city attorney asking for help if he could contact. And it was eventually turned over to. Two, Art Sanchez, who is deputy city attorney, taking care of those issues. And he sent an email to the CPSC general counsel asking to be enlightened on what has happened. And we got no answer at all at that point. We had a meeting with Diana Tang and Art Sanchez, and at Councilwoman Price's suggestion, it was turned over to the legislative state committee here. And we have heard nothing more about that. So so anyway, I want to say, I don't 100% support having a survey for the whole city. Thank you. Thank you so much next week for please. Good evening. My name is

Diane Sundstrom. My address is on file. I also live in Belmont Heights. I'm a board member of the community association and I'm Sidney sidekick. In this effort. And I also want to encourage the council to support this motion. I think it's very important. And to add on to Sidney's comments, when Verizon refused to comply with the CPU Seas directive to correct safety violations, we decided to

go to the PUC. Hearing in August of 2015 that related to the Verizon Frontier transfer. And I spoke about Verizon's refusal to comply. And as one would expect, there was a flurry of activity after that meeting, but that was not sustained. So we continued, as Sidney said, speaking to the city, Diana Tang was very involved. Councilwoman Pryce And eventually we also talked to Congressman O'Donnell's office and met with Senator Laura. And our meeting with Senator Laura. Ended up in another meeting with the. CP you see in our community this year. And as a result of that, again, representatives from all the offices I just mentioned came as well as, again, Raffi Stepanian, who's the. C's chief engineer. And also Elizaveta Malashenko, who's the director of safety and Enforcement. At the CP. You see, and it was very clear from that meeting that wire safety. In other words. Wires that are not compliant as well as wire blight is still a very big issue. In the city. Rafi stood at the corner of a street between between Roswell and Examiner. On third and in his line of vision. And I quote him There are many safety violations. So Elizaveta, after. That meeting, sent us an email copying Diana Tang and others. And said that there are a couple of proceedings that would be of interest and that would likely result in some action. And one of those is a combined poor management proceeding. In other words, creating a. Shared database or a statewide census, which might be beyond our ability at this point of utility poles and conduits. And conduits, meaning. Wires. So again, it's become very. Apparent. In discussions with the CP, you see that safety as well as wire blight are a major problem. It's also clear that as a small community organization, we have no clout or nor influence. So we fully support and encourage passing Councilwoman. Price's. Motion. It's a recommended course of action from the CP you see and does have the potential to effect change. Thank you very. Much. Thank you very much. And our last speaker on this topic and then we'll go back to the council. Good evening, Dave Shukla on file. I'd like to thank my councilwoman and Mrs. Price. As well as Councilman Austin for bringing this forward. It's a tremendously important move for safety, to assess. The fire risk as well as possible explosion risk from the electrical transmission conduits, the infrastructure that we have, the transmission lines. I'd like to make just a couple of quick suggestions to improve this process, because I think it's very important and I hope you all support it. The first is pulling together t

he volunteer efforts of the HCA and others into a database, as suggested, even if it's just for the city. This info that that data shouldn't just be shared with the investor owned utilities and the CPU only, but it should definitely be shared with the three companies that we're contracting with to perform a feasibility study for a community choice aggregation program. And it should also be shared with the neighborhood associations and residents who live with these fire risks and potential for explosions from the undergrounding, as we've seen in more than one place in the city, certainly downtown over the. Past couple of years. And it should be expanded to include the type of. Alliance. Electric as well. We've heard a lot about telecom. Electric, you know, long distance transmission lines from generation telecom, the conditional use permit for putting telecom infrastructure, cable, DSL, cell phones, whatever it is on existing electrical infrastructure. And also looking at potentially the undergrounding. And if a city wide map or citywide database of all of this risk can be achieved, we should take the time to do it right. If that means take. 120 days. 220 days. This may be the first and best opportunity you have to completely understand before we have a precipitous development. What our full set of risks are, I think. Thank you. Without. Go back to the council. Councilman Pierce. I just want to thank my colleagues for this. I know this is a big issue in my district. We've had several neighborhood associations from Rose Park to Alamo Speech that have called on these issues and however much time it takes of it, 60 days or 120 days. We fully support this and want to thank everyone for bringing this forward. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzalez. Yes, thank you, Councilmember Price, for bringing this forward. And we do have this on the state legislative agenda. I know Councilmember Austin chairs that. And there's under local control and our priorities, we have them both to support policies that will ensure that blight is eliminated relative to utility wires. Aside from that, I have a question that's probably not within this ordinance, but it just came up in a downtown community meeting. And it was the the it's more of a private issue, but I don't know if we have an answer for it now, but it's the cable or satellite dishes that are that exist on these buildings. And we have a multitude of them in downtown that could also pose a major risk. And I don't know if there's any sort of. Incentive or something that we can do to get these removed, because a lot of the downtown residents, they move into these places that already have satellite dishes. And not only is it blight, but it could pose another issue. I don't know if we have an answer for that right now. If not, I can maybe just do another item. While we're doing

this, we can also research the possibility of looking at the dish satellites that may have been abandoned and are still there and stuff. But th

ere's certainly a lot that have been abandoned and we'll take a look at those. To create may add a friendly amendment to do that. Thank you so much. I appreciate it. Thank you. There is a motion and a second on the item. A roll call vote, please. Councilwoman Gonzales. Councilmember Pierce. Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Superman II. Councilwoman Mongo. I. Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilmember Miranda. Art. Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Vice Mayor Andrews, I. Councilmember Urunga. Hi, Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Ocean carries. Now we move to item 33 clock. Please read item. Report from Development Services Recommendation to receive and file a report on the results of the Nuisance Motel pilot program by the Office of Civic Innovation and Development Services Department, and request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to establish a nuisance motel program citywide. Would you like to do a public comment on this or you. We just had to start reporting this. Yeah. Oh, fine. Grahamstown report, please. Yes. Tracy calling the. Honorable vice mayor and City Council. In October of 2018, the Innovation Team coordinated an interdepartmental team to explore strategies to reduce nuisance activities at motels, as well as those motels that affect quality of life in their surrounding community. We partnered closely with the city prosecutor, city Attorney's Office, Development Services, Health and Human Services, Police, Fire and Financial Management to develop a task force to look at these particular properties, as well as develop procedures and recommendations to reduce criminal activity and nuisance on those property locations. We really want to thank all involved departments for their commitment to tackling these issues. This multidisciplinary approach to solving such an important problem really came in handy in working together. The staff report includes a compendium of the work that we've completed over this last year together, as well as recommendations for moving forward. I would like to turn it over to Oscar Orsi, our deputy director, and Alejandro Sanchez Lopez, a planner from both from Development Services Department, to provide the rest of the report. Good evening, honorable Mayor and members of the City Council. This presentation serves as the final update to Council on the Nuisance motel's pilot program due to the program's results, which I will cover shortly. Staff is recommending to move forward with an ordinance that codifies a nuisance motel compliance plan and establishes a review process for all hospitality locations in Long Beach. Finally, staff also research other programs and policies to address nuisance motels and bolster the ordinance effectiveness. In 2017, staff first examined data from Long Beach Police Department analyzing calls for service. And incident report levels at all hospitality locations in the city between January 2014 and May 2017. After the pilot program was first implemented, a second data

analysis of police activity. From May 2017 to. May 2018 was conducted to determine the overall effect of the pilot program at. The six selected locations. As a reminder, the two data sets were analyzed separately and weighed by activity type. They were then combined into a single index or score and given a standardized score out of 100, then accounted for the number of rooms at each location. Finally, staff selected six locations out of the top 15 scores for the initial pilot program based on size, spatial clustering, site history and other contextual factors. These locations are the Colonia Motel, the Greenlee, the luxury in the Sewer Motel, the Stallion Motel and Travelodge. Following the establishment of the pilot. Program, the interdepartmental task force coordinated with the pilot program hotels to implement nuisance and crime abatement procedures such as environmental design features, lighting and safety improvements and additional private security on site. These procedures were developed, assess research and adopted practices. From other jurisdictions and programs. Concurrently, staff also presented research. Conducted research on long term policy solutions to address the use of motels to pair with a compliance plan. The results of this three pronged approach is evident with the data that follows. Firstly, when looking at police activity, hotels and motels citywide, we did not see much change from the pilot program transaction. Effectively, we saw no change in the control group that is all locations across the city for the program, as calls for service levels remained relatively stable. However, when looking at only the six pilot locations, we saw a significant reduction of about 30% in calls for service levels, going from nearly 230 calls for service in the three years pilot prior to the program to about 160 quarterly calls for service. And perhaps more significantly calls for service levels job that all six locations. Anecdotally the locations that work most closely with the city team to implement the compliance

plan experience the greatest drop in calls for service. As a result. As a result of the program's success, staff is recommending that we move forward with the Nuisance Motel ordinance. The ordinance will consolidate the existing regulations that affect hospitality locations in the city. It will codify the best practices from other jurisdictions that staff identified and piloted and establish an intercontinental action team to implement and monitor compliance of the ordinance regulations and identify development services as the lead agencies. Lead agencies for the Action Team Coordination and Ordinance Compliance Excellence. In addition to the recommended ordinance, staff pursuant to counsel's direction, have researched additional policies and programs to address nuisance motels, focusing in particular to a longer range solution that can come back the structural factors that lead to nuisance and criminal activity. These include mot

el conversions, zoning regulations, amortization and motel acquisition for motel conversion staff research the interim model excuse me, motel conversion ordinance from the city of Los Angeles, which allows for a ministerial approval process of temporary conversions to supportive housing that can be scaled on a citywide basis. A similar program in Long Beach could allow for applicable motels to be converted to permanent supportive housing on a temporary basis. Staff also researched, and this type of ordinance, coincidentally, could be something that we could develop by second quarter of next year. Staff also researched zoning regulations to discontinue motel uses in certain parts of the city, most notably the plan in North Long Beach could be that could designate motel uses as legally non-conforming use as meaning that they would no longer be allowed to operate after a certain period of time. This could be a more immediate step that would also serve as a precursor to additional regulations. As the Council is aware, the the plan is now moving forward and should be completed by the fourth quarter of next year. An additional tool that staff considered is the amortization or the phasing out of motel users. As most of you know, the amortization would terminate motel uses completely within a given period of time. That period of time is typically assessed through a study that allows the either businesses or the property owners to be whole of their investment. In order for us to move forward, we would need to identify revenue resources to be able to prepare the study and that direction would be needed from the council. An additional program that is essentially on a case by case basis is the acquisition of motels in order for this resource to be moved forward. Obviously, we would need revenue resources as well as the opportunity for vacancies or opportunities to purchase motels. This would allow the city the flexibility to redevelop the motels to either a supportive or additional housing or other commercial ventures. In conclusion, staff recommends that the City Council request the city attorney to prepare an ordinance to establish nuisance and motel program. This concludes staff's presentation, and we look forward to answering any questions that you may have. Thank you. Is there any public comment on this item? Look what you can learn about this world. Excuse me. We'll go behind the guy's house first. Comes from noticing. Thank you, Vice Mayor. So so first I want to thank the entire team, the multi departmental team that worked on this pilot. This was in response to a call from the community to find some short term and long term solutions, specifically for the Long Beach Boulevard corridor. But that widened in the pilot was extended to, you know, six, six motels citywide. And I think the fact that we can and we've all watched this process, you know, in fact, just raise your hand if you've been following this process from the beginning. So there's a number

of people who've been, you know, following this process to come back and say that we looked at the control group and then the pilot group, and they've seen a 30 plus percent drop in calls for service. I think that shows that give this additional attention. Attention has been working. And so I'm glad that we use the data to demonstrate the results of this pilot. And so I'm supportive of moving forward on the recommended recommendation to move forward with an actual ordinance. I like the I like the approach that we did a pilot. We evaluated the pilot. And then we move forward with creating the law. This is the same approach that we did with the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, and that's been a success. And, you know, it's been recognized as a as a best practice. And I like that we took that approach here. So I support that. And I'm going then within my motion request, I'm so concurring support for establishing this ordinance. The second thing I want to pull out is the mention of, you know, beginning the conversation on streamlining the motel conversion process and creating that ordinance similar to Los Angeles. And Oscar, you mentioned that this could be possible, possibly done in Q2 of 2018. I'd like to include in my motion to move forward on on that process based on the timeline that you presented, the Q two for the conversion, I think that

makes sense, gives us enough time to move forward and work for next few months on this ordinance before moving on to next. And then additionally, we mentioned both the, the, the zoning approaches with a plan. I'm very comfortable with that. That's beginning the long term conversation. And we said we want to be very clear about short term, immediate solutions, but also addressing the long term problem that there's, you know, a concentration on this one corridor. And we need to talk about what the core of the vision for the corridor in the future. And I think that is appropriate in the land use document. So thank you for that. But the other the last thing that stood out was the fact that in order to pursue amortization is going to require additional study beyond the capacity that what we have. And so I would ask that we don't leave it there, that we do forwarded to city staff into the Budget Oversight Committee to think about this, because we looked at amortization as a solution citywide, not just for North Long Beach, but when you have outdated out, you know, when you have corridors with multiple motels, you know, Long Beach Boulevard, for example, as motels were in place before the 17 freeway had very different use. And, you know, the land use didn't keep up when the 710 was built. And so now you have these outdated land uses that we may need a tool like amortization to address. And the same is, you know, the case on other corridors like, you know, PCH or Anaheim, you know, some of the other corridors where these motels were. So I'm going to add the third thing here is to refer to the Budget Oversight C

ommittee and to to and city manager to evaluate potential funding solutions in the next fiscal year's budget if available. So again, this is this is amazing work. I'm very proud of this work. We're going to be talking about this with with the Long Beach Boulevard community very soon. And many of them are here to follow this. But I think this is a good, important step and we've made some incredible progress. Thanks a lot. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. Councilwoman Pierce. Thank you. Yes. I want to thank Scott for their work on this. I think the numbers on some of the graphs are are very telling. On Councilmember Richardson's third note around the acquisitions, where we get funding for I know that we've amortization. I just looked at acquisitions because it was in front of me. Thank you. The idea of getting these motels into being some housing solutions, I know that we've talked a lot about villages of Cabrillo, and I wanted to ask staff if they've had any conversations with them in regards to this motel item. We have not. Okay. I've had a couple conversation. We can talk offline, but they basically have been building up funds to be able to go out and purchase properties like this. So yes, we as a city need to identify funds that we can use. But I think there are some entities in the city that are willing to step in immediately, that they're actually out there scouting properties right now, that if we had a motel that fell into one of these categories might not be on our we might not need to spend our taxpayer money to do that, but we could rely on some of our community partners to do that. But I definitely think that this has been a great model. I think had some questions on what's the pilot program? What exactly did you guys do to get some of these numbers down all the way? It says that you guys monitored, but maybe I missed it. Sorry. Well, the pilot program consisted of, again, multiple disciplines from throughout the city, meeting with the property owners on a regular basis, identifying potential improvements to the way either in security and signing and their operational characteristics that would allow them to reduce their calls for service. And we would meet with them on a regular basis to to check to make sure that those items were implemented. It's a menu list, if you will, a compliance plan, a list of items customized to each hotel. And those items would actually help improve the way they operate their business and hence reduce the calls for service. Thank you for that. And just refresh my memory. I know that when the Human Trafficking Task Force started some of their work here in the city, that some of that had to do with signage in hotels. Did that include these motels as well? Yes. There was staff from the health department that went on site visits and spoke with motel managers and owners regarding human trafficking and putting up signage. That's more of a recommendation, but it's something that we're looking to integrate more ful

ly as a compliance plan looks forward. Okay. Thank you. Fully support this. Think it's great work. Thank you. Yes. Councilwoman Gonzalez. Thank you so much and great work to staff. I'm glad we as Councilmember Richardson said, I'm glad we started with the pilot and now we're moving towards an ordinance. And the first, we personally have lots of unfortunate motels along PCH, a few off Alamitos and Seventh Street. So I'm looking forward to seeing how those sort of interplay with with the ordinance and where we can get some some progress on those PCH. And it has been a major issue. It actually has deterred businesses from receiving ABC licenses. The businesses are

really good standing, but the crime and areas around it, because the motels are such, you know, for poor behavior has really deter them from getting licenses, unfortunately. So just something to put out there. But relative to the presentation you had mentioned 15 locations, six of them that were piloted. What were the other locations and do we have? Addresses on them. I had to look up the locations you had in the presentation just online. But what were the other locations? Do you have just that information? Yes. So the other nine locations from the original study were the Grace Hotel, the Slumber Inn Motel, the Palms Motel, the Liberty Motel, the Belmont Sure Inn Motel, the Rocky Inn Motel, the Inn of Long Beach, the All eight motel. And the Royal Inn Motel. Yeah, very fancy names, right? Royal and luxury. I love it. Nothing. But if we can get that list. I don't know if it was in the. I didn't. Oh, was it in the original presentation? Okay, great. Then I'll go ahead and look at that. That's great. As far as an enforcement mechanism, I know the ordinance. I know there's an action team that will be put in place. But is there any other sort of enforcement mechanism? I know in the past we've done, you know, calls for service that could be charged to the owner. What other sort of enforcement mechanisms are we exploring? So some of the the. Mechanisms that have been research are related to citations, charges for police activity and increased calls for service levels. And some of the compliance measures are actually already within the municipal code. So this would kind of centralize them and make motel managers and owners aware of everything that they already have to comply with and then any additional regulations that would come down the pipeline as well. These and these items would be subject to citation as well as city prosecutor. Great. Another two questions. So outreach about the program. So once the ordinance comes into play, I would love for us to I want all of the motels to know that this ordinance is alive and good so they could hopefully change their practices. What are we thinking about that? The the idea is, is to establish a marketing campaign once the council approves the ordinance and and be able to communicate that to all the the hospitality establishments, especially those that a

re near or over the thresholds for calls for service and to again, solicit input from the community as well as the hotel. Hoteliers should be able to discuss the compliance plan and move that forward before we begin the compliance planning efforts. Okay, great. And last question and I had this question before when we had the conversation about bad actor landlords, about future projects. I know a lot of these property owners, they may come to Planning Commission and they have a brand new project. And oftentimes we as council members or planning commissioners don't know that they have a problem with Project A, but now they have a brand new project that they want to build or they just think there's got to be something that we as a council body should know of, that they have issues. Sometimes we don't. We often don't know about that unless we dig into the details and research that. But I'm just wondering if there's anything that could be flagged for us knowing that, you know, they may want to own multiple properties or have, you know, another copy or another permit of some sort, and that we at least know that before going into a decision and making a decision on a new property. So that's actually one of the first research efforts that we undertook as this will be housed primarily within development services. We fortunately have the greatest amount of access to property ownership information. We're looking to include that in some way and mitigate any issue there on back end data gathering to make sure that we understand the full context of of these sites, that property owners and property managers that may be related to other sites or to other nuisance issues throughout the city are included within whatever efforts that we have going forward. Great. I think thank you very much for that and great work again. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Just wanted to clarify, the funding that we talked about was the 150 K referenced in here as a need to evaluate the amortization piece. Just just to be clear, between that and funding for conversion. Thanks. Thank you. Did you have a chance to do public commentary on this? Any public comment on this case? None. So there is a motion at a second on the floor. Please call the roll call. Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Pierce, Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Supernova. All right. Councilwoman Mongo I. Vice Mayor Andrews. So for me. I have. It. Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Yeah. Yeah. Yes. When you. Motion carries. Thank you. With that, we're moving on to the next item, which is 42. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. We're going on to Iowa. We have the hearing and the Long Beach Airport noise ordinance next to items. So, Madam Clerk, the hearing, please. Hearing item one is a report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt resolution. Amending the master fee and charges schedule citywide.

Mr. West, who's who's doing this? Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Staff report will be given by Linda Tatum. Good afternoon, Mayor, and members of the Council. This item is a public hearing to consider a resolution to modify the city's master fee schedule for development services by reducing selected entitlement fees and adopting new fees related to the mailing of public hearing notices. As you recall, on September 18th, 2018, the City Council adopted an ordinance that amended various sections of the zoning code related to conditional use permits, and it also. This action that the Council took at that time also updated the public notification requirements. Since then, our staff has evaluated the specific entitlement application fees, which currently include the cost for mailed public hearing notices. So of what we found from that analysis is that approximately \$950 of the current application fees go toward the costs of producing and mailing these public notices. So adoption of this resolution would effectively unbundle the noticing fees from the application fee for most of the entitlement applications that we process. This resolution would also establish a tiered fee structure for mailing public notices going forward. The proposed fee reduction is \$950 less than the current application fees and the new publication or the new public noticing fees range from \$410 for the standard 300 foot noticing radius for Tier one. And this is explained in a little bit more detail in your staff report. But there's also a Tier two noticing four or 500 foot radius, and that is whenever a project is within 300 feet of a residential development and it goes up to Tier three, which is \$950 for noticing whenever a project is 750 feet or greater from any application that addresses either a reduction of parking, shared parking or a project where there is a code requirement for some kind of distance buffering, like in a tattoo parlor as an example. So I just want to make sure that you're aware that this particular action will address mail notices, but it does not change any of the other standard notices that staff provides, and these include posting the notices in City Hall. We also post individual development sites with those large noticing posters. We also notice post notice on the city's website. We also notify city council offices as well as neighborhood organizations for all of the required public noticing for discretionary approvals. So I just wanted to make sure that you were aware of that. And we feel that the proposed resolution tonight balances the direction of the council to reduce the costs of the conditional use permit process. But we think that it also provides ample notification to the to the public for discretionary actions. So staff recommends that the city council adopt the proposed resolution to reduce the application fees and also to establish the new tiered fee schedule for public noticing. That concludes the presentation. But I'm here as well as Lisa Falls, o

ur Administrative Services Bureau manager, who assisted on this project. And we can respond to any questions you have. Thank you. I got a motion in a second. Let me just do is there any public comment first seen a public comment? Councilor Pearce. I just want to say great job staff are really tackling how to reduce those costs in a creative way. Thank you for your hard work. So Mango. I completely concur. Well-written agenda item. I appreciate the work that was done and I think this is a good solution. Thank you. Thank you, members. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Thank you very much. Next up is item 17. Okay. Cooked, melted now. Also the. Cape motion Kerry. Motion carries. Item 19, please. Item 19. Communication from Council Member Appears Councilwoman Gonzalez. Councilwoman Praise Councilmember Oranga recommendation to require city attorney to drive an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code and adding hotel worker safety provisions to the existing ordinance. Councilman Pierce. Yes. I would like to thank the city attorney's office for assisting us with drafting this with a quick turnaround. I'd like to think, Councilwoman Price, for partnering with me to make sure that we have not only panic buttons for all hotel workers, but worker protections to ensure that these workers do not have retaliation. And so I'm very happy to be here at this moment today. It's been a long time coming, but I appreciate everybody's leadership on this council. Councilmember Rex Richardson, Roberto Urunga, Lena Gonzalez and Susie Price today. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. I support the amendments. Councilman Gonzales. It's me. I just want to say thank you as well to council members Pearce and Price for working on this and finally getting us to this point. So thank you again. Thank you. Councilmember Gringa. Want to add my voice to. Kudos for the council. Council persons council. Persons peers. Embraced that a in their work for working this out together. I think it's an excellent way of saying that, you know, we can work things out together. We have done a good job. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes council comment with the we did the we do public comment a public comment on this item saying nonmembers please cast your votes.

Wishing Karis. Q I wish Thanksgiving was every week. Next item is second public comment. Any seeing none on that in any business? Vice Mayor Andrews. Motion carries. Item 18. Report from Public Works recommendations through finalize and execute a master license agreement with Verizon Communications for the nonexclusive use of city owned properties for wireless telecommunications facilities citywide. Any public comments on this item? Good evening. My name is Susan Roman. I'm vice president of government affairs for Verizon. Thank you very much for the opportunity to support this item. Mr. Vice Mayor and Council Members, we've been working with Mr. Craig Beck and city officials for over a year on coming up with

a term sheet that will allow us Verizon to partner with the city. We're very excited about partnering with the city to invest tens of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvement, to improve our wireless service to the community and to provide the foundation for the next iteration of wireless services, which is called 5G. I'm here to answer any questions that you may have, but I want to support this item and again say that we're very excited to partner with the city in improving the infrastructure for all of the residents. Thank you very much. No. Similar question is behind the diocese. Would you please take a vote by square? Just a point of information. I appreciate the city staff for meeting with me and going over the variance for those who called our office with questions. There was a change at the national level regarding how some of these small cells are instituted. And so I really want to thank and appreciate Verizon for stepping up and providing the conduit and infrastructure as a trade in terms of the ability to move forward with this project in a meaningful way. I know that there's still a lot going on at the national level, and for you to move forward for the residents of Long Beach in this agreement is very helpful to us. And we really appreciate your generosity. Thank you. Thank you. Let me first get a motion in a second again. Okay. Perfect. Okay. I went away and I'm just. It's back. Okay. Did you have anything to add, Councilman Gonzales? Thank you. Everything that my colleague had mentioned. But on the digital inclusion aspect, I really appreciate that component being included in here. So thank you Craig and to by Verizon as well. And in some of you already had your comments. I just want to add before that I really appreciate Verizon's partnership. I think obviously Verizon, you know, leads the state when it comes to this type of work. And certainly we always want to grow our partnership with Verizon and there's a huge presence that we have already in Long Beach. And so I'm just really grateful to the entire the entire Verizon team and also to our staffer for working on this agreement as well. So we're very excited about where we go from here and and the rollout and all the next steps. So just thank you very, very much. Thank you. And there is a motion any second on the floor, so please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you very much. And we'll be hearing the next item, which is a 1919. Councilmember Sabrina Motion carries item 17. Report from Public Works. Recommendation to award contracts to Corbin and C.J.. Concrete construction for construction of curb ramps and concrete related improvements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$30 million citywide. To any public company inside of. She no further comment. Oh. Councilwoman just had a. Question for I don't know if Councilmember Tonga or Mongo has a question. Okay. Just really quick. I know we had talked about with this particular contractor, I don't know i

f we have an update on from public works on where we're at. You know, we had requested some information to be brought back relative to lawsuits and all of that. We do. Craig Beck should be in the back. He should be here. Just a minute. Tom went to look for him. Basically, we found no evidence of anything. That was a concern in the city of Long Beach. I think there were some concerns in other places in California, but certainly not in the city of Long Beach. And here we go with Mr. Beck. Could you repeat the question for Craig? Yes, we had discussed relative to this concrete construction about lawsuits that this company had and any updates. And I believe I don't know if we had asked. I can I don't know. Through my recollection, if we asked for a two from four or how we asked for that information back. But I wanted to ensure we addressed that. Yes. Thank you. You are correct. Councilmember Gonzales, when we met at the it's fine to say it was about six weeks ago when an item came forward asking to extend the previous construction contract for concrete and C.J. Khan. C.J. Construction was the contractor to do the work. The timing on closing the RFP for the ADA ramps, which is what is before you this evening had closed. And instead of extending the previous contract, which I think was on its fourth or fifth iteration, we thought it would be more prudent to move forward with a new contract that had all the current specifications in it. That's part of what we have here tonight. On the wage compliance concerns that were expressed

that evening. We did meet with the Center for Labor Compliance and we did meet with C.J. Construction and addressed all those issues. There were two items that were found to where C.J. was out of compliance, not in the city of Long Beach. These were in other jurisdictions where they had to make corrections in their prevailing wage payment structure. But we reviewed what was provided in Long Beach, and thus far we've not been able to identify any situations where they did not pay prevailing wage. Okay. Are we able to get that in a two from four? I would just like to see it documented because I think, you know, I still have concerns. With that, even though it's not in the city of Long Beach, there's still concerns with that. Yes, Councilmember, certainly we can put that into far from and send it to everybody. I appreciate that. Thank you. Cinnamon, you comment on this, would you please take a vote? Thank you very much. And we'll be hearing the next item, which is a 1919. Report from Technology and Innovation, Financial Management and Public Works recommendation to amend contract with plenary properties. Long Beach for critical technology needs infrastructure in an amount not to exceed 4.3 million, execute multiple lease purchase agreements and authorize related financing documents with Bank of America citywide. Thank you very much. The motion of the second councilman, Mongo? Yes. If city staff could provide a little bit of detail,

I know that officers have received questions and I appreciate staff providing the answers to us. But I think it important to be a part of the public record regarding the use of ACP funds on the media wall and that that funding is not eligible for uses such as street repair, sidewalk repair, any of the other kinds of things that we are always looking for funding for. Sure. Absolutely. Mayor Councilmembers. This is the last breath effort to get us into the city hall and July 4th when we cut the ribbon. So this is the last piece of one time dollars that will need to to wrap up the facility. I'm going to turn it over to our technology innovation director, Lia Erickson, along with Jason Lee and our public. Works directors here as. Well. Craig Beck So whoever can respond to those questions. Council women. Mongo Yes, I'll answer the question regarding the use of the special advertising and promotion funds that that is funded from a portion of our hotel transit occupancy tax, and that is restricted for communications and marketing of the city's facilities and art and public relations projects. It can't be spent on street repairs and other purposes. I also wanted to say that we do have a public art component. This is our public art component, this video high definition media wall. And so this project, this funding with the special advertising promotion funds, goes to fulfill our commitment to our percent for the arts program. Right. Thank you, Councilwoman Vice Mayor Andrews. Oh. But you're okay? Yes. Okay. Katherine Austin. So thank you very much. I was just kind of caught off guard by this and was not a. Made aware that we actually had so much money in our AP fund. And if staff could really explain what the timing of this issue is and the is there some time sensitivity on this particular item? But so we are in the middle of Construction Council member Austin two for the project and we do need to make this commitment to keep on schedule so we can open the building and move in on time. And this particular component, there will be some time to program that that media wall and have it ready for for July four, when the building will open. So that is why this is time sensitive and why we recommend moving forward. At this time. I don't believe that the media wall was part of the original plan. Was it or is this something that just just came up as a great idea? Councilmember Austin That's correct. The media wall was an enhancement that was added to the building. As we look towards a 21st century city hall, we look to 21st century technology and experiences. And having this media wall is an opportunity to really engage our whole community. I mean, if you think about the opportunities to have a webcam from a playground or a webcam at the beach or to show videos from different neighborhoods and in art displays from different communities, in allowing us to engage with our university, really the opportunities are almost endless when you think about what can actually

be displayed on the video wall. Not to mention it becomes a very useful device on those evenings where we have controversial items and we have overflow from the council chambers and we could actually have the council meeting being displayed on the video wall, and that would allow our residents or participants in the council meeting to kind of be engaged through through that wall in the lobby and even into the courtyard of the new Civic Center project. So this is an enhancement, we do believe it's a it's an important element to having a building that really represents where the city will be now and for the next 40 plus years. Well, I appreciate you put it in. I'm sorry I'm putting it into context, as well as talking a little bit about the functionalities of this this wall. And, you know, the

irony of this situation that we are talking about building a wall at Long Beach. But that said, I I'm really curious about the the appropriation from the SJP fund because as a member of the Budget Oversight Committee, I was not aware that we actually had this this this extra reserve or these funds available. And so perhaps Miss Erickson can explain to us how that how we're getting this money. Councilmember Austin. I'll put my budget hat back on. Yeah, that's okay. No. Yeah. So we do have if you actually look in the budget book, we do have a description of every fund and the how much funds available is in the fund. And so there was a funds available in the special advertising promotion fund, as I said earlier, because of the restrictions for its use and also the funding source, the transit occupancy tax. We have to make sure we're using it for the proper purposes. And for instance, if we want to make sure it's structurally balanced, so it's actually the funds available is appropriate for one time purposes like this, using money for equipment, but building in use of the structure, the special advertising promotion fund for ongoing budget operations. If their revenue is not there to cover their costs, that would not have been recommended. So it probably didn't come up explicitly in the budget process because there wasn't extra structural revenue per se. But this the surplus was this funds available was shown in the budget book under the this fund. Okay. So I raised that because it seems like you went through too quite a bit to just secure \$25,000 out of the S&P; fund for for something that there was a lot of haggling to make that happen. And so had I known there was more money available, I think we would have been a little bit more ambitious with funding. You know, one of the the projects that this community lined up, you know, out the door to to support, and that was the the creation of African-American arts and cultural center here in the city. So I'm willing to hear from my colleagues again, this was kind of an unplanned thing. I understand that. You know, it's an element that's going to, you know, make our downtown or city hall look a lot nicer and feel more 2

1st century. But, you know, the building in itself, I think, accomplishes that without a 60 foot billboard. Thanks. And Councilmember, if I can just add to that, for the African-American Culture Museum. If I remember the discussion, it was less about. The dollar amount and was more about. The finding the right way to use that money. We did 25,000 in general fund. And then just recently in the in the Fy18 adoption, we actually did find a way to use. An additional 25,000 of SRP for that project to get it to a 50,000. So that's been allocated and that's. That's moving forward. Thank you, Councilmember Schubert. I'll defer to Councilwoman Mongo and then I'll speak after her. Councilwoman Mongo? Yes. Just as another point of information, since we do have the art component, this amount was already envisioned to be something art related. And so I think that the choice of what was utilized is really great. I think that it's important when we talk about broadcasting the council meetings on the media while we talk about also that it would be for visitors, that they would also be able to see and experience our meetings as. When I went to Australia, I had the great opportunity to see councilors from the Australian Government conduct business. And so as long as it continues to align, and I appreciate Mr. Modica reminding us about the discussion, because while we would even be able to potentially a lot additional funds, they have to be specific utilizations of those in a meaningful way. The other thing that I would say is, especially since we're so conservative on the Budget Oversight Committee with the public funding, we only try to utilize the funds that are coming in that particular year in the allocation process. It is we have not as a budget oversight committee since I've been on BMC, drawn from funds available ever. We've continued to stockpile that for the upcoming Olympics and other things that we've seen to be a major priority and we have not yet had to dip into it. We actually have been so conservative that this year's the first year that we think we probably expended the entire amount available. And I think that part of the questions coming from the community about CEP funds and how they're available for general fund is that first the funds come in, then they're bifurcated in half. 50% of it goes into available for city uses. And then the other 50% is what's restricted. And this is a great use of those kinds of restricted funds. Additionally, through the budget adjustment earlier tonight and through a item that came from Councilman Gonzales, his office earlier in the year when funding of general fund is moved over. We really appreciate when the Budget Office transforms that money and frees up more general funds. So we think that you guys are doing a great job in that. I mean, I know that's really nerdy accountant talk, but it's what I love to do. And so I just want you to know that I have dug into the numbers and I think that they're doing a great j

ob. And anyone who would like to discuss them at length, I'm happy to grab a cup of coffee and discuss them at any time. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman Schubert. Okay. Now that we had a count and talk and this is a low level conversation at this point, just to reiterate that these are not in general fund dollars. And I know the general fund has now been mentioned multiple times. It hadn't before. So I think we have to make that clear. And also the unique part of this project, as I see it, that that Craig Beck brought up. I can't think of another art project that has a dual purpose of a to an accessory to our council meeting. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. I agree. I appreciate the clarification from staff. I have to say I was concerned when I saw the item because we didn't I at least I didn't ask for, nor did I receive a special briefing on this. And when I saw it, I thought, that's a little much. I mean, I don't that's just my personal opinion, like media hopeful. It just seems a little not consistent with at least my vision of what we should be doing as public servants and as a city. I just wanted to make sure that it's not flashy. And so I appreciate hearing from Mr. Beck that we are going to be using this as an extra opportunity for us to show council meetings when we do have overflow. And I have to say, that statement right there completely changed my mind on the whole thing. What I would have a problem with is if we've got, you know, flashy signs promoting all the great work we're all doing that I would not like. That's just not at all. What I want us to be spending money on is promoting ourselves. So thank you. Thank you, Katherine Austin. Okay. You guys have convinced me that this is probably in the best interest of the city to do it, and so I'll support it. But I do. Well, we'd like to just add to Councilmember Price's comments in terms of the use of the board in the wall, in terms of imaging and promotion of of of elected leaders and things of that nature. I think that we need to establish some some policies and some some some guidelines in terms of what is what kind of content goes there. Because, I mean, if we don't, you know, it can can can get get out of control. So I think that said, I will be supporting this item with the with the understanding. I'm looking at a lot of nodding heads that my colleagues agree that that we may have to look at some parameters. Absolutely. And I and I agree with I think it's been my my interpretation that the wall essentially is like art or you'd have rotating art pieces, creations from the community that it would be kind of a welcoming. Hopefully not advertising. I think nobody wants a bunch of advertising for anything or for events or a bunch of things. But I, I'm assuming that I'm imagining I've seen some of these before. And so I'm thinking that these things are kind of like these permanent art pieces that they can change. They can, you know, they're more it's more

of a welcoming thing. And then obviously you can use them, like you said, practically, to ensure that there's information for the public when there is when there's overflow. So I think those are all good. I agree with what everybody said up here. Things are all good. Good comments. And is there a public comment on this? Hi, Mr. Mayor, and congratulations on your upcoming nuptials. And I just want to say I had so many ups and downs in the past few minutes about whether I'm going to get up and speak. This, I think, jumps off of the, I believe, of \$7.3 million that also was needed for, I guess, an anticipated critical technology need infrastructure some months ago. And I just hope that wasn't some sort of over overlooked the fact that you guys needed to have technology needs in that building. But anyway, you talk about the advertising and that brings up the thought, if I'm not mistaken, with the way things are going to work, plenary properties is going to be in some major. They're going to be playing some major role in the management of the City Hall Building as a as a piece of infrastructure, infrastructure in itself. And so what I'm not hearing I heard concern about whether there would be, for example, advertising or what type of promotion there might be on this wall, but who's going to control that? And it was going to be plenary controlling that. Then that's one thing. It's going to be you guys controlling that. Then what is the mechanism for you to control that if plenary is in fact the manager of the building? I think it's a good question. Thank you. Thank you. And our final speaker. Hello, Mayor, Vice Mayor Council? Kuzma asked. And there was a great concern that you brought up. \$4.3 million. That's a lot of money. We say as far as advertisement is concerned, it kind of seems like it's a contradiction because we have art in the city. We also can see these council meetings by going to Long Beach TV. So I'm a little confused as to why we need a specification. Of a wall. To highlight what we can already pull up. \$4.3 million. That's a lot of money. And I think that should be tabled. I think that should be tabled. To be reconsidered, to look at are we doing. The right thing? \$4.3 million. I love also what Councilwoman Mongeau said. I thought what Councilwoman Price said as well with regards to, yeah, we may have the extra, but just because we have the extra, how are we spending that? So let's keep that list. Let's keep stand our ground on

that. Like, do we really this a need that we need to spend \$4.3 million? That's a lot of money. That's a lot of money to say, hey, we want to highlight the meetings and because another country has done it, oh, this is wonderful. You know, as a U.S. veteran, I've been overseas in advertising is not one of the things that we're too concerned about. We can see this, like I said, on Mommy's TV. So let's just really table this for a minute. Go back. And just really consider like I said before, Councilman Austin, I w

as with you when you said, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait a minute. You know, and then when you go back and you do an amendment or to change the original submission, that was like, okay, we're going to do this, but let's add this on because we can kind of pull this revenue some more because now we can justify it. \$4.3 million is a lot of money. Let's just think about it. Thank you. Thank you. Members. Reese Castro Rhodes. Can't memorize Bush and Kerry's. Okay. Now, Google's item here in number two, which requires no virtual. Item to report from financial management and recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, concludes the public hearing and grant engine and entertainment permit with conditions on the applications of Black LP eight. Broadway four Entertainment Without Dancing District two. This also required. Please raise your right hand. You and each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the court now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God. Could we please have a staff report in there? Thank you, Vice Mayor. The staff report would be given by Sandy Palmer and Emily Armstrong from Business Licensing. Good evening again. Tonight you have before you an application for entertainment without dancing for Black Albee L.P. Doing Business as Black. Located at 1800 East Broadway. Operating as a restaurant with alcohol in Council District two, all of the necessary departments have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet. I, as well as the police department, stand ready to answer any questions that counsel may have. And that concludes staff's report. Why would you like to go public comment, please. Any public comment on this? And please come forward. Come forward, please. State your name. You have 3 minutes. Hi. My name is Maria Severance. I. My family has been related to Long Beach life for 50 years. We always have to want to improve their neighborhoods and we have done very good things about the properties. I don't know. You said that these black bees with they don't they don't have license for drinking. That's because what happened is that. They are locating in a neighborhood that is very residential. There's in the corner of Broadway and Sitka. There's only residential no parking at old zero. Not even the residents in the area have parking. So we have a very complicated situation there. We have before paradise was a bar and these people were mature and they behaved really good. But since these black these that year ago, they moved there. For us, the peace and quiet have ended. This this crowd is very loud crowd. And they come and they impact all the neighborhood. Everything that is here, most are down to second is fact it they the customers, they come drunk. They sit in your in the stairs of your of your house. They drink, they throw a lot of trash. They sometimes vomit in

around your house and they wait for their over. They leave or whatever. And they are loud, they are fights, they are really loud. At 2:00 in the morning, maybe you have hear more complaints because most of these people that live there are tenants. But like I, we are the owner of one of the buildings that is located in Section A and I already have complained about this before and it didn't change. I thought it was the work of Broadway, but not this early commotion is there in second, second and Hermosa those are one one lane and and they are they are traffic loud and we have to live with this so we don't have any peace and quiet of our neighborhood that supposed to be residential I can believe they have a license to these kind of is for skateboarders young people they are loud they make a lot of noise and we are suffering the consequences since that is helping. So I don't agree that they're going to get another license to make more noise that don't impact our lives more. The owners of the properties are the the tenants. They go they have their they can move. But we have to deal every year to have another tenant that doesn't like the noise that is happening there, especially in the corner of Hermosa. And second day life is impossible. I hope that you don't agree with their license. Thank you. Thanks. Lois Leger, 1739 Appleton Street. I'm a block away, and I'm also a past president of Alameda Speech Neighborhood Association. When I was president, we cleaned up the neighborhood around the park, especially in the sandboxes where there were drugs and paraphernalia left. Now it's moved up two blocks. So in the morning you can find blood on the

sidewalk, you can find paraphernalia. And she's right. It's loud. And they congregate on the outside. And I'm guilty because I haven't called the cops. I've talked to the police at the neighborhood association. But I'm going we're going to be in very close contact as well as with the city councilwoman, even though we've told our staff. So it is a problem. I don't like it. I don't walk there at night, but it's just nasty. And if you can help us, I'd appreciate it. If not, don't worry. We'll be on it. Thank you very much. Next speaker. Hi. My name is Lucas Myer. I live on the 1700 block of Broadway. Next to Hermosa. Very close to the black bar. Um, I'm very. I'm all for the success of this bar. I am a career bartender server. I've been in the industry for a long time. Um. There is a problem with. The riffraff that has caused. From the opening of this place. I want to fix it. I don't want to shut the place down, but I. Don't want to be afraid for my. Girlfriend's safety when I walk down the street at right to Rite Aid. For a bag of chips at. 12:00 on a Friday night. Paradise never caused an issue. I never felt unsafe whatsoever. But I do now. And I just wanted to come here and address them. So thank you for having me. Thank you very much. All right. Next speaker. Hi there. My name is Jennifer Peterson. I am a produc

er, director and a local podcast host. And I live on Hermosa Avenue, which is directly across from Black Bar, and I am very much against this entertainment permit. I love my neighborhood, but since Black Bar took over the Paradise Bar, things have gone downhill fast in the months they have been open. My life and lifestyle has changed drastically. Now we have a very dangerous energy to our street, especially on the weekends. I've had to call the police numerous times a week on noise, trespassing, street blockage, driveway blockage. And when I reported to Black's management months ago that there were some guys doing of some drugs which I witnessed in their back area. I and I pointed out that zero security. They added security for a while, but now I've noticed it's infrequent at best. I never called the police once when Paradise Park was there. I want that to be very clear. I'm not someone who calls the police all the time. Until recently, we now have what looks like gang graffiti on lampposts and on the corner liquor store that we can that I know the owner can't get off. That was not there before. My neighbor had to leave. She was here and she wanted to speak, but she had to leave cash there, meaning she witnessed a fight that escalated into a bloody mess. The cops were called for that. And this is a residential neighborhood that has completely shifted its vibe since they have moved and especially the past couple of months. I can't even watch a movie in my living room because of noise mixed with this dread of a bullet. I'm not being dramatic here, a bullet coming through my window. I personally think that's where we are heading and why I am here today. I want there to be a record that someone spoke out about the escalation of crime in a very lovely neighborhood that I was excited to live in. My car has been broken into. My neighbor had her place broken into all since the bar moved there. I know you can't prove that, but I mean that there's a link there. But I don't think it's a coincidence. I'm just afraid that someone's going to get hurt, a gun will be pulled out. And I hope it's not me or one of my neighbors or my dogs. But seeing the kind of people this bar is now attracting, I believe it's really, truly inevitable. The weekend nights are loud enough beyond loud. Most of us who live near the bar can't get to sleep, fall asleep until two or 3 p.m.. And this was never an issue at the Paradise Bar, so I have no idea why they need a new license or an extended license. But I hope they don't get it. And a quick note from my landlord, Anita. She is and also an art teacher, Anita Sinclair. She's she says Black Bar has already started to destabilize our neighborhood since they took over the Paradise location. And we have had their clients parking in or blocking our driveway, bloody fights in the street. Uber, Lyft, taxis and personal vehicles. Thank you. In front and Maidan. Okay. Thank you for allowing me to speak. And I hope they don't get, you know, t

his license. Thank you. Very much. Next speaker. How are you doing? Jonathan Robin Soil I live in. I've been a resident for 28 years here. Born and raised. I am the lead bartender at Black. I'm there all the time. Yes, we do have our problems, but it's nothing a new bar hasn't had before with change in Long Beach. We are going through a lot of businesses coming in and long, which is changing day by day. That goes with buildings, that goes to just infrastructure in general. They came from Hollywood and they landed on Hermosa and Broadway. And I happily work there. We do everything in our like in our we do everything in our power to keep it safe on that block, including myself. We have security every day. They're outside and they're hired. And we have three security guards on on weekends at all times. I wish no harm on anybody. We do hire everybody, especially people like an iconic cafe which are going to be affected by this. He is a DJ and. It's nothing that paradise didn't

have before. Paradise had a license to carry out, you know, entertainment so as not having this license. It would just affect people in the community. You know, I don't. I don't think that's necessary for us not to have it. You know, we hire people in Long Beach from Long Beach and put money back into Long Beach. So I think it'd be wrong to brand to just brand us with such a black guy. No pun intended. So. Yeah. Yeah. Good night. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. How's it going? My name is. And I can say I was, you know, on the way here, I was just looking at press telegram, archives of Alamitos Beach in the Broadway corridor just to give a an idea of things in the past and in the present. I welcome anyone to just do an easy Google search. And you'll see this conversation we're having now, the same kind of conversation people were having in the eighties. You know, my father lives on 31 and Pedro in 1984. And, you know, people were saying the same thing about older residents in Alamitos Beach, were saying the same thing about the proliferation of the bars. Then that they're saying now, you know, there's three bars up the street that, yes, maybe the clientele is different. But the reality of the situation is, is that there's a reason why the Paradise Bar is not there anymore. It's because they couldn't maintain the business. Now you hear here you have a new business coming in. This is a small business. They're coming into the community. They're representing a very cohesive members of the community, the skate community. I'm not a skater, but I do recognize that this is a part of the community, especially in this area with with the Bixby Park there that is well represented thanks to places like this bar. And they do have business there. And it has, as the man before me just said, they employ and they they provide opportunities for people who live in the community to live in the city. Yes, it's a young audience. And yes, they're rambunctious. And obviously with any bar, you k

now, there comes the unfortunate reality of what people do outside of the bar. But whereas inside of the bar, there is ample security and there's, you know, people who are constantly observant and not even just on the reality of, you know, the people coming in day to day . You know, there's the food services that they provide, you know, the delicious impossible burger that you can get there. I didn't know about it until I went up in there and, you know, trying to do new things. But, you know, it's it's unfortunate for the neighbors who live in in the in the neighborhood that parking is in a already overburdened neighborhood is, you know, being impacted by this bar. But that's not the bar's problem. That's more of an issue with city government and the narrow streets that an older part of the town more in is this bar is issue. I'm I personally as a representative of the music community in this city. I'm happy to have this this bar come in and provide opportunities for entertainment. And I would have occasion for, you know, this anytime entertainment permit coming their way so that we don't have, you know, situations like fortunately Vine where, you know, you have a bar in a neighborhood area that that can only be open up until 1030 and 11. You know, this is something that can service and bring more live music and live entertainment and to a city that is devoid of those at the moment. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, is that the last speaker out there? Because I'm going to close out the speaker like you're a young lady. You'll be the last speaker. Thank you. Go ahead, sir. Yeah. My name is Jeff, Darling, and I own the mineshaft and brick bar in the next block. And the Paradise used to be my uncle's bar for many, many years. And then Michael Barber ended up with that bar, and we had owned the building at the time, and he decided to sell because he couldn't make it a viable business. And if you see what Shannon, Bethany Heath and Jessica have done there, they've remodeled the building, put great expense and effort into making it a beautiful, vibrant spot. Our clientele that has been LGBTQ centric for many, many years, we will see our patrons in that bar. So kind of categorizing it as a skater bar, I think really misrepresents it. And if you go in there, you'll see our clientele there. You'll see somebody in drag. He'll see somebody that might be a you know, a very, very diverse, ever changing Long Beach neighborhood. And so I know from a small business perspective, them not being able to have the ability to have a deejay or some form of entertainment is going to tie the hands of a small business person. I see 24, you know, they have security all the time that they're open there. And I know compared to what we do, I'm sure they far exceed what we do in security. And there seem to be very proactive to me in the community and very upstanding, easy to communicate with and have always come to the table when I wanted to have conversations with them about

any issues and we're kind of all in this together. And so I think they already need to abide by the rules that the ABC license has and complaints of service either get dealt with or don't get dealt with. But I think they the mere factor that they they couldn't have a deejay, you know, a noise ordinance

will be effective all the time, whether they have the entertainment license or not. The Paradise had the entertainment license in its entire existences. So I don't think just by granting them a license, it would change anything. So I support them getting a license, as, you know, relatively competing business in the same block. So thank you very much. Thank you. Next week. Hello. First, I'd like to thank you. Honorable, honorable vice mayor and all the council people for everything that you do for us, for the city, and to all the law officers here. Thank you for keeping the city safe. You guys are all doing a great job. I live within blocks of the new black bar. I walk by there every day. I walk by there every night. I am not a skater. I've enjoyed going into this bar. I've seen all the work that they put into it. I think this city is proud of and has been built on diversity. It took a big risk for them to come into this neighborhood and bring something different. And that's what they did. They brought some diversity. They brought some new life into the neighborhood. I can only speak for myself personally. When I go to the bar, I feel secure. I have never been there when there hasn't been security. I feel safe. I feel like. It's a good mix. I don't feel like it's any one group. I'm very happy to welcome them to the neighborhood. And it also takes time when a new business opens to find your place and and to wheel in things and and to learn how to control your crowd. I'm for giving them an entertainment permit. I hope that you'll. Think that way. Thank you for your time. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. Hi. Um, my name is Layla. Um, I live across the block, the bar, the black. Bar, and I lived almost there two years since the black bars there. I have a window to increase the fights in noise that's keeping me in. My mom, my dad, who is currently struggling with cancer up all night. It's very hard to speak in a group because I'm from Brazil. I'm here at this school and. I ask you here today to not give the parents. License for them. I saw something that very scary, me and my mom other night. I saw a group, left a bar fight in front of my window. I called the police, but unfortunately they not. Come in time. So thank you. Thank you. Next week, please. Hi. My name is Shannon McManus. And I'm Bethany Black, and we are the owners of Black Long Beach. And we just wanted to thank everyone for seeing us. Today and introduce ourselves. You guys could see. You know who we are and we. Welcome any questions or. If anyone has any issues. I think really that we've had as as it happens, a lot of people talking about who the owners are, what they're about. We wanted

to show our faces, show that we're. Young looking, middle aged women with children. And this was our dream to create bars and create a neighborhood place for people to come and get to know people that you wouldn't normally rub elbows with. And like Robert said, it is taking a second. There are some things that we've got gone we weren't prepared for. So we we understand and we're just asking for people to be patient. I do speak with the police and Jennifer, our soldier, to ask for different ways that could help us. This is a new community for us, but we do have all employees from the neighborhood. So we sit and have employee meetings and ask for any kind of opinions that could make things better. We are also having Sergeant Garcia come from Los Angeles to do a lead program on Tuesday with our bar and several of the bars in the neighborhood, probably a total of 50 to 60 people, including all of our security, to do a Q&A; and to go. Over like star training. Lead program. We do that of the bar in Hollywood and it's very helpful. Staff and security. So we just want you guys to know that although we do hear what everybody's saying, we want you to know that we are actively working hard to rectify any anything that could create a problem in the neighborhood. We are not partiers. We were not there till three in the morning and we're like, it's 138 to get home to my kids, you know? So we wanted to be here and show our faces and to take any questions or. I also wanted to mention real quick that getting the entertainment permit wouldn't change anything because we've had the paradise is carried over to us. So it's not anything different. It's not like we're going to get one and all of a sudden it's going to be different. Crazy. We we already have one. Right now we're just asking for a new one and a transfer. Yes. So is there any questions or comments? Yeah. Okay. Okay. Okay. Thank you so much for listening. We just wanted to know we're really excited to be a part of the community and we plan on being active and getting to know all of you and attending the meetings. Thank you so much, Long Beach. Thank you. Next speaker. Yes. My name is Ron Stiller. I run the wine mess liquor next door to the black bar. I wanted to take him succeed. That's not the point. I know everyone that has taken come down here and spoke. I personally, I have to clean up blood on the side of my my bar, my liquor store. I have to run kids off this smoking dope. I didn't know that you could smoke dope legally out in California. I know it's legal, but you're not supposed to do it outside drinking. They stand on top of my tables. I have people that has to stay later in the night time to keep them run out. My son on the. New Year's

Eve. He had to break up three fights. They fight outside. They run in the store. One to fight in the store. We had to take and close our door. I want him to succeed. I want him to be part of the community. But they have to take and realize the area that we're in is

a residential area and the people that's in the area, they don't want to put up with it. I want them to take and succeed. I want them to take and do good, but I want to be part of the community and be responsible to be part of the community. All the things that everyone has taken and said, I can testify to every one of them. I know the owners. I know, Jeff. I know everyone on the block. We just want them to be responsible community with us, not the idea that we have to take and get used to them. They had to take and get used to community. That's all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Spirit. Thank you. And thank you, everybody, for coming down and speaking today. I want to highlight a couple of things that we've in the last couple of days, try to go out and do some of our research. I do want to say, you know, the history of this location, Paradise, was very near and dear to many of our hearts. And so the transfer over to a new owner, I think, was very it had a lot of anxiety for a lot of people in the neighborhood because Paradise had been there for so long. The owners reached out to us well before they started doing work on the establishment. And I think every issue that we've brought up, either ourselves or PD or the community members, they have been really diligent in trying to address those. And so what I want to make sure is that we have an open communication and that we are addressing those quickly. I did receive probably from everyone that spoke tonight letters this weekend, and that was the first written kind of concerns that we had. So I made sure to follow up with PD and I'm not sure if PD you guys want to answer these questions, but over the last year, if you could share with us about the letters that were sent out to residents and what the response was, and also calls for service for a bar like this. I know it is a big shift. The demographics are younger, but if you could talk to us about the calls for service that we've had and so we can ask some questions about that. Sure. Commander Rudy Misa representing the police department once again. So in response to your inquiry, the police department conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the location in question during the timeframe of September 20th, 2016, December 20th, 2018 21. Calls for service were identified. I think it should be noted that since Black has taken over ownership, there have been 11 calls for service to incidents and zero arrests. Out of the 11 calls for service, six were actually placed by an employee from the business. The PD evaluation is actually very comprehensive in addition to the crime analysis that's done and that is evaluating the calls for service. We also reached out to the South Division commander and their staff, specifically the police resource officer. They reach out to police officers to get opinions, essentially evaluating the location in question. The commander of the South Division did not see any issues of concern in granting this entertainment permi

t to the local business. In addition, Council Member, in response to your question as far as how many residents were contacted, 56 residents were contacted, and that would be within 100 feet of the establishment. 56 residents were contacted. Of those 56 residents, 46 we were unable to contact. But we did leave mailers and surveys to offer input regarding any issues or concerns that they may have. There were two residents that were not opposed to the entertainment permit and eight were opposed to the entertainment permit. And we have. I see that we have one noise calls. Did we do I see we had one noise call where noise measurements were made, but they were under the noise regulations that the information you have. There was one music call that was determined to be unfounded during the timeframe of September 18th, 2018 to January 22nd, 2019. That would have been during the one year short term entertainment permit. As far as evaluating the actual decibels of the noise. I do not believe that would be the case. But the musical was determined to be unfounded through P.D. response. Great. Thank you for that. I also want to highlight that you guys have voluntarily brought on security guards on the weekend that that's not required. I have a couple of questions for you guys if you want to come back down. I want to know for the days that you have entertainment, are those the days that you have security or do you just say security on the weekends, but maybe you have entertainment on the weekdays? Does that make sense? We have security. Seven days a week. There is one guard. Sunday through Wednesday and then two guards on Thursdays. And three guards. On Fridays and Saturdays. So if so, I want to make sure that whatever you guys that that statement is codified in your conditions, that if you have entertainment, that you have security guards on staff. Yes. So it's something that seems like you're already doing. But to make sure that we have it codified so that residents can have a process to engage in that

conversation, it's not a volunteer thing, but it's part of the condition. So that makes sense. Yeah. Okay, that sounds great. It won't be a problem. Because nothing has to change because it's okay. We'll do anyway. Thank you. And then let me ask for your security cameras. I know that we have a program with PD where it can loop in with PD. Do you guys currently do that? No, actually, I wasn't aware of that until today. Okay. So we will get that done within the next week and I'll just need to know who to contact. Great. So we'll make sure that you have the right contact, but making sure that your feed is directly tied in. So if there's any issues that we can address those issues to the concerns, I know there were a lot of statements made about fights. I know that from speaking to PD that there was one incident that was outside and that your staff was the staff that called. So I just want to make that from our understanding and again, encourage folks to reach ou

t to us if there's any issues that folks might have. The other requests that I would like to make in the conditions is that you guys have a community liaison person. Yes. And that you guys have offered from before you opened your doors to host community meetings. Yes. And so in the next. Two, we work closely with them at Hollywood. Great. So in the next 30 days, I would like to host a community meeting with you guys so that we can have our residents there, make sure they have a process of engagement, a point person, and that we're addressing any of these issues. Because I know that you guys have been really good about addressing issues that we bring up. We just need to create that space so that residents, it seems like it's one building across the street that have been the ones that have a challenge. So I don't know if there's a noise tunnel that goes that way to them, but perhaps there's a noise vacuum for them so that we're good with 30 days. Okay. And then the other thing I'd like to add is in this neighborhood, it is a residential area, but it is a business corridor. You know, Broadway has been envisioned as a business corridor. We're working on creating a business improvement district. I know we've had lots of conversations with Robert and everybody, and so a commitment to make sure that we're doing that and that we have things like power washing that's consistent. So I'm wondering, do you have a power washing plan? We do. That's funny. Donnie, you spoke okay. I brought my power washer. We do a lot of things ourselves. Yeah. So, yeah. So I have actually power washed twice and Johnny did it the other day. That's great. So it's great that you do it at your establishment. I think for all of Broadway, I mean, somebody who walks Broadway on occasion, I would like it for the entire block. So I know we're working on that. And we have yeah, we've implemented other. Things too. I think that can help with that along with the power washing. So on that, if you guys could talk really quickly about LEED because you've talked about it briefly, but just so community members understand, I think that doing a training with your bartenders both on serving and what that looks like would give some security to some of our residents as well to make sure that that training. So every one from our staff. Except for security has they've all completed the lead program. And where they actually went. And Jessica is the general manager of our bar restaurant. Yeah. And then the security all of our security has the California guard cards. And everyone has their food handlers and. Everything. But what we. Are also doing is we're hosting a star training course. Where we have invited some speakers. To come and our staff will be there. And also the. Staff of. The Mineshaft and the Brit are coming. And we've invited the liquor store. Staff next door at the wine, Miss Ron, who spoke about us. Earlier. So yeah. I mean, but that that training does what for your staff? I guess my que

stion. Is, does star training at LAPD and that's all he does is either give the talks at they have, I think once a month different places around Los Angeles. But he will actually come to your location if you have more than 25. But it's it specifically talks about how to serve and how to notice if somebody is over the limit. Right. Got drunk two drunk people how to handle that, how like what kind of procedure to take implementing procedures and protocols for. I don't I'm like but. That that's very helpful. Yeah. So I think having that in place is yes, power washing but let's get it to where people are not throwing up outside. Yeah. I want to say real quick that the great thing is, is that he will go over everything and he does a wonderful Q&A.; And when we did it, Hollywood ended up being like almost a three hour meeting because the staff. To talk about their own personal experience in working behind the bar or being out the door. And he will give advice like as far as like rancid, the pot smoking, you know, how to deal with that out front. So it's been the most the greatest learning experience for our bar in Hollywood. So we asked him if he would be willing to travel down here and he said he would. So we're just kind of opening it up to other bars because we feel like it's so valuable to everyone in this business. And yeah, he'll address issues and. We'll have that forum

that we can ask him. Stuff. Yeah. Anything as far as fakes, all that. Great. Thank you. I think those are the questions I have for you guys. Appreciate it. Staff, let me ask, is there a timeline on, you know, if we approve today versus approved in 30 days? I know that it's a limited time because it's a transfer. There's no set timeline. Okay. So I. I would like to make sure that we have the time to meet with the community members. So I'd like to. He's rock and roll. And Linda. I, I don't necessarily want to have to do a whole nother hour of show, but if you guys are committing to doing this community, meeting with the residents that are here today, myself and anybody else in their building in the next 30 days, then I would ask my colleagues to support this item with that addition and with the requirement that you have a community liaison person and that you have your police camera, your cameras are looped in with PD. Then I would ask for everybody to go ahead and support this entertainment license today with those amendments. Okay. Thank you. Sounds good. Thank. But what? Yes. Okay. Please. Mr. Gonzalez. Yes, go ahead. Would you second guess what you're doing? Do you want to speak on it? Yeah. Okay, fine. It's called for the voting. Motion carries. Okay. Okay. Okay, fine. Can we move? We're going to move. Item number 23, 22. It's a pleasure that I don't know a 22. And so with that, let me go ahead and do the hearing, Madam Clerk. There'll be a hearing to. Report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearin

g. Consider appeals from David P. Donovan, Jeremy Arnold and Daniel Wilson accept categorical exemption c18 152 and uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve a site plan, review, conditional use permit and local coastal development permit to permit a change of use and renovation . Two of the Breakers Hotel into a 185 room hotel with food and beverage venues, banquet meeting areas and amenities in the coastal zone at 210 East Ocean Boulevard in the Downtown Shoreline Plan Development District District two. Thank you again. This is a hearing there's no oath that's required referring to. There is an oath that is required. There is it says no here. But if there is or if you're going to speak on this, please stand now. Okay. If you're hearing speaker and if you're not standing, taking the oath, you're not speaking. Okay. Please give the oath. To you and each of you solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the cause now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Everyone else. Okay, so the and so as far as speaking for that hearing is closed beyond the people that are speaking. Let me go ahead and introduce our assistant city manager, Mr. Modica. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We will have a staff report on this item given by Linda Tatum, our director of development services, and her team. I'd like to introduce Maryanne Cronin, our senior planner and team member Alejandro Placentia, who will do the staff presentation for this item. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Garcia and city council members. Before you tonight is an appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the Breakers Hotel project. As noted on this slide, this project was conditionally approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission and Planning Commission in 2018. The requested entitlements for the project include site plan, review, conditional use permit and a local coastal development permit, which were all conditionally approved by the Planning Commission on November 15th, 2018. Within the ten day Peace Planning Commission Appeal period, three applications for appeal were filed. Appeal topics include conflicts with the standards established under the Victory Park Design Guidelines, PD six Zoning and the local coastal program. And that the project introduces environmental impacts. The project is a 0.49 acre site located at 210 East Ocean Boulevard. The project site is within sub area seven of the Downtown Shoreline Plan Development District or PD six. The site is located within the general plan land use District seven, which is the mixed use district. The site is located on the south side of Ocean Boulevard, between Locust Avenue to the west and Collins way to the east. Victory Park. A public park, abuts the subject property to the north. An existing easement through the public park allows for vehicular access to the site via circular driveway. The east west ashley marine way to the rear o

f the project site was previously vacated. The scope of work subject to planning commission approval included the following A change of use from a 233 unit congregate care facility to a 185 room hotel. The expansion of alcohol service to new food and beverage venues. The exterior building modifications, including restoration work roof modifications. And the addition of an enclosed stairwell. The addition of an outdoor rooftop pool and deck area on the east portion of the existing third floor roof. The expansion of the 14th floor rooftop terrace and addition of a new

restroom structure on the 14th floor terrace, as well as the conceptual approval of driveway modifications and re landscaping. A victory park. As shown on this slide, the site is developed with a 13 storey building with the 14th floor, cupola and rooftop area. Two additional lower levels are located below Ocean Boulevard at street level. The building is approximately 172,000 square feet in the area and is designed in a Spanish Renaissance revival style with a gable rooftop roof with towers. The building was designated as a city historic landmark in 1989. These photos are of Victory Park and the existing circular driveway configuration. The driveway currently maintains a one way drive aisle with one entry and one exit at Ocean Boulevard. Both entry and exits intersect with the sidewalk along Ocean Boulevard. Based on the previous entitlement for a 233 unit congregate care facility with banquet room and hall rentals and restaurant areas. The proposed use would fall within the non-conforming parking rights for the building as an adaptive reuse project. The new parking is new parking is not required. However, the project applicant would has agreed to provide 250 offsite parking spaces at the adjacent Long Beach Convention Center and an additional 150 overflow spaces across Ocean Boulevard. The provided valet parking is at a level similar to code requirements for new buildings. The ground floor uses would include hotel related uses such as a lobby area, retail space, dining areas, coffee shop, lounge and wine bar, a spa and fitness center. The areas in gray are historically protected and subject to all conditions included in the Certificate of Appropriateness approval granted by the Cultural Heritage Commission. The third floor would feature guest rooms and a new on the existing third floor rooftop. On the 13th floor of the existing Sky Room restaurant would be renovated as part of this approval. The existing Cielo Bar is located on the 14th floor rooftop. A new roof terrace would be added adjacent to the existing Cielo Bar restrooms, and a bar area would be located on this terrace area. These elevations of the building labeled the areas to be modified on the exterior of the building, which include the elevator edition, elevator and stairway edition, the new railing at the pool deck and the new 14 floor rooftop terrace. Rehabilitation work includes re-opening previously sealed window openi

ngs and restoration of ornamental features. New period appropriate windows would be installed on the upper floors and period. Appropriate storefronts would be installed at the ground floor. All exterior modifications were determined by the Cultural Heritage Commission to meet the required Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. This slide shows the proposed east and west elevations of the building, including a view of the code required. Stairwell. Elevator edition. This is the proposed conceptual landscape plan for Victory Park. Vehicles will continue to access the site from a widened driveway at Ocean Boulevard, but the reconfiguration would relocate the vehicle exit onto Collins Way. This driveway relocation would remove a point of pedestrian conflict at Ocean Boulevard and provide a more continuous park area along the street. Frontage. New drought tolerant landscaping, fixed seating, a drinking fountain, a dog waste post and public park signage would be added to the park area. The overall Victory Park proposal increases the hardscape in the park but improves the landscaping and provides a new passive park amenities that are not present under existing conditions. While no net loss of dedicated parkland will occur, the widened driveway would reduce the active passive park space for private access as condition. The applicant will replace the display's parkland at a 2 to 1 ratio. In response to comments raised at the public hearing and in the appeals. Additional supplemental analysis in responses to comments were prepared and included in attachment j in your packets. To further demonstrate that the project meets all the required findings and that no environmental impacts would occur as a result of the re-use of the existing building. The use of a secure, categorical exemption was determined, determined to be appropriate. The project is the re-use of an existing landmark building. The findings for the site plan review entitlement can be made in the affirmative because the project would convert the Breakers Hotel building back to its original use. The modifications to the building are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for rehabilitation and would undo inappropriate modifications that were made to the building in the past. The addition of the code required stairwell and elevator additions would not provide usable square footage that represents an expansion of the existing structure. The new rooftop patios and swimming pool areas are accessory structures to the hotel use as condition. The building modifications are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. The findings for the local coastal development permit can be made in the affirmative because private development of the Breakers Hotel would provide enhancements to the existing public park areas in order to enhance public utilization of the existing recreational resource, which is consistent with Chapter three of the Coastal

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t. The park would remain a public park area and appropriate signage would be added to further designate this area as public park space. In addition, the relocation of the driveway onto Collins Way would remove an existing point of conflict between the vehicles and pedestrians traveling on Ocean Boulevard, as well as provide a more continuous park area along the Ocean Boulevard frontage. The findings for the conditional use permit can also be made in the affirmative because the sale of alcoholic beverages for on site consumption was previously covered under a valid alcohol license for the property. The previous alcohol licenses would be merely transferred to the project applicant and owner. Consulted with the Long Beach Police Department on this application. And the Long Beach Police Department expressed no opposition, provided security measures such as security cameras and adequate lighting. Which are included as conditions of approval as such are required findings for the site plan review, local coastal development permit and conditional use permit can be made in the affirmative. As previously noted, the use of a categorical exemption was determined to be appropriate. Public noticing was distributed in accordance with the Long Beach Municipal Code and mailed to property owners and occupants within 750 feet of the project site. To date, staff has received seven written comments and one phone call in response to the appeal. Noticing three letter. Three of the letters were received from one of the appellants, Mr. Donovan, regarding Victory Park. Three additional pieces of written correspondence are in support of the project. One letter was submitted by the applicant. In addition, one phone call was received from a local property owner in support of the project. All written correspondence is included in your packets in front of you. The recommendation to City Council is to deny the ACT, the Planning Commission recommendation to accept a categorical exemption c18 one five to approve the project. This concludes staff's presentation. We welcome any questions. You may as well. The appellants are present in the audience. Thank you. Yes. Through our public comment on this item. Excuse me, Mr. Vice Mayor, now is the time for the appellants to make their presentation. There were three separate appellants identified. If they are here, they can queue up and make their presentation. Typically, the mayor would provide a reasonable amount of time, approximately 5 minutes for each presentation. Thank you. I mean, you start to. My dear. My name is David Patrick Donovan. My. Talks are going to take between five and 6 minutes. Thank you. I. I support the. Conversion of the breakers to a four star hotel. I support wording in the staff report that says that displaced parkland in front of the breakers be replaced. On a 2 to 1 ratio. That would be per the LCP. I am no longer insisting that the developer provide mitigations in the Long Beach coastal zone, including sect

ions of victory in Santa Cruz parks. I believe that the Planning Commission was not acting in the public's best interests. On November 15th, 2018, when they approved the landscape plan. They seem to have ignored. The staff report statement that says proposed improvements in Victory Park are designed in a manner that a member of the public would not recognize that the area north of the Breakers is public space. This is from input from the Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission. I urge the City Council at the very least two men with the Planning Commission recently approved for Victory Park. You could add in an amendment statement that supports the following retention of three patches of natural lawn on the lawn the installation of two wood and steel park benches facing north. NW on the east side of this section of the park installation of park signage two feet high, five feet long. That state's Victory Park established 1889. City of Long Beach. That those people passing by on Ocean Boulevard know that this is indeed a public park. The Pacific six teams new landscape plan would help accomplish this. Having said all of the above, with the exception of the trees, the access walk in my proposed park benches. I want all. Oh, the existing lawn to remain in natural turf. This would be south of the driveway and north of the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk. Following the Victory Park design guidelines. DEADLINE has been there since at least 1926. It is grandfathered in. The land used is protected by the LCP. In the Victory Park design guideline guidelines says When do we replace long established Park Lawn with ground cover? Which of our public parks is next for this conversion to ground cover? For 53 years, I run a gardening business for me. Ground cover says, don't tread on me. It is my it is my experience that ground covers are very vulnerable to foot traffic as opposed to natural lawn. Per the guidelines restrict the access walkway to eight feet wide with even not staggered edges. The Victory Park Design Guidelines support the intent of the LCP. They are not vague principles. The guidelines are highly specific in detail, meant to keep developers from further encroaching on these two parks. Examples of this are

are overpaying for non park purposes. At 160 ocean gate landscaped retaining walls. BLOCK public use what was meant to be in 1898, to be used as public park for all of us to enjoy. In front of a union bank building. Precious parkland has been turned into a de facto front yard. This part lawn is historic. This simplicity really complements the breakers. It makes a lush green foreground. For The Breakers, nicely setting apart the iconic building from Ocean Boulevard. Don't clutter the lawn with blocked concrete seats, a busy looking, staggered access walk and a variety of groundcover types. Keep our park simple. Keep our park historic. Keep our park completely walkable. Two things I have I have never quite gotten over. One, the last time that Breakers was

remodeled, renovated. Excuse me, the developer permanently. Sir. What we're going to do is I know that the 5 minutes is up, but we can during hearings, we can be a little flexible. And so I'll give you another minute, if you'd like, maybe 30 seconds minutes. Fine. We'll just go ahead, sir. Remove all of the parks benches. To remove the park managers from from in front of the Millennium Center. In the early 1980s, 12 civic groups successfully fought for the inclusion of those park benches in Santa Cruz Park. I want the city council to direct staff to tell the CEO of Molina health care to restore the park benches and a missing drinking fan from our Santa Cruz. From our Santa Cruz Park. This would be pursuant to the original development agreement with the city of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you very much. We'll have the second. Appellant Please come forward. Good evening, honorable council members and Mr. Mayor. My name is Jordan Sisson from the law office of Gideon Krakoff, and we represent some of the appellants as Daniel Wilson and Mr. Jeremy Arnold. Staff is recommending that you approve the project and that it falls within the category of exemption. That's essentially what the 900 pages uploaded yesterday states. However, we respectfully disagree. Not only do we disagree, but experts letter submitted to the record. This for the hearing agrees with us. In short. They say that this project will cause significant environmental impacts, specifically noise and traffic. Additionally, that the adjacent nearby residents that's going to be only about 20 feet away from the proposed outdoor rooftop improvements, only 20 to 28 feet away will suffer environmental noise impacts and that a chemical exemption isn't appropriate in this instance. We apologize for the last minute submissions, but again, we only saw a staff report late last night last week, so it was difficult to provide it beforehand. Additionally, appellants have been working cooperatively with the developer to potentially resolve the environmental issues. Unfortunately, we cannot conclude those discussions before tonight, hence why we submitted the expert stuff before this hearing. In my remaining time, I want to kind of highlight some of the issues which are before you in your packets that the expert comments rose from first. The second or third floor improvements will cause noise up to 56 to 85 DBA. That's significantly higher than the city's applicable five DBA threshold on changes in ambient noise. These individuals, these apartments are going to be there at nighttime, and these hotels will have loud noises from several people speaking large crowds, potentially alcohol, alcohol, charged individuals, as well as live music. There are no conditions that require mitigation of that noise, notwithstanding condition of approval, number 29, which shows you has to comply with the city code and the city ordinance. There's no evidence in the record submitted by the applicant that shows what the ambi

ent noise conditions are or that even compliance with the noise ordnance is even feasible. And even if it was feasible, you would still have significant impacts. This is substantial evidence, this apartment complex right next to it, as well as the city as the convention center constitutes an unusual circumstance. And as I'm sure everybody's were well aware and secure, there's an unusual circumstance and there will be significant environmental impacts . A chemical exemption is not appropriate. And my last minute and 50 seconds, I simply request you continue this hearing so staff can digest as well as counsel can digest those comments. You know, they're lengthy. They're hefty. Of course, it's going to take time to digest. So we simply request continue this item. Perhaps the Palins can resolve environmental issues with this project that must be resolved. If we're going to protect the community that surrounds this project. I thank you. I someone that. Thank you. I think we have one final appellant. Good evening. My name is Jeremy Arnold. Thank you. Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Andrew's esteemed council members. I'm a resident of Long Beach, and I oppose this project as it currently stands. I also encourage you to either reject the project or continue it so that satisfactory environmental mitigations can be agreed upon. Some important Seeger issues were identified in the expert comment letters submitted into the record today. Few of which I would like to name here. What particularly concerns me is the extensive noise impacts this project will bring to

the area. Uh, as Mr. Sisson noted, the noise impacts from the proposed outdoor activities on the second and third floor rooftop areas will have impacts. Are people speaking. Uh. Outdoor amplified music, as he noted, from 56 to 85 DBA. And that doesn't even account for the cumulative impacts of all of those activities taking place at the same time. This is clearly a significant noise impact under secure categorical exemption is inappropriate as a result. Further, the project applicant has not submitted any noise measurements of existing ambient noise levels or evidence that compliance with the city's noise standard is even possible. Given all these factors, I strongly urge you to accept the appeal. Require an M.D. or ER before approving the project. Like I said, I am a resident of Long Beach in this neighborhood, and I'm not the only person around here who has serious concerns about this project. A lot of different folks for a lot of different reasons around this environmental issue. It sends a bad message to the residents. These kinds of categorical exemptions which place business interests over the public health. So again, I urge you to accept this appeal requiring mandatory I.R.. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes the appellant. We're going to now hear from the applicant. So we'll also give the applicant. 5 minutes. 8 minutes. Well, I believe, Mr. Attorney, that the applicant can request a little

more time. So if you want. Well, we'll set it. We're going to do is will set the timer to six and we get the 615 more time. We'll go to eight. I will endeavor to be quick. Thank you, Dr. Mayor. City council members. I'm John Molina. I'm one of the partners of Pacific Six, the owner and developer of the Breakers Hotel. I've got a couple of PowerPoints to show you in a minute to address some of these issues. But before we get to that, I just want to say we have met with all of the appellants as late as about 4:00. I thought that we were going to be able to get something agreed to on this issue and didn't hear back. But we're more than happy to talk and and agree to certain mitigations with respect to Mr. Donovan. I will get into that in a few minutes and tell why some of the issues with him are not able to be mitigated, frankly, this project. And our goal is to thank you, sir, is to bring back an iconic building in the city. And and. Make it useful. We want to employ over 200 people in the city. We're investing over 85 million in this project. And I am thrilled that this is the first project that Pacific Six has taken on. And if you can watch the screen, I can step you through what this will look like in 2020. It was noted this is a long week. And we are applying for national recognition as a as a national landmark. So we've been very, very careful to make sure that we keep the historic look but bring it into the 21st century. This will be our new lobby. Within the lobby. We'll have a lobby bar. And then an all day dining restaurant of, I believe, 180 seats. 160 seats. We went to a little coffee shop that looks out over Ocean Boulevard. And then a spa that has ten treatment rooms. I do know that the Queen Mary has a spy. I don't know if it's a full service spa, but this will be the only hotel spa in downtown Long Beach. Welcome you all to come in and relax. This is the arcade. We're going to have about 12,000 square feet of meeting space. In this shows the hallway and believe the door at the far end. That's where folks used to come in to go to the Sky Room. This is the pool deck. This will overlook the performing arts center. And if you look at the far right, you'll see we're going to have a living wall. Our little contribution to environmental protectionism. This is a sample of our guestrooms. And then this is the this is a joke. This is the Sky Room. That a lot of people ask us if we're going to bring the Sky Room back. Yes, we are. Here are a couple of other. Views of the Sky Room. And you may be familiar with the Calabar, which was a small bar upstairs on the 14th floor, and we're going to open that up. This is the bar. And then looking out over the rooftop. We want to make sure that we're good neighbors. And so one of our partners has endeavored in visiting with neighborhood groups in the downtown area and, frankly, throughout the city, to show them what this is going to look like and get their feedback. We've got nothing but positive feedback

on this project from the neighborhood groups. We've also talked to Unite here. And we're trying to work out an arrangement where a great portion of our employees can be unionized. Unfortunately, we were not able to finish those negotiations before today, but I think we're close. Down on the first floor in the far west, we're going to have a jazz club. Long Beach is home to jazz, the premiere jazz station in the country. And we want this to be a place for professional jazz musicians to come hang out and play. So please meet us at The Breakers in 2020. Now I also have one other presentation. I don't know how to get that on. Can we get the. There was an additional presentation we'll go through. So you saw the the rendition of. The Landscaping for Victory Park. Here is the challenge we had. We calculated the maximum water usage for the space out front. The maximum is 111,000 gallons per year. Under 100% turf. We would require 200,000 gallons of water. So we exceed by

double the amount of water that we're allowed to have. I feel a little bit silly talking about droughts given the past few days of rain. But unlike 1926, we are in an era where. Conscious. Our plan would require only 67,000 gallons of water. So we're at 60% of what's the maximum. We feel this is not only responsible, but we feel that the design is appealing and fits very well with the park. And again, we did meet with Mr. Donovan and will continue to do so to see if we can satisfy his needs. But we just can't afford to do. ALTER Do you need another minute? Mr. Molina I think that I am. I'm done on the Sequoia issues. You have responses from our attorney who did all the research, and I think staff did a wonderful job at the at the Planning Commission meeting. Staff went through point by point by point as to why the objections wouldn't hold. So I am done. And again, I would welcome all of you to join us in 2020. Okay. Thank you very much. That concludes the applicant's comments. At this time, if there's any additional public comment. Remember, this is only on the hearing and this is not on anything else. Any public comment on the hearing? I only have one. I'm going to just do one. I'm going to close the speakers list. So two speakers and then the speakers list is closed. Okay. Only two. So we'll have. Our first one on our second one, 3 minutes each, then we'll close. Good evening. In control. You should not approve the site plan review conditional. Conditional use permit and local coastal development permit for the Breakers Hotel Project until. One. The Victory Park guidelines and the California Coastal Act have been followed. I've given you all a copy of the guidelines. To the amount of parkland being removed from public use has been determined. And three, the lost public parkland is replaced downtown, one for one and one for one. Elsewhere in the city, as required by the Coastal Act. You've all been given a copy of the Victory Park guidelines adopted in 1989, because these guidelines h

ave not been followed over the years. Victory Park has become the front yard for most of the buildings on the south side of Ocean Boulevard. Tonight, you have an opportunity to return Victory Park at the Breakers to the public open space it was originally designed for. The current design concept. The victory part in the current design part. Concept for Victory Park ignores the following guidelines. All driveways in Victory Park are prohibited. Hybrid Bermuda grass, lawns, not oak, grass and succulents. Eight foot walkways not designed as an entrance to the hotel and wooden benches not uncomfortable concrete blocks. The Cultural Heritage Commission on April 2018 expressed concerns about the driveway, and staff recommended that the driveway be narrowed to match the existing conditions with an overall width between 20 and 22 feet. This recommendation was ignored and the driveway has been widened to 33 feet. I quote from the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes. The widened driveway and courtyard area would effectively remove public park space. The proposed improvements in Victory Park are designed in a manner that a member of the public would not recognize that the area north of the Breakers is public park. Staff recommends that the design of Victory Park is revised to align with the current driveway and planting areas. This is what we're asking and also that coastal law be followed and that one part one. 2 to 1 park space B. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. And I just I just want to remind the gentleman at the end. So I close the speakers list. I'm going to let you speak. But that's that's it. So there's no more speakers. I had closed it before. So for the gentleman at the end, but I'm going to let you speak, so come on down. But that's it. All right. Next speaker. Evening. Honorable mayor, vice mayor and city council. My name is Bob Stetler. I'm an attorney with Kiesel, Young. And Logan. And I represent the developer. Pacific six Enterprises. And I'm here to speak on behalf of the project. I think this is an amazing opportunity in. Front of us. The time is now to move the project forward with all developments. Time is not your friend. And so it's I think it important at this point in time that we move to move the project forward. All right. Echo the excellent presentation done by staff as well. As by the applicant. This is a very exciting project. The Breakers. Hotel, as you know, was. Designated as a historic hotel property by. The Long Beach Historical Commission in 1989. It's being brought back to that level. As Mr. Molina. Mentioned. It's going to seek to be put on the National Historic. Registry. Which again. Is part of the \$85 million investment that this development. Team is making in. This property. It's an important aspect and it's going to be a great asset for our convention. And tourism business. And I know Steve Gooding. We're here right now. He would be. Jumping up and down saying, yes, we need this proj

ect and we need it now. Jobs. It's all about jobs. 500 construction jobs. 200 permanent jobs once the hotel is up and operational. We need to get that done. We need to get that done now. Victory Park will. Receive a significant improvement. It's going to improve the safety. We're now we're

going to have two exits on the ocean. We're going to have one. Ingress and egress will be off ocean. So that helps with the safety. It's going to be compliant with the 2015 California model Efficient Landscape Ordinance. As Mr. Molina alluded to before, we have limitations on how much water can be used. With respect to the Sequoia and the categorical. Exemptions, the. Project is eligible for category. Categorical Exemptions under Sequoia satisfies four. Different exemptions Class one. For an existing facility. Class 32 for the infill development, class 31 for the restoration and rehabilitation. Of a historical resource in Class three with respect to small facilities exemption. What's most important in addressing the. Comment made. Earlier? There's no exception available. There's no unusual. Circumstance. This property is adjacent to the Westin, the Renaissance, the Convention Center, the Terrace Theater and the outdoor area, as well as. Not too far away from the Hyatt Regency. There's the use of this property as a hotel. Is not an unusual circumstance. If there's no unusual circumstance, you don't go to stage. Two, step two under the California Supreme Court ruling in 2015. Thank you. Thank you very much. And our last speaker. And we'll add time for the translation. Thank you so much. We know, but I think Cappello better be walking in Long Beach for three, five years. My name is Frederico PEREIRA. I lived in Long Beach for 35 years. That's why I keep Capello for the rest of my life. I'm into don't get me wrong. I'm here today because I'm concerned with our environment where we live and. Heading back. Look at the net and follow the one that the media. And the impact it will have on the health of my family. Through their dedication. To the construction of this project. That Peter could say, I wouldn't look at the Proyecto Tenga. Let's play what I'm being told. Correct us. I ask that you assure that this project has regulations, the environmental regulations correctly bore Albion. The familiar is a local one with that and Terra. For the benefit of our families and the entire community. Temple. Thank you for your time. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. We're going to go ahead and go back to the deliberation. So first up, we have Councilmember Pierce and there is a motion in a second. Thank you. I want to thank staff for your presentation, the appellants and the developer and their team for their hard work on this. I think, you know, when you think about Long Beach and you think about the images that we have in the city, the historic buildings on our coastline are one of the greatest things that really earmark what makes Long Beach wonderful. And w

hen you look back and look at older photos, you can't help but notice how many beautiful buildings are gone. So I want to recognize that this is a very big project, that restoring this historic building is has to be a labor of love. Because I know that through your process, I'm sure you found some more costs and expenses through that process. So I just want to recognize that for the community members. I also want to recognize some of the concerns. I know that I've had several conversations with the developers on each of the appeal concerns, and I know that we are getting to a place where we feel like the park is going to be what we want, that we're going to have some historic nods to make sure that we are including that in the historic vision with the building, that it's accessible to residents, constituents and tourists that are going to walking by, walking down Ocean Boulevard. And I feel confident that those measures are going to be taken. I also know on the environmental concerns, it's an issue that's been extremely important to me. And my office met with the developer last week and owner, and we had conversations around the space program, making sure that we're talking about environmental integrity of the overall building specific to historic buildings and to hotels. And so I'm very thankful that that's something that you guys are going to be exploring. And what pans out? Pans out. But we know that we have the tool, we have the tools in the toolbox and that you guys are going to be using those when it comes to the noise concerns that were brought up by the appellants. I want to recognize that downtown is a unique location, that we have downtown events on Pine, on Ocean, the Grand Prix, and nobody knows the impacts of those like my residents on Ocean Boulevard. And so through my time on council, I've really tried to make sure that we hear all those concerns. I know that staff last April I agenda as an item around the impacts of noise in the downtown trying to identify what options might be. You know tools in our toolbox that we can use to mitigate some of the noise in our downtown. And so I just I know that I talked to special events recently, but if you could give me a timeline on when that's coming back, because that's not just for the buildings around the breakers, but it's for overall downtown. Yes. So that agenda item and a separate one talked a little bit about all kinds of activities that are related to noise. We're studying all those together. So we expect to come back approximately in June with the noise studies, in addition to kind of the buskers and that type of entertainment. So the noise study that was added is pretty comprehensive. So it is taking some additional time to do consultant work,

but we expect around June to be back in front of the council. Great. And just I know that we hired an outside consultant, a third party that was going to come in and really measure the sound and also look at the future events that we have in

downtown and really want to be mindful that we're able to have a downtown that's thriving but respects the residents that live here as well. And so I feel really confident on that. The area that I know has been of most discussion has been around the jobs component. And nobody knows the importance of hotel jobs in a tourism industry like I do because we have so many hotels in our downtown. So it's extremely important to me not only that, we have the construction jobs that are being added to our local economy, but that we have these jobs within this hotel that are going to be not just more jobs, but good jobs. When we look at the history of Long Beach and we look at the hotels that we have here, we know we've seen a trend where our job market is really changing. And to be able to have that balance of good jobs, of good union jobs is something that's important. But this appeal is based on on SICA, and I definitely have gone through it with a fine tooth comb and worked with staff and worked with the developers. I've asked that everybody continues to talk, to have conversations and to make sure that this project's on the right path. I know that it's far from being completely done. I know there's still a lot of work to be done, and I am thankful for everybody that's working on this project. And I want to encourage community members to continue to be at that table and continue to work with the developer to ensure that Long Beach is not only a leader in tourism, but that we have those good jobs that are paying good wages that allow us to change our economy for the best. So I encourage my council colleagues to vote to deny the appeal today and to know that we have a commitment that these parties are going to continue to work together. And I expect this to be a proud gem in our downtown with good union jobs and good environmental standards and a something that's accessible to all the residents in downtown. So I'm looking forward to seeing that pan out. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So this is certainly an exciting project. I've been following it for a while. And, you know, I can't say I didn't wake up as soon as, you know, wake up and pay attention to something you said. A jazz lounge, I think. Long Beach. You know, I've seen a lot of jazz lounges come and go in Long Beach. I'm hoping this is this one's a hit. But overall, it's an important project. It's a historic landmark. I think you're thinking big about doubling down on that historic nature of the site to add more value to the character of the neighborhood. I think the important you know, I want to give props to, you know, recognition a councilwoman Pearce for sitting down and really showing a willingness to work with the developer to meet timelines, make sure that the priorities in terms of good quality jobs on on both construction as well as the hardworking hotel workers that they are respected in this process. So I know that that's been a priorit

y. And and I know that Mr. Molina has expressed his support for that as well. So I love I love to see when people come together and there's a partnership. I would encourage that conversation to continue, and I want to see more updates. Best of luck to the developer. Best of luck to everyone involved, I hope. I wish this is. I hope for this to become a very, very successful project. And I hope I spend a lot of time in that jazz lounge. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you. I, too, want to thank everyone for coming out and for expressing your concerns. I do. This is a project of huge magnitude, and to get to a place where everyone is completely satisfied is unreasonable and impossible, frankly. So I want to thank the developers on working so closely with city staff. And of course I want to thank city staff who first and foremost are always looking at the interests of the community and the residents and of course, our regulatory interests in trying to determine how best to frame and structure a project. So I want to thank city staff for that. For the developers, I think the commitment to restoration is huge and I want to thank you for that. I think there are very few people that would have a love for the city as this particular developer does. And the the huge investment, ongoing investment in the city is is very much appreciated by the members of the policy board here. So I want to thank the developer for that. The facilities and the amenities look amazing. I appreciate that. Councilman Richardson was impressed by the Jazz Bar, but I do have to admit that I got the attention of my council colleague, Stacy Mango when the photos of the spa went up. So I think we have some plans in our future as well in 2020. So it's just going to be a top notch facility. And I think that it's going to make the city continue to move in a forward direction, allowing people to come and visit the area. And and, you know, every day when we talk with folks who live outside of the city, who are here for business, what we hear is I had no idea that Long Beach had all of this to

offer. We had no idea what a great opportunity it is. And I see that all the time. So the diversified customer base that the hotel will have, will only be good for our city, but also it'll be good for the business because you'll get not your traditional visitors of a high end hotel because of the nature of the events and conventions and other projects that we sponsor and support here. So thank you for the continued investment in the city and thank you to the residents who came out tonight to express your concerns. I will say you're working with a developer that's unusual than most, the more unusual than most in that there is an ear and a willingness to listen and and a willingness to try to mitigate. And sometimes a willingness to try to mitigate is better than most will offer a meaningful effort to mitigate is more than most will offer. So hopefully the continuation of the disc

ussions does happen as promised, and there are some more opportunities to reach common ground. But with a project of this magnitude, I'm frankly surprised that there was as little issues raised as there were tonight. So thank you very much. Thank you, Councilwoman Vice Mayor Rogers. Yes, thank you. First of all, I'd like to congratulate on the hard work that went into this project. But most of all, I just like to say the beautiful pictures that you guys showed everything. And when I heard the word Molino and Keisel, I knew then, you know, my whole life, the whole lifestyle about jobs, I knew that this was what I was looking to hear. And I know when you talk about jobs, I'm just hoping that this will be local jobs because this is the type of situation we build. My district may not be able to go down there, but I guarantee you they can work there. So that's what I'm looking for, that we will be able to hire local individuals to be able to be a part of this wonderful project. Thank you guys very much. Thank you. We have, I think, council councilwoman Lena Gonzales on the line. Is that right? Yes. I just wanted to say thank you to all parties for, you know, just being invested in the continued progress of downtown and for the community who came out and spoke today. And I know that the developer, John Molina, and his team will certainly be attuned to all those suggestions and ideas and concerns. But I just want to thank you overall for the values that, you know, certainly are. Very important for Long Beach. Restoration job opportunities and the connection to the community and continuing that connection to the community. So thank you so much for everything. Thank you. And just I'm going to conclude and I just want to just to the entire team that worked on this project, this is a fantastic restoration project and one that I completely support and have supported since it was brought forward. I want to add just a few things. One is the update. What I think is unique about this project is that a few hotels of this size, which is which would be a, you know, a boutique smaller hotel, but but certainly for Long Beach, a good sized hotel has as many public spaces and opportunities for the public to actually engage with in the building than than this property would. And if you think about all of the public amenities and public open space opportunities, whether that is the food opportunities or the bar or what caught my eye, unlike the spa and the jazz club, which was the pool room. I think those types of opportunities for the public to enjoy the building, which is a historic property that is really important to the city and its history I think is really important. I also want to say that, you know, I personally have been also in some conversations with the development team as well as with some of the appellants. And I feel those conversations are going well and I feel I feel confident that there is going to be some good resolution to some of the concerns that a

re on the table. And I think that the developer spoke to their interest also in in the jobs. And the jobs ensure that they are good jobs on site. And so I do appreciate that. And I know that those conversations are ongoing. And so, again, I think this is a fantastic project. I think that your timeline is it's aggressive, but it is. It's exciting. And we look forward to the additional opportunity for more hotel rooms and also the additional opportunity for the public to enjoy the building. Because right now, as we know, the building is not operational. And certainly you are opening up more of the building to the public than before. And I think that's really great as well. So so thank you. And with that, we're going to take a vote. This is to deny the appeals as per Councilmember Pierce's motion. And we're doing a roll call vote just because of we have one member that is at a remote location. So Councilmember Gonzales and then we'll go down. Councilwoman? Yes. Councilmember Pierce. Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Supernanny. Hi, Councilwoman Mongo. Hi. Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilmember Arango. Councilman Austin, Councilmember Richardson. Motion carries cape motion carries on the appeals being denied. So that concludes our first hearing. So thank you very much. And we're going to move on. Let me guess. We're going to go to the the shelter issue next. But I want to do the consent calendar and get that out of the way. They can get a motion in a

second on consent. Any public comment on consent saying nonetheless, please. Thank you. Councilman Pierce. Okay. Fine. Would you please let your vote? Motion carries. Yes. Now we move to item 33 with the clock, please. With the audit. Report from Economic Development, Health and Human Services recommendation to execute all documents necessary with Paul M Stone for the purchase of certain real property located at 171821722 Hayes Avenue, and an amount not to exceed 1,830,000 District one zoning. Gregory said. Thank you for any public comment on this item. Okay. Councilman Gonzalez? Yes. I mean, we have a staff report, please. This is a pretty big item. Thank you. Sir. We've got a team back here with Kelly Collopy, Mary Torres and Sergio Romero. So I'll turn it over to Kelly to start. Good evening, council members. We're going to start the presentation by. Discussing. The property. And my charge will be leading. That conversation. And then we'll go and we'll go to the next piece. Thank you, Kelly. Honorable Mayor and city council. The item before you is for the acquisition of property located at 1718 through 1722 Hayes Avenue. As part of the state so far 19 budget. The city was granted one time funds for the Homeless Emergency. Aid Program, enabling local jurisdictions to provide emergency assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. A portion of the city's. Allocation was designated for a location where personal belongings could be stored, while individuals experiencing homelessness could attend, wor

k or. Utilize services at the Multi-Service Center. A search was conducted to identify properties located near the Multi-Service Center that could serve this program quickly and with minimal interior improvements. The property. At 1718 through 1722, Hays was identified. An offer to purchase a property at the listing price. Of 1,755,000 was made to the property owner and subsequently accepted. The property measures approximately 6520 square feet and is improved with the 5400 square foot building. An additional amount of \$75,000 will be. Expended for due diligence and closing costs, and approximately \$170,000 is anticipated for tenant improvements. I will turn this over to Kelley Kelley for further discussion of the operations. So the site will be utilized as a storage facility for. People experiencing. Homelessness. We expect that there will. Be. 100 storage bins for people and they would. Be. Utilized primarily by. Folks who would be coming in, engaging with the multi-service center or with other providers such as and and engage with the quality of life teams or the heart team. And so. As people, a lot of the. Times what we hear is that. People are. Concerned about coming in for services because they have their possessions. With them. And they don't have another place to store them. This allows that to be taken care of so that they can engage in other services. It would be open Monday through. Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed. Over the lunch. Hour and then on Saturday mornings. From 7 a.m. until noon. However, if someone is engaged with the quality of life or heart teams, they would have the. Opportunity. To access the facility at other times. We would have security and lighting and other things to make sure that the community. You know, and the businesses around are safe. And then if there if somebody leaves their possessions for. Longer than 30 days. And are not engaged in service, then at that time to terminate that space. And then we would open it open it for another. And with that, I. I can create my presentation. I'm open for questions. Councilman Gonzales. Your question, Sergio. I just wanted to say thank you so much for this, because I know that this is a citywide initiative, and I'm glad that we found a space that was amenable to all, but really is creating a really good solution for individuals experiencing homelessness. And we know that about takes about 17 or so plus interactions with our city staff in order to get people to the services that they need. And so this is one solution, but I think it's going to prove to be a very successful solution. So thanks to our city manager economic development and the health department and I know we have Andy Kerr here, who we really appreciate all of his work as well. And he's been a great voice in this. And I just thank you for being here as well. But I'm 100% on board. We've also I just want to say on the record, too, we have notified our West Side industrial groups who seem amenable and we'

ve ensured that, you know, the businesses understand, you know, what is what is coming to the west side. So thank you very much for the. Work and councilmember. As the city manager, we just want to congratulate you and thank you the entire team. We know that placing these types of locations are difficult and you've just been 100% supportive. And we just can't say enough about your leadership in selecting and highlighting this facility here, which is going to hugely impact homelessness for us. And it'll be a very good thing. So thank you so much. Make it. Councilwoman. Councilman Austin. Great job. My support. Thank you, Councilman. Councilman Pearce. I, too, just

want to congratulate my staff and say thank you, Councilmember Gonzales. I know that homelessness is a citywide issue. We struggle with the impact sometimes in our downtown. And I know that you've been an advocate for ensuring that we all kind of share some of that responsibility. So thank you for that. And thank you staff for making this happen. Thank you. And I want to thank staff for this. This is an important part of our Everyone Home One Beach plan. And again, I'm just very, very proud of the whole city and every member of this body. Everyone's been stepping up and finding locations and solutions to our challenges around homelessness. And I just think it's great to see that everyone here is really embracing that. So thank you for that. Any public comment on this item? Please come forward. At. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the council. I just wanted to. I'm sorry. Andy Kur, eighth district member of the Measure H Citizen Oversight Board and everyone at home long beach task force. Just wanted to voice my support for this today. This is just a really great toolbox, I think, for our city staff. Council woman Gonzalez, he mentioned the number of interactions it takes to have an impact with with someone experiencing chronic homelessness. And I think one of the reasons for that is because the lack of tools and a lack of creativity a lot of times our caseworkers have and this is a really big tool in the toolbox. And I just want to commend Kelly Collopy and her staff at Health. I think that this is going to be so much more than just a storage facility. It's another opportunity to interact with with people and to provide services that maybe they don't know about. To also engage them on a level that we haven't been able to do in the past. So. And and I just want to thank everyone in the city for continuing to advance the the goals that we set out and everyone at home. Long Beach Initiative. I think this is just another example of how we're going to have to keep moving the ball forward. And this is just a great step. Thank you. Thank you so much. That concludes for the comment. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Hearing item number one. Recommendation to conduct a study session to receive and file a presentation on the Climate Action and ADAP

T Adaptation Plan. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of city council. So this is a study session that we would like to bring to you to really talk about our climate action and adaptation plan. There's an incredible amount of work that's been going into this. This is something the council has told us is a priority to really plan for the future on climate action. And so with that, I will turn it over to the team. We have Linda Tatum, we have Christopher Koontz, and we have Allison Spindler to give the presentation. Good evening, Mayor. And council members. I'd like to introduce Allison Spindler, who has lived and breathed this project probably for the last 18 months under the direction of our planning manager, Christopher Coons. And one of the things I'd like to bring your attention to during the presentation is that in last year's budget, the city council gave us an additional staff person to conduct a lot more extensive outreach. And this project in particular had has benefited significantly from that outreach. And you'll see that as we go through the presentation, given the the significant level of public involvement and not just outreach, but also very specific public engagement on this topic. And we're really proud of where we've come. And Allison can give you the details. Thank you, Linda. And good evening, Mayor, and members of the city council. I'm glad to be here before you this evening to provide an update on our work to develop the city's first ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. What is the cap? It will be our plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the city. Prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change. All while using this as an opportunity to improve quality of life health and enhance economic vitality here in the city. I would. So first, in terms of using our terms, what do we mean by climate action or climate mitigation? That's really about reducing the impact that we as people have on the future of our planet by reducing our future carbon emissions. This photo might look familiar as this is our number one form of emissions is transportation here in the city. And I know we've all been in this freeway situation. On the other hand, climate adaptation is recognizing that we need to adjust our own behaviors or systems and infrastructure to reduce the impact that climate change has on us. For example, elevating a road to reduce flooding or flood proofing a house. And this is important because a growing body of research is showing that not only is climate change here, but according to the UCLA review of all of the local research, it's already impacting our health in Los Angeles County. These photos are all real photos from Long Beach from two January's ago. The one in the middle is kind of fun that someone kayaking down one of the streets during an extreme rain event. The one on the right is a little more sobering. That's our police and fire services actually rescuing a wheelchair bound resident here in the city. So

why are we here today in particular? We're at a critical point in the cap process. As mentioned in the opening, we've been doing a lot of research and background analysis to understand how Long Beach is and will be impacted by climate change. And to be honest, the estimated safety, health and economic impacts are significant. So it's a really important time in the process where we've been gathering and analyzing the data and now we're actually putting together a draft plan. So council feedback and direction is requested as we look at other areas of study that we missed. Do you have guidance as to our process as we go about refining the measures being considered for the plan? Any guidance as to how we should think about evaluating tradeoffs regarding funding and financing staffing to implement the actions we're talking about? Also, in consideration of the cost of inaction, feedback on our greenhouse gas reduction target, which I'll get into in a few minutes, and other priorities are areas that the Council would like us to look at. So this is not new work for Long Beach. We've been a leader in sustainability for a long time. As this timeline shows, starting back in 2006 with the port's first Clean Air Action Plan, in 27, we formed the Sustainability Commission in oh eight, the Office of Sustainability, and then began incorporating sustainability initiatives into our mobility element in 2013 and our land use element in 2017. I also want to point out in 2015, the mayor agreed to the what was then called the compacts of Mayors. Now it's called the Global Covenant, which is local jurisdictions and cities around the globe, committing to a low carbon and resilient city structure. So given all of those sustainability commitments, you might wonder why? Why a cap? Why now and why in planning? So the answer is that not only will it help us meet our our commitments to the global covenant, but the CAP will help us meet a whole host of state and local requirements, including AB 32 or SB 32 , which requires us to reduce our carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. SB three, 75, 86, 99, 691, which relates to sea level rise and coastal areas and our requirements to the state for that. SB 1000, which requires a general plans incorporate adaptation and address impacts to disadvantaged communities. We're also using this plan as a mitigation measure of the land use element. So understanding that our city will continue to grow. How do we do it in the most sustainable way possible? Oops. As Linda mentioned, there's been a lot of research or sorry outreach that's been done, starting with several working groups. We have a scientific working group of 13 experts from Cal State, UCLA, the Aquarium and other local institutions that have really helped us make sure the data is correct. A business working group of local businesses as well as a community working group. We've collaborated with every city department to gather our data and look at the actions we're considering. We'

ve done over 20 outreach events since June 2018 that were selected in collaboration with each council office and at least one event in every district. There was also an equity analysis that informed our outreach strategies, and we've had a real youth engagement focus recognizing that climate change is a multigenerational intergenerational equity issue. And so we're working closely with Youth Leadership Long Beach program, as well as various high school groups who are actively participating in this process. Here are a few stats. To Linda's point, we've had over 18 events where we've had cap tables reaching close to 8500 people at some events, large and small, such as Ready, Long Beach or Desert Nights at the Aquarium. We've also done 12 cat presentations, hosted two big city wide open houses, and hosted large events such as on the bottom right of the photo from our panel on sea level rise and what residents can do to prepare where we had over 300 people attend. We also surveyed every city department and 100% responded that they're already being impacted by climate issues related to infrastructure assets or core services. 88% of departments are engaging in greenhouse gas reduction strategies already. You'll note with the graph on the right that extreme heat is the climate stressor impacting the most number of city departments. Here are the climate hazards based on the data and science that are impacting Long Beach. Extreme heat, sea level rise, flooding, drought and poor air quality. Here are the community and infrastructure assets likely to be impacted, starting with our public health, housing and neighborhoods. City buildings are transportation, infrastructure, water supply, wastewater and stormwater assets. Our coastal resources. Parks and open space. As well as our energy infrastructure. I'm going to start with extreme heat because the data shows that extreme heat poses the greatest risk of life and health to the largest number of Long Beach residents. In fact, approximately 275,000 of our residents are in the high, extreme heat vulnerability zone. Extreme heat is very serious and increases the risk of heat related illness, and even death increases vector borne diseases, tropical pathogens and parasites. Especially vulnerable populations include children, older adults, people with respiratory diseases. And those who work outdoors can lead to

missed work in school. We've already heard from high school students who have had this happen in Long Beach. Damage to roads, highways and rail from extreme heat. And you may remember the power outage a few years ago. That was during an extreme heat wave. The data shows that between 1980 and 2000 in Long Beach, we had four extreme heat days a year. By 2050, we're looking at somewhere between 11 and 16 and by 2100, up to 37 days a year where it's over 95 degrees in a day. And with climate change, the cooling effect we get here at night is going to lessen. And this is not a future problem. It's a current prob

lem. This graph shows you how extreme heat days have played out in the city for the past ten years. You'll notice we're already well over that for extreme heat day, your average. And you'll notice it was in 2015 that we had ten extreme heat days. And I know that members of the council will remember the power outage that we had here in downtown that lasted several days, impacted many residents, including seniors living in high rises without access to medication or keeping things refrigerated, without ability to get up and down the elevators. Our departments were, of course, very impacted. Everything from fire, help and police checking on wellness to our public works partners working on the infrastructure issues. Extreme heat is most dangerous in central, west and north Long Beach. As the map shows here, the highest vulnerability zone is and read the existing white dots or cooling centers that will already have. Extreme heat can also worsen air quality. So that's another challenge. Here are some of the adaptations we're considering. I mentioned earlier we have 200 adaptations and mitigations we're looking at for the plan, and now we're going through that prioritization process. But some examples include creating shade shelters at bus stops or in parks, increasing the presence of cool roofs or reflective streets, increasing our public water supply access, expanding our cooling centers, not only locations, but hours, because, again, it'll stay hotter at night. And developing emergency response plan for power outages and continuing to plant trees through our urban forest management plan. I also want to point out the social vulnerability to climate change map, because we know that some populations are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to socioeconomic and demographic factors. For example, those that walk or take the bus because they have no car are have less ability to be resilient in getting out of an extreme heat situation or to be able to stay at a hotel at night when it's very hot. Similarly, renters can be more impacted and may not have as much ability to provide some of those protective factors, such as whether weatherproofing. Next, I'll move on to flooding. This is there are three different ways and Long Beach that we experience flooding. There's riverine flooding. So when when the rivers get really high and flood over, there's urban flooding. When our storm drain system does not meet the existing storms happening and then sea level rise and the associated coastal storms. So if flooding events can contribute to injury, death and displacement. The aquarium analyzed that over 22,000 residents in Long Beach are at risk to flooding by 2050 due to sea level rise. That flooding can include damage to wastewater and stormwater issues, as well as sewage back up that can lead to food and water borne illness and can disrupt, as we saw in the pictures here, the transportation system that could impact neighborhood connectivity and getting

to work or school. This map shows you where our riverine flooding takes is projected to take place from the blue with the 100 year storm event and the orange and unlikely 500 year storm event. That's a 0.2% chance. And then we looked at various scenarios related to sea level rise. This shows you the the mid range projection for 2100. As you can see, the dark blue, our king tides are fairly extensive in terms of potential flooding. And the light blue would be a 100 year storm surge on top of it. You'll notice that this is also the first scenario where we see potential daily high tide impacts throughout parts of southeast Long Beach, parts of the of of west Long Beach, north of the port, are potentially helped out by the fact that the port is already doing an adaptation plan. And so this is, of course, under a no action scenario if we do nothing. And that's why we're here to develop the plan. We know that over 10 million square feet of residential property, 2 million square feet of commercial property, and another 2 million square feet of industrial property are in this flood area. Additionally, additionally, 74 miles of roadway, an electrical substation, three storm drain outfalls, ten stormwater pump stations and nine wastewater pump stations, as well as three portable facilities in that in that flood risk area. There is, of course, considerable uncertainty into the actual timing and extent of flooding. It depends on a number of factors, including the extent of any future shoreline or stormwater system improvements. But it's important to consider our best understanding of what these impacts could be. You'll also notice on the map several specific city

buildings noted. This slide shows you how many city buildings are impacted by the different sea level rise scenarios. And the different scenarios are mapped out on our website in more detail. But you can see, for example, that we have in 2050 potentially three fire stations, a library and a parks building that are impacted. These costs would be substantial if needed for full replacement. And in terms of what we do about it, there is a whole host of adaptations we're considering around flooding, everything from updating the emergency response plan to updating our floodplain ordinance so that new building would consider that flood elevation, prioritizing low impact development and stormwater practices, relocating and elevating critical infrastructure, especially as we improve that infrastructure, elevating homes or businesses, looking at active or passive dune restoration as well as groundwater monitoring. And it's important to note the costs. Of these. Sorry, the costs of these actions are very substantial. And we're already in talks with the financial management department understanding that given today's budgetary constraints, it would be impossible to meet the full cost of all these replacements. And that's why we need to be working together now. So here is our greenhouse gas reduction target

scenario. We've looked at several different options based on the state guidance and the science available. There are several options here, but the main trend line, of course, is that it needs to go down. Staff has been recommending option D, which is a per service population. So that means for people that live or work here, how we reduce greenhouse gas emissions per person. We're recommending that per service population reduction for 2030 and 2040. We've also heard a good deal from community members who would like to see that carbon neutrality target in the plan. We think it's important to then consider an aspirational target for 2050, and that would be stocks recommendation because this plan will be something that we're held to in order to meet our SEQUENT obligations and therefore having the the D scenario option as well as the aspirational net carbon neutrality option, we see as a good balance for being bold and making a big commitment, but also understanding that as of today, there's no feasible way to get to that net zero given the technology out there, but that we want to continue to to have that aspirational target. Here's where our greenhouse gas emissions come from in the city. Over half is from our transportation sector at 54%, followed by the buildings where we live and work. Turning on the heat. The lights, the air. And then our waste sector is the third one. Here are some sample actions that we're considering on the transportation side. For example, making transit service enhancements both to improve our bus stops environment and also to increase our service and connectivity. You'll remember I mentioned shade structure. The bus stops on the adaptation side. This is where it could be a benefit on both the mitigation and adaptation side. For mitigation, you could help get more people on busses with better service stops. On the adaptation side, it helps reduce the heat for those that are already taking it. We're also looking at active mobility actions, such as increasing our bike and pedestrian infrastructure as the city continues to do electric vehicle deployment, as well as transportation demand management, working with large employers and of course land use and transportation planning. So increasing our density and mixing of land uses near transit stops is a really important way to achieve this. In terms of next steps, we're continuing to review and get feedback from the public on these actions as well as from other city departments. We hope to have a draft plan by the end of next month. We invite you all to our next open house June 1st, and then we'll be going through the Sequa process the latter half of this year and hope to be back before the Council in January 2020. We have a whole bunch of ways for people to stay involved. We have a business survey and a resident survey on our website, as well as more information and all of the maps and data that you've got here today. You can follow our hashtag Kapu Albee. Sign up for alerts for

link. We have a special event coming up March 30th at Silverado Park on extreme heat and how it can impact older adults, children and other vulnerable populations. We hope you'll join us. And then you're all invited to our final cap open house. That'll be June 1st at Marine Stadium. There'll be interactive activities. We're going to have high school students running different booths and parts of the event. We hope you can all join us. And with that, could my presentation and I'm here to answer any question. Well, thank you. Thank you very much. I know you've been working a lot on this, and I know I've had a chance to to read the plan earlier. And it's it's really substantial. I want to thank staff that have been also briefing us on the progress of the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. And it was important, I think, to bring this forward and to do the study session as well. Let me start with Councilmember. Let me go through some of the councilmember comments and questions and then

we'll go from there. Councilmember Richardson. I think he just stepped out and we got to find somebody, Ringo. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank staff for a very comprehensive report on clarity. I mean, we all know that our. Incumbent president doesn't believe in climate change. But I think that a report like this is very compelling and speaks volumes about where we're headed in a very near future within the next 20, 30 years and where we're going to be. And many of us who live under and on the plains know that we're probably not always going to be underwater. So a lot of the most important thing that I see in this report, and I know it's only a study, but it's okay, is to basically inform people what's coming. And I think that's the most important aspect of this of this report, is that we need to share it as much as we can. We had a discussion earlier today about the digital divide and and needing to increase our access to information. So I would like to see that we can get this report out as as far and wide as we can, especially for those individuals who, like myself, who live close to a river or a tributary or a location where we're sea level rise or flooding is very, very impactful. One of the things that I didn't see in here, obviously, and it's probably inferred, is that a lot of residents kind of look at their insurance policies when it comes to flooding and and the impact that that's going to have on their future in terms of housing, where they're going to be by any halt or where we're going to be constructing new homes and what the requirements are going to be to move into those areas where where flooding or and or a sea level rise is going to be a major impact in those communities. So I want to thank staff for this very comprehensive report. Looking forward to your open house and especially looking forward to your event on March 30th at Silverado Park, which is in the seventh District. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. I yes, I am very excited and

I think I've expressed my excitement for doing a community action and adaptation climate plan. I do. I have some concerns. One is that we haven't had a community meeting in the second district and we haven't fully engaged the stakeholders in the second District on this plan. I appreciate and totally support all the actions that are that are listed here. And I do think that they seem to be kind of low hanging fruit. And so I would I do look forward to sitting down and meeting with you guys and engaging the second District and making sure that we have a plan that is similar to vision with L.A. and other cities that are really thinking outside the box and thinking about different funding sources, different grants. You know, we shouldn't just be, you know, increasing bus routes, but we should be talking about how do we get every single bus to be electric and how do we make sure that we're leveraging our resources and community partners as much as we can? So I appreciate where it's at. And I guess I just I'm a little concerned that the data is supposed to come out next month when we haven't had a full engagement yet. So I hope to meet with you guys soon. And I know that my staff is working with you guys on a date on April around Earth Day, and I think that's been the talk for the last month. So I hope that we can pin that in and not pencil it in. I look forward to hearing from community members as well. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you. I would just. I'm actually going to commence that for the the great report here. I think it's pretty comprehensive and certainly eye opening for for me. I did want to get some clarification and go back to the to the map where you. That bet. That map and you mentioned the amount of square footage in terms of is that residential square footage a million square feet? Yes. Let me just pull back up the numbers so I'm certain. So this is under the 2100 mid-range scenario, and there is an 80 page assessment on the website that goes into a lot more detail. But under this particular scenario, it would be over 10 million square feet of residential property, 2 million square feet of commercial, and another 2 million of industrial in that zone. And that's under a king tide scenario. So that's a couple of times a year flooding as a sub area. That would be the daily high tide scenario. And we can send that map along as well. But it is a significant amount of property if nothing is done to prevent it. We said nothing is done. The the recommendations in this plan, if we were to fully execute on the local level, all of those those those recommendations where we have an impact on on that forecast and happening now. So to do that. Thank you for the question. Yeah. So I only gave a few examples, but we are looking right now at about 200 potential actions. I don't know that you would all want to hear every single one, but we are doing the analysis to look at how it would protect sort of area by area on the adaptation side

and that would have a significant impact in terms of protection. Now as we get to these longer term ranges such as this one, the 2100 mid range, it becomes a little bit trickier when you think from maybe once or twice a year flooding to that more daily high tide, but everything from the sort of

natural protections to elevating and flood proofing, really, it's going to take a whole variety, but would have a substantial impact in protecting us. And Councilmember Austin to expand further in the focus of this effort is to protect city assets and protect our ability to respond to disasters and provide lifesaving services, ticket to life and property. It's also to facilitate the private sector ability to storm proof and relocate improvements. But it's not the city's responsibility or intention to be able to mitigate the potential damage to those millions of square feet of private development. They're privately held, and they'll make financial decisions and their insurers will make financial decisions about the future of those properties. And certainly we have an obligation to make that process as fruitful as we can. But the city is not taking on the financial or liability to respond to the risks to all of that private property. I understood I guess I was looking at it from a standpoint of being a resident here in the housing and neighborhoods impacts and how many families would certainly have to relocate or thinking about how the city will look in 100 years. It's pretty interesting, pretty thought provoking. Thank you very much. Thank you, Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes. I just want to say thank you for this report. I just wanted to ask, first and foremost, have we done any of the community meetings fully in Spanish or Combi at all? To this point, it's only been through translation, which we do provide at our major events in both Spanish and Kimye. But we are in the planning process right now to do a Spanish only event. And I know we've been in touch with several groups, including some groups in the first District, who are willing to help us with that. Great. I think of a lot of the women in the Spanish speaking community that whose children are suffering with asthma. We have some of the worst asthma rates in the district near the port. And so I want to make sure that they are that they have their concerns addressed in this clean air action plan, as well as our Cambodian community members who have also expressed interest in this very much. Thank you. And what I would say is I would like to also see, you know, when it comes back, you know, definitely more specificity on the type of and, you know, maybe it doesn't come up necessarily because some community members see it in such a high level. But there are other cleaner action plans that I've seen in other areas that specify the type of pollutants and what it could do in specific neighborhoods. And just to get people educated on and I know it's not always exciting to see those things, but it'

s important for people to understand, you know, what is in our backyard and what is maybe affecting our communities or are affecting our communities. Another thing is, you know, I think as we've talked about open data as well and having two innovation centers that will be coming to downtown, perhaps there's some synergy with creating sort of like, you know, L.A. has the L.A. clean tech incubator. It's a think tank of sorts with the private sector and the public sector. And they come together and really think tank on whether it's air quality or it's, you know, sea level rise, what have you. And they they actually through that, those partnerships are able to work with entrepreneurs that want to find solutions for those and or work with academic institutions to find solutions for some of these these issues. So just a thought there and thank you very much. I look forward to seeing this evolve and adding my input as on behalf of the First District. Thank you, Councilwoman Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So one of these slides show that significant contributor were mobile mobile sources of mobile sources of pollution, you know, automobiles, diesel trucks and and things like that. And so, you know, it appears to me that we should, you know, as we move forward, we yeah. That's the one 54%, right. Is mobile sources. And so that just tells me that we should, you know, certainly accelerate our efforts to make sure that we're, you know, expanding transit outside of that just one mile, the last mile, but into the last two miles, for example, in North Long Beach, where I showed the map of the urban heat island stuff happening. That area is outside of most of the last mile implementations because it's two miles away from the connection, the two to the blue line in Compton or down at the Wardlow station about three miles. And so we need to really think about as we design, you know, I know what a lot of times the best practices get handed down or last mile, but we need to make sure that they make sense for Long Beach. You should be last to mile. And I hope that, you know, once this is adopted, maybe I'll frame this as a question. When this is adopted, is this going to ensure that, you know, policies and programs that come out of that, that are coming from staff are already like the lens on climate. Our climate adaptation plan will already be reflected there. Is that the way this would be used? So Councilmember Richardson, this document would be a binding document. So any action that required a finding with their general plan, so that's planning items, but that's also the copy that comes to you annually as part of the budget would need to be consistent with this. So it is intended

to translate to better informed and decision making processes, and it is designed to make sure that our investments, especially our capital investments, are reflective of accomplishing the goals in this plan. Sure. Okay. And so maybe we think about, you know, when thi

s gets adopted, how we can, you know, formalize it by having, you know, maybe some sort of a climate action statement on agenda items that are related to this, because there's things separate from the air process, the environmental process. There are investments that we make into infrastructure and other things that are public that we would like to know. Does this you know, this is this in a, you know, a red zone? Is it does it help to, you know. Does it contribute to our our adaptation plan or is this a bad investment or it doesn't acknowledge the climbing habitation? That's something maybe we could think about. Is that something that's considered like. Yeah. So we can certainly we can certainly work on refining. When you receive council letters, there is a sustainability section, but it's pretty streamlined today and we can look at making that a more formalized process that reflects back to this plan. I think that makes sense. And additionally, a lot of times when we go after so I serve on the Mobile Source Reduction Committee Board which administers millions of dollars to local governments, transportation authorities to reduce mobile sources of pollution. And, you know, we've we funded different grants and the city of Long Beach have gone to, you know, charging stations and and things like that. But I think we should think about maybe coming up with something, something custom, that meet some of our needs that we haven't gotten to yet. Like maybe, you know, I don't know, bike share or some of these things. We, we, we work together to customize this proposal and make it because we're, we're creating the three year plan for the MSR, see, right now. And so now would be the time to figure out what we can do within the next three years to fund. And there's, you know, millions of dollars on hand. So I just want to, you know, no response is needed, but I just want to raise that up. Another thing that's interesting is that, you know, when we look at the extreme heat map and you see that the central and west and north Long Beach areas, you know, are dramatically impacted. And then you flip to the sea level rise the sea level rise map. You see that the beach communities are or dramatically impacted. It impacted particularly the peninsula. There's not very many issues that we would see that north west and east Long Beach have in common. And so I think in this case is it's a rare opportunity for us to really just think big about an implementation that's good for East Long Beach will be something that's good for West Side or for North Long Beach. And so I know there's there, you know, I mean, to be honest, there's always sensitivity when you talk about sea level rise and climate change. And and I think it's good that you acknowledge the fact is that, you know, that much property is susceptible to sea level rise or that much investment. So we should think about how we can sort of lead with the implementation that impacts everyone and makes the most differen

ce for everyone because this is, I think, an opportunity to make sure that, you know, the city's unified in terms of its voice on climate change. And so that's something I'll be looking forward to as a move forward, like maybe not having a lot of times there's there's multiple messages in different areas. And I think we should look at what's the common message that unifies everybody behind this this issue, because it's not real for a lot of people, but it will have real impacts. And we put up a slide of 2100. But I think if we put up the slide of, you know, 2050, which is, you know, 30 years away, I think, you know, frankly, we might get a bigger impact, a bigger reaction from people if we saw that. So those are some of my my my initial thoughts on this. I think it's a it's incredibly important. I thank you for the for the study session, I think is needed. I know we have a lot of work to get to tonight, but I think we need we need we certainly need to pay more attention to this . Thank you. Thank you. I just want to add, I think it's important to acknowledge that it's been this council and just in the last few years that the city has been talking about climate change. And I think it's important to recognize that. And and it's important to know that the city believes and understand that climate change is real. It's happening. It's a scientific fact. Sea level rise will impact the city, but also know that it's not just about sea level rise. The biggest impact that we will face as a city, it directly will impact us. As a report had noted earlier, around heat and around temperature and issues around sea level, sea level rise are critical, but we cannot lose sight on what will be what we will face immediately over the next couple of decades. And that is that we will have parts of our city, particularly in many low income communities, that will be greatly affected by rising temperature. And we will have seniors and in particular affected by not having enough access to cooling centers and places to actually eat, to stay cool in these heat and in these in this in this increase heat. And so I want to thank the staff

for working on this. I do want to thank the the impetus for where we got here today with this cap plan, really started with an initial report that we asked the Aquarium of the Pacific to undergo. And I think in the first year that I was mayor and its council formed, we went out, asked the aquarium to do an initial report on climate change. They came back a year later with a study that involved a bunch of really great scientists from across the country. That morphed into our signing the Mayors Climate Compact, committing to some targets. And then most importantly, the staff have been working now for a couple of years on this climate action plan very hard. And I want to recognize our sustainability team. They are small but mighty. They do a great job. I want to thank our Sustainability Commission, who also does a great job of uplifting issues an

d and policies. And I want to more broadly just speak to why where the city has made some incredible progress. The port, as we're aware, has what I think is probably the most aggressive climate action plan of any port in the United States. And that's something that we continue to push through the port, the airport, things to Councilwoman Mango and and partnering with me and others has embarked on a similar climate action plan that is specific to our airport. And then when you look at the expanded park space, our issues of of park equity, that is also been something that's been that has been pushed by this council. In addition to that, I want to note that some of the smaller initiatives of of the body, whether they've been ensuring that we have a strong, active , multimodal transportation program around bike share, around transit and councilwoman, we do have electric busses. As you know, we've rolled out numerous electric busses on Long Beach Transit. We're actually one of the first cities to have electric busses in the nation. And we're our goal is to convert every single bus to electric here in Long Beach. And we're going to be one of the first cities to do so, whether it's been the conversion of all of our LED lights, all of our old I'm sorry, energy inefficient lights to led, which we were one of the first cities again to convert the entire city to residential and now going to commercial led. And of course the work that's happening around water quality restoration of both the lagoon wetlands and the expansion of park space I think has been significant. That's not to say that we are doing everything right or that we're doing enough to stop climate change. And there's still a lot of work for us to do, as we're all aware around issues, around fossil fuel consumption, around issues about mobility and the seven, ten and around air quality. And so these are things that we know are next for us to deal with and that we have to address. They are real and they affect us every single day. But I just do want to commend this this body for the work that's happened, but the work that's ahead, because we have a lot more work to do as it relates to climate change in the years ahead. And so, again, thanks to the staff and I want to open this up for public comment. My very good. You a firm believer. A firm believer in climate change. Those who don't believe it. Will be out the door quicker than those that saddle up to those that engender the epidemics of corruption. One of the things we should make clear, though, particularly around the waterside area, that our shoreline area is what the rules are relative to city employees not fishing off the company pier. No matter where that pier may be, there are some that fail to understand. The downside of doing that. Thank you. Thank you, Nick Speaker, please. Hi. My name is Julie Jean from the third district. And. I want to thank you very much for including climate change is a very important feature of the change in Long

Beach. I wanted to suggest that. But first, let me introduce myself also as a part of a group called No Kill Long Beach. And here's the sign in a sign says Adoptions Fosters Behavior, Rehab Volunteers Rescues TNR, which is trap and release. Low cost spay neuter. Pet retention. Community outreach and proactive redemption. That's part of the program. The reason why I brought that up is because the animals at the shelter or the pound on spring are really experiencing severe problems from the climate change as well. It's very hot out and last summer it was scorching. These animals sit there in that shelter without. They do have shade, but I mean, they're sweltering. And also, it's been very cold this winter has been the coldest that I ever remember. And those animals don't have any warmth, any place where they can find refuge from the cold. So I wanted to bring that up and hoping that in your future consideration of climate change, that you'll give the animals a break in terms of their overheating and being cold. Also, I wanted to suggest that you put out water fountains. At key intersections where people walk in the city. They don't just walk downtown, they walk all over the place. They don't walk just in Belmont Shore. They're there in every neighborhood. So I think it would really be nice if they could get some water respite. You were talking about adding access to more city water. I think when I was a little girl, there were water

fountains everywhere. Now there are no water fountains. If there are, I don't know where they are. So I think that might be a nice addition. Thank you guys so much. Next week, complete. Hello. City Council members, Mr. Mayor. We are from the social work and community outreach, organizing, development of future mental health professionals at Long Beach Poly High School. In addition to all our work and other projects right now, we are working on a project of the utmost importance, which is climate disruption. You spend your days fixing problems, developing budgets and trying to make things better for Long Beach. However, now, none of that will matter soon when climate disruption displaces tens of thousands of people from this city and others. We are at a critical point in this process, so changes and decisions need to be made. While eliminating fossil fuels and turning to renewable energy is the most important change needed, we have found through research that reducing meat consumption is an easy and extremely effective way to slow down climate disruption. Here are the facts. Scientists found that we need to reduce our meat consumption by 90% to slow down climate disruption. Americans are 5% of the world's population, yet we consume 25% of the Earth's resources. It takes 800 gallons of water to make one quarter pound hamburger, and 70 to 83% of all agricultural land is used for meat consumption. We cut down 65 trees a minute to create more of this meat consumption related farmland. The average person in America is over.

£220 of meat in 2018. This is both physically unhealthy and environmentally. Studies in America and the Netherlands showed that 88 to 94% of people don't understand the connection between meat consumption and climate disruption. And 80% of our students didn't know these facts. There are 1 billion humans that are starving and un nourished and 2 billion overweight humans. Another valuable outcome of meat consumption reduction is to help create farmland that directly feeds these people. This food crisis is real. Real leadership does not require a title or an office. Leadership is willingness to show courage when others are in fear or despair. Leadership is the extreme example of doing what's right, even when it's uncomfortable. Leadership is risking ridicule from others, even though it will make a huge difference in other's lives now and down the road. We are proposing that this city be a leader and become a meat consumption. Meat consumption reduction. To slow down climate disruption city create a campaign to reduce meat consumption by each citizen. Encourage restaurants to increase their non-meat offerings. Have contests for businesses that encourage employees to reduce meat consumption. And also please accelerate the Flood Control Synergy project as it is very important to climate disruption. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. And hold on once again, is everyone in line is going to speak on this item. I'm going to close the speakers list. Everyone's in line. They're going to close the speakers list. Okay. Unless and I know we have a very long agenda tonight, unless there's any objection after the gentleman with the hat, we're going to go down to 2 minutes for speaker. Okay. Next speaker. Elegans. All that is on file. Um, I really appreciated a lot of the comments made by some of the council members. Um, I, I wanted to say that this will require a great deal of divestment on behalf of this city. As everyone knows, Long Beach's greatly invested in fossil fuels. Our city was founded on fossil fuels. We have a city that is actually a tax haven for the wealthy called Signal Hill in the middle of our city. All of these are sucking the resources from beneath. The planet at the expense of our future. At the expense of our water, at the expense of our air. It causes asthma. It causes heart disease. It causes cancer. People die. Babies are born at low birth rates. And this is the reality already. Now the sea level is rising. Mother Earth is about to do her due vengeance for all the hell that we. Have inflicted upon people, upon communities, for the wealth of our nation and of what we call the developed nation at the expense of indigenous lands and all of the earth. So now that we are at this planetary crisis, the globe is requiring a great cooperation. And in this great cooperation, we as a humanity must come together with an incredible amount of courage and speak out against the fossil fuels, the richest industry in the history of mone

y, and tell them that enough is enough that we will no longer drill for oil, no longer drill for gas under our city. And I'm asking the members of this city council, do you have that courage for future generations? Do you understand that everything that we love is at stake? And I know that many of you. So-Called Democrats tend to say that you believe in this type of stuff. You like our speeches, you show up at our marches. You like you like what we're about. But when it comes to you taking the money from these industries, you don't have the courage to say no. You don't have the courage to say enough is enough. When it comes to the. Issues of this so-called action plan, are you calling for. 100% renewable energy like the science is calling for, or are you willing to work with some of

your donors and find out what works for them? Because that's what's at stake. We're talking about asthma, we're talking about air. We're talking about everything that we love. We're talking about every precious child that you have ever met. What kind of future are you going to leave behind for them? I want to talk about some of the water that we're selling from the recycled water managed by the water department to the oil and gas industry. I believe that that needs to end. If we're going to talk about adapting our climate. Taking climate change seriously, we have to stop drilling. We should. At least stop selling. Them to water. I believe that we committed a great atrocity to the original people of this land, a people who believed in saving resources for the next seven generations. We are now taking the fossil fuel wastewater because there's a waste that comes from the drilling. Now all the good stuff is gone. They use fracking and acid dying to get that last bit from underneath the earth and it produces a. Waste and we're pumping that into aquifers. Here in California. I bet none of you are receiving any reports about that. That needs to be included into this report. You need to understand what is at stake. Thank you, Mr. Gonzales. And the Speaker, please come forward. Good morning, Mayor Garcia, City Council Member City Staff. My name is Alice Stevens, I I'm a resident of District four and a registered nurse who works with children in the public school system. I'm also a mother of two middle schoolers of my own. Happy birthday, Sophie. Who are very concerned about the climate and their future. So I helped to start a group called Long Beach 350, where a climate justice group that formed in 2015, right around the time, as Ms. been there, said that Mayor Garcia signed on to the Compact of Mayors. Now the Global Covenant of Mayors to commit our city to significantly reduce our carbon footprint. It was also the time when the Paris Climate Summit was happening and in which world leaders and later a network of our nation's mayors. Thank you, Mr. Garcia. Dr. Garcia. It agreed to work to limit our global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. To put that in perspective, ri

ght now we are at a rise of point nine degrees. And I can say from based on our past recent summers, that's incredibly hot. Especially if you don't have a. So the our name the 350 and Long Beach 350 is comes from the parts per million of CO2 emissions in the atmosphere that scientists consider a safe level and comfortable climate in which to live. We're now hovering about 410 parts per million, and if we don't act now on climate change, it's going to climb much, much higher. My kids don't want that and I'm sure none of yours do either. So I'm here to thank the city for committing us to undertake a climate action plan and having this presentation today. This is a crucial step for the city to protect our climate and also to make good on the commitment Dr. Garcia has made three years ago. Several of our Long Beach, 350 members have been attending the community workshops and open houses held by the city. And we've read the documents that are on the cap website. We appreciate having an open and collaborate collaborative process in developing the plan, not just with invested businesses, but with people invested that live here in the community. Some of these members are here today to speak on the recommendations we have come up with to ensure the city has a plan that is ambitious, effective and built on the firm foundation of social justice principles. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council members and staff. My name is Erin Peterson. I'm a resident of the third council district and a member of Long Beach 350. I'm also a business major at Cal State Fullerton. It's important to me, as well as all of Long Beach 350, that the CAP include the goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions. A goal of reducing emissions by 60 to 80% would be laudable, but it would not be enough to correct the disastrous course we are now on. Many harmful and catastrophic impacts are already occurring, such as increasing frequency of tornadoes, storms and flooding. We must curb carbon completely. But committing to zero carbon is only half the goal. We must also make sure to achieve it as soon as possible and no later than 2045. We recommend this target year based on our reading of the warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius report developed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the Paris Agreement. Among the proposals presented by city staff today target option F specified net zero emissions, but not until 2050. We urge you to adopt this option, but modified to specify the year 2045. I'm especially concerned about making the cap as effective as possible because of my young age. The actions we take now will be mine and my generation's burden. And the work starts today. Setting a goal of net zero emissions by 2045 will give the city, its residents and businesses 25 years to meet the challenge. The consequences of failure will be disastrous. We cannot afford not to set ambitious goals. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you

. Excellent. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Dean Todd. I live in the seventh district. I teach at Cal State, Long Beach. I'm on the Science Advisory Committee to the CAP tonight. I don't have a blue T-shirt, but I'm with the Long Beach 350 also. We've come up with four recommendations. So the one I'm speaking on is this. The greenhouse gas inventory should include greenhouse gas emissions from the use of fossil fuels extracted within Long Beach city limits. You know, some people say that it's not our responsibility because the fuel is burned somewhere else. But for global warming, it doesn't matter where it comes from. It matters where it's burned. It can be burdened. It could be burned anywhere. We might not use it here, but it's only bought in order to be combusted. So the fossil fuels from Long Beach will add to global warming. So we need to acknowledge that reality and to include it in the greenhouse gas inventory. I think to do it is necessary, but it's also smart. Here's the necessity. We can't avoid dealing with climate change. The world is recognizing that we have to get down to zero emissions really fast. California is creating policies to do the same thing. That means to me that fossil fuels are going to be restricted in a lot of different ways and fossil fuel extraction is going to be restricted. That's going to do a lot of good things in making a transition to a different, better energy system. But it's going to be really rough in a lot of ways as well. So we need to start planning to do it. That's the smart part. Workers are going to lose jobs when it happens. It's got to be done, but people will lose their jobs. We have to make plans to help them. The city is going to lose revenues. That's going to depend on the budget with a big part of the budget from the extraction. We got a plan for that. Residents, workers and businesses will lose services or pay more taxes or both. So we have to make up we have to plan for that. So it's better to face reality and it's smarter to plan for it. So we would like to have the the fossil fuels, the emissions from the fossil fuels extracted in Long Beach included in the greenhouse gas inventory. It's our responsibility and it's the smart thing to do. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council members and staff. My name is Lillia and I am a Long Beach resident and. Also a member of Long Beach 350 Gorg. Everyone will be harmed by climate change, but some will be harmed more than others. The city's draft plan and workshop materials show projected flood impacts. Concentrated needed near. The coast and flood channels and heat island effect concentrated in the communities on the west side of Long Beach, where there are less parks and street trees. In addition to these geographic concentration consideration, residents with lower incomes and more social market. Marginalization will surely face more. Challenges in. Adapting to climate change and coping w

ith climate disasters than wealthier. Residents. The Climate Action Adaptation Plan and the resources it guides must give priority to those who need them the most. This is common sense. The first step toward doing this would be to identify the vulnerable communities of. West Long. Beach by name in plan materials. They should then follow up with prioritizing the resources. Long Beach 350 Forward recommends an equitable allocation in which the bulk of the resources and funding, such as two thirds, is distributed to the most vulnerable areas where about half of the city population lives. There are the areas of high social vulnerability in the language used in the plan. Distributing an equal share to every part of the city would not fully meet the most, would not fully meet the most acute human needs. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you very much. Next week, Ripley. Good evening, Mayor Garcia, council members and staff. My name is Patricia Chen and I'm a resident of the Fifth Council District and a member of Long Beach 350. I'm also an urban planner, so I understand that plans and their implementation can have a major impact on the public some positive, sometimes negative. The cap is no exception, and Lillia just described how climate change impacts residences differently in different areas. And the CAP adds another layer to this and has additional impacts on residents. The city must take care in developing the cap to avoid exacerbating the negative effects of climate change. Where are the weather? Excuse me? Where there are burdens to be borne by the public, such as regulations or taxes. The cap must include consideration of how the burdens are distributed between residents and take care not to place disproportionate burdens on the most vulnerable communities. Similarly, where plan implementation makes benefits available, such as discounts, incentives, job opportunities and training, the plan must be developed to ensure the benefits are not skewed toward the higher income residents that need them the least. Some examples of careful distribution of benefits would be planting more street trees in areas of high social vulnerability and developing community solar implementation programs so that residents don't need to own a home to participate in energy that is cleaner, more cost effective and reliably available over the long term. Examples of Avoiding Harm or Disproportionate Burdens. One really

big one would be when putting in transportation infrastructure. Always combine it with measures to ensure affordable housing to avoid displacement and gentrification. So to summarize. Well, okay, you heard it all. Thank you very much and thank you for your consideration. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thanks, Speaker. Hi, Karen. Recite a resident of the first district. Representing the Long Beach Gray Panthers. Mayor Garcia, we want to thank you for your leadership and this initiative. You've been one of the leaders out front and council members that h

ave focused on these target areas. And the staff who Allison, Christopher, Linda and Fiona, you've just been amazing to work with and working on this project. The Long Beach Gray Panthers are one of the co-sponsors of the event, along with Councilmember Urunga and Long Beach, 350, and the citizens. Climate lobby being held. On March 30th at Silverado Park. We are going to focus on solutions that people can do to prepare. One of the reasons the building I live in did so well during the power outage was because we had attended cert training. We are going to encourage more people to go through cert training and have more emphasis and emphasis on climate action changes. We know the plan is going to evolve. This first attempt, we will make some mistakes. But the more aggressive we can get on the changes to move to a zero carbon emission city and the faster we can pastor, we can do it. We can potentially lower our ASM rates. I'm sorry, I have a little announcement. Tonight and we want to continue to focus on seniors. The heat really is absolutely critical. Libraries don't stay open very late. The building I live in. Cinder block. Construction. The heat emissions continue. Long after the 9:00. Closing times. And this is a big problem for. A lot of the areas of the community. That don't have ocean breezes. If those continue in the future. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, counsel. I'm Grace Lorensen from the seventh District, and I'm also part of the citizens climate lobby. And I really appreciate everything that the city has been doing on this cap thing. And every time I go to one of the meetings, I say, And what about national legislation? You know, we've got to do something nationally. And the citizens climate lobby is very happy to let you know that there is a national legislation out now that could be promoted. And it's one that was supported by the California State Senate in in 2016. Quite a while ago I saw AJ are 43 and they said they approve a joint resolution calling on Congress to enact a carbon based taxed on fossil fuels and return the proceeds to low and middle income families. So that's something that our state, our state Senate and Assembly had approved. And the mayor has gone on record with the Council of Mayors. And I think that we need the city to at least look at the national legislation, and it's called Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. That's Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. It's H.R. 763. And it has been introduced to Congress. It's been supported by at least four religious organizations. I'm also a part of the Unitarian Church and many other organizations, so I hope you will look into it and support it. Thank you. Thank you so much. Complete. Hello, council members. My name is Elizabeth LAMB, and I wanted to open my remarks with a quote that has stuck with me. And I had to research it and remember who originally said these words. And it was our president, Barack Obama, who said,

we are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and we are the last generation who can do something about it. It is sincerely admirable and important that the city of Long Beach is working to draft a climate action and adaptation plan. Of course, the low street of the wetlands will be affected because as sea levels rise, what were once wetlands will be converted into marine environment. Yet there will be no place for the wetlands to expand because they are hemmed in with housing. And conversely, wetlands are good for mitigating mitigating the impacts of climate change because they can absorb water. I'm here because the low street is wetlands, land trust. We concur with Long Beach 350 Dawgs recommendations to you. The one I'd like to talk the most about is incorporating the goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions and the target date for that emission, we agree, should be sooner should be 2045, which aligns with the goals and the science based policies for the greenhouse gas emissions included in the Paris Agreement. I understand from talking to the 350 dawg folks that they sent a letter to the council members with these three main points of zero emissions inventory, gas producing facilities, and then also this additional focus and resources for people who are in the most vulnerable parts of Long Beach. One of the things that struck me because I've been to these hearings is the effect it will have on your vulnerable population and also future generations. Thank you for your time. Thank you, Ms.. LAMB. Next speaker, please. And there are three final speakers. Hi. My name is Kevin Yeager. I'm a resident of Council District two and a member of the Long Beach Democratic Socialists of America.

And we also support the letter of recommendations that Long Beach 350 has put forward. I just wanted to hit on a few points from there. Mainly the greenhouse gas reduction plan that staff suggest is just out of line with the current science. Unfortunately, the latest IPCC report warns unequivocally that without societal transformation and rapid implementation of ambitious greenhouse gas reduction method measures pathways to limiting warming to 1.5 degrees C and achievable. Sustainable development will be exceedingly difficult, if not possible, to achieve. So we need to decarbonize every sector of our global economy over the next 11 years, not the next 30 years that might be in line with the science five years ago, but it's not in line with the science today. So Long Beach needs an emergency plan to decarbonize our economy as fast as possible to avoid these catastrophic climate tipping points where it can trigger feedback loops that are become harder and harder to stop or impossible. So laying out multiple greenhouse gas reduction plans and then recommending anything other than the fastest action of those choices is, frankly, climate denialism lite. And then furthermore, we also need to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions at the source.

So that means we need to take into account all the fossil fuel extraction happening right here within Long Beach City limits to ignore the extraction that's happening here that goes on to be burned elsewhere. We're asking the poorest, most disadvantaged residents of south I mean, of central west and north Long Beach to take on the burden of these extreme heat days. Meanwhile, letting other corporations continue to profit off of this extraction, and that's completely unethical and just not going to meet the standards. So I'll just say that small change, big impact, that's just not true. Small and small change means extinction. We need to be clear eyed of the system change that we need to reach survival and not lie to the public about what will actually save us. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Oh. Summer Hansen from Children's Day, An Earth Day celebration, 25th anniversary. We've been we've been on this path since the very beginning, in 1995. We've always had the very same motto since 1995 till 2019. Our motto is always do something wonderful to make our world a better place. And Children's Day is a gift that keeps on giving for generations to come. You'll know what your project is. Because you'll feel it in your heart. And my. One of my very best friends. Who is? You know, in her final days said to me yesterday. Have you solved all the problems in the world yet? Well. I mean, we can all have a you know, we all have all these wonderful projects that they're talking about. I mean, and you I know you've been hearing the young people, you know, and and especially Greta. Who is being nominated to get the Nobel Peace Prize. And I bet you anything. She's going to get it. And the kids are on the. They're on the path. And Edge share a park on April 20th that's going to be us sell a. You know, for Earth Day. And then the following weekend, it's going to be, you know, the Children's Day celebration. And it's all going to be about the environment. I mean, that's going to be the main, main focus. And that's what we all need to do in every little thing that is thought of. It all adds up to. Completely turning everything around. And it's doing good. Is the best friend there is. And so. I know you all have wonderful projects. I hear about them every time I come here. And I'm so proud of all of the things that that you do. Thank you so much. Okay. Okay. Come on. Let's get with it. Let's all of us together. Thank you, Summer, for always promoting Earth Day and Children's Day. And we need those. And we definitely need those water fountains. Absolutely. Thank you so much, Summer. Our next speaker, please. Dave Shukla, resident of the third. As you all know, I've spoken here many times on this issue. The cost of inaction should definitely be calculated. The longer we take to pick an option, the longer we take to get a greenhouse gas inventory to come. The longer we wait, the more it costs. Equity is built into this in many different ways, not

just through the cost of inaction, but also in what ways? Climate crisis. Can be made an opportunity and made an opportunity for jobs. Councilwoman Gonzalez, you had this great idea of replicating something like Lacey, maybe Labaki or something like that. We could be a leader in transitioning these jobs. We could be a leader in changing how we. Fill our budget. But at some point, the ability to choose for ourselves will be taken from us. The longer we wait, the more the will get boxed in not only by our own statutory commitments, but by the physics. It's just a reality. It's a reality. It's much more for my life than it is for some some people who are a bit older. But from the recognition that extreme heat will hit everyone in the city increasingly as it already has, as we've documented over the past ten years, we're going to need bigger, bolder stages of leadership. I mean, option F with a 2045 zero date would be great, 2030 would be even better. And it's it's not only possible to

conceive, but it's possible to implement. The question of who pays should be linked with who'll be benefiting. I mean, ultimately, we, we supplement our and we largely have our budget come from the sales of oil. What happens when we can't do that anymore? Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Richard. That good? That concludes public comment. I do have some speak. I want to just make a couple of comments and then just to react to some of what was said and have a and then it comes from among us going to be some comments. So. First, I do think and I'm glad this was mentioned. I think that the 2045 date we have to hit, at a minimum go down to 2045. I think that's been an international standard that's been set. I think some agencies and some some folks are talking about, you know, going earlier than 2045. And so can I just ask staff to just react to that? Obviously with presented in front of us is a draft and we're not, you know, we're we're moving forward. But is that something that we can do? So we're taking public input and we're taking direction from this council. We could certainly have a 2045 goal in addition to the 2050 that 2050 comes out of the Air Resources Board. So part of what we're trying to do is be aspirational and lead and be a climate leader. But part of what we're trying to do is also comply with those mandates that are coming down from Sacramento. So that's where the 2050 number comes from. It's not. Now, I know it wasn't just pick that out of thin air. I get that. But I also know that the 2045 date is being really pushed by it, by a lot of folks, you know, internationally. And so I think for us to to be a climate leader, to think that 2045 date mix makes sense for for Long Beach. And so I hope that the Council would support, as we receive it, file this to encourage staff to try to hit the 2045 date as part of this. And so that's going be my first request. The second thing is I do appreciate the comments around ensuring that the resources are goin

g to communities that are disadvantaged. I think that's when you look at at heat in particular and where that is going to impact the city, it is directly going to impact disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged senior populations especially. And so I think those are issues that I think we have to consider as we move forward. And then the request and this is really a broader conversation, I think that we have to we have to continue to have but the request to also look at the the emissions that are coming from locally created into the fossil fuels that were that are happening every single day in the city and the inventory around that and the greenhouse gas emissions, is that something that we're also intending at looking at? And can we look at that? So, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, at the request of the public, that analysis is underway. We're having to work with the consultant team to write a methodology in order to do that, because the state guidance says not to do it that way. So what we will have is two separate inventories, one that meets the state standards, and one that is what the public requested, which is to look at the extraction side rather than the consumption side. And and that work will be complete this summer. That's that's great. You know, let me just say on this issue, because I think it is to me, it's it's the issue of the future when we're talking about issues around climate and climate change and climate justice is it's no secret that the history of Long Beach, it's current funding mechanisms. And the way we, quite frankly, fund many of the programs that the community enjoy has been through the production of oil. And this is not something that's new or just happened ten years ago. This has been literally how the city was founded. When you look at when you look at Signal Hill, when you look at Long Beach, when you look at the Tidelands, the port, and what's happened, not just in Long Beach, I mean, this extends out to the Los Angeles patient and the whole San Pedro Basin as well. And we, I think, have and I and I understand and I think that the the the city, not just this council, but the city has been shy in its reaction and in its approach to having a bigger conversations around oil and its impact on us, on climate and on the bottom line of the city. And that's a real conversation that that I think we need to have at a more serious and more comprehensive level. I think it's something we've discussed in the past. I know that there's some that would like to change, make changes tomorrow. And I understand that so much of the city is is connected to this funding mechanism that we have had for such for decades for since the founding of the city. And so I just think that the climate adaptation process that I've been so impressed with, I think you've done our staff and Mr. West, I think you should commend the entire sustainability team for just the process, the fact that the community's been involved. I think there i

s an opening to have a positive conversation and a planning conversation around one, how we have this broader conversation around the fossil fuels that we are producing every day and to how long term we continue to operate depending on a resource that is that is one not not good for the

long term life of the planet and our community, but one that that every agency from the state to the country to the city, is focused on trying to diminish its use and what that actually does to impact the parks and the firefighters and the paramedics that that we are funding with with this resource. And so I would hope that through this. Process in the years ahead that we that we do, we begin to plan and have an honest conversation about where we're going on on this issue. Even though I know it's a difficult one to have, I think it's one we have to have. And it's and it's time. And so if we can. I'd love to see that incorporated into the community dialog. And I appreciate the work that you guys are doing on that. So thank you very much. And with that, let me move to Councilwoman. So my comments will be short. I have to take a quick mommy pumping break and come back so I might not be able to vote on this item, but know that I'm with you in solidarity. I just want to tell you how impressed I am with each and every one of you and how you've interacted with our offices. I really appreciate the way that you've educated us without really chastising any of our constituents or the way that they feel. And the dialogs, both on Facebook and anywhere else have been very positive. And I really appreciate that a lot of people believe in what you're doing. I think you've organized well. I think that you brought a lot of important information to the table. And from listening to you today, I took some notes and I'd like to ask that our federal legislative agenda consider supporting some of the items that they've discussed with us tonight. And so if that could come back through our committee process, I think that that would be great. And I'd love to see some of you attend that meeting. A lot of the work actually gets done at committee. And so we appreciate you coming tonight and being very informative and especially knowing how long our agenda is for taking the 2 minutes and being precise. So appreciate that. And I want to see what you're talking about come to fruition because it's really important for our children and our children's children. And I'll be back in 15 to 20 minutes. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I want to thank everyone who came and spoke tonight, everyone that's been involved. I want to make sure that I think staff I know that it's been a big lift. And I especially just want to take a moment to thank Mayor Garcia for your leadership. When I think about eight years ago when I came to council on that side, the leadership to really tackle climate change was was not really here. And so I really want to applaud you for that. And I think that's in re

sponse to community groups organizing and educating and really working not only on this issue, but on issues like community choice aggregation. And so I look forward to working with staff. And again, just want to thank you guys for the work. I know we'll get that meeting in April. Thank you. Thank you. And Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes. I'll close the loop here by saying also thank you to the organizations LP 350. I was going to say as well, your work with us so many times on community choice aggregation as well as I don't Where's Karen? There she is. And I remember downtown going dark for about a week and that was really awful for us and having these opportunities to discuss with you. And I look forward to continuing the discussions with each of you on how we can better this plan and make more detailed and more ambitious goals. I agree. I do remember back in 2014 I actually asked for a report on cap and trade dollars that may be coming back to some of our disadvantaged communities here in Long Beach. I'm wondering if we can dig that out of its grave and bring it back and see. I know that the state legislature is going back and forth on what defines a disadvantaged community, but it would be really good to get some additional information on that relative to Long Beach and how we can start planning ahead for that. So that was back in, I want to say, 2014, 2015. That's some time ago. But I would really like us to look at that and bring that back in a two from four or in an additional forum where we can discuss this with with the public. And I believe I worked with Dean on that. That was a long. Do you remember that? It's a long time ago. So we should do that. Thank you. Well, thank you very much. And again, thanks to staff. And I know if you keep thinking or sustainability team, but the planning team and the planning department I know are taking the lead on this. So I just I'm looking at the planners over here and I want to also thank our sustainability team because they're doing their work . You're all working so so thank you. With that that there's a motion to receive and file. But I want to make sure that the motion received properly includes the 2045 target and it and I'm glad that we're already working on the inventory for the city emissions as well on the on the fossil fuels. And so please cast your votes members on those on that receiving file. Motion carries. Great. Thank you, guys. And I want to thank also just, you know, 350 just for the work. You guys are amazing organizers and you're actually making a real big impact. And so I just want to let you guys know that the volunteer hours and coming to council and sending letters and meeting with members of the

council and the staff, you're actually changing policy by interacting with people and and I believe working in a way that's collaborative. And so just think of just the group and you're certainly impacting the staff in the council. So I appreciate that. And let me move on to some public co

mment here. Thank you, guys. So that concludes me close that hearing. And first up, I have is I'm going to have Summer and Jim who are here for the same item come up. Motion carries. Okay. Next item, please. Communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Pearce, Councilmember Supernormal Councilmember, but ongoing recommendation to request the city manager to provide an update within 60 days on Laura's Law. Okay. Councilman Cooper now. Thank you. Councilman. Woman Pryce had to leave early, but she asked me to go ahead and forward this on to make the motion. And we look forward to getting our report back. Thank you. Councilman Mongo. No comment. Just supportive of moving adam ford. Councilman Richardson. Thank you. I'm I'm okay with receiving the report here, but I want to make sure that there's a lens on. There was when this law was passed, there was a lot of conversation about patients rights and a lot of the patient rights advocacy groups. ACLU opposed it, giving the debate about folks don't really they're not open to services until they're fit, until they're open to receiving them. And it's a fine line when you force services or you commit a patient. And, you know, I know just from personal experience and family members, sometimes you want to just say, I wish I could just commit this person, but, you know, for one reason or the other. But there are you know, there are rights. And so it's a it's a it's a it's an interesting balance here. But I want to I just want to make sure that that is reflected in the report, that we have a full understanding of how that's being addressed in the L.A. County pilot. So that would be my feedback here. Thank you. Accounts will appear. Yes, I signed on to this item to get the report, but I want to make it clear for the record that I'm not somebody that condones and supports criminalizing people that are struggling with mental health. And I do know that mental health, patient rights, California Mental Health Coalition, a long list of other organizations have not supported, you know, these actions. So I do want to hear the report from city staff and I want to understand other options to be able to support those in our community that are struggling with mental health and how we can incentivize them are receiving support. Thank you. Any public comment on the item saying Now please cast your votes. Because remember, price motion carries. Thank you very much. Next item is item 19. Item 19 is a report from Development Services. Recommendation to receive in FY the 2018 report on Tenant Assistance Policies. Direct City Attorney to prepare a Tenant Relocation Assistant Ordinance and Direct City Manager to take the necessary steps to implement recommendation two through five city wide. Okay. Before we start a couple of things. The first is we have a significant amount of public comment on this item that's not just here, but we have about 75 people that are outside with more people coming that all want to speak to thi

s item. And so there's two things. First, like we we always do with large crowds, unless there's any objection from a councilmember. We're going to start at 90 seconds. Is there any objection? Okay, so we're down. We're going to 90 seconds for four speakers. And then the second the second thing is, this gentleman that you have right in front of you here is going to be calling speakers per line. And then after you're after you speak, certainly you're able to come back down again. We'd also ask that there's about 75 folks that want to come in. They'd love to take a seat as well. You can stay there and we'll just bring them in from the outside, or if you'd like, after you speak, you know, to head out or allow someone else to sit. We can do that as well. But the fire department will be doing the crowd control. So please just take your directions from from the gentleman. They'll be asking different rows to go, and you have to speak when you're called for your row. And we're going to go through that process per fire department, and we're going to make sure that everyone that's outside is given a chance to speak. So if you are one of the 75 folks that are outside, I know you can I think they can hear this message right now. We're playing the meeting out there, right, Mr. Modica? Yes, we'd have some technical difficulties, but it should be playing. Okay. So if you're outside, just please note that you will have an opportunity to speak. Everyone outside will have an opportunity to speak. Okay. So with that, I think we've read the item. We do have a motion. Councilwoman Gonzalez, are we going to go to public comment first? Got it. And I'm doing this. We're going to do public comment first as well. Right? First. Okay. So we're going to go and do public comment once a staff report is complete. And just please follow the fire department directions. So thank you. So thank you very much. Thank you very much, Mr. West. Actually, I'm ready. This to Tom Motorcar Assistant City

Manager. He's been doing all the heavy lifting. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. West and members of the City Council. We do have a staff report we'd like to go through. This has been an issue that staff has worked on for a long time, for the past year. We'll get into the origins of it. It was we were asked by the City Council to really do a lot of research and to come up with some options for you to consider related to tenant assistance. So we do want to spend a time kind of going through some of that data that we've made available to the community and that we've really looked at over the last year. We've spent some time talking about what we currently do, what state law does, what other cities do, and then we'll get into the recommendations and we have. The way this is structured as a number of options for the city council to really be able to dove into and create a policy if if we're asked to move forward, that meets kind of your needs and the needs of the community. So first of all, I'd like to

start about what tonight is and is not so tonight is not about rent control. You're not going to hear that from city staff. We are not proposing that. And we certainly we can talk about, you know, the different policies and what is and what is not. But we are not proposing rent control. Tonight is not about rent caps, so we're not proposing rent caps either. That is a form of rent control that is on the agenda. And what we're presenting tonight is not about just cause eviction. There are significant differences between just cause eviction and what the staff recommendation are. We can talk about that and answer questions as well, but we're not talking about just cause eviction. What we are talking about is tenant relocation assistance and some other policies to assist displaced individuals. So I do want to get into some of the background and why we're even here tonight. So on January 16th, 2018, the City Council directed us to conduct a significant research and come back to you. We were asked to look at policies to support tenants and seniors. We were asked to look at expanded relocation programs, homeownership opportunities. We were asked to look at all the other cities and what they do. We're asked to look at housing preservation and added resources for code enforcement and information on citywide rental rates. And then we were also asked to really meet and conduct stakeholder engagement with both the tenants and property owner groups, and then also to have a meeting of the minds where we bring them together to talk about if there's any common ground. And so in response, what we've done and we'll report to you tonight is we've compiled information on all those relevant state laws and our existing Long Beach tenant assistance programs. We went out and surveyed 115 cities. We started with the top 100 in California and then expanded that as we got some input from the community to 115, both in California and outside of California. We assembled information on senior assistance, housing preservation and local government. We did four separate stakeholder focus group meetings, and then we came back to you with the Comprehensive Report on tenant assistance. It's about 222 pages long. And given the size of it, we actually released it early as opposed to just on the eight day agenda. So that came out early so everyone could digest it. And then what we're here today to do is to give you five policy recommendations for you to consider, but with various options that you can also consider as well. So I want to talk a little bit about existing California law. So just to give us a grounding in what the law is from the state level, which really governs most of of lease relationships. And so there's two types of rental agreements. There's a lease, which is for a defined period of time, it typically is about a year. And then there's what's called a periodic agreement. And that's that month to month tenancy. There are noticing requirements and they're different dep

ending on different triggers. So if you were to get a rent increase of less than 10% annually, you're required to receive a 30 day notice. If it's more than 10% annually, it's a 60 day notice. Similarly, if you're in your unit less than a year and you're asked to vacate your apartment, that can be done with a 30 day notice. But if you are in it for more than a year, that is a 60 day notice. And then there is a three day notice to vacate for an eviction and unlawful detainer, and that is spelled out in state law. Some of those examples are failure to pay the rent, violating provision of lease the rental agreement, damaging the property, and that's for unlawful purposes. And there's a number of things iterated in state law for what that unlawful purposes. So state law goes on and gives some other some other laws that everyone needs to follow. For example, state law already requires relocation assistance, and that's required when tenants are displaced due to code enforcement action or when tenants are displaced due to government acquisition. So if the city were to acquire a building and were displacing people, we would be paying tenant relocation. There are also anti retaliation laws on the books to protect tenants, specifically when they complain against a landlord

about unsafe or illegal living conditions. When they complain to a government agency like the city of Long Beach about those conditions. If tenants are assembling and presenting tenants rights collectively, such as through a tenants union, or if a tenant is withholding rent because it's an uninhabitable or an unsafe dwelling unit, retaliation is prevented in all four. So I'd like to get into a little bit of the data as when we went in and kind of research this to give you a sense of what's been happening in Long Beach. And so we did an initial report back in 2017 on rental rates, and then we updated these data to February one, 2019. And so the left chart that you see provides rental data on rental rates, and on the right you're seeing vacancy rates. And so the citywide mean rent in January 2019 for multifamily units of any size was 1418. That's a 2.3% increase over citywide mean rent for the first quarter and a 5.7% increase over 2017. Mean rent, which was 1341. On the right hand side, we look at the vacancy rate, and vacancy rate is pretty important to us because anything over 5% is normally considered a pretty healthy market. When you have over 5%, people have choices. They are able to look for multiple areas and find what makes the right choice for them. When you're under 5%, you have a constrained market and it becomes very difficult and often it is hard to find a place, even any place, when you're under it. And so our vacancy rate has continued to fall. You can see back to 2010, it is as is 2011 is about when it began to dip below 5%, and it's been declining ever since. Last year it was at 4.2%, and now in February, it's actually at 3.8%. It appears to be stabilizing over the last y

ear. But again, it is still very constrained. So we also wanted to present you some information on multifamily building data. And so using business license data, we assembled this information on multifamily rental properties in the city. In the city of Long Beach, we define multifamily properties as four or more, so units that are four or more. That's when you need to get a business license, and that's when we also do housing inspections through a proactive program. It's also the definition that HUD uses for multifamily properties. And so there are 7644 properties in the city, and that equates to 17,017 rental units where there are four or more buildings. A total of 6236 properties contain buildings of 4 to 10. So the smaller units, if you will, from 4 to 10, which is 81% of all rental properties citywide, these properties contain 35,000 units, which is about 50% of all rental units citywide. So as you can see, there's a large percentage of units that are in that smaller 4 to 10 bucket, and then the rest of them are in the 11 and above. So we also wanted to look a little bit about what's happening with sales of our properties here in Long Beach. You know, since 2012, we've seen a pretty incredible growth in sales in Long Beach. And so what you're seeing here is a 277% increase in sales of multifamily units since 2012. The largest is by putting in what we call Class C properties. And Class C properties are those properties that are more than 20 years old and are really in need of rehabilitation and upgrades. So on the next page you see then of those buildings, what are we seeing in terms of permit activity? So what you're seeing in the blue is are apartment buildings that are asking for permits. And in the orange is what you're seeing is all of the permits we are actually issuing to them. So one one building might actually have several permits depending on the number of work that they're doing. So the trend, as you see, follows, what we're seeing with multi residential sales is that they're being sold and acquired. And at the same time, they're also being invested in, which often leads to displacement. So we have a 117% increase in rehabilitation permits since 2012. Okay. So do you want to talk a little bit about what we do in Long Beach already? Long Beach is one of the cities that actually has tenant protections already in tenant assistance in place already. And so some of the things that we already have in place are relocation assistance for displacement due to code enforcement, due to demolition , and also due to condo conversion. We have a proactive rental housing inspection program. We have tenant and landlord counseling services through the Fair Housing Foundation, and we have a local housing preference policy for new affordable housing developments. We went out and we looked at those 115 cities to see kind of where are the best practices. And what we found is 63 out of those, 115 cities have some type of level of policy that exceeds state

law, while 52 of them have no policies that exceed state law. So the majority do have something could be one or could be multiple items that exceed state law. So the top two, beyond those that we really saw as kind of the top best practices are proactive unit inspection program which Long Beach house and tenant relocation 28 for proactive unit and 24 Tenant Relocation. We also compare ourselves to the top ten cities. We'd like to know what our big neighbors do. So in the top ten cities in California, we really saw that they fall into three different buckets. We see cities that don't have

any relocation assistance programs beyond what the state requires. They may have other types of benefits, but they don't have relocation programs. Those are Anaheim, Bakersfield, Sacramento and San Diego. Then there's that middle bucket of cities that go beyond state law but don't have a full on expanded program. And that's Fresno and Long Beach. And then you have cities that really take it to the next level and have a larger expanded relocation requirements. And those are Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose. And so at this point, I'd like to turn it to Patrick Geary, who's going to go through a little bit of our affordable housing and also what we've heard from stakeholders along the way through our public outreach process. Thank you, Tom. Good evening. Long Beach is home to about 62,000 seniors over the age of 62, and that's 13% of our population. And the city has invested significantly in senior housing over the years. There are currently 2917 affordable senior units citywide, which is about 45% of all affordable units. The city has provided about \$36 million in funding for the development of 453 new affordable senior units since 2013. That's 58% of all new affordable units over that time period. And for at risk affordable units, 198 senior units have been preserved since 2007, which is 80% of all preserved units. The Housing Authority also offers a senior preference program for seniors in the Housing Choice voucher program. There are 6477 existing affordable units in the city. 2008 units 28 at risk units have been preserved since 2017. If you look at the chart on the left side of the screen, you'll notice that most of those have occurred since 2015, and about 80% are senior units. The city has also provided funding for the development of about 694 units since 2007. We have 806 units currently in production, including 410 units under construction. Since the early 2000s, the city has partnered with lenders, realtors and homebuyer training providers and has loan nearly \$50 million to about 345/1 time homebuyers. The average subsidy for those units was about 145,000. But more recent transactions have required up to 350,000 per unit. The city does not currently offer any homebuyer assistance programs due to a lack of affordable housing funding. But information about homebuyer training and other resources are provided on the Development Services webpa

ge. A more detailed response to the Council request for homebuyer assistance programs will be provided to the Council in the near future. Staff engage place where consulting to help develop and implement a stakeholder engagement plan for the Tenant Assistance Project. It was determined that the best approach was to work with the existing network of well-established and engaged stakeholders representing tenants and apartment owners. This slide provides a list of the stakeholders that were included in the process. Staff held the first stakeholder meeting with tenant representatives on August 14th, 2018. A meeting with apartment owners stakeholders was held on August 29th, 2018, and meetings with both groups combined were held on September 26 and October 8th, 2018. In May of 2018, the city launched the Everyone Home Long Beach Initiative. Policy recommendations were presented to the City Council on December 11th, 2018 and include the tenant protection policies that staff is recommending tonight. A new tenant relocation a see a security deposit assistance program for displaced seniors, a set aside of housing choice, vouchers for displaced seniors, improved communication with owners of HUD assisted properties and support to increase the state's noticing requirement for a no fault termination to 90 days. I'm now going to turn it over to Island and Linda Tatum, our director of development services. Thank you, Patrick. I'll be covering for you the recommendations that came out of all of the data and all of the stakeholder input that we received throughout the process that both Tom and Patrick have just described. And I would just like to note that there are a series of a baseline performance recommendation, as well as a number of options for the city council to consider. And I would also note that in all of the data collection, while we looked at a number of other cities and a lot of other programs, I should note that the recommendations are based not on any one city or any one program, but rather it was specifically formatted to to meet the needs of the city of Long Beach, its residents. So with that, I'll go into recommendation one. Recommendation one is really the centerpiece of the work that staff did on this effort in its quest to prepare a new tenant relocation assistance ordinance. And it's really designed primarily to mitigate the impact of renter households that are involuntarily displaced. As proposed, this policy would require apartment owners to pay relocation assistance to tenants when there is a trigger under the order's provisions that I'll discuss in a little bit more detail. So I'll talk a little bit about the base relocation assistance program. And this has a number of components, but the very fundamental one is that their trigger for the relocation assistance to come into play. So recommendation number one includes those two base relocation components. And those two triggering factors are starting with a when a tenant receives a rent i

ncrease of 10% or more during any 12 month period, they may choose to stay in the unit and pay the increase or vacate the unit with relocation assistance. Trigger B is when a notice to vacate is issued to a tenant that has not violated any of the provisions of state law regarding landlord tenant relations. They may be eligible for tenant relocation assistance. In a couple of those examples that are covered under state law include things like failing to pay rent, conducting illegal activities in the unit, damaging the property as an example. So that's the base relocation ordinance component. I'd like to talk a little bit more about other components of the base relocation component. And these are essentially the rules of the programs that that affect is implementation things that both the landlords have to do and things that the tenants are required to do. The first is that once the triggering mechanism has been once one of the triggers has been trigger triggered, the rent must be paid during the noticing period in order for the tenant to receive relocation benefits. The household that's being removed for violating any of the state law provisions would not be eligible for relocation assistance, and tenants that leave voluntarily do not receive benefits as well. And lastly, a tenant receiving a rent increase of 10% or more must notify the owner of their intent to either stay in the unit or to live within to leave with those benefits. And then, of course, other provisions police would still apply, such as security deposits must be returned and the landlord must give the tenant the opportunity to cure any cause for termination. Another couple of components related to kind of how this program would operate would be the enforcement provisions. Owners would be required to include information about the city's program in their lease agreement with tenants. They must also report relocation benefits to the city and also report to the city when entire building of four or more units is vacated. And this is really important because right now the city has no knowledge necessarily of any evictions or any buildings being turned over. So this this requirement would enable the city to start collecting data on exactly what's happening in the housing stock in terms of eviction evictions and rent increases. And, of course, the affordable deed restricted units would be exempt from this program. And staff, once the city council makes a determination, staff would work, of course, with our city attorney to incorporate appropriate enforcement mechanisms into the program. And these may include provisions relating to private right of action where a tenant can sue an owner for failing to comply law. Or it may also include language regarding an affirmative defense to an unlawful detainer. Again, tools that the tenant can use to acquire their relocation benefits if they're not voluntarily provided. So I'd like to go into each of the options. As I mentioned, there are three optio

ns. The first of these options is option one, and this includes the two baseline components that I talked about earlier, the two triggering events and kind of the rules of the program. Option one has the broadest applicability and of course, the greatest potential level of assistance. And I'll just run through these really quickly. The very first component of option one is a relocation payment of 40 \$500 per unit. And this is based upon the current city relocation requirement that's in the city's current municipal code. In addition to the 40 \$500 per unit, there would be an additional \$2,000 payment for seniors and disabled households and an additional \$1,000 for moving expense. The second criteria applies to the property type, movie site type. It means the size of the unit in terms of the number of units on the property. So in this option, it would apply to all rental units that are two or more units, essentially duplex and above. And lastly, the household type, the benefits, what plot would apply to all households regardless of their income. So this one is not income qualified. That's option one. And it has the most broadest provisions for rental assistance. Okay. Let's go on to option two. And I would just note that option two is the recommendation is the staff recommendation. This one also, of course, includes the base components that we talked about earlier. But it also here's the three provisions here. In terms of the relocation payment, we would then refer to a a rental payments schedule, and they would pay two months rent on that rent schedule. That rent schedule is is the rent payment schedule that's used by the city's housing authority. And it's prepared and updated annually by by HUD, the federal government. The second application would be for the type of units it would apply to. We are recommending that the program apply to all properties with four or more units, and we determined that four units made sense because that's the standard by which the city requires a business license. So we have data and contract those units. It's all the it's also the HUD based rationale for what they consider to be multifamily properties or commercial properties. And lastly, that is also the standard that we use for the city's proactive rental housing enforcement improvement. And then lastly, the standard here

under option two is the household type. In this case, we're recommending that the benefits only apply. Lower. Moderate. And. And a moderate. Income households. And that is up to. And including 120% of the area median income. And this was very specific. The idea would be that this qualification would include workforce housing. So again, this is the staff recommended option. Now this is just a highlight of the rental payment schedule that I referred to earlier, and this would be the basis for the payment of the relocation. Since using this chart, someone who's being displaced from a one bedroom unit in the 90802 zip code would receive two month's re

nt based upon the standard rent of \$1,543 or a payment of \$3,086. So this this payment standard sets a maximum payment that a family can receive based upon the relocation proposal. And these standards, as I mentioned earlier, are prepared annually by. They are the fair market rents that HUD pays. Okay. Then we'll go on now to option three. And this one is probably the one that is most restrictive and would provide the least benefit and the have the least the least impact to property owners. So of course, this one also includes the base component and the triggering mechanisms. But the first recommendation here is that the payment would be 40 \$500 per unit and it would apply in terms of applicability. It would apply to multifamily rental properties with ten units or more. And thirdly, the household type that it would be applicable to would be filed low income households, and that is those households earning up to 80% of the area median, the median income, and that's roughly 77,500 for a family of four. So that concludes the discussion of the various options. And I would like to quickly summarize the other components of the the program. The staff is recommending that the Council direct us to prepare and include in the ordinance. The first is we'd like to the city to create a city funded Seniors First Security Deposit Assistance Program, and this would be for displaced low income seniors. And that will be funded by even though the city would pay that that fee, it would be funded by federal home funds. Recommendation three is to set aside emergency housing choice vouchers for seniors or displace extremely low below income seniors. And that will be setting aside up to 25 vouchers. Recommendation for is to establish a communication framework with the HUD's Public Housing Office and owners of HUD funded rental buildings to discuss rehabilitation and covenant for preservation opportunities. Essentially what we're saying here is that the city would be proactive in trying to identify those units that might be losing, potentially losing their affordability, and start to work with the owners to identify potential funding so that those covenanted properties can stay in the affordable housing inventory. And finally, recommendation five is to include a recommendation in the city's state legislative agenda to support modification of the seat, noticing requirement for no fault termination of tenancy to a minimum of 90 days. Tom discussed earlier that that notification timeframe can vary depending upon the the amount of the rental increase. But we'd like to have the state consider starting at a minimum of a 90 day noticing period. So with that, I'd like to turn it back over to Tom for closing comments. Thank you very much, Linda. So we're almost done with our staff report. We have just a couple more concepts to cover. And one is we're trying to make a very complex, you know, ordinance that you would want to put out there to make it as simple and easy and transparen

t as possible. And so that was really in our mind. We heard that both from the tenants and from this and from the property owners. And so the goal really is to make the benefits very, very clear so that there's no dispute. Everyone knows whether I'm covered with benefits or not covered with benefits and that the tenant, the landlord, have that information. We would want this to be very clear in terms of standards of applicability. We would recommend putting this into a lease agreement so that there's one document that everyone knows what's expected of me as a as a renter, and also what any relocation benefits would be. We see as a city our role in providing a website that I'd very clear information. So if you didn't remember to check your lease, you would be able to get the information there. We also know we need to do some information campaign. We're talking about a lot of people who would be affected, both on the tenant side and on the property owner side. We really believe that data collection will help us gain a better understanding of the issues and we're really there. So this is not an administratively intense city program. So we're not proposing staff, we're not proposing an increase in in bodies to be able to do this or additional fees to be able to fund that, trying to keep that as simple as possible. And so for the next steps, what we've tried to do for you tonight, council, is to really provide you a lot of options on a very complex issue. We we don't believe there's any one magic solution. There's a number of ways any policy can be put together. And that's the hard challenge you're going to have tonight. But if you were to give us direction, this

is really a first step. So you would be giving us direction to work with the city attorney's office to prepare an actual rental assistant ordinance and to bring it back to you to really see the rest of those details. Not everything has been fleshed out there. Still be, you know, a lot of details on implementation and rollout and all those things that we would bring that back if we were get direction to move forward. We would also be preparing an amendment to our consolidated plan, an annual action plan, to fund that security deposit assistance program for displaced seniors. And we would bring that to the Long Beach Community Investment Company and the Council for Review. We would prepare an amendment for the Housing Authority Administrative Plan to create that, set aside for housing choice vouchers for displaced extremely low seniors, and present that to the housing authority. And then we would prepare that implementation and education strategy for tenant relocation assistance. So we thank you very much for your patience for allowing us to kind of summarize all the work, very proud of the team and what they've been able to accomplish. You gave us a big task to come back with a lot of data and really try to be thoughtful about this and provide some assistance. So, you know, thank you very much

h, Ann, and thanks to the team and we are available for questions. Thank you, Mr. Modica, and thank you for those that presented the staff report. The makers of the motion were going to request that we go do it public comment first. So we're going to do a public comment. So please follow the directions of our fire marshal and 90 seconds on the clock. Thank you. Mayor Garcia. My name is Jeff Sievers, and I've lived in Long Beach since I was seven years old. I want to thank you so much for your efforts with the Century Club and raising money via the golf tournament. I guess we just hit over the million dollar mark. And because of your involvement with the Century Club, people like the Andrews and myself were benefactors of the Century Club. And if you guys don't know what a great football player Dee Andrews was, they would get to third down. He was that good. It's a pleasure to be here. I don't think I've ever spoken to the city council in all these years of being a citizen of Long Beach. This is about rental increases and relocation. As a property owner, myself and Vern School, I've owned income property in this area for approximately 50 years. We have kept our rents 15 to 20% below. And based on those stats, it's probably 25% below market and we're proud of that. We want our tenants to be happy. Now you're proposing relocation money. If we raise our rents over 10%. Now if we raise our rents to market value. Like many landlords did when they were had rent control hanging over their head. They raised their rents last year. So if we raise our rents to market value and then we're okay and 10%, we're fine. But I've got to tell you some stats. I mean. We're so sorry. The timer's out. 90 seconds. Okay. Where were you? Where were the people when we had 18 or 20% vacancy? Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. I have a question for you. Why is it that you guys want to provide a tour? If you. Would you mind just speaking to him? I can identify yourself. Thank you. Yes, I'm Steve. Why is it when you men and women want to provide a public service, you always want to put it on the back of the people. You know, for section eight, we put it on public funding for. For. Food assistance. We have public funding. Why don't you guys and girls decide to put public funding in place to provide tenant relocation assistance for those people who need it? That's my big question. Why is it always on the back of private citizens? I did not see that in your options, Mr. Monica. I did not see that in any of the options that Lake City money would be used to provide the benefit for public uses of tenant relocations. If it is that important that it be provided, let the public pay for it, just like they do with housing assistance and food stamps and those things. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Stephanie Dawson Solo Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach Branch. I live in the second District. First of all, I w

ant to address the previous speaker suggestion that we use public money. That would be fantastic actually, if we assessed a parcel tax on all rental properties and the rental owners, I think that would be fantastic towards paying for rental assistance. So by all means. However, more to the point, a city is made of people, not a property. Housing is a fundamental right for people in the city. Property rights and their properties, by comparison, are imaginary. Option one is the only measure in the staff report that comes even close to checking the power and greed of the landlords in this city. The other options presented by the office, by the city manager's office are myopic, counter-productive and will not be sufficient to stem the awful consequences of our unregulated rental market, nor the apparent unceasing greed of the local landlord class. These landlords do not want a diverse Long Beach. If you follow their comments on social media, it is abundantly clear that they want to make

Long Beach great again. They do not see their tenants as people. They see them as disposable assets. Closing restaurants, families and students sleeping in cars display seniors in a grow encampments of homeless people. Homeless people are all symptoms of this creep. Do your legislative duty and tell these landlords, especially those with 7.4 area codes, that their greed will no longer dictate housing policy in the city. And then instead, you will make it clear tonight that you recognize the rights of the residents to live in safe, had homes throughout this community. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Good evening, everyone. My name is Darlene. I'm here on behalf of SPC Thrive and the best are at Central Long Beach Leadership Team. So thank you very much for listening to public comment and great thanks to De Andrews for supporting Bestor at Central Long Beach by having staff present at our partnership meetings. So actually a lot of our participants at our meetings are your constituents and they are deeply affected by displacement. Our home visitation program has expressed the trauma and pain. Families and children ages 0 to 5 go through when being displaced. That is why I'm here right now to ask Diane Andrews and the rest of City Council to vote for Option one, which provides more protection for families, seniors and people with disabilities who might need extra assistance. Every person in Long Beach deserves to live in a safe home in stable neighborhood. And relocation assistance is is one simple solution to the existing housing crisis. So I ask Long Beach to continue to explore the root cause, which is displacement due to the lack of just cause eviction and rent stabilization. Thank you. Thank you very much. Speaker, please. Hello, I'm Myron Wolin. I'm president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. The Gray Panthers, one of the organizations that were part of the process to come up with these recommendations. I want to commend the city council for taking o

n this issue and thinking about it and talking about what can happen for tenants. We're fighting for. The soul of our city. The displacement that goes on is awful. What I'm seeing among my members, among the seniors within the Gray Panthers and with seniors and out. In the community, is that they are having. Tremendous rent increases, forcing them to leave. We've got to do something. If you think about a sustainable city, a city that's that will have a history of people that stay around and not being forced to leave. You would consider option one, which we think is the best option for this relocation system. We ask you two to consider this, to think about it, and to and to pass something that will. Provide. Some assistance for tenants. We don't think tenants should have to leave because of high rents. We'd like something better than that. But we'll take this. We'll have this as some way of sustaining our city and keeping down the relocations that go on. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker. My children and I have nowhere else to go tonight. Can you help me? Hi. My name is Paula. These are the exact words I hear on a daily basis, working at a nonprofit organization that sets homeless families to locate housing here in the city of Long Beach. I do believe that the city needs to come up with a better strategy in alleviating the true systemic problem that leads to homelessness, which is gentrification. Gentrification can be defined when the city displaces members of the community upon the completion of new projects due to high increased rents from investors leading to lower economic status members displaced in their very own city. Ultimately, is it is a reason why relocation assistance would be needed in the first place. When a single mother of two children can no longer afford rent due to unexpected rent increases and have to live in a vehicle because there is no more shelter space available when a senior citizen has to vacate a unit he spent years living in because the building has been sold and many more similar cases have to follow in their footsteps. Something has to be done in the meantime until such a strategy exists that can resolve the true issues of homelessness, which in my opinion, would be developing more income, mixed income units, developments into the city . Relocation assistance is necessary once again, as someone who is on the frontlines working with the homeless population and see only a glimpse of their struggles. I would hope that you take my words into consideration. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Robert Fox, executive director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations. We took a unanimous vote against this proposal because some of the elements of it bother the neighborhoods. We don't mind. Failure to pay rent violated terms of lease or rental agreement. Materially damage the property. The rest of them. We can't do. Most of you are so young, you don't remember what 1991,

92 were here in this city. It was terrible. Our neighborhoods were horrible. I found it. Alameda Speech Neighborhood Association. And the way we cleaned it up was we had to get rid of the gang members. We had the Longo's, the Crips, the Bloods. It was horrible here. We had gay bashing all

out on the street. So what we did is we went to landlords and asked them to evict that drug dealer. We had tenants testify in court because we needed a preponderance of the evidence. Well, guess what? We won. But I forgot. It took 3 to 4 weeks to do the lockout. These people were beaten within an inch of their lives, so no moral landlord will ever ask a tenant to testify in court. This leaves us nowhere to save our tenants. We have an obligation to keep the place safe. If you remove a 30 day and 60 day notice for us, we have no way of propelling bad tenants and safeguarding our neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the neighborhoods will descend and disintegrate. Please take this into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Fox. Next speaker, please. The address is on file. I want to thank the city staff for a comprehensive and complex report to reflect the realities that we all are dealing with at this moment. I want to just go ahead and state that the recommendations support at least nine of the 17 goals for the United Nations Sustainable Development World that we all should be looking forward to, which is one of no poverty. Goal two of zero Hunger. Goal three of good health and well-being for quality education. As children are also displaced. In the process. Decent work and economic growth reduce inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, life on land, peace, justice and strong institutions which require good governance. I also think all groups for their civic engagement and look forward to all of the comments to point towards where our support is. Option one would be where I would put my support as a caregiver and someone who, while living on ocean, have spoken more to seniors being displaced over the past four years. I would like not to see people who are steadily keeping up with their health be displaced to a market that does not support Social Security incomes. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name's Nick Lopez. Mr. Lopez, you talking to the mic? I'm sorry. I just. Thank you. My name's. Nick Lopez. I've been here since the late nineties. I bought buildings that most people wouldn't buy. Most of you wouldn't. Wouldn't have gone into these neighborhoods because of the conditions in the neighborhoods. I have buildings with bullet holes in them, and I evicted lots and lots of people, some for cars, some just because it was my word against theirs. That's all we had. Your staff. They said that where they're proposing was not rent control. It is start to finish. Now, I want you to think about how many incentives he spoke of for landlords to buy buildings in this city. If you do institute that, there are none. All the incentives are for us to lea

ve. And if you pass this, I will be one of the people that leave. I like what I do. I've enjoyed my time. Here, you pass this. I'm out of here. I can't believe you're reaching into my well of hard work over the last 20 years to try to cover a problem. If you want to fix the problem, pull out your paycheck and spend it. Not mine, not my children. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and council members. My name is Mary Sun Huston. I live in the First District and I am here before you to urge you to to pass the rent the tenant relocation ordinance. It is very important to be able to pass that ordinance, especially with the with the key proposed provision of adding an additional \$2,000 for people with disabilities. It is really, really hard to find an accessible and affordable unit to rent here in Long Beach. I've been a renter for over 26 years and I love my city. But one of the things is that I want me to be able to continue living in the city. And I also want to share with you the struggle that I had. I lived ten years in a unit that was an accessible for me just because I could not find an affordable and accessible place for me to live. Ten years it took me. I saved up and now I moved out from that unit. And I live in a very accessible place which is tripled the rent that I used to pay. Not everyone can do that. So I urge you to please pass this ordinance. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Diaz. Next speaker, please. Hello. Hello, honorable mayor. Council members and citizens of Long Beach. My name is Matt Vigo and I have lived in the fourth district for nearly 12 years now. I'm in support of the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, option number one. Initially, moving to Long Beach is an able bodied individual, and now as a person in a wheelchair, I know the challenges and difficulties of finding affordable and accessible housing in this city. Not only is it difficult finding accessible housing, whether it be finding a home without stairs or wide enough doorways, but also finding a home that is affordable within these parameters is a struggle, especially for those on fixed income, such as Social Security and disability. Being able to. Continuously reside in their residence. Can be a near impossibility as rent increases exceed the increases in their benefits. Luckily, I've been blessed with a great education at CSU. I'll be gainfully employed, have a landlord. That has kept the increases reasonable. And that I can afford these increases in rent. However, there are many individuals that are not this blessed. There are numerous residents, such as older adults and persons with disabilities, that are in danger of getting pushed out of this city and the need for financial assistance with finding new places to live. And that

is why I support this ordinance that you counsel for your time. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name's Johanna. Cunningham, CEO for the National Short Term Rental. Here

's a definition I found that speaks to private property rights. A private property system gives individuals the exclusive right to use their resources as they see fit. When I first heard about the relocation proposal, my first thought was, Here we go again. While I can empathize with renters in the context that moving is hard, that burden should not be placed on the owner's back. To supplement that move. Your report. Cites that over. 78% of the rental stock are in small and mid-sized buildings. Those owners. When they purchased the units, were and still are relying on that income to supplement their own security, health care and retirement. With the average rent for a one bedroom of just over 1400 dollars and a beach community, tacking on another fee is just not the answer. You're hurting the very demographic that you're including in this ordinance, the senior community who have long supported Long Beach. I have spoken to many of them. And they feel betrayed and scared of what's going to come next. Why do you think short term rentals are becoming so important? Owners are still trying to find ways to keep rents low for their tenants, supplement their income and survive. So please stop creating barriers and start creating bridges. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Councilmembers and Mayor Garcia. My name is Evan Remodeler. I work for Equity Residential, a nationwide apartment owner and operator who owns a few hundred units here in Long Beach. Although Equity Residential supports the city's endeavor to alleviate pressures created by the regional housing shortage, we must take more time before advancing policies that will be counterproductive. The scope of this proposed ordinance is too broad and needs to be more focused on the identified issue. Therefore, we are opposed to this ordinance and request a decision be delayed until a more focused solution can be analyzed. We appreciate your time this evening. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Council. My name is Cameron Tamimi. I am a property owner on my own in your district, Mr. Andrews, as well as yours, Ms.. Gonzales. I also represent another 50 owners in all of your districts. And they are all good owners. If you look around actually what I think all of the owners are being here, these are all good owners. And what these people have is hearts. And that's what you're realizing here, is that owners have hearts. And most these people are like the first gentleman that came up. They do not raise their rents very much. They take care of their tenants and they care for them very much. And they actually feel it when they come to them and say, I can't afford a \$50 increase. I bet you most of the people in this room don't even give increases higher than \$50. I know because I've analyzed most of their properties. This is what these owners do. They do not try to raise rents. And here's what happens. As soon as you guys start to put these are rent contro

I policies. They are 100% rent control. And when you start putting these policies, maybe it's 10% this year, but then it becomes 5% and then it becomes 3%. And then all of a sudden, I can't even decide how I want to run my business at this point. I'm going to go into every single Uber driver when it's surging and ask them to pay me when I get out of the car. It's this ridiculous, I guess absurd that we even ask this of our landlords. And I think it's really clear here that here's what's going to happen as soon as we try to sell a building and someone wants to buy it. No private owner with a heart can buy that property. You know why they can't afford the 5000? The 20000 to 40000, the 60,000 should even \$100,000 what it could go up to to buy out a tenant. And that's what happens. And so it only becomes private equity groups that can buy these properties. Private equity groups have accountants that run these properties, not property owners, not people with hearts. So stop doing measures like this. Support the landlords that have hearts in this room. Thank you. Just want to make sure that next speaker, please honor your good. Speaker. Thank you. Thank you. Just I just please also that we can we can hear just fine without the amplification because we have speakers right in front of us. So thank you. Next next speaker. Go ahead. Good evening. My name is Michaela Hill and I'm like the person say I wouldn't be able to afford an eviction. My, um, I mean, a relocation. A mother of four college kids, all of them paycheck to paycheck. My rents were always low. They're still low, like at least 500 lower than the then what the rents are on the neighborhood. I have relatives that have units, but like before I came to the meeting, my dad said if they pass it, I'm selling my five units and and getting a home I think is a lot of owners are going to be discouraged in in as a realtors I think is going to be hard on on people wanting to moving into Long Beach. And I

believe that this unfortunately will hurt more than help. I think we don't need this kind of policy. I think we need housing. But but this kind of. Her on the on the owners with just a few units, I think is going to hurt more than they help. So I, I don't think this is a good at least for the people like, like me, that it's only there are paycheck to paycheck and we try our best for our tenants. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker piece. Hello. My name is John Kendrick. I'm the outreach coordinator for the Long Beach Gray Panthers and a member of Libra. I've been twice homeless because I reported my landlords in the past and they even faked their their paperwork and forced my name on things to have me legally evicted. So all landlords are not good and I even have the papers to back that up. If anybody wants to see that today. Still, I kept that. No, I belong to the baby boomers. We're the fastest growing population of seniors this country has seen. Most of us are on a fixed income. That doesn't go

up Hollywood at all. And we now between that well, they decide between can we eat, can we pay our medicine and high costs? And more and more of us are now becoming the new homeless population on a street which most of us of the most legal drug users, because we all have some kind of disabilities or medical conditions. Now you try being homeless on the streets and take 15, 20 medications. We owe you. We are your fathers. Your grandparents and your uncles where your vets. We're the students that today is now home as of yesterday. I'd like to ask the City Council to look at its mission statement and live up to it. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker, please. Hi. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and city council members. My name is Judith Elizabeth and I am a registered voter and reside in District eight. I'm here along with my husband, who will speak after mean of Tali representing small minority property owners. We genuinely get tremendous satisfaction in providing affordable housing to renters who consist of low income families. And also, we participate in the Section eight program as long as well as the Homeless Incentive Program. So if any people out here are saying I'm homeless, there is the homeless incentive program. I highly recommend that you call them or see how you can get assistance from them. I'm also here today to please ask you to not restrict our ability to run our business. These programs, which in my opinion are also called or should be called tenant welfare, are, are and you guys are planning on voting for will greatly affect our business and the ability for us to continue to provide low income housing to our renters. Now, let's keep in mind that if we recall, the renters and people voted and rejected rent control. Right. We did. We did this last year. We voted against it. Right. So why are you bringing this up? So please vote no on rent control. Thank you. It is great. Mayor councilmembers. My name is Naftali. Thank you for your time. I you know, I've I've been on both sides. I'm actually I still have an apartment, even though I'm an owner. I live with my tenants. I grew up in the and Strawberry Fields are here in California and this is my preteens. And my goal was to save enough money to one day want to invest. I was able to do that. And so now I'm able to provide affordable housing. Like like my wife Judy said, we work mainly with low income housing, with a lot of people in the public health week. Some of the team members that we're here, we work with them. And. We provide affordable housing. I view in some of your presentation that I think there's some maybe some things need to be discussed regarding the graphs. We discussed that the availability is low, but yet you guys are doing a awesome job bringing in new business and bringing in new people to Long Beach, but not factoring that into some of your presentation comments. Also. Also with some of the PMA senators talking about about using the HUD or Section eight PIMA centers as

what the incentive should be. A lot of times HUD Section eight don't pay that central for a one bedroom voucher. That's the maximum is that's not what they pay. So if that's the case, then they should pay those those amounts standard without negotiating or reducing some of the elements. My tenants have been with me on average ten years. I work with them. You know, we do it on increases. I work with them. I've even not without a heart trouble, wait for the rent. But with these policies in place, I won't be able to afford the ability to provide that. That catch my heart. And I need to one as a business. Thank you. Listenership. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next week for please. City Council. My name is Chuck Blau. On February 7th, I had the honor of hearing. Dr. Garcia get up in front of 8090 rulers and saying that the city is doing so much better. And God bless you. You are. I mean, from crime to the schools to right across the board, you laid out a plan of wonderful things. And he also said rent controls, not an answer. And I'm going to tell you, this has all the earmarks and the slippery slope of of rent control. The owners of these properties recognize who their customers are. These customers were also had no problem seeing red decreases when

our vacancy rate was high. Now this is called what market share does. When the market is right. So, you know, what you could do is you could really screw things up and make people want to not live here, have vacancies go down and the rents would go down. You know, what do you want to do? We are looking for a great city. And I'm going to tell you right now, this is rent control. In 1990, I would not walk into some of the neighborhoods that are here. The city is cleaned up. People want to move into this area. And I've got clients who buy into this neighborhood not to raise the rent. They find dilapidated homes and properties and they make them better. With that, rent does go up. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name's. My name's Fred Sanchez. I live in the second district. Um, I actually live with a lot of my tenants. We have a shared, uh, community, and everything works out really well. I actually lived in Long Beach back in the day. I actually returned a few years ago. I told a bunch of friends, family, how great Long Beach is. I said, It's awesome. We got to come here. We we moved here, pulled together. A bunch of investors. Said, let's clean up this, this area. And what we did was we actually fixed it up literally was fixing up properties, bleeding as I'm. Taking nails out of the sides of properties, just. Doing all sorts of stuff. Um. You know, I'm basically a housing provider and I do this to improve the community. I consider myself a small business. And this sort of study, this rent control study that they're bringing to us, it's not it's not a solution. It's a Band-Aid fix, and we all know it. And so they're coming after guys who work really hard and love the community and want

the best for the community and completely involved with the community here. But this is not the solution. This is just a Band-Aid. And we're heading towards a recession here. I mean, we've had ten years of prosperity in oh eight when they showed the study, it started in 2009. There's been huge, yeah, 20% increase in rent. But in 2009, that was the low that was the rental low in a market cycle. Obvious. So there was huge increases in rents from that point, but we had decreases in. Thank you very much, sir. Compared to 2005. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. I'm Brian Matheson addressed on file, a long term resident of Long Beach. We've had a problem with of mass evictions when entire buildings are vacated by new owners to rehabilitate the property. A report by counsel for a study was initiated. And it was a smart move, but we did not get a study or an analysis. What we got was data, lots of data and everyone's wish. Lists with. A couple of misleading graphs, which I provided for you. The only selection criteria was incredibly simplistic. Look at the top 100 cities in California in terms of population and see what they are doing. This is an inept criteria. Why not study cities from all over the country for their approach to success? Why are you looking for answers from loser cities. That have failed. To provide enough housing and have had to implement rent controls? And another report did not mention rent controls, but they used all the rent controls cities and their policies in the reports for the graphs and their presentation up here that I just saw. They said it wasn't just because eviction or rent control was false. It is next. The purpose of a graph is to make sense out of data so friends and issues could be easily recognized. If you look at the graphs on relocation in just cause, you will see fake numbers and see the chart has been truncated to allow the small numbers seem bigger in relation to the total. I believe this to be deceptive. Finally, most importantly, I find it highly offensive. The report would propose recommendations where there is no analysis. Of the data. Stanford University came out with a San Francisco study last year in Los Angeles, keeps losing apartment owners because owners are going out of business. These are a couple of huge missing issues in this report. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor. Council members. My name is Mike Murchison. I'm here on behalf of quite a few rental property owners, property managers and realtors. I want to ask them to stand up, please. Mayor and council. I want to point something out. I know that you know quite a few of these people, but what you may not know is they're the ones that hire your local contractors, your plumbers, your electricians. They're the ones that are providing employment. They're increasing the sales tax base in our community. That cannot be ignored. We need to protect these owners. We need to protect these property managers. These are not the syndicat

ors that came in in 2017. And I don't hold anything against a syndicators. They were investing in old housing stock in districts one, two and six. They were converting old housing stock to rental units that were upgraded. It was not a citywide problem. It was in districts one, two and six. The rest, the districts didn't have the issue. So now we're talking about solving an issue that was in three districts and doing it in all nine. I would encourage you to give a balanced approach tonight when you're thinking about this. I would encourage you to remember that the press telegram two weeks ago on

its front page said, and I quote, 28% rent growth in the last ten years, 28% in ten years, 2.8 compared to Los Angeles with rent control, 34%. What does that tell you? We do not want to become L.A. or San Francisco. We want to become Long Beach because we're long term investors in our community. Stay with us tonight. Go with option three if you have to go with one. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Honorable Dr. Robert Garcia and Counsel, thank you so much for listening to us. I am a small property owner of Four Plex. My parents worked the fields. They were in the WPA. They taught me to get an education and to work hard. And I have done that and I'm able to purchase a four plex. I had an incident in which I had a problem tenant. I worked the legal system to get him out of the complex or I would lose the other tenants. I'm not a greedy landlord. My rents are where they should be. I just ask. It cost me over three months rent attorney's fees, close to \$15,000 to have this tenant move. I can't see relocation fees. To me, that's the beginning of rent control. I work hard and I respect each and every one and I sympathize with those who are having problems with housing. But please. There are many of us like myself that work hard and try the best thing we can do. I really thank you so much for listening to us and I'm sure it's not an easy solution, but I thank you so much. Thank you, sir. Let me just 1/2. Excuse me. I just want to make sure the fire marshal. I know we've got about 75 people outside still. I just want to make sure that we're are we are we cycling them in or are you going to are we going to go through these and then we're going to bring people in? Okay. Excellent. Thank you very much. Please. Thank you. Thank you for having me tonight. And thank you for taking your time out. I know it must be a strain on you to listen to all of us. I had a speech. I'm not going to do it. I'm just going to tell you about me. I grew up in Long Beach on the West Side. It wasn't easy, but I enjoyed it. And then when I became about 18 years old, I became an onsite property manager. My first task was to clean up the application of a homeless person in the laundry room. The next thing that I had to do, I'm the first responder. Everybody calls me when there's problems. The next thing I did was I lived on site and we had a gentleman take a rifle out and shoot up t

he apartment complex . So that was not fun. The other things that I do is I'm the first call. So if somebody is worried about their neighbor, they call me first and they ask me to check on them. And yes, I have had to call the police to handle the task of handling calling the coroners in the month of December this year. I had two different fires. One was ten. It caused it took two and a half months to get them back in. And the other one, the tenant, was amazing. So what I'm trying to say is, please do not penalize us. We work hard, and I love my job. Thank you. Thank you so much. Speaker. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Dr. Garcia and members of the City Council. My name is Silvana Arriola. I'm a resident here in Long Beach, a property manager. Property owner. I also a member of SPO Small Property Owners Alliance. I think we all pretty much believe in our group that the rent regulations are akin to rent control. Regulations have unwanted consequences and they can be verified with the cities that have rent regulation. They reduce the supply of naturally affordable housing, cause higher rents and decrease the quality of housing. Good government policies can help create affordable rent units. We need and we want fair solutions that work in the long term for tenants and for property providers. Solutions with weighty laws may appear to address the problem, but they frequently are short sighted and fail in time. Equitable policies require better understanding and study by the community. We need solutions which address systemic growth and and create a healthy housing environment, which is also sensitive to our city's unique needs. We want solutions which are not punitive but fair and effective for all parties, tenants and property providers alike. Policies should foster thank you cooperation and make you miss, not hostility. And I see that this is happening all too often. I ask you to vote for a modified form of the third position. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Rich Rat Kellis. In its own proposed guidelines. During the research groups, city staff advised participants to consider the unintended consequences of their recommendations. The staff's recommendation number two to you does not do this. There must be parameters around the length of tenancy before a tenant can qualify for relocation assistance. Otherwise, people can just game the system, move in, become a terror to their neighbors, and a tremendous headache to the landlord, basically inviting a no cause eviction and a payout. This unintended consequence negatively impacts the staff's recommendations for relocation benefits. As well as their definitions for no cause evictions. This unintended consequence can be easily remedied with more discussion among the stakeholders. The staff report is big, although it's not thorough as it relates to the negative consequences of these recommendations on landlords. The devil is always in the details and in this case, the details. The staff recommendations

were only released to us one week ago. One week is not enough time to review these and provide quality input. Thank you. Good evening, Vice Mayor Andrews. Mayor Garcia and members of the City Council. My name is Elaine Hutchison and my address is on file. I'm here tonight on behalf of Small Property Owners Alliance and the Apartment Association of California's Southern Cities. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. As you know, at the time the city council requests this study, large investors came. To Long Beach and displaced tenants in larger buildings. It was not the small owners, the long term owners who are committed to this city and have invested in this community for many years and who also care for their residents. We ask that your decision not penalize these owners. We remind that. It is us, the small. Owners, who carry the burden of the vast majority of affordable housing in Long Beach also, and that rental. Costs in Long Beach are the lowest of all the beach cities up and down the coast. We thank Mayor Garcia for his. Hard work to make Long Beach so desirable. But we ask that your honorable council will not bring hardships to those who did not cause the problem. The small. Property owner. Thank you. Honorable Vice Mayor and council people, thank you for the opportunity to talk to you today. And my name is David Clement. I have lived here almost 20 years. I have invested in real estate here and lived in each of my units and fixed up each of my units. And I've only had to evict or ask people to leave three times. My rents are low. I've got a lot of sweat equity invested here in Long Beach, and to me this is another tax and I really don't appreciate this form of it seems like rent control to me. So I'd like to ask you to please consider not passing this ordinance. Please stay out of my business. Thank you. Yes. My name is Christopher. I'm loving how seniors are being given consideration. I really like that. I'm also a veteran. I'm also disabled. So I'm very appreciative of that. But also but I know we're not going to touch on the subject of just cause evictions, because what I'm fearful of and I'm not talking about these good people here. But what about those people who are going to try to just evict people by misuse of just cause? Are you going to scrutinize that? Why not put this on a limit of how many units before you can ask these hardworking people to pay perhaps \$7,000? Why not have it? Commercial property only? I think there's a balance between the two. That's right. Thank you. Honorable City Council Mayor. My name is Dave Burris. With regards to the relocation costs, to quote Adolf Hitler in his book, Mein Kampf, National Socialism and Marxism is one in the same thing. End quote. To pursue such an agenda as this, which interrupts a free market, is to do exactly the same thing which Adolf Hitler did prior to World War Two. This is nothing more than communism and Nazi control. Incognito. To interfere with the free market is

the beginning of National Socialism, a.k.a. Nazi ism, where the government dictates all. What I'm saying is people who are willing to pay for rent determine the free market. It is not the other way around. The big lie, which is said often that. Landlords price people in the community with high rents that is so far from the truth and false. The free market is simply. Is willing to pay in exchange for services. If the price is too high, they walk away. There has to be an equal medium to which a tenant wishes to pay. This determines the free market. Example I'm renting a unit for 2000. I get no phone calls, so I lower to where somebody agrees for that price. That's the free market. Stop interfering with the free market and please leave it alone. Thank you. Hi. My name is Rob. I've lived in Long Beach for several years. I grew up in, I believe it was the eighth district. My dad went to Polly. My grandpa went to Jordan. I've been in the real estate business a long time and I owned several rental properties in several districts. From what I found in my experience is it's good. Business to be fair to your tenants. And we don't need the extra regulations and oversights from people who have never been a landlord and just don't understand what it's like to provide housing. But I really sympathize with the people who spoke earlier in the wheelchair who couldn't find a place to live and. I have a situation where I currently live in a building that I would love to rent it out to a homeless person, a veteran, or someone in a wheelchair. There's a there's no steps. There's an elevator, you know, all these things. And I'm going to be moving out of the city for about a year. And I would love to rent this unit to one of these people and make it easier. But due to these kind of regulations that you guys are proposing, I can't do that. And so I will be taking that particular property out of the rental housing stock. And I'm not going to rent it. I'm going to sell it. And these people will have a harder time finding somewhere to live. Okay. Thank you. Good evening. My name is and I can say. I am a tenant. I'm a renter and. I'm a taxpayer surprise. And I'm also a laborer. You know, I understand the conversations about sweat equity, but collecting a check in the mail from places that you haven't gone to in years doesn't make you a laborer or a hard worker. It's

makes you someone that collects money, much like the IRS or, you know, anyone, anyone else that you know sits. Anyways, I didn't ever really expect that. I'll be hearing quotes from mine company at a city council meeting, especially incorrect quotes. You know, the Nazi Party was a big advocates of social welfare and state public housing and state ownership of public housing. You should probably do some more reading. But that being said, I think city staff for the recommendations that they've given tonight, I think option one is the the best for what is available here. I think option one is the best recommenda

tion. That would be the one that I would like to be see come into existence. Me personally, I live under a mom and pop property owner and I have a great situation with him. But perhaps Kenny is not a small business. Berkshire Hathaway is not a small business. It's really weird to hear corporations using small business owners and mom and pop providers as masquerading as them when they are corporations with thousands of units that they own. Thank you. Good evening. Mayor Garcia and our honorable council members. My name is Kevin Shinn. I am District seven resident. And I also happened to have the good fortune to be a landlord, albeit in a different municipality, in the jurisdiction where we. Are, where my wife and I are. Landlords. We needed to obtain a business license and certify that we meet basic standards of habitability. So the requirements that are already in place here in Long Beach and in California are significantly lower than they are in many other places. Around around the country. Some of the rules that have been proposed, the four plex rule and seems completely arbitrary. Why not base. That on something like the number of units owned? Because you can have multiple for plex's, so why not base it on a requirement that actually makes sense. Also, the 10% increase is too high. The Consumer Price Index in February of 2019 went up 2.5%. Real wage growth from February 2018 through February of 2019 was only 2.2%. 10% is only going to significantly increase and widen the gap between the cost of housing and what people can actually afford. Our residents are being pushed out. Families are leaving because they can no longer afford rising rents, and yet we do nothing to help them. So let's take action to help our most vulnerable residents. And my last my parting thought for you is landlords need not. We are all. To be a landlord is a privilege and a responsibility. We landlords cannot forget that we have a responsibility to our tenants to keep people in their homes. Thank you, Mr. Shin. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Alex. I'm an attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation here in Long Beach. And I have done housing both here in L.A. and Compton and Inglewood. I just wanted to quickly touch upon some technical issues in the ordinance. I just wanted to make sure that the Council is aware that regarding component one A, it should read one or more notices totaling 10%. That way we can cover some loopholes that we should revise component one be to make sure that it aligns with state law. That regarding component two, we want to make sure that it includes a private right of action and an affirmative defense to an eviction. If not, this or this ordinance has no teeth and there's no way to enforce it, especially if the city is not going to put its own enforcement behind it. We need to give tenants the ability to fight for these rights. I also want to say that there should be a timeline for relocation that should be specified in the ordinance.

And lastly, I want to talk about the tenants that I see on a daily basis here in Long Beach, our offices on Sixth and Pacific. They all are not only low income, but they find two, three groups that they're either elderly. There are families with kids, are there disabled. And I see them every day come in and say, I get a 30 I have a 30 day notice or a 60 day notice. I don't understand why I have to leave when I did absolutely nothing wrong. Most, if not all, are facing a landlord on the other side that is small. And so I just want to make sure that option one not only is a clear the easiest way, but that it's necessary. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. My name is Christine Pettit. I'm a sixth District resident executive director. Of Long Beach Forward and a member of Everyone Home, Long Beach. Long Beach Forward is proud to stand alongside renters and their allies in calling on you to pass a strong tenant relocation assistance policy to help prevent more people and families from falling into homelessness. We are grateful for the hard work of city staff in putting. These recommendations before. You. They are the result of extensive stakeholder engagement and rigorous research. We are happy to see options presented by staff that would make significant. Progress toward keeping people in their homes. Additionally, I submitted a letter on behalf of myself and 13 other everyone Home Task Force Members on a tight turnaround that emphasized the following regarding component one, we strongly support both triggers for. Relocation assistance and specifically the trigger of a 10% total rent increase in any 12

month period. A 10% rent increase over the course of a year is unaffordable to most folks, actually, especially the populations we work with under a applicability requirement. Options Option one is the best choice for preventing homelessness. Option one's relocation assistance amounts are closer than any other option to making a family whole. When considering the enormous financial burden caused by moving, it is also the most straightforward, understandable and easiest to monitor and. Enforce the option because it applies most broadly. Option one provides the largest safeguard against residents falling into homelessness for our community. As time. Is of the essence, we urge you to pass a strong. Policy tonight. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Thank you, Mayor Garcia. City Council. I'm Luther Richert, chief services officer for Mental Health America. I just want to say Long Beach is a great place to live and work. We enjoy an incredible quality of life here. One of the biggest threats to our quality of life here is homelessness. And the harsh reality is that many people who. Lose their apartment, there's a. Straight line to the streets. I feel blessed to be in a city where we have a mayor and a city council that take homelessness seriously and are investing in affordable housing and investing

in policies that will not let it reduce the quality of life here. This is part of those efforts. This is homeless prevention, and it's also a very affordable and efficient form of homeless prevention. And I also think it's a win win for many landlords. It is called tenant relocation assistance. So it helps landlords not be back in a corner when they're. Dealing with a good person. And they want a good outcome for them. So I thank you for this opportunity. I thank you for this win win policy and strongly support it. Thank you. Next week. Courtesy of architect. I have been involved as an architect in affordable housing for over 35 years, both as well as a renter, as a small landlord and as an advocate for tenant rights. I am hearing some sort of disturbing things. I'm not here to represent one side or the other, but I have a question for you. Depending on how the council votes, the result may affect more of the mom and pop landlords. The end result of which is that these landlords may be obligated to sell. To whom? To the developers who can afford to tear down their small buildings and build really large buildings with luxury apartments that that are costing now in excess of 20 \$500 for a small studio or a single. So many of these big landlords are coming from from out of town. Like somebody said from the 714 area code. So the real problem is that that I see is that there's a deficit of 20 to 28000 affordable housing units in Long Beach as identified by staff. And at the rate that affordable housing is getting built, it's going to take about 150 years. So that is where the real problem is. It's not tenant relocation. It's not it's not doing any of these other things. Let's build affordable housing at the rate at which it's required so that we can meet. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, councilman and staff. My name is Peter Madsen, nearly a lifelong resident of the third district, an organizer with Long Beach residents empowered representing some of the folks who had to leave early because some of these meetings can be a bit inaccessible for seniors, people who work, people have families. So I'm speaking on their behalf tonight. I want to thank everyone for all the hard work that went into the report and to all the community meetings and in support of Option one tonight. For a few reasons, the flat fee is the most equitable way to provide assistance to displaced tenants. It's broad and simple applicability compared to the other options reduces the burden of monitoring and enforcement on the city staff and does the most to actually achieve what renter protection policy should do. Prevent homelessness by keeping people in their homes and preserving the communities that make up our beloved, diverse city. I appreciate the attention paid to seniors and disabled folks. I'd like to see the extra recommendations be expanded while still protecting the set aside for the seniors. And I'm encouraged by the recommendation to es

tablish more communication with HUD. But I would. I'm looking forward to future conversations where we can, as a city, offer more protections to them to prevent any oversights and for cases where they might otherwise qualify for relocation assistance as residents of HUD buildings. And I also want to note that this isn't to the good landlords taking care of good tenants. I urge you to really read the policy and and see that there's still the protections in there for you, too. To do that well. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, mayor and council members. My name is Ailsa Chang, seventh district resident and also a landlord in another city with much. Stronger tenant protections than than Long Beach. And I'm. Here to say, as a landlord, the. Sky hasn't fallen. I'm doing just fine. But this isn't about me. This is about our thousands of neighbors. The majority of our city's residents who are at risk of falling into

homelessness tonight is about taking. Action to keep people in homes. And off the streets. I'm here tonight representing Long Beach Forward, which has been working alongside Long Beach residents. Empowered housing, Long Beach, the Legal Aid Foundation and many others to strongly support this tenant relocation assistance policy. A huge thank you. To the city staff and to the mayor and council for your leadership in bringing this policy forward. First off, Long Beach Forward emphatically supports. The staff recommended trigger of a. 10% total rent increase. 10% is more than reasonable given that no other regular cost cost of living, property taxes, insurance, cost of construction comes even close to 10%. Annual growth. In terms of equity applicability, we strongly support option one as. The cleanest, simplest, fairest. Option. And Option two. However, we do have. Serious concerns about two months rent simply does not cover. The huge financial. Burden of moving. Secondly, paying. Relocation by zip code would create an unfair advantage. To those who. Live in higher priced neighborhoods of. The city. Third option two excludes duplex and triplex buildings, which. Does nothing to support. Truly small mom and pop landlords who. Own only one, two or three units, no matter the size and shape. Thank you very much. Thank you, counsel. And please pass ordinance to prevent homeless. Thank you very. Much. Next speaker, please. My name is Mia and I have lived in Long Beach for 18 years. Last year, me and my mom started renting an apartment here in Long Beach. We have been in there for one year, one year and I haven't seen that. I have seen the rent go up three times, three times in one year, hired in 10% US tenants. We are the true hard workers and we are the people who are living here in Long Beach. I support Option one and want to thank. All of the staff on your hard work. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Malika. I'm currently ex-Soviet student and I appreciate you all

considering such a complex, complex and serious issue both here in Long Beach and throughout our country. I would like to acknowledge something from my own studies and what I've heard from the room today. I would like to acknowledge that the inclusion of elderly, family and disability disabled people is vital to the discussion that also valued community members and deserve their voices heard. I would like to add a little bit of perspective from one student who has been a renter, as I cannot speak for all. According to the report issued by CSU, officials believe that nearly 11% of students of the 23 campus systems are either homeless or have experienced some form of homelessness during their college career. As many feel strongly about this issue today, I would like to acknowledge that we consider that some people are talking about losing property, while others are talking about losing livelihood and ultimately autonomy as the majority of the citizens who live in the city. Conclusively, I support option one. Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. Thank you so much for allowing me to speak this evening. My name is Matt Beatty. I'm a life long member of the Long Beach community and I'm active in my community. I'm a provider of real estate services here in Long Beach, and the energy and growth that we've experienced in the last five years is palpable. We are on the brink of something truly remarkable. There are hundreds of millions of dollars of investment money that are flowing into our city as we speak. Not all major developments, but duplexes and triplexes as well. As you said, most of these buildings are being turned over their Class C properties. They have deferred maintenance, poor living conditions and as a result are a blemish on our. Own, our city. These investors are coming into our city in droves right now, increasing tax revenue through reassessment and beautifying our neighborhoods through renovation. If we pass these ordinances that discourage this investment, those investors are going elsewhere and they're leaving with their investment dollars. This means instead of our investors beautifying our classy properties in desperate neighborhoods, those properties will continue to slump. The blemishes will remain in our city, will miss this incredible wave of growth that will forever improve our city and our lives. Let's incentivize growth and not discourage it. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. 1/2, Mr.. Mr.. Wright. I know I want to make sure I know. The farmer also is trying to get folks in that are outs that are currently outside. If you've already spoken and you can help kind of fill in on this side. So I know that he's trying to put in folks in the first few rows. If you've already if you've already had a chance to speak and you're in one of the first few rows on this side, if you can just fill in the rest of of the auditorium on this side, that would be

appreciated. We do have some some kids and some seniors at that. We want to make sure they have a chance to sit down from the outside. And so if you're on this side, hold tight, because a lot of

folks in this that haven't had a chance to speak yet. If you check, if you already spoke on this side, we do have some seniors and. Seat. And so if you can help fill in that, if you're on the front section and you've already had a chance to speak. Let's let some of these folks come in and have a chance to sit down. Please continue. My name is Juan Elvira. I've been a provider of housing since 1997, mainly Class C properties. So again, good evening, dear neighbors and Council members. Before we contemplate any such ideas, a tenant relocation fee list, first look at the reality. Local small property owners do not haphazardly evict tenants. Most small property owners, however, are hard working family owned businesses that rely on the income of rental properties to provide the tenants housing, as well as to sustain their livelihood and provide jobs. Many of these small property owners did not wake up one morning with units. They had to work hard for them. They had to work diligently and save money for years. So just like I did. So rather than picking on the low lying Fruit Council members focus on the big picture. Focus on the housing shortage from a holistic perspective rather than a myopic view. Again, what you are proposing and other such failed attempts go to the heart of the small business owner. What you are doing is marginalizing them and opening up a door for wider for a greater Wal-Mart discussion of the real estate market. What we what that will eventually be owned by less and less by small business people and more and more by large developers and national corporations covering up a failure on the city's part to actively address the issue of housing. Yet a housing shortage goes to the real intent of the current. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thanks, speaker, please. Hi. My name is Kevin Yeager, CD2 and a member of the Democratic Socialists of America. I just want to turn this whole conversation back to housing stability and the societal cost of these rampant evictions we're seeing. It's across the city. We're seeing destabilized neighborhoods, entire gender, generations of people being displaced. And one of the tenant is evicted with no no support structure behind them. They have the chance of moving directly into homelessness, which everyone here is on the same page, that homelessness is an issue in this city. So what's happening is these corporate landlords are evicting tenants and placing that cost of the eviction in terms of public safety cost or just the cost of caring for these people onto the public. And we've heard from a lot of, you know, mom and pop landlords who say they are not evicting their tenants haphazardly or don't raise the rents over 10% so they wouldn't be affected by this policy. So I don't understand why t

hey are trying to keep us. You know, they're even complaining about the private equity landlords who are sweeping in and buying up all this property. Well, this policy is designed to hold those corporate landlords accountable. Some of those corporate landlords might have, you know, a portfolio of duplexes. So we definitely don't want to leave all that. That's arbitrary for Plex rule. Lastly, I would just say that this the city staff has wrote a 260 page policy. These conversations have been going on for years. There's been ample stakeholder input on both sides and the city council needs to take action today. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Tamara, district two and I support option one. Thanks. Great. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. Hello. My name is Adrian Reyes and I am not a resident of Long Beach, but I come from the 714 area code, so I would just like to say hello to all my neighbors here, all the landlords from the 714. I thought this was a Long Beach City Council meeting, not an Orange County City Council meeting. And I keep on hearing that there are a whole bunch of struggling landlords, but these are my neighbors and the lowest homes, they're all homeowners, the lowest. What the average homes are going for in this area are 700,000. So these struggling small time landowners are living in homes ranging anywhere from 700000 to 1.2 million. So all I want to say is that the people that are in this room right now are not representative of the people in Long Beach. There's this room. This room is heavily. No, actually, no, guys. Hey, actually, you'll be asked to leave if we do that. Everyone has a right to say their time, and you get it. You get a few more seconds for making an announcement. So please, everyone, give them another respect. Thank you. Thank you, Mr.. Um. So all I say is that the people in this room are not representative of the Long Beach. And I urge that if more people from outside can come in, or if they have a time to come in, you would see that the real workers, the real laborers, the people that put the sweat, sweat and all their work into the city of Long Beach are outside. And it's mostly the black and brown community out there. So I hope they can come in later to speak. So all I support is option one, please. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi, my name is Jacqueline Case. I am. I used to be a renter. I'm a homeowner now with my wife. I also was a renter and did have landlords that weren't always necessarily positive. So I will commend you as far as some of them didn't come in, check up on our home that

was riddled with termites. But then on the other side, I've also had amazing landlords, so I think you can't put everybody in a box. I think this is a huge issue that we have. I think, number one, it comes from affordable housing and everything just kind of trickles down. I'm a realtor and I work with Berkshire Hathaway, so I have to I have to stand up here because somebody made a co

mment about my company and my broker and the people I work for really do care about the community. We are all about education and about working in our community. But I also want to make a comment too that we do have 50 we have more renters in our community. So, I mean, as a realtor, I have to know all these things. And so this is not a fun this is hard for both worlds. And so as a realtor, I want to support, you know, some of my landlords that are mom and pops or not even mom and pops. But they do have for, you know, for units and that this may affect them. I also want to support some of my family members that are homeless and they will not even take any help from me. And I'm a realtor, you know, I work with there's so I sit on both sides and it's really difficult. And so to find a medium is going to be hard. But I appreciate everybody coming to the table and and doing their due diligence. And I think we still have more to do. You very much next speaker, please. My name is Bill Laurel. I talk shows. I'll try not to waste a lot of time praising you guys like your first speaker, Mr. Stephen did. Anyway, I've been building here. I did my first project, 1959. I've been developing here on and off ever since. And I'm still a developer. And I want to remind you guys that when we as developers buy this property. A rent increase. We have all improved our property and made. It not a place to live. And all these people that have got up and told us sad stories. Jeff, I sympathize with them, but I want you to keep in mind that it is people like me that come out and buy these buildings and remodel them and everything is what makes this thing keep going is not there. And anyway, rent control, you say it's not rent control. It needn't about rent control, but it is all tied together. Rent control does not work in any city words. What? I hope you don't try to put this do. Thank you. Thank you, Nick Speaker. No. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and Council. My name is Diana Wences and I'm a. Beach residents and powered a housing. Justice organization in the city as a formerly displaced tenant and an organizer who works directly with senior living. In affordable seniors, living in affordable housing. I want to encourage you to adopt the strongest version of the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, which is option one. I want to thank the city staff for the hard work they have put into coming up with these options. And I would like to ask that you vote on the option with the broadest protections. One that is simple to implement and prioritizes the most vulnerable in our community. You know, having to move out is a difficult process. And we see tenants go through this every day. This ordinance could alleviate a major burden for tenants. And in my case, we lost a lot of essentials from our home because we couldn't afford to relocate those items. And lever we have been able to support is in a variety of ways. And a lot of those times you have also been supportive of tha

t when buildings have been bought out. Unfortunately, many other tenants have to engage, engage in their fights alone. And this ordinance provides a real opportunity to keep families, seniors and disabled tenants in homes, calm homelessness and activate real solutions. Lastly, I just want to remind everybody that the options on the table are in regards to tenant relocation assistance, though you might hear that very money is confused with rent control. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and Council. My name is Manuel Martinez and I am a resident and renter. In District two. I'm here in support of a realistic relocation assistance program that is fair to all the renters in Long Beach. As a human resource professional, I believe this relocation assistance program is very similar to the benefits to help those who have recently lost jobs. These benefits are there in assistance to help people remain somewhat financially stable during this unexpected transition. A relocation a relocation assistance program would be helpful in a similar way. As renters, we are at a disadvantage in our communities. As you can see tonight, landlords can charge whatever amount they want because they know someone will be desperate enough to pay it. Many of us have lived here for many years and have established community ties and we want to stay here in Long Beach. I love Long Beach. I love my community. I don't want members of my community, especially those who are living paycheck to paycheck or on a fixed income, to run the risk of becoming homeless because they don't have enough money to pay for their first month last month rent, security, deposit and other fees associated. With having to. Relocate. For these reasons, please choose option one of the staff report because it's the most fair to all the renters in Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good

evening. Gretchen Swanson District. I know a couple of things. One is I live in a neighborhood rose park that's 80% redder. So when all this turmoil has gone on, those are my neighbors that are being moved out for all of this, these new properties, a new property owners coming in. But what my expertise is in my doctoral work is in frailty, resettlement and keeping the frail elder in the in their home, in the community. I've spent a lot of years in that. I spend time every day here in the city of Long Beach, stabilizing the frail elderly in their homes. One thing that is true is that the frail don't relocate well. They don't relocate at all. So when you think about this and there's a lot of landlord versus tenant issues here outside of my scope. My scope is understanding what it will take to stabilize a frail, elderly person in their home. They cannot move. So I'm for option one because of its inclusivity. But I ask you to look towards in your thinking the calls for service from our paramedics, because they are helping those older adults who are no

t stable in their homes. I'd ask you to look at discharge planners. There's no place for people to move when they've been admitted because their health status is unstable, because their housing is unstable, there's no place for them to be discharged to various places in nursing homes. So please. Thank you for that. Thank you. Thank. Good evening. My name is Holly Stewart. I live in a Walker's building over here a couple of blocks. And so, therefore, I'm a loft owner and an investor in this city. And I'm going to try and make this fairly quick. I supported option one because just like the last speaker, it provides a way for many people with disabilities and other problems, as well as low income renters to stay in a place. And I think we have a responsibility, I mean, all of you and all of us, to realize that we're our children's future. And when we see families put out because of rent increases and things like that, then we see children whose best future begins to drop down, especially when there's more and more rental evictions and things like that that happen because people can't afford it. You are working to do something here, a place for children to grow up with stability and education, with stability, with families and free excuse me, friends and the other children to live with so that we can have a society where we develop better all the time. And landlords can help do this. Tennis can help do this. You can help do this. But it means making that commitment to the idea that, yes, we want a stable and perhaps growing, but also a stable city where people can go on with their life without worrying every month about getting put out. Being in the Walker building and I see old people being evicted almost every month, not from our building, but from near the closed west side. I see women with children there not knowing where they're going to go. These are important issues. Go for option number one and let's build a better society. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and city council. That's a hard one to follow. You have a very difficult decision to make tonight. I'm Ray Gavel from the eighth district. You know, I moved here in 1967 and my rent was \$85 a month. And I moved up every month or every year when I could move into something that that was a maybe a nicer place to live that I could afford to live in. So I think that's something that we keep forgetting to think about in this process. We are becoming gentrified. That's not necessarily a good thing. But for instance, D in your district, you are doing some amazing building that is serving seniors and disabled. And I really respect you for that. But you also have a very large portion of your district that probably have terrible landlords. You know, there's a lot of crime. There's a lot of poverty down there. And those people need your help. I think that having a greater program that addresses those landlords or those property owners that are not maintaining their build

ings, that are not keeping them safe for people, should be addressed. And Lina, I think you probably face you're probably second in the district, in the city through for your district, realizing the same issues for people that live in poverty. My concern is for seniors and people that are disabled. And I see that one of these things, one of the things that could happen here is if you pass this, is that people may just decide not to rent to those two populations. Thank you very much. We don't want that to happen. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Mayor, city council members. A pig wearing lipstick is still a pig and this is still run control. You know, I had something that I wanted to I wrote out before I came here, but listening to the three plans up there, there are unintended consequences. There's actions I'm going to take that I wouldn't normally take. Now, I've been a landlord for over 33 years here in Long Beach. I have a duplex in Belmont Heights, each one bedroom, and I'm charging 1100 dollars a month, also providing them laundry service. They launched free and in a garage. With that 1100 dollars, I need to raise their rent. Their rent? I think the average here is something. Like. 1543. I need to raise their rent. What I've learned tonight is.

Brandt over 9%. So I can game the system. These are the unintended consequences on all three of those options you've been taken. Do not. Do not rent to seniors. God bless them. But I don't want to I just don't want to do that as a landlord. If it's going to hurt me or my children, I will not work with tenants who are late with rent. Right now. I've got someone whose rent but late with rent, but I'm not going to work with them anymore. I'm going to evict them. I will not rent to anyone whose FICO score is below 700. Thank you very much, sir. Next, before I got more. Thank you. Next speaker, please, guys. Let's make sure everyone let's just let everyone speak. Thank you. Boy. Hot topic. Linda Sopo. Fifth district. My address is on file, boys. Try and say what you want to say in 90 seconds is tough. But I. Think one of the things that's so difficult about all this is that we're all. Human beings in this room. And there's an emotional component on all sides. For those that are being evicted and that. Have had people come in and buy your. Buildings up and are, you know, raising rents to a point. That you can't afford it. My heart bleeds because. I. Can't afford to take care of you or help you in that way. But for those of us that are home, that are property owners. I don't know anybody here. Someone talked about all the hard work and hard swear. I'm sorry. I may not have to physically go out and labor, but I have in my lifetime had to do that. And I worked really hard to get to a point where I didn't have to do that. And I worked really hard. My husband and I sacrificed a lot to be able to own a rental property. Okay. And what I want to say to all those people out there that are property owners,

that are landlords. How many of you have a really great positive cash flow on a property that you bought. Within the last ten years? Okay. How many of you have a positive cash flow. And you've owned it 25 years. Okay. So how are you going to be able to afford to evict somebody if they play the game and they game this thing and you got to pay them a ton of money to move out or if you want to go in and do some renovation. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Nadir Tushnet. I live in the third district and I'm glad that this is on the table. I want to make a couple of comments that seniors, of which I am. One, and the disabled are protected class under. Housing regulations for the U.S. so you can't refuse to rent to us. The other point I want to make. Is that relocation assistance is particularly important for two groups of people, seniors and people with young children. Both groups, if they are displaced, have long term effects on schooling. This is all from research. I'll send it to you if you want it on their on their school achievement. And for seniors. On their longevity, actually. Moving kills seniors. They that breaks their ties with the community. So relocation assistance is important. And the last thing to emphasize is not that number, which seems very abstract. It is first. Last and security deposit. That's a lot of money for. Somebody living on Social Security. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi. My name is Zoe Nicholson. I live in Rose Park. I'm a renter. My self-appointed task is always to ask where the women. I want you to know that I have sat here all these hours and how this is the first person to say. The word woman out loud. It's not in a chart. Wasn't in the data. Today is April 2nd. April 2nd is known as Equal Pay Day. It took till April 2nd for a white woman to earn what a white man earned in 2018. It took her three more months. For a black woman. It took 20. Months. For a Latina. It took 21 months to make what a white man made in 2018. So when you're looking at first and last and deposit and I hear us talking about all people as if they are the same, our people are not the same. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council Andy Cur from District eight and Measure H Oversight Board. I have been speaking to you and writing to you for quite some time about the housing crisis and the problem of homelessness. As you know, tonight, you have the opportunity to do something that will have an impact on the people house today who will not have a home tomorrow without your support of a strong policy protecting renters in our community. That's an awesome responsibility and really excited about the opportunity tonight. I have spoke to you and written to you about housing supply and affordable housing development. We need those solutions, but they will not materialize anytime soon for young families, for people who are chronically ill and dis

abled and folks just trying to get by today. I have been blessed to be a homeowner almost 23 years. If I were a young man paying rent and trying to support a family today, there's no way. That I could afford to save a down payment. Yet alone the cost of displacement from rising rents and forced mobility placed on people today. I want Young Long Beach's to have the same opportunities I did. I strongly support Option one and the strongest protections possible for folks struggling in our community today. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Thank you, counsel. My

name is Jordan Wayne. I'm a resident of the seventh District. I first want to recognize the renters who are out. Can or third job tonight in order to afford their rent here in Long Beach. I'd like to thank the council. Thank you so much for bringing this forward and I strongly encourage you to pass this at its full power. Option one. Renters have endured tough conditions like gentrification and displacement for. A long time in Long Beach, and I'm glad that we are taking a step as a city. I also want to thank Tom Modica and reiterate his point that this is not a rent control policy and has nothing to do with it whatsoever. Let's make that clear. This is an anti gouging measure. If you're like the landlords with the heart that were described earlier that you don't raise your rents more than \$50. You literally won't be affected by this ordinance. This is an anti price gouging measure. We must listen to people over profit. Tenants are not the enemies as much as the horror stories of some people here tonight may want you to believe we're just trying to survive. This ordinance applies specifically to residents who are responsible renters. Each year, each of you as as residents who have come forward with extreme ends. Half of the families in our city that's over 250,000 people are cost burdened by housing. And rents have risen 28%, not 2.8% over the past eight years. A one bedroom apartment cost about 5000 dollars. I can't move out of my own house, my own family's house. Thank you once again for bringing this item forward. And I encourage you to pass this relocation assistance item and the other recommendations at their full power option one. This is the first step in creating a long beach where everyone has a roof over their head and we need more supportive housing and affordable housing as well. And we need substantial rental protections that match the leadership of other large municipalities in California. Thank you very much. Thank you. And thank you very much. And before the next speaker, again, just a reminder that we do have these speakers right in front of us. So please talk right into the mic is just enough just for us to get to get the information. So it's happened a few times tonight and we can you know, I understand everyone's passionate, but we can hear just fine. Next speaker. Please. My name is Amy York, I. But thank you. But we do need you to speak right into the spe

aker. Thank you. Just right. Just. Yeah, thank. You. Did you hear? My name is Amy Burke. I live in the seventh district. I live in a rear house behind a duplex and would therefore be excluded from relocation assistance. I think the reasons for the exclusion should be reevaluated, evaluated. There are there are other cities that provide relocation to all units, regardless of size. And I believe Long Beach should do the same. I've experienced a retaliatory eviction in the past and my only recourse with small claims. Court Although the judge decided in my favor he only awarded \$1,000 in moving expenses and \$200 in punitive damages a fraction of what I asked for in a drop in the bucket for him. State law and small claims court is not an adequate remedy for retaliatory actions, and relocation assistance should be available again to all renters evicted for no fault and could also act as a deterrent to evicting tenants without cause and without protections. I fear asserting a legal right or complained because I risk another retaliatory eviction or major rent increase and I can't afford it, basically. So I just have to. It. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Garcia and members of the City Council. My name is Sully Zoro and I'm a sixth district resident and I'm a renter. And I want to thank the staff on their hard work at Development Services for this awesome report. And I also want to thank our Fire Marshal John here for keeping us in order and making sure we all get to speak. And so I really think that this tenant relocation assistance ordinance is a good start to prevent people from becoming homeless. Cambodian community leaders, including myself, co-chairs of the Cambodia Equity for Cambodians and other leaders, encourage you to pass a strong tenant relocation policy. Cambodians make up a large percentage of Long Beach renters population, according to a report by the Cambodian Advocacy Collaborative. Three quarters of the Cambodian community are renters, a rate 15% higher than the average in Long Beach. I urge you to please support component one, option one and other recommendation to make this the strongest policy possible to protecting not only just renters, but we're also consumers. If you're a good landlord, I want to thank you. Thank you for being a good landlord. But I really want to encourage you. I know you're busy, but please make sure you read the ordinance and see that it's protecting vulnerable renters and that it's an anti gouging bill ordinance. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Um, Mayor Garcia and council members. Most of you have seen me in events. My name is Adele, a single mother. I'm with Lina before in district one for seven years I got an I'm not is like 60 days notice the move with no costs and I'm a model tenant where I live and I had a hard time looking for a place. Three days before my voucher for Section eight expires. I found a place where I'll ask, they're not a d

istrict. I'm with him right now and it's a good, good area. And I love going to the events, especially at Michelle Obama Library. And I beg of you to have the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance because I have to rent a U-Haul. I exhaust all my funds through credit checks for me and my son, which cost me a lot of money for looking for a place for three months. And I'm a single mom, I'm disabled and it's really hard with no relocation assistance. So I beg of you to pass it, please. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. Council honorable mayor. My name is Tanya Cardoza. I'm an attorney. I'm a landlord. Tenant attorney in the city. I have a small law firm across the street. I represent several landlords in this room, as well as throughout the city and throughout Southern California. I am an expert in rent control. My clients are in the business of housing people. Not in the business of evicting people. When they come to me. It is a last resort. What the proposal is today. Is rent control. It is also for forcing just cause evictions. This is absolutely. Requiring just cause evictions and potentially contradicting the Costa Rican State Act. Which limits rent control and just cause. Evictions to any properties built before 1995. I would urge the Council to reconsider including that in the proposal. Furthermore. It is rent control. When you put penalties on a rent cap, when you put a rent cap and then insist that there be some kind of a penalty to insist on on. Specific just cause evictions. You are. Forcing a landlord to engage in needless litigation costs. Where you are forcing somebody to give. A three day notice. For. I saw dog fighting. Or all sorts of illegal activity versus giving. Somebody 30 or 60 days notice. That is 10 to 20 times the amount of. Notice they need is impossible. It is difficult. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Josh Butler. I could director of housing on Beach. While I was sitting here, I looked at Costar and you can see apartment buildings for sale that are all in excess of \$2 million sales. So we were talking about \$7,000 per unit. It's a very nominal cost that gets built into the sale. They all know that. They won't tell you. They all know that. I want to thank Mr. Mayor, the members of the City Council and staff for their hard work on this issue, especially our efforts to pull together those of us that have been on different sides of this issue. We learned that landlords and realtors will not even support the most modest of proposals. They will not help to find solutions. And in fact, they will not recognize that we are in a housing catastrophe. Why would they? They've been profiting mightily during this time period that those of us who have been renting have been suffering. But the residents in our neighborhoods have paid the price. Our communities deserve stability. I encourage you to vote and support all of component one. People with disabilities need additional

assistance and protections. I do believe renters should have more than seven days to decide whether or not they want to exercise the right to stay or go. If the landlords that are wearing stickers say that, say responsible housing providers, I find that ironic when we started this campaign several years ago. We started out for responsible renters ordinance. Well, this is one thing we agree on. If you pay your rent on time, you follow the rules of the lease. You should not lose your home. And if you do, you should get a real relocation assistance so that we, the taxpayers, don't have to pay for all the homeless services out there. For the beach cleanups, thank you to police officers for all the things that keep. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Brown. Nice. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, councilmembers. My name is Fred Sutton. I'm here on behalf of the California Apartment Association. We represent housing providers here in the city, and I'm also a resident. Thank you to the city staff for a very thoughtful report. And Mr. Geary, for all those workshops, we greatly appreciate you and your team. Um, the subjects are incredibly complex, but there's still a fundamental misunderstanding of how rental operations work. The 10% other cities have instituted higher caps prior to bringing them down. Los Angeles. Beverly Hills. They all had higher capital. One point they no longer at 10% or 7% where they were. Under the scenario rent or owner, maybe a below market not raise rent for five years. Gave a 10% increase, and now they're penalized for not giving rents. The city is encouraging people to give small rent increases, not 9%, but two 3%. Why would we encourage housing to become more expensive that will hurt our communities. The city should more narrowly focus relocation toward the issue of rehabilitation. Josh just brought up properties being sold. This is where the issue is that this has been trying to address some buyers of property, fix it up. This should be more narrow and tailored to those issues. Part B rental property owners are not in the eviction business. Termination controls will handcuff rental property owners. Responsible housing providers should not choose between costly litigation or paying off somebody that is a nuisance. I think there are ways forward on this. It should be narrowed to where the issue is and not take all these responsible housing providers into it. Thank

you. Thank you. Time. Good evening. My name is Ernie Vila. I am a property owner since 1970 and the first district. Like this says I'm a responsible housing provider. I've been doing it for a long time. Have I always increased the rents? No, because I didn't know. Well, because I didn't have a lot of value back then. But things have changed. When I look at the price of rent now, I see that I'm 25, 30% below market. But is that going to mean I'm going to raise the rent, maybe 50 bucks? I'm I'm very, very sensitive to the needs of my tenants. Actually, no

t. They're mine. They're my neighbors. I have an invested interest in my neighbors, and that includes those who live down the street. Whenever they come to me in regards to a purchase of a building that they live in, I. I sympathize with them, but I can't really say too much aside from maybe helping them understand what is going on and maybe what they can do this this penalty of over 4500. I. I cannot afford that. It's not something that I got into the business of doing. Got in the business of housing. Reasonable, decent tenants. Thank you, sir. Hi. My name is Akilah Pruitt. I'm a young woman who has worked very hard for the two properties that I have. The tenants in my duplex only pay 1575 with no written crease for a three bedroom house with front and back yard. No tenants have. My tenants have been there for 13 years. But with this relocation plan that you're proposing, it makes me feel pressure to convert my properties to a sober living home or other business. I would very much appreciate you letting me be the great landlord that I am without getting involved in my personal business. I would love to buy a Long Beach again, but with this. But this ordinance is unacceptable. I also feel like the rent, the the cost to relocate is ridiculous. I make no profit on my properties, but I love my. Tenants and paying 40 \$500 plus \$1,000 is just unacceptable. Thank you. Thank you. Ian Patton, Honorable Mayor and Council. I wanted to tell you a little story. My grandparents immigrated to this country in 1949. They were refugees from World War Two. My grandmother was a Holocaust survivor, and both their families were wiped out in the Holocaust. They came to this country with nothing. And my grandfather worked as a house painter. And he went from being a tenant to owning the small six unit building that he lived in. And he worked his hands to the bone. He worked every day for the remainder of his life on that building. In fact, my last memory in 1989, before he died, was him with labored breath working on a unit in our building. I don't think my grandfather was a villain. I think he was a hero. I think he was a housing provider. And and if you and if you deem it necessary to provide social insurance for tenants, that's fine. The burden should not be placed on the backs of the people who stepped forward to provide housing. If you. If you want to implement this policy, do it in an honest way. Social insurance should be paid for by the government. You should have to pay for it. Period. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Phil Jones. And I am here on behalf of the Pacific Quest Association of Realtors. I am the chair of the Government Affairs Committee. And I bring that up because in that role, I've had the opportunity to meet each of you, interview each of you when you were looking for our support. You completed a questionnaire in which each and every one of you said you opposed rent control. And my apologies to Mr. Modica, but this is the camel's n

ose under the tent. This is the first step to rent control. Part of our part of our discussions during your interview was to inform some of you of the elements of rent control and how unsuccessful it's been. You're hard pressed. To find an economist. On either side of the aisle today that would tell you that these these elements work. They do not work. One of the things that Mr. Modak is report the staff's report left out. They brought up the fact that San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa monica had the strictest rent control laws. What they didn't say is each one of those communities has seen a diminishment in the number of rental units available. We all appreciate that. This is a statewide crisis, by the way. We're having an affordability crisis not only at the tenant level, but at the homebuyer level. We're not building enough supply. Supply is the answer. None of these restrictions on property owners. Thank you, sir. Hi. My name is Phil Hawkins. I'm the CEO of the Pacific West Association of Realtors. And kind of to piggyback on what Phil Jones was talking about, I enjoyed the beginning of the presentation tonight, seeing the numbers on the on the low vacancy rate that we have in Long Beach. And the problem is supply. We should be talking we should have all these people here talking about supply and how we can get more supply. I would love to have this turnout on both sides on how we can get more supply. That's the answer. Doing what we're doing tonight is not the answer I. When looking at the three different proposals, I don't like any of them. I think we can come up with something better. I think we should spend more time to come up with something better. I think if we all sit down, we could figure this out. We have a

House and committee here in Long Beach. Let's send it to that and let's see what we can do to get something better. I would encourage you not to move forward with any of the recommendations. And let's figure this out. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Good evening. My name is Henry Broome. I'm a property owner here in Long Beach. Thank you very much for your time. And I believe that this issue really comes down to being able. To maintain good properties. As a landlord, I've had tenants that have thrown fecal matter to other tenants, have physically assaulted. Other tenants, threatened other tenants with physical violence. Have brought in gang members unauthorized into units. All of those situations we would not the. Only way we. Were able to get rid of those tents. Was by giving them. Notices without cause. If we had to pay them to get to move, there's a good chance they never would have been able to get them to move, to be able to afford to do that. We would not be able to afford the \$47,000 fee that we would have had to have made, or if we had to evict them with cause, all the other tenants would have been put in harm's way because then we would have to notify of who the other tenants were. They're reporting this issue as we need to d

o that. So I really hope that the Council votes no on this as this is just another form of just cause eviction that will ultimately result in buildings getting worse. And as a result, neighborhoods are getting worse. Thank you. Bless be counsel for I have sinned. I have a 714 number. And you guys really ought to be going after the nine for nine numbers. Those are the guys with the money, let me tell you. And my house is worth about 700 grand. But there's a little concept I'd like to introduce to them called a mortgage. And I have a little concept for these guys. I want to know the studies. Have you done any studies on what it takes to run a building? You know, what a roof cost, you know, a plumbing cost, you know, an electrical cost. You know what I mean? It's on and on. Utilities. What are the utilities doing? You guys ought to know that, right? I mean, for sure. Okay. So the unintended consequences and I was born here. I've been here 60 years, okay? I wouldn't work in 60 to 100 hours a week since I was about 18 years old. So I empathize with your three jobs, but I don't feel sorry for you, man. You got to work, okay? That's how it works. Okay. We've kept rents low in our buildings. We've kept rents very low. We had a single family that we were renting for 1200 a month. When the rent is 2000, a 10% rent increase on 1200 a month is \$120. It would take me years to get there. Okay. Unintended consequences is I'm going to have to go back and raise all my rents because they're all low and I don't the gun when I go to sell the property. Thank you, sir. My name is Blanche Harris. I'm a 69 year old senior. And I'm in the sixth District, but I consider myself as well in the seventh. How closely they are related. And how will they work together. So I have adapted and kind of pull from that. Seven districts will. I'm hearing all of the comments about the landlords. The owners. Their empathy, the passion and all of that that they have. But I want to read this to you as of last night. In a has association meeting that I have been attending for several years concerning this topic, and I haven't yet seen this over to my councilman because I don't know how to be computer savvy yet on scanning and all that. But I want to read this. Isabelle. I'm just getting in for my monthly Rigley Association meeting. Being a member of the association, I've never been so disrespected, devalued and humiliated as a citizen and member in the years of attending those meetings. I ask this question to stated that I'm in favor of affordable housing and to explain the definition and a difference. Remember, I'm coming from Ocean Boulevard. I had to read it real quickly. Low income is subsidized housing. I didn't know what that meant. So I can understand and follow the presentation a little bit closely is like I set off a bomb in the midst of it exploded with three prominent and one new member which came against me. It was very humiliating. Thank you very much. So I want to thank the cit

y staff, Lina, Janine Pearce. And City. Council. City Council. City staff for pushing bad policies related to rent control and being dishonest with false statistics that are actually harmful to the community. We have success. You have successfully pushed out many mom and pop landlords, many who include minority owners. I am a Hispanic owner and I rent to many low income minorities. Your policies are dishonest and are unjust to the community. I encourage each one of you City Council and staff to give up your pension, part of your pension, to to pay for relocation fees. My name is Marlene Alvarado. I'm a horn over here in Long Beach, but I also own a condo and I am a responsible rent homeowner property owner. First of all, always people who are complaining, who own homes that oh, how much it costs and everything these tenants do. You know what? If you're I know I own a condo and I rent it, I get a depreciation allowance every single time I fix that place up. I get also tax rebates on that. So you're screaming about. Fixing up the

houses. I have had a property for for ten attorneys for ten years. I have not raised their property once. They love me and I, they will never they will not ever leave my property because I pay. I take care of them so well. So why do you care about it's going to cost more money. All this amount. Keep your tenants. Treat them well. They won't leave another thing. Every time we write rent here we get. There are 500 students in Long Beach City and libraries schools that are homeless. Every time you raise rent. You create more homelessness. You need to find a recommendation to it to pay for these these dislocations of people. Because, Tommy, I live in the Willmar District. We've got homeless people who have who are living on the streets. And I have an attorney who has five four people living in an A property because they only can afford. As one room. To pay rent between four people. Excuse me. I think we really need that. And these other people are greedy and what they should be raising is wages. Right. Thank you. Wages. Thank you very much, Mayor and council people. My name is Susan Doan and I'm a 78 year old senior and I've worked my buns off all these years to have what I have. I came here in 64 and started buying real estate with everything that I had. I've had three jobs. I'm a single mom, single grandmother, and I've worked so hard to have what I have. And it seems to me that raising or putting out another fee for us owners who who do spend a lot of money on utilities, on roofing, on everything to keep our properties nice, is just another gouge to us owners. And I urge you to not pass any of this or. To reconsider another. Fee to us. We don't deserve to be punished for supporting the city and the people who want to build and live here. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Okay. Excuse me for you. Start talking. I think everyone is inside the building that's going to speak. You know what? If not, I'm going to close out the spe

aking. So. But everybody else in the building that wants to be quiet. So, Mr. Vice Mayor, we believe we have still about 20 people or so outside, but we believe everyone who wants to speak has been inside and they're sitting and they'll be called out by the fire marshals. Thank you. Inside. Okay, go. Excuse me. Hi. My name is Blanca Flores. I live in the ninth district where I live in a complex for 20 years plus was recently sold. And I've been affected not only myself, but my mom. My parents lived there in a unit. My sister lived in a unit. It's a 16 unit complex where we all have been affected with a 60 day notice termination letter. Right now we have till May 19 to just move out. I have no place to go. I have two kids and I'm not the only person in there that has kids. We have 19 kids in that unit. Boy, right now we're really, really concerned where we going to do with our kids? Not only like where we're going to place them. We have no earn money right now. You need like over \$4,000 to move to a place. You need deposit, you need rent, first month payments. Some are complex. They ask you for two months rent beforehand. So right now we're really in a situation that we have no idea what to do. This will really you guys really have to consider, you know, our hardworking people. I'm a really hardworking I have never been late in the rent. I have always paid on time. But right now it's a concerning that what am I do with my kids? I'm have to remove them and let them miss a school for a whole month only because I have nowhere else to put them. It's just something that's really concerning in this. If you guys pass past this law, it would really help all of us, not only me, but the people that are coming behind me as well. Thank you. Thank you. Hey. My name's Jen. I'm from a student since you will be a resident of District four. First of all, I want to say that this isn't a rent control policy. So this is a policy for tenant relocation assistance. That being said, someone earlier called this policy tenant welfare. You know, if this was actual tenant welfare, then the city would be paying for it. But it's not. Right. So moving on, if homeowners are complaining, at least the homeowners that have the capital to own more. Than one property are complaining that this baseline solution, quote unquote baseline solution, because it really is minimal, is hurtful to those owners just getting by. Then why don't I see you're fighting in the city for more public housing? Why don't I see all fighting from for rent control shit that will actually help your tenants, you know, instead of instead of letting the city just build more gentrifying sky rises, more expensive condos, etc. like this really is just minimal protections for people who are just trying to get by. I'm here. Talking for people who. Who need baseline solutions like this. We're literally asking for the minimum. I'm looking at the generational wealth that I see and the spirit and the racial disparity less

ening between the people who have property and the people who do not. Because, listen here. I don't own property, y'all. In the sixties, we're paying rent for, what, 68 bucks like. Damn, I wish I had that kind of shit right now, so. But that's why I'm here asking for fucking tenant relocation assistance. Y'all need to pass this pass. Pass the ordinance and option number one. Thank you. Thank you very much. Speaker, please hands up to the. Next speaker place. When I mentioned

when I'm president, you'll be walking. In a room which is a member of the ICA Interfaith Community, Django Dresselhaus In response to your travel hummus, Ibrahim was the Leah Leah chick at chicken. Let me put it on, Mayor Lin. I represent an Austrian company that is partner. E protagonist Ross, Rachel's protagonist Ross family ask almost entirely within the order's EBV Enders, but on Maestro Seahorse Crisis, he put forward a point and option or not sexy. Thank you. And we'll do that, guys, please. We're going to do the translation. Good evening. My name is. Konya. I live in District 13. I'm a member of Ikwo Interfaith Community. And I have three children. My husband and I. Work and we live paycheck to paycheck. I ask. Mayor Garcia and. Lina to please represent us, represent our rights for our families so that we can have the benefits of a secure living in. Please support component one. Option one. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Oh, no, not just me. No, but as my Peter is, they have all the component they wanna know it's let me petition for the gig as Familias Trabajadores to be viviendo accessible as important as any color you get. And also we are going to meet on the back in the renter. You get. 1/2 somebody. Templeton's in one of our guys. I just want to make sure that there's no talking. Please, in the audience. If you have to speak, please just go outside. I want to make sure everyone that speaks to us gets a chance to speak. So we're hearing a lot of conversations and not able to hear the speaker. So please continue before what. Is a mute as Amelia is getting, as well as and thus in ordinary Lugares group, Amelia's is the only really spoke more common mother Amelia getting on in Quinta E It was B And think is my whore. Then they don't have to index and accessible. Get familiar to me like I communicate this. Good evening. My name is Maria Dolores. Annette Peter. I live in District one and I am in favor of option one. And what we would like is for you to represent our needs as working families. As working families have done nothing for our families and to have secure living. And we ask you to support us in that. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. But that's not just I mean, a lot of people in D.C. don't know because see. The microphone crashes. Oh. You know, Barbarella. Sorry. But then in Central District owner. So. Bingo. Sorry, I forgot the component. No, no, no. Vivian, the mayor of Abkhazia, then I. Gonzalez okay, let's consider

r personas because almost Deborah Corso is an assistant and it is a local paradox. But I support this role. Look at that, Moses Aluminum. So as I think we're going to see, because Kareem also now, you know, a lot of soap opera sequels. Good evening. My name is Roberto Adela. I live in District one and I'm in favor of component number one. And I'm asking for you to help us out because we don't earn too much money, and it's very difficult for us. Thank you. Which is? Yes. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and council people. Thank you for your time. My name is Malina BALDONADO. I am a resident in District three. And when I moved here to Long Beach, I was a renter. I'll give you a background so you understand where I'm coming from. And when I met my boyfriend, we had a plan. We wanted to purchase a home together. And so stepping away from renting, we moved into literally a garage and a family member's home so we can save and we live below our means. And we were able to buy a condo here in Long Beach. And for five long years we saved and saved and live below our means. And we were able to sell that property and purchase a rental property where we own and rent other units. And so this ordinance would not only affect us, but the people that I serve every single day as a realtor here in this city. And no one's really talked much about this point, but it costs a lot of money when a tenant moves out, whether on their own volition or not. And so as a property owner, to fill that vacancy is already a huge monetary loss to us, and to impose an additional penalty is what it is. On top of that, I would personally suffer, my family would personally suffer and my clients that I serve every single day in this city. I had a client recently sell property. It would have cost them 40 \$500 to make that move. And so that would perpetuate this shortage of housing supply that we have. Thank you next week or please. Wayne Zimmerman. I reside in District three, but I grew up in District one. I apologize if I tonight was the first night I've heard of the proposed ordinance, and I'm not real literate on all of the details of it. I did see the presentation as I understand and correct me if I'm wrong, that single residents would be excluded. Okay. So this wouldn't apply to me, this ordinance. But I do feel that I need to say a couple of things. I started planning for my retirement in my twenties. Okay, I'm retired. This my plan involved my rental property here in Long Beach. And I've had my renter my I have two renters in District one. One has been there 22 years. The other 15 years they've stayed there because I've kept my rent low. Okay. And they have saved a huge amount of money over the years. So to reward me by allowing them to save a huge amount of money, by adding a penalty of having to pay

to have them moved, doesn't seem to make sense. I do believe that the idea of extending the notice period of 90 days is an excellent, rational solution. Thank you. Thank y

ou very much. Your next speaker, please. Hello. Good evening. My name is A.J. I'm the resident. Of the sixth District. I'm here in support of option one, the relocation assistance. And I'm here representing my family, my friends, my. Neighbors who cannot be here today. Many families are living paycheck to paycheck. My father is 68 years old. And if he works 80 days to 100. Hours a week still, and if rent skyrockets, he will be homeless. And let's think about. The elderly when we're making a. Decision. Let's think about low income families and. Think about others who cannot afford to move out. I support I urge you to support option one. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please, guys. I don't know if someone was hissing or what that was, but please, let's just let everyone have a chance to speak respectfully. Thank you. Hi. My name is Bianca Perez. I am a recent property owner in District two. I became a property owner in 2017 and I grew up in the east side of Long Beach, which is not easy, but I made a decision I'm going to become a property owner. I one of my tenants is Section eight tenant. I have not raised anybody's rent. I'm not making any money off of my property. If you add this burden on me, I'm going to have to sell a place or file bankruptcy. I cannot afford to pay my tenants \$4,000 to move out. I worked two jobs to save to buy my property, and I really think that this is what other people should do. You want something? You need to work hard for it because everybody likes something for free and nobody helped me when I was renting. Nobody helped me when I was renting. I did it myself. I worked two jobs and now I'm a property owner. So work hard and you'll be able to reap what you work for. That's. Thank you very much. Next picture, please. Hi. My name is Ivan. I am a resident of District One. First of all, I'll start off by saying I support option one. I say that because I come from a my mother is a single mother and she rents and she's low income. And I have many neighbors who are in the similar situation as she is and when. The properties are raising their prices by raising the rents. These families have very little to no recourse in terms of having money to be able to move out and move into a different property in a timely manner without having to go through homelessness, which is the worst which worst case scenario would be going through that. But also, it's more about having people living dignified lives, you know, I mean, as as many people have said before me. These small these small land landlords don't. This doesn't really apply to them. This is more so the larger landlord, large companies. And so, I mean, 10% a 10% raise doesn't happen very often. But given that it's been occurring a lot lately, it is something that the council ought to be considering and to send it off again. I am in support. Of option one. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Pat Kennedy. I'm a resident of the fifth District. I work with the Greater

Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization. Complements in terms of looking at a good tool here. I think what we all want is stable neighborhoods. I think we want sustainable neighborhoods. I think this is a tool that we could use to help get there. I support option one and I hope we make the step forward. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello. My name is Cynthia macias and I live in the great district number two and I am a tenant. I also work for housing on which I am the new president of the board. And I just want to say I have this week alone, I am dealing with three buildings on Alamitos 909 14 904. That is over 40 families that are all getting displaced. Or while I'm hearing all these landlords say I'm a good landlord, I don't kick nobody out. So who's kicking out 60 tenants? Nobody. The Holy Spirit like you don't work that way. So, you know, and I also heard a comment talking about, well, the pig in lipstick is still a pig. Right. Okay. Well, there's also Spanish thing. My grandma used to tell me that topical commercial, Alaska commercial, La La Plata, he who kills the cow is as guilty as who drags the cow out. So thank you for coming up with this. I appreciate it. Thank your time. And I hope you guys do pass it. I support one. And just remember, if you guys don't, all those families that are getting displaced are on your conscience. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. When that's not. Yes. You may remember Trollope made the Bible akinwale zombies. Well, let me tell. You everything about SARS on notice as a little scandal at Los Apartamento you got on the analogy, Carmela drawing this up on their own accord. Comportamento Gigante I mean, Pietro Bahar labor or be unable to chop out Alberta. Good evening. Good evening. My name is Bartolo Pineda and I live in 900 Alamitos where we are being evicted. They came out like a thief in the night to put a notice and they told my. Daughter, Turn in your key or we will remove the locks. May I get aimless cannot support you. Condemnation of communal vandalism over. Your Thanksgiving, the annual review and why

this is for. We would. Like you to help us. With money so we can. Move. I lived there for 20 years. Otherwise, how are you going to move? Please. Criminals capturing our children are poor for our. And we would like you to support option one, please. Families and families cannot see us. We are several families. Thank you. Hi. Good evening. My name is Karen and I'm a homeowner and I'm a landlord and I don't support. The rent control that you're talking about tonight. But I did I did want to say one thing. The homelessness in Long Beach absolutely is disgusting. Me There are three. Buildings in this area you guys should partnership with. There's one in Downey, there's one in Norwalk, there's one in Whittier. The grass is 25 feet tall. You guys talk about homelessness all the time. Why cannot we do something about these buildings? Fix them up, do something. It

is a disaster. What's happening? And I can't believe that none of you guys can figure this out. It just absolutely amazes me. So I don't want to talk about the rent control, but I do want to get that on the record. It just drives me absolutely insane seeing this going on in our city anywhere. Do something about these buildings, get them figured out, do something, but get these homeless people. Off the streets. It's just awful. That's all I have to make. Speaker, please. Hi, my name is Atlee. I want to let you know I do. Support option one and would tell you why. We have careers that we choose. It's a choice that you make. And if you're going to be a renter. You go to that property and you do you pay them? I think we should have the memory of rent. To be honest with you, rent so sky high. It's not even funny. I understand what they come from, but is a choice in career that they choose to. Be a renter. D instead, it's a choice they made to become a property owner or a property manager. But understandable. We all got to live in the same, either in the same state or they devastate. But we all got to live equally. And we talk about the homeless. There's not enough homeless places at all. The shelters are poor, no matter if you go to L.A., Long Beach, whatever other city, Carson, there's really no shelters. All we asked them for is this a comedy so we can live equally and enough so we can live comfortably. That's all we ask for. Let them get what they need to get support, though control. But at the end of the day, we should have no pill, that they should have no penalty for ignorant people. That's all I'm saying. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Derek. I'm a public servant and also a property owner, most renter as well. I work pretty hard to be able to afford to buy the properties that I bought and I own two small properties and also rent myself. So I'm on both sides of the coin. Understand where people are coming from. But being from the landlord side, I do understand that when you purchase a property, you know, if I purchase a duplex at \$550,000, it costs a certain amount to pay the mortgage, to pay the, you know, all the utilities, to fix it up and all that kind of stuff in it. For me to rent it out for a less than what it cost to, you know, to to pay for all those fees, it just doesn't make any sense. So that's just going to drive people who do want to help out and provide good housing. It's going to drive them away. So that's my take on it. You know, I know a lot of people aren't going to agree with me, but at the same time, like, you know, most of the people that are here, I think everyone here agrees that we want everyone to have a good, affordable place to live. And the on the other side of the coin, the people who are owning want to provide that. And I think this is just a step in the wrong direction. So thank you very much. Thank you. And Speaker, please. Hello. My name is Avandia, Ileana Lopez Carrillo. I live in the wo

nderful district to most member of Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach. I'm broad support of the first option. I want to provide protections for people that live in their homes and that don't have the power or the say to decide where their next place of living is going to be. Now, I understand people in the audience here have been in pursuit of the American dream, trying to make their money, trying to make their place in the world. But unfortunately, if you bought your property here maybe in the last four or five years, you know, it's not my place to say you made a terrible investment, but it is my place to say that I don't want people's lives to suffer because of it. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Nathan Carbajal, First District. I was raised here in Long Beach. I came in third grade, used to be from Wilmington. But at the age of 19, I had to run away from home. And I got an apartment in the second district. But then I lost that apartment and then had to go to the where I am now in the first district. But when losing that apartment, having something like option one would have helped me a lot. Now I have to rely on my friends for housing or food again, groceries for this time period. And having money that could use to find a house or find a apartment during that time would have really helped me. Furthermore, a lot of these landlords are saying that they see their tenants as friends and they talk to them. But I've been in my new

apartment for six months now and then I see my landlord. All they are to me is a parasite. I go, I have two jobs. All I do still my labor and still my wages. And I pay like what, 1000? Yeah, 1200 for this. Really? About a part of me. I got three roommates. I got one cat in there and she bites me up and shit at my you know, this really helped me a lot option would help me a lot as a young person, as a Latino person, as a first generation person in this country having the option one would have really helped me and provided me a safety net that I was able to get through my through my parents. Thank you. Thank you. And I thank you very much. And I just also, if we can please not had the profanity, we'd appreciate that I I'm I'm just given guys. I just wanna make sure we just keep as much decorum as possible. I appreciate everyone that's speaking tonight. Well, thank everything. Everything matters. I'm just trying. Also, keep just the decorum as well as we can't. Thank you next speaker. But I notice Mary don't go no look and say hi let me know. But if I go to represent all Latinos in California, be one at the Sedona better represent all 43,000 or 30 la familia. Scope of the day. Senator regarding Sasha. Good evening. My name is Marta Gorton, but I represent the National. Well, Latinos in action, California. Latinos in action, California. And I'm in favor option one. But you know you're away for another year. This. Let's get over to see if our retirement etc. interpret the standard. Obviously we're not in y

et and also in our voter thing of mutual fund use a standard key dynamic or nothing but a surrogate military base to get government comes along. Ms.. Kathy Gordon. Most potentially will still be in the U.S.. Yes. Also, may I say a same as who? M.A. Kondo. They support five or five or see no photos. They must umanos. It's almost the know that they know we being the winner yet to see. The interpreter asked me if I was nervous, and I said, No, I'm not nervous. I've been coming here for 30 years, so I'm not nervous at all. I just want justice for me. Definitely. Don't look at me. Stand in the. In the sovereign. Sorry. Look at your slides. See, in those things Saddam killed. No, nobody else. Look, I interpret that and say, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Anton says it's more important now. Ella Stuckey. They got more fiber, no alcohol. They know. I know. They lost. They lost me and brother. A key Jose Padilla materials have been in the Casa Grande since. Are the best out of this southwest symbolism. Good access, Michael. Okay, okay. Okay. Okay. I get to. Get out to Alcala and so says Bahrami and that he's thinking I'm poor Firebaugh. Julian's instable status is I guess it's looking Illawarra's only began June the about a year paraprofessional condo. Meanwhile Edificio la casa better why? What I saw you didn't know that then if I be in the better? No. Also U.A. sibutramine. I notice how they all is. They never allow mental baby in the yes three support. No no Julia. So yes I seen here between Los Ninos Vietnamese and yet those many Tantos Ninos guessed on baby and don't care all you have. Like one episode name is Senora Gallo, Consuela Bibi and Alice in Europe. I mean I mean, look, I do not think it is. They don't think. What a valuable specimen. Gracias. Gracias. Yeah. Yeah, thank you. I couldn't even in. My name is Lily Ocampo, and I live in District one, so I came to us. Lena and Mayor Robert are pleased to support the work. Hardworking families, to have help, to have dignified housing. We have our kids. They are the future. So let's help them also not to become. Sorry to have a house, to have a roof over their head and to be able to go through their life without having to wonder if they're going to be like the homeless we see in the street. Listen, they'll have more than that. We have enough of them less liberal, hardworking families and support. Option one. Thank you. Thank you very much. And before 1/2, I think we have four speakers in line left. And I think that I want to make sure the fire marshal. Are we all are we done? We got everybody. Okay. Just one to make sure that we have everyone that that was here to speak. Okay. So you have the person at the end who hasn't spoke yet, right? No, she hasn't spoken. Okay. So I just want to make sure and then the I've we have five speakers in line and they're going to close the speakers list. Speakers list is closed. Go ahead. Hello, honorable mayor and council members. My name is still releasing on and

I'm a resident of the ninth District and grew up in Long Beach. I graduated from Jordan High and was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. I am a public health scholar and practitioner that graduated with my Master's in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Johns Hopkins University with a certificate in health disparities and health inequalities. I'm here, and I'm here in support of Option one. My training at Hopkins has taught me displacement is a factor that adversely affects health outcomes of individuals and communities. My mentor is currently studying childhood evictions and its impact on childhood development. This is why housing is critical to the safety and health of our communities. As a Cambodian American and child of Cambodian refugee survivors, displacement

and investment and resettlement is something we're very familiar with and it is part of our diaspora. Cambodian folks in Long Beach are primarily renters and we have replanted our seeds and community here. If there is a case where we are pulled away from our homes because of rising rents, I ask that we minimize the harms and trauma by by. But that comes with moving. Relocation assistance would do that. And this is why I'm in support of option one. I'd rather have us not leave, but we do. Having no financial support is an injustice. Cambodian families resonate with having to leave and repent. Aristides with no money before most of our families had to come with no money in our pockets. Please do not subject to commune. Please did not suggest us or our communities to relocation without support. We are watching today and we will remember your actions today. So thank you. Thank you for your report and urge to support. Thank you very much. My next speaker, please. Okay. Next. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes. Hello. Good evening. My name is Tara Lems. I live in Long Beach for more than 20 years. I. In District number six, please. Mr. Andrew. Andrew I help us because most of the family in labor paid rent. I am a single mum and I need to do more than to work for support my rent. And I am here too. Because I am. Most of the family is affecting how? Affecting me and my family. Please support option one. Thank you. Thank you. Next week for please. Good evening. My name is Mark Pineda. I am a 17 year old and although I'm not a property owner, I do work with properties. I work for legal and some properties. And I do get to see a lot of the money and I can agree with them. Most of these property owners is that a lot of these people are not trying to be greedy and trying to make them make a huge amount of money off of these people. They do genuinely love these people. But I also like to thank you guys for allowing us to be able to speak and to hear the voice of the people. I know that's one of the most important principles of America, right? It's really part of the moral makeup and the fiber that is America. I really do. Thank you for that. I'd also like to piggyback off of that and just sa

y that last year we did vote against rent control. And I know that this isn't named rent control. It's called tenant relocation or tenant tenant collections or excuse me. But it's really just. Another step towards rent control. If you can imagine stepping. On an escalator. And you take that first step, it's going to carry you up. And so up and forward, this is just kicking the can down the road. This isn't really helping tenants. This isn't going to help anybody. It's really going to make it worse. I'd also like Mr. Phil Jones. He spoke earlier and he spoke on the law of supply and demand. If you want to fix something, I would ask you to consider about checking on supply, maybe proposing something that would help with the supply, not helping with the tenant relocation. This is not the answer. I would ask that you would reconsider on your thoughts. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please, Mr. Chair. And then our final speaker. Oh, yes. Good evening, counsel. Mayor, my name is Johnny Weir. I'm with better housing for Long Beach and will thank everyone for coming out every property and to give yourselves a hand. You're not supposed to boo. The mayor is supposed to shut you up when you say that. Listen, I want to say you. Don't have to. We got to. Oh. That's actually. You're not supposed to interrupt me because I'm supposed to. It's my time. Thanks. Could you stop the clock? Okay. Thank you. So, Brenda Lopez, stop the lie. The lie is. Are you turning my mike down? The lie is this is going to help these people that you're having speak. We know that these programs are going to push them out of their homes and you guys all know that as well. And I think it's kind of stop the lie. The lie is that rent control works. Tell me a city it's worked in. Lina, has it ever worked in a city? I don't think so. San Francisco has the highest rent. Santa monica, highest in the nation. People, wake up. Why are you supporting programs that are going to take you out of your homes? It's really true. Google highest rate in the nation. Tell me what comes up. Rent controlled cities. So as you are supporting this program, you're pushing these people out of Long Beach. And 73% of the city staff doesn't live in Long Beach. So they're not going to be impacted by this. But here the property owners are going to be in Long Beach and they're going to be here and they're going to have a hard time keeping their business around. They're going to sell. And you should find out how many people are selling and leaving now. It's so not good for the community. So as you guys move to your political careers, we're going to be living with the message you're going to be your vote on tonight. So thank you so much. Good night. Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Hold on a second. I hold on 1/2. To the ladies that are on the back. We we close the speaker. We close the speakers list. Are they just supporting. Okay, they're not speaking. Okay. This is our last speaker. Okay. Thank you. Okay. This is our p

lay. Everyone, please. Thank you. This is our last speaker. Good evening, council members. Mayor, my name is Maria Lopez. And in a time when everyone's living in fear, I say I'm undocumented. Unafraid, unapologetic. I am a proud one day Elina resident since the age of three. And I am also the director of Community Organizing for Housing in Long Beach. I have been doing this work for over three years as of this month, and this is the first time in those years that you all take up a discussion on a law that will positively, I guarantee you positively will impact the people that I work with. I commend you for that yellow. Yet I want to encourage you all to continue pushing tonight and to pass option one as it protects most tenants. As a leader, I am tired of having no solutions, resources or better words to tell tenants other than we must. We must prepare for court on top of already being impacted by what is the worst housing catastrophe that Long Beach has ever faced. So what I hear is that it's not time. Let's recap. We said we wanted Rip. They said it's not time. So you all gave us Rip. We said, okay, we'll call code enforcement. They said, Don't open the door. We said, we're being evicted. They said, Well, if you can't afford to live in Long Beach, leave. We said the rent is too damn high. They called us criminals and said We need to build more. We said we look. We need relocation assistance. Thank you. They said it's not time. We need to build more. Thank you very much. I just want to close off by. Look at these faces. This is 994 Alamos Avenue. This is my mama space. My sister space, my face. Time for change. The time for change is always now. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Just so you make sure if the fire marshal can just come head down here, just check in. And I think we have we've gone through the speakers list, so we're all done with speaking is now closed. So let me go out and close the speakers list. Thank you. And I'm also going to ask before we begin, counsel is going to begin, obviously, their series of questions and deliberations. This is a important topic. Obviously, everyone has a variety of opinions on the topic. I also ask that we be respectful to the council members as they answer questions, as they deliberate, as they're able to inquire, because this is a very complex process and it's important to everybody on this dais that they're able to get it right and that they're able to ask their questions. So I just ask please that also we respect the council's ability to ask questions and get to what will be eventually some type of vote tonight. And so that is my ask of everyone that's here. So thank you for that. With that, we begin with Councilwoman Gonzales. Yes. This has been a very long night for all of us, but I definitely want to thank everybody who is here today. This has been a very long road and I just appreciate your patience and I just ask for additional respect, not for here, for me perso

nally or any of us on the dais, but for each other, because this is a very divisive issue that it looks like to be. But I just hope that we can come together with some sort of compromise and collaboration, because we all have the best interests in our in our city. And for me particularly, this has been a very tough it for me as a city council member in a downtown that has expanded and grown and has really displaced so many of my residents, so many of my residents, it makes me not sleep at night. I will tell you that it's very difficult. So I'm going to start with a few questions and then a few comments, and then I'm going to go into my motion to start off. I. First want to ask our city staff just some clarifying questions here. So I've heard a lot of discussion about raising rents. Can can in this ordinance, can landlords raise rents as much as they want? Yes. So one of the things we started off by saying is that this is not rent control. One of the things that rent control does is sets a cap on rents and says exchange not, you know, in a single year go above a certain amount. In the proposal in front of you. There is a trigger for relocation assistance, but there can be increases. And if somebody has a rent increase of, let's say 10% or 12%, they have a choice to make. They can stay in their unit and they do not receive relocation benefits or they can say, I can't afford that and I need to leave. And then relocation benefits with. I just want to make sure because there are a lot of landlords that said that they were keeping their rents very low. And if that's the case, then guess what? This ordinance doesn't apply to you. I'm glad I'm glad you're keeping them low. This does not apply to you whatsoever. The second question that wasn't really touched on a lot, but I just want to make sure we address this as a city. As a city is the covenants for current low income housing. Specifically, I have residents like in Plymouth West and in some of our seniors and people with disabilities. Some of those buildings that currently have covenants that may expire soon. Have we ever in our most recent history or experience here as a city, have we ever had any covenants for low income housing expire on us? And if they were about to, what did we do to remedy the situation, to extend keeping those covenants? Councilwoman Gonzales, as you saw in our presentation, we've helped to preserve over 2000 units since 2007, with the majority occurring

since 2015. In the 20 years that I have been with the city and in the Housing Bureau, I'm not aware of any restricted properties that are converted that have converted to market rate. I will mention that there is a state. The state requires that when covenants are getting ready to expire and that includes covenants on the property and also tenant assistance contracts with HUD that tenants are notified. And I think that the fact that tenants get notified because the state requires that is scary to tenants and I un

derstand why that would be. And that's the purpose for recommendation number four is we want to help. We want to work with those property owners, with HUD and hopefully be able to get the tenants a little bit more comfortable with what's actually happening at those properties. Okay. Thank you very much. It makes, I think myself as a councilmember that has a lot of these covenants. It makes me feel comfortable in expressing that, of course, to the residents that are currently under these covenants and hoping that they can continue renting at those at those low rates. So thank you for that clarification. And I just want to first say thank you to our city staff. They put in a lot of work and time and energy. And I know this couldn't come soon enough for a lot of our residents and tenants, but I just want to thank you each as well as to all of the advocates, both on the housing tenant side as well as the landlords for engaging in these multiple discussions and just connecting with our council offices. I know I met with basically everyone to ensure that we got this right. So again, just to be clear, the city council has never engaged in a rent control or just cause policy. We've never engaged in that. And that's even despite the multiple resident and economic pressures and rightfully so by our residents, we've never engaged in those discussions or policies. We've actually engaged in land use discussions that held the line for neighborhood character when we wanted to, and we should have created a little bit more affordable housing. We've also been chastised as a council in some regards for garnering funds for an annual homeless shelter, and even with all of that, to ensure that we had roofs over people's heads to ensure that we were pushing when it came to affordable housing. People in our districts even now, and specifically in my district, where 80% of our renters are being displaced now, there now. And what I ask oftentimes is when is enough enough? When do we have to turn the curve and say, you know, while this some have called this tenant welfare, some have called this, you know, Nazi control, which is really sort of out of line and inappropriate. I would call this relief and improvement of quality of life. And with roughly 60% of our residents renting their homes, Long Beach has almost double the amount of renters compared to the nationwide average. And like I mentioned, the first District has 80% renters. This has been an issue personally, professionally for me that I wanted to make sure we're getting right, not just to offer protections as the true spirit of the item. When we first brought this forward in January 2018, but also, as people mentioned here, to create housing stability. It's really unfortunate when we have people consistently being constantly being displaced at a very rapid rate with absolutely no relief, and especially people with seniors, people with disabilities and very low income individuals. So what I'll just say here, and I

know that there's been a lot of misinformation about what this policy actually says and what it includes. But I just ask my council colleagues to be very open minded. We have a lot of work to do. I'm going to start with emotion that I know that will engage additional discussion and I hope will add additional thoughts about what we can add and create. But I think that the time is now to do something. We cannot sit here and do nothing as a council because we have to ensure that we are doing right by the residents that work so very hard to make sure that they are taking care of their families. So I will start with our motion here. The motion we have in it's a bit of a hybrid. I move that first and foremost. We adopt staff recommendations specifically to include the following, which will apply to all units in multifamily rental properties with four or more units instead of the proposed table in attachment D, the relocation will be two months rent on the housing authorities. Average fair market rent table. Which currently are for a studio \$2,706. One Bedroom \$3,235. A two bedroom \$4,185 a three bedroom or more \$4,500. I also want to include an additional \$2,000 benefit for people with disabilities and seniors. From option one. These relocation benefits will be paid to any resident, regardless of income. So I would like to start there. As I mentioned, I think this is a very reasonable approach. A lot of people might not think so, but it's absolutely reasonable to be providing relocation assistance and then provide a little bit more for people that may have disabilities or seniors that are even great, that are impacted even to a greater magnitude. With that, did I just say thank you to everybody? And I look forward to additional conversations. And again, I

just ask that my council colleagues keep their lines of communication open and that we get to a good point for all of our residents. Thank you, Councilwoman. So that is a in a motion. And so there's a second on the motion. Vice Mayor Andrews. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor. You know, I think tonight's discussion has really been long overdue. You know, I am a renter and my management company is overall an easy company to work with. But not everyone has the same experience when dealing with management and companies or landlords. This is just one example of many, but I've had residents just across the street from me when a man has gone up for \$400 and that she lives on SSI and care for a mother who is on a ventilator. Those are the kinds of people that when we first started these conversations, we wanted to have protection for us. She did. I want to make it very clear that tonight this council is going to make some decisions. Not everyone is going to be okay with. But we all have the different constituents to represent and defend. And I represent one of the most dense districts and one of the districts that has been heavy, burdened with 30 days or 60 days rent increase, sometimes vacation notice with an exp

lanation, is this not fair? Or to people who have been loyal and committed caring for properties they are interested to pay more to mine for it is call for some compassion. I do believe property owners purchase property and want to keep good tenants in place. And sometimes despite these efforts, there are scenes they are seen as slumlords. But I do know many good owners have had given people opportunities to lease even when their circumstances are less ideal. Tonight, we need to pass a policy that applies to renters who need it, who need it, while being considered rated of landlords that are not what some call investors of property. My office have seen tenants in everything from four plex, ten unit complex and single family home faces with some sort of rent increase or notice to vacate. This is a problem that we need to be addressing across the board with a clear room. We need to come up with some number that is fair and substantial. As for those monetary assistance, because we want people in Long Beach to stay in Long Beach, I want to be respectful. I want to be respectful to the private contracting this because it is the American dream to own a piece of the land that has been right to use. Best way ordained. But I do know that sometimes we must do things tonight that some limitations need to be said place. I want to thank everyone for coming out here tonight and being patient to listen to all of us. It's going to take a long time. Thank you guys very much. Thank you, Vice Mayor Andrews. There's a there's a motion in a second, which is the motion as described by Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. Thank you, everyone that has been engaged on this issue. And first of all, I want to thank the makers of the original motion. Councilwoman. Yeah, I'm getting that somewhere. Someone's mic is on and we're getting some sort of feedback. I'm not sure if it's staff maybe. Or I've had a few people mention it already. So just. Just a quick note, so. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Very good. I'm going to restart. Thank you. Okay. So I would like to thank the. Very good. Yeah. Okay. The makers of the original motion that recognize that in our city, we've had a lot of great development, a lot of growth. My district alone, I think we've had 13 projects approved in the last three years. But with that comes needing to make sure that we're protecting our residents and the people that really make our city thrive. It's the diversity. It's the sweat equity. It's your contributions, your creativity that makes the Long Beach a place that people want to come. And Long Beach will not be Long Beach if we cannot keep and maintain our residents and our city. So I'm really happy that we're having this conversation. And I definitely, you know, as somebody that was in the community in the middle of the downtown plan, this has been the issue for me that has kept me up at night as well. I think Leana and I have both kind of shared that gut wrenching feeling about want

ing to do something, but waiting to make sure that we have, you know, the right support from staff, the right research, that we do all the work to make sure that we don't go into this blind with just a big heart. And so to those that feel like this has been fast, it has been excruciatingly slow for my residents. It's been excruciatingly slow for me, someone who sees herself as a lifelong renter. So I started paying rent when I was 16. I did not have the option of having a nest egg and being able to invest something by the time I was 20. So we have to recognize that while it's wonderful that we have people that are able to invest in a home and are able to save up, that, that's not the case for everybody. I unfortunately go for I mean, unfortunately, people need to be recognized for the fact that we all go through different struggles. And it doesn't mean that all of our hearts are in different places. I believe everybody in this room cares deeply about Long Beach, cares deeply about security for their family. For some people wearing the white hat, security for your family is that that's

your nest egg. Right. And that you're worried that that's going to be impacted. For other people, it's the fact that they don't have a nest egg, that they're working two and three jobs and their kids are trying to go to school and trying to have services and trying to make sure they have a clean, safe place to do their homework, which we know is a determining factor in how they succeed and if they are able to go on and have a nest egg. So we are doing the right thing tonight by making a decision and moving forward with this. I have to hope that we all get there. I want to address the question around having a business and really the idea that I respect and am thankful for those that owned businesses in my district. I've tried to be a very big supporter of small businesses and recognizing for small owners there might be some impacts that they might have. And so I wanted to ask staff question around. I know that the staff recommendations that are here say the based on four units, which is based on the business licenses. Is there something keeping the city from being able to say if you're a small business owner and you own, say, five units in L.A. County, that you would be exempt from relocation or have a reduced fee? So if you're not in Long Beach, if you have a building somewhere else, is that what the question is? Well, I think the reason I asked L.A. County is because I believe that there is a way to track with L.A. County taxes lesson to be able to see how many properties you own. Whereas in Long Beach, I don't know that we have that mechanism in place. So part of the reason that we had recommended four more is because that's when a business license is triggered. We have pretty good data and we have contact with those property owners on a yearly basis as we issue their their business license. They're also on our Web schedule. So we know who they are. We have staff

going out to their buildings. We the council can certainly pick and extend this to down to duplexes, as we mentioned, or any other any other measurement. It does become much more of a challenge for us to identify who they are and and be able to establish connection with them so it can be done. We are recommending four more because that's something that we already have a known universe of the of the businesses. Okay. I'd like to you know, I look forward to hearing from my colleagues on their thoughts on that. But I really I want us to be able to pass something that protects renters and protects small property owners. That's really thoughtful. So I look forward to hearing some of the comments on that. In relation to the recommendation to the scene, your first security deposit. Can you walk through for me a little bit more about home funds and why this is for seniors and maybe not for extreme low, extremely low income tenants as well? Councilwoman We currently fund a similar program with home funds that is administered by the Health Department, and it's for homeless households. And because of the Council's request, in the original request back in January 2018, with a focus on seniors, we thought that that was a way to help seniors. But there's not any reason why we couldn't help other households as well. But we do have limited funding. So recognizing that we have limited funding, I'm not sure if this is the right time tonight, but down the road I'd be interested to hear what the if the pot of money would be large enough for us to offer it to extremely low tenants, knowing that we are trying to do our best to protect from people becoming homeless and that that's the biggest vulnerable population. So Councilmember, I would add that we are constantly looking for dollars, especially at the state level, and we've had some success in the past of getting those dollars for prevention. And so if we were to get additional state dollars, we could look at that as well for prevention activities to keep people in their homes. I believe there's something in Measure H, so I've talked to Kelly, call it be a little bit. So whatever we can do to make sure that we are identifying that, I appreciate staff's work there. So two other two other things I want to bring up before I move on. It was brought up the idea of homeownership and this forward mobility. And I noticed and appreciate it in the staff report, the comments around homeownership, I will say that how many renters in the room know that you can have your credit score reflect your on time payments, rental payments? Exactly. So I found this out because I moved last year. And I will tell you, as a lifelong renter, it cost me 70 \$500 to move, and that literally was 70 \$500 to have them hold the place for me for the day. If you can bring me 70 \$500 in the hour, I'll hold it for you. And I got that because he asked me where I worked and I said I worked for the city. My credit score was not great and I had to talk myse

If in for a good 3 hours to be able to get a great apartment in a great neighborhood. And I know that I had that privilege and that that's not there for everybody. But credit scores are one of the things that keeps renters renters. So one of the things that he does for me now is he reports my on time payments to the credit agency and within three months, my credit score went up 40 points. Within

six months, it went up 62 points. So this is something that I know some landlords do that is a great help for their tenants. And if we're having the conversation, I would like I've had conversations with many of the landlords to incentivize them or just require them to inform tenants of their rights, to have their credit score, you know, to have this reported to their credit score, should they want that? Staff with me. Yeah. Okay. I can repeat it. Yes, please. I would love it if we could incentivize landlords or require landlords to inform their tenants. Of the ability to report their credit, their rental payment to the credit agency as a means for upward mobility. And also inform tenants of the option of renters insurance. Not required, but the option again gives some cover and releases the tension between landlords and tenants because now you have a third party that's responsible for some of those. Those are low, simple things that I think landlords and tenants have been that I've met with. And believe me, I've met with a lot. But the biggest issue for me, outside of making sure that we have a balanced approach, is really making sure that our seniors and those that are disabled are not that are not left out. I want to make sure that we provide additional support. And so I would like to make a substitute motion which builds on the original motion. While it's critical to provide additional assistance to our disabled and senior residents, I worry that putting this additional relocation cost on landlords could create a disincentive to renting to these vulnerable populations. Therefore, I make a substitute motion that \$2,000 of relocation benefit for seniors and disabled residents be paid from a city fund to be established using state, county and other funding sources. I've had a talk with the mayor of how to talk with staff. I think we believe that a second round of cheap funds from the state is likely to be coming in for this purpose. And this is something that would incentivize or take away a disincentive for seniors, but allow us to continue to protect them. My grandmother raised me and when she had to move in her seventies, it changed her life and she ended up having a stroke shortly after. And all of us really believe that it was that move to a completely different community that was done in a very quick fashion. And so as much support as we can give our seniors and disabled. I'd like to see that, too. Thank you. And Councilmember, if I can ask a quick clarifying question. You had mentioned you wanted to do some outreach for informing tenants about re

ntal credits. Is that and the insurance option, is that part of the motion as well? I was going to ask. Yes, that's a part of the motion, yeah. Okay. Make that a part of that. And just we wouldn't be prepared tonight to really talk about a city fund. So we would bring that back along with, you know, any staffing needed or any opportunities. That's what we're understanding, is you're giving us direction to look at that fund and come back with the ordinance. Yes, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. So so it's okay. Just to be clear, we have a substitute motion which which is Mostar, which is all of the main motion made, but also includes changing the nature of the the fund for for seniors and for people with disabilities so that that is administered in part by the city, as I heard it from Councilmember Pierce. And that's that's the substitute motion that's on the floor. Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank staff for that presentation. I know that this is a big issue. You've done a lot of work to bring us to this point. And I just want to acknowledge my staff member, Alana, who I've probably been inspired to hear about this and want to remark on this, remark on that all night. So she's like, help me tweet my comments and print them and bring them back to me all night. So I think you can relax. It's my time, Alina. So sorry about that. So over the end, I want to thank the residents and all the stakeholders who come down to speak. I understand how important this issue is, and that's why I think it's okay. I think we should take our time tonight and just listen to each other and ultimately come to an agreement, because I think it's important that we do pass a policy. And and over the past, you know, year two years, we've heard these gut wrenching stories in local press or these scenarios where people come down to city council and say, my entire building has been displaced and and due to commercial rehabilitation or whatever the reason was. And they tell us their stories of how they have had a difficult time finding a new place or they didn't have a lot of time to prepare for this. And so I think it's important that we do have this conversation, acknowledge all of those hours and hours of testimony, all those lives that each one of those little three minute or tonight 90 seconds segments represent or so I acknowledge that. So it's important that we actually have that. You know, I grew up in a working family. We were not rich. We did move around a lot. My family didn't always have stable housing, and I don't talk about it very often. But, you know, I attended attended 13 public schools across five different states. And it was for different reasons. But I know what it's like. I understand what it's like to seek and yearn for this concept of stability. I understand that. I know what that's like very, very deeply. I also

understand that the desire to set roots, to own a home, and to ultimately invest in the community, and to live tha

t dream of buying property and pursuing that, I know what that's like. I'm living it. When I began the process of laying roots as an adult, I considered Long Beach for two reasons one. Well, it was affordable and to. I really appreciate it. I liked the quality of the neighborhoods there. I felt like I felt I fit into the Long Beach community. Those were the two main reasons. Affordability and the fact that I fit in with that community. So when I was 23, I got a one bedroom apartment on Banner Drive in Bixby. No, that a one year lease. I went through that process. I sold it was like 900 bucks. I had no extra hundred bucks for the garage and I loved my little place. And I got to tell you, at some point I wanted to become a homeowner. And, you know, I got married and, you know, I bought a home and, you know, all those things. And then a couple of years ago, my wife and I made the decision to transition into becoming into renting out our first home that we had where we had both our daughters. We brought them home from almost memorial. We made the decision to rent that place out and buy a new place for ourselves, for a larger family. And so we so I know what it's like, the rewarding nature of becoming a landlord, of providing someone a home in a place that I cared about. So I can say I grew up as a renter, but I am a landlord as well. And so I understand. I understand. And I'm considering both of those perspectives as we set policy tonight. So being housing insecure has a direct impact on families. Their ability to thrive in a community of ability as student has to perform well in school. And it is our responsibility as a government to talk about those policies. So I think that it is important that we acknowledge that we do have a duty to have this conversation. There was a lot of topics about, you know, get out of my business and this is the city's business. We have to have these conversations. I also understand. Thank you. I understand also the need this conversation of economic inclusion, the need to have upward mobility makes sense. Homeownership and real estate are still the most common pathways to building wealth in America. That is true, and we need to be aware and acknowledge the impact of this policy on mom and pop property owners who are pursuing that dream. I think that's important. And these considerations, they're core components to all the conversations we have in our city about our economic blueprint, economic inclusion, everyone home. We want to make sure that the people in our city are not just protected but included as we make decisions about the growth of our city. That's important. So we can't have this conversation in the vacuum of just tenant protections. We acknowledge that depression pressure on the housing stock is not simply a result of the natural market, but they're a result of they're also a result of decisions that we made as a city, policies we passed on the city, land use, documents like downtown plan and other things.

They have a direct impact, the decisions we make. And so it's good that we're into attracting investment, we're attracting companies, but we have to keep the people first as we make these decisions. We hear the stories about people pulling up from the bootstraps, becoming property owners, living the American dream. I get it. But we don't want to also discredit the hard work of renters. There's a long history of restrictive policies in our city that have created a permanent rental class that we should understand, and that history within our city, with our country, includes redlining that prohibited masses of people from locating to certain neighborhoods, or policies that prevent people from having that first step of buying a home. Utilizing GI Bill. Utilizing these other assets. So that is a history that we should acknowledge that there is a rental class that has been systematically kept out of the ownership process. Now Long Beach is changing. The most recent data analysis of Long Beach indicates a few things. Who are we talking about? Who is our city? So we just passed a we just commissioned a report by Policy Link, an economic equity report that gives us a profile, a snapshot of our city. It tells us that one quarter of the jobs in our city are low wage. That's 25% of the jobs in our city. They're low wage. Yet one in ten. A 10th of the rental units in our city are affordable to low wage workers. That's data. That's the most recent data we have. Only eight census tracts in the whole city has a median market rate of less than 1560 per month. Only three census tracts in the city have that. We see positive economic activity in our city, which is impacting a major sector of people that we serve, people we call constituents. But is our responsibility to be intentional about creating policy that addresses shifts to this vast population? So this is one piece that everyone home task force called out, a comprehensive plan. And we just need to understand this is one piece. There are other pieces we have to do and look forward to the inclusionary housing policy. I look forward to continuing the conversation on identifying local sources of revenue to

replace the redevelopment that we use to use for production affordable housing. I look forward to those things, but as I typically say, the angels are in the details, right? So I want to jump into this current proposal. So I have a few questions for staff. So in the presentation tonight, a few things stood out to me that I want to just want to just ask a few questions about. So on page seven, Mr. Modica or Linda or whoever wants to comment on this, and page seven, there's a chart says vacancy rate by zip code, and it shows a steady sort of decline in vacancy rate. But two spikes really stand out, and those spikes are. Q one 2015 in the zip code of 90813 and Q1 of 2016 and 90802. And I know that both of these are in the area that that is focused in the downtown plan area. But is there a story behind these two

spikes? Because they really, really pronounced they happen and then they bounced right back. Is there a story behind those two spikes? Councilmember Richardson, we are back here looking at the timeline for a couple of major projects that came on board. And we think that the spike, the highest spike, we think that that was when the current came online. And as you know, the vacancy rate is determined by the number of units that are in the housing stock available available for rent, but that are currently vacant. So we think that when the current came online with those 200 plus units, that it created a spike because once they came online, they were available units, but they have not yet been leased up. And the other one we're not sure about, but we think it's a another one of the new development projects that came online and that other one was earlier than the current. But we're not absolutely sure, but we think that that's the basis for those two spikes new projects coming online when they first hit the market. They're technically available, but they haven't yet been leased up, so they would be counted as vacant units. Understood. And and I think what's interesting is a few things that I get from that is that one, both of those were post the adoption of the downtown plan. It created the meetings immediate spike of vacancy, which was actually a good thing to bring in new units. So it proves to me that we do have the ability, you know, in the policies we passed to shift these trends in our city. And so if we're intentional about, hey, we know we can create additional vacancy, we know that, then we should be smart about inclusive inclusionary housing policies and supporting affordable housing production because they have a direct impact there. And could you confirm so you said the current was one of the current or could be one of them. That was a downtown planned project that utilized incentives from downtown plan. I'm going to say yes and no because the original current project was entitled Before the Downtown Plan. Yet after the project was approved, they came back a couple of years later to re entitled the project to take some of the benefit of the downtown plan, things like the reduced parking, etc.. And the Edison was also a former redevelopment agency. And a former. So both of them were, you know, impacted by government in some way. Government played a role in both those projects. That makes sense. Okay. So another one on page eight, that's the local multifamily building data table. On that page, it looks like four units makes up. Tell me if I'm right. Tell me. It says four units makes up 37.8% of all the properties in the city. And that seems like a large number, 38%. Is that inclusive of one through four or is that just for unit buildings? That's for buildings up to four units. So that's up to four units. No, I'm sorry. Let me let me take that. It is building of at least four units for unit buildings. So this does not include single family

, duplex or tripe. That because the. Category of four units or more. Okay. If it's four units, sorry. So it's not four and above is just four. Four. Correct. Okay. So that is a map. If 37.8, if almost there are 38 or 40% of the properties in the city are one are for units. I think it's important that that be a threshold to capture as many people as possible that for unit building. But you know I you know, I know four units are popular in to mom and pop. So I do want to have a conversation about that. So another question on this on this issue, so was it that we couldn't find data on single use, duplex or triplex? Is that why it's not? Is it more difficult to get to the data we collected here? We have data on just building permits generally for we have a very good idea of the number of those units. But what we don't have is a record of whether or not those units are being rented because they don't require a business license. There's no mechanism for us to track it or be aware of those duplex or even single family rentals. Okay. So that's that's an important number. And Councilmember, we tried to give that to you on the options list. So when we looked at option one, we're estimating that it covers about 95,000 units, which would include duplex triplex in four or more in up an option two, which is four more up includes 70,000 units, 70,300. So there's probably another 20,000 units in that duplex and triplex category. Yeah. So so I knew that I was asking so you know, everybody else would

know that, you know, of okay, so question is there a way, you know, and this is pertaining to the mom and pop conversation. Linda, is there a way to know if, you know, someone owns one duplex or if someone owns ten properties in a city and one happens to be a duplex? Are there mom and pop and the fact that they own one or is, you know, of one for plex are part of a larger portfolio? Is there a mechanism to even know that or understand that? I'm going to say yes with some reservations, because we characterize you as a business and requiring a business license by owning four units if you owned multiples, as long as the name of the ownership was the very same, we would be able to run a report from our database and business license and identify that you may own multiple four unit complexes, but if you may be in partnership or a limited liability or an LLC or some other entity, there would be ways for you to own the building that we wouldn't necessarily be able to track it back to you as an individual because of the various ways in which you can own a property, the various names under which you can own it. So that would be challenging and difficult to ascertain very definitively that one person or one entity owned multiple four unit buildings. And no, that's common sometimes. You know, people put, you know, Barclay Street LLC or this LLC or that LLC for tax reasons or whatever it is, be difficult to track. We'd have some understanding, but the verification would need to be

, you know, some other process that makes sense. That's correct. And that was, frankly, a part of the rationale for sticking with the data that we can easily track. Okay. So since 37.8% of the properties are for Plex, I think it makes sense that for Plex is the sort of lowest. For Plex is an up are the lowest for this policy. Whatever policy moves forward tonight, I think it makes sense. I also think we need to think about some way to, you know, provide a waiver or a modification or something to someone who owns a single a single four plex building, for example, if maybe you live on site, if your primary residence, then that is you are a mom and pop. It makes sense to me, you know. So another question. So on page 22, you have 10% as your trigger. How did you arrive at 10% as your trigger? What did that number come from? I think we just looked at a rate at which the the increase would be very impactful, particularly for the average renter and the unit. And that was the basis for the 10%, essentially. Okay. All right. And then a few more questions on how this will work. And these are real narratives that have come up, and I want to talk them through. So if you have a fixed short term lease, mutually agreed upon by both parties to rent your place for six months, let's say that the person is in town for a construction project for six months and they move their family to town and they negotiate a lease for six months to come in, bring their family live here for six months, and they want to go home afterward, mutually agreed upon by two parties in that at the end of that lease, would that trigger relocation? Under the proposal. Not in and of itself unless unless one of the triggering events that we talked about earlier, one there, they voluntarily choose to leave. On their own without any notice from the landlord that they must leave. So if you have a six month lease and you've agreed, that is six months. A six month period. And at the end of that six months, you want your unit back. That triggered relocation if they change their mind. I think that would depend upon the terms of the lease. But if they have a six month lease and they're leaving at the end of that six month lease, I'm not there's not a triggering mechanism. There's not a rent increase to trigger it, nor is it a notice to vacate based upon one of the the factors that are identified in state law. This would be just a voluntary. Fixed term lease. It doesn't trigger a relocation, is what you're saying. The fixed term lease supersedes relocation. No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying that the triggering mechanism you're saying that they are leaving after six months and they had a six month lease, is that correct? Let's say it's one year. If they have a one year lease and they're leaving at the end of six months, they they would have broken their. Legal they're leaving at the end. Let's say the term is a year. Right. In that scenario. Okay. I see. Agreed that this is a one year term. That is a f

ixed lease of your agreement. What happens at the end? Does it trigger you want your unit back? Does it trigger relocation? I'm sorry. I thought you said it would trigger if you asked them to leave before they were ready to leave. If they were voluntarily leaving, they would not be subject to that. It's only if you ask them to leave at the end of that six month period. So would you need to ask if you have a fixed term? This is why I need to drill down on this. If it is a fixed term lease, six months, nine months, a year at the end of that lease, do you need to submit notice to that person to leave? And does that trigger relocation? I need to understand that. A fixed term lease. That is not one of the provisions we've included here. Just leaving it the termination of a lease that you and the the

landlord have a mutual agreement about the time of the lease. That would not be a triggering mechanism. So there's no guarantee that if you've stayed there for a full year because the standard lease in the city is one year. At the end of that one year. If you want your property back and your landlord, you do not have to pay relocation because you have a fixed term lease. Is that what you're telling me under this policy? That is correct. That would not be a triggering mechanism if you were voluntarily leaving at the end of your lease. So getting into specifics can be a little bit difficult, but ideally the way this would work is you would have a one year lease and at the end of that it normally converts to a month to month tenancy. So then you just keep going. And so in that case, that person would have to pay relocation benefits if they were told by their landlord, you are no longer, you know, I need to rent to somebody else. So under that, that would as long as it didn't meet one of the criteria in state law, then relocation benefits would go into effect. So the six month is a little bit different because yes, I think that's where we got thrown off is six months. I mean, you could potentially write a lease that says this is only for six months. It will not go beyond six months. You know, we both agree on leaving after six months. That would be in a different category. But again, as you often say, the angels in the details would have to write those things into the ordinance. That's why I'm asking this question, because we need to be crystal clear on that. If someone writes a fixed term lease of six months or year. And they want their unit back. Do you agree to that period of time, for whatever reason, you said, Hey, I have a vacancy for a fixed period of time. I'm not interested. I like you, but I'm not that into you. I don't want a long term relationship. Whatever. Right. I need my place back in a year. Right. Mom's moving in. Whatever. I need my place back in a year. Do you have. Does it. This is a real question we need to understand, because this could be 4000, 5000 that we need to clear. Clearly understand that if you just want your unit back, you have

a fixed term lease and you want it back at the end. Do you have to pay relocation? Under under this. Scenario, our intent in that specific scenario is you would not if both parties agreed in writing upfront, this is for six months. This is only for six months. Most people don't do that. They get into a lease for a year or whatever it is. Let's say it's. One. Then the expectation is it goes to a month to month tenancy and then yes, relocation would be required. So if it kicks into month to month relocation or if it kicks into another lease beyond that year. The idea here is that you would be vested in to those those benefits of relocation. Correct. Okay. I'm going to make sure that that's called out very clearly so we understand that point. Okay. Another one. Let's say you have an instance where you have this this kind of falls in line. There was the instance of student housing. If you have a model every fall, you open up your applications. You accept a renter for one year. They come in in the fall, they leave in the summer. And it's a one year fixed rate. We understand from this conversation that one year at the end of that year, you start your process all all over again if that's your model and you rent it one year at a time. That under, you know, under as long as it's written in your lease and you're fine, that would not trigger relocation for every college student every year. We could certainly read that and. Yes. Okay. All right. I'll be clear on you. Just things we need to be clear on. Okay. I think. Okay. All right. So I think it makes sense that we apply these benefits broadly. I think we need provisions to be sensitive to small mom and pops. I think we need to make sure that we codify what we just discussed right now, that, you know, up to, you know, that you have that vesting period, you know, up to the year. And if that if at the end of that, you convert in two months, month or another, another lease, right? You are vested into these benefits. But if you're in a short term agreement six months up to a year, and that's your business model, you should, you know, asking someone to factor in 5000 relocation is tricky. So. So I think we need to be very clear on that. So I think so. In summary, you know, I think this is in general, it's a tricky conversation. It is a conversation on values. You know, we look back on our history. We you know, you might say it's crazy to think we had to debate at one point where the children have to work in a factory. The children can work in a factory. It might have seemed like a crazy discussion, but that was a discussion at some point. The concept of Social Security was a radical idea. Right in the front seat of a bus was a matter of debate. And I think when we look back, when our grandchildren look back on the discussions that we have today, one of the issues will be, you know, you're telling me that somebody can take away you can live in a place and with very little notice you can be displaced and the

government has no protection or provision for, you know, due process. And looking back on it, if we just put that lens on this, we need to be on the right side of this. I think in general, if we are a city

that is actively pursuing development and major organizations locate in our city and we're doing that, I think we need to be a city that is open to ensuring that, you know, we have strong tenant protections. So I'm going to make a motion. I want to say to my colleagues right now that I am open to friendly amendments. I you know, if something can't get in tonight, I think we need to get the policy done tonight. But if there are things that can't be worked in, you know, either we'll send it to Housing Neighborhoods Committee or we try to work it in tonight. But I want people to understand, I'm going to build on what I've heard from Molina, Councilwoman Gonzalez and Councilwoman Pearce, and we're going to we're going to kind of try to land this plane. So I want to offer a substitute substitute motion. It builds on the relocation assistance proposed in the substitute motion. However, my substitute substitute proposes changes to the trigger language language in component one. Specifically, I want to propose that a new section be added that relocation is paid to any resident who receives a notice to vacate. Because property owners rehabilitate rehabilitating the apartment unit. So in every case, every single case of rehabilitation, displacement, it is paid. That is in addition to the 10% and the other trigger. So there are three triggers. Next, I want to propose a new section C that provides relocation assistance to tenants in good standing who received a notice to vacate a tenant in good standing is one who has lived in their unit for more than a year, who has not done the items one through nine is listed. So that establishes that it protects those short term situations. This is the one year vesting period. My my motion also includes the final two provisions. So this is the small mom and pop provision. So one. You know, waivers to the requirement to pay a little bit ray relocation benefits for owners who can provide who can prove that they own a single four unit building and the unit is vacated for an immediate family member or owner lives in the same property as a tenant. So if you live there, if this is your main residence and you live on that site. You are exempted from this policy. You are mom and pop or two. This is your only building. You got one of them and you need your unit back. Because Grandma's moving in or kids coming home from college. Your mom and pop. We're going to exempt you from that. So everybody in one unit, two, unit three unit, those are exempted and four units are included with the exception of these these two very narrow examples, the mom and pop provisions. Number two, that this entire renter relocation assistance policy. Well well, I think we'll stop at one. I'm open to other things. And I know there's some other other

things that are here. So. So the draft proposal pros language to make it clear. Component one is trigger for relocation assistance. Relocation assistance triggered upon A, B or C. Right. Right. Now, just as Andy's going to say A, B or C, trigger one notice of rent, increase the 10% or more in any 12 month period. B Notice the vacate is issued because the property owners rehabbing the apartment building. So just make it very clear if it is a rehab and you were kicking people out, that triggers that. If you receive that notice to vacate, that is a trigger. And three, the notice to vacate is issued to a tenant in good standing. Good standing are the nine pieces that are referenced in addition to they've lived in their unit for one for for more than one year. So that those are triggers A, B and C, and that is my substitute substitute motion. Okay. That's the there's a substitute substitute on the on the floor. There's still a lot of speakers that are going to speak. I want to make some comments as well. And then we're going to go back to make sure we're very clear on what the sub sub is before we take the vote. Councilmember Austin. Thank you. And I don't have several pages of notes to talk from today. I want to thank my colleagues and I want to thank all of the speakers who came out and spoke here today. There's a lot of good content, a lot of great information and and passion on on all sides of this issue. This is not going to be an easy issue for this council to to dissect and to move forward on. But I think it's important for us to do something and walk away with some sort of policy this evening that that that provides some sort of relief for for tenants, but also fairness for for some of our many of our property owners as well. I've heard loud and clear, I don't think there is a an area that that everybody's going to walk away from here satisfied and happy with this evening. But but I think I know from from this council members perspective and hearing from other colleagues, we're going to do our best to to find and landed at a place that that makes sense for for Long Beach this evening. You know, I think there's a lot of good data that has also been shared here. The staff report was very thorough and I think it was excellent for for the most part there. I think they they came back with what we asked them to do. They gave us the information we asked for. And me, myself, I've combed through the report at least two or three times, and I've met with me. And I can't even count how many meetings I've had with individuals and organizations represented on all sides of this issue. It has been and a very, very, very impactful conversation, to

say the least. I think here in Long Beach, we we also would have at one point that hasn't been been raised. I think it was only raised by one one commenter earlier. I mean, we really need to focus on, of course, building new housing here in the city. It's something that I'm committed to and will work toward

as long as I'm in public office. I think it's important for us to do that here in the city and to focus on that. But we also need to to put our focus on creating good jobs in the city, because that is the the mark of what really will be affordable housing if people people have good jobs and can can afford the housing stock that we have. And an understanding that that the decision we make here today is and can may impact our housing market here in the city. I want to be very careful that we we we make the right decision here. I think I can support the substitute substitute motion. I think it moves us in the right direction. I think it could have been a friendly be quite, quite honest with you. It seems like it it's kind of built on built up on the original motion. And I'm sure those amendments would have been accepted as friendlies. But I think there's certainly has been a lot of thought into all of their motions. And I appreciate Councilmember Richardson for for bringing that forward. There was a question a little earlier that that I did make a note of, and I wanted to just check with the city of. Tony, regarding the question about the cost of Hockey's act and does or is what being what is being proposed, does it, does it comply with the Cost Hawkins Act? My tentative opinion is that yes, it does. I'm not a rent control expert. So this is, you know, somewhat new to me as it is a lot of people in the room and behind the dais. But the way I read Costa Hawkins and based on my limited familiarity with similar provisions statewide in other municipalities. What you're proposing to do tonight, if well, if quite frankly, if any of the motions are adopted, those, in my opinion, would comply with Costa Hawkins. But that is certainly something I'll be willing to look into further before we bring back an ordinance. Okay. And just just getting to get it, I want to get a sense of what that timeline would look like. Obviously. Thank you for looking into that and definitely appreciate that. But how long do you do you foresee this this policy possibly coming back if this council takes action this evening? I'm not certain at this point I'll be drafting the ordinance from from scratch. That's not entirely true, because plenty of other municipalities have tested ordinances that I can draw from. I'd have to huddle with city management to to see what they think is a reasonable return. I'm standing by to do it as quickly as possible, if that's what you're interested in. Okay. Well, I'll say this, that I've only been on the council for almost seven years and I've seen it seems like our housing market go 180 degrees during this period of time. And so, that said, any policy that we. Put in place today, I think should should have to go under review. Right. I don't know if it's two years, but three years, I think it would be very important for for us to come back and and kind of look at where we are with our market and with our policies, including this one after a certain p

eriod of time. Councilmember Richardson, since you have the sub said, would you be amenable to that? Sure. Walk me through it one more time. Provision. Well, I'd like to just just at least have an opportunity to for the council to to come back maybe after 24 months, if something is implemented, if this policy is accepted this evening after implementation, 24 months to to review and reconsider or. Reauthorize. Reauthorize. So are you open to making it 36 months so I can accept it now? Sure I can do three, six months. Okay. I think 36 months is three years. That gives us some good opportunity to evaluate data in value. So I just want to make clear that so what you're talking about is a sense of impact. So without further assuming because because I think everyone understands we're not adopting any policies. The city is not adopting a policy formally tonight. You're directing me to bring back an ordinance which would adopt that policy. That ordinance. Then, if this is accepted by Councilman Richardson as a friendly amendment, the ordinance would state that it is of no further force in effect, three years after it is adopted, unless the city council takes at that time or prior to then takes some other further action. I understand that correctly. Yes. Okay. So I would accept that with a provision that it is brought forward to council for reauthorization, that it is just simply disappears or sunset that is brought forward in three years for reauthorization. I think the argument that he makes that markets change and we need to you know, we need to take a look at it. I think that's smart. That was consistent with, you know, other things I've done like the play and other. So I'm okay with accepting that as a friendly. Got it. And just so I'm clear, too, I think Rich asked the question normally in some of these, you've asked us to come back and revisit within data. We're reading this as it actually would go out of effect in three years, but we needed. That. Back to you at the same time with data for you to make a positive decision to continue it or to let it

lapse. Correct. Okay. Thank you. And I would just add that the market, you know, where we should have a full understanding of what the where the market is, perhaps we we meet our arena numbers and our housing goals and all of a sudden we have a surplus of properties in the city in three years. I mean, I know that's ambitious, but hey, we we're we're an ambitious city. We're working hard. Q Thank you, Councilman. Let me keep going down. I still have a long speaker's list. Oh, I'm sorry about that. I'm sorry about that, Councilman. I'm not done yet. No, no. Page two notes. Well. Trust me, you get all the time you want because I think it once. But I just again, I want to just also say that to the many property owners who came here and spoke, I saw I saw a lot of diversity. And I understand, you know, I was I was contacted by folks I used to work with at Boeing. Right. People who had their their career

s cut short. And, you know, during the course of their their their time working in the aerospace industry, they were able to acquire a property or two in the city. And many of those individuals today are supplementing their retirements or using their rental properties to supplement their retirements. And so I do understand that the mom and pop concept here that that that small property owners are not necessarily the fat cats that are driving this. There was also a local multifamily, the slide number ten staff that I thought was pretty compelling regarding the increase in rehabilitation in multifamily rental housing. I appreciate Councilmember Richardson adding that as a trigger, because it shows to me that it seems to me that that many of the issues that we're talking about in terms of displacement and drastic rent increases were consistent with with rehabilitation and new purchases of properties in certain zip codes. And so with that said, I'm not I'm not necessarily stuck on a on a four on the four plex number because I'm not sure that those those those properties are the ones that are that are the ones that are that are problem properties for us. I'm going to be just straightforward. I mean that. And for this, if there's anything lacking in the staff report, it would be the data showing that where where the where the impact has been for displacement and rising rents, what type of units? Is there any way for us to look at that or start to look at that, or have you considered that? And that's a good question, sir. There's a reason that it's lacking in that we don't have the data. So part of what we're asking to do in this audience, if you were to move forward, is to require that we start getting that data, because right now we know who, you know, which properties are being turned over, we know which ones are being invested in. We don't have any way besides anecdotal data to know whether there's been displacement, and we've certainly heard stories about it. We've seen it in the papers. So what you're adopting in the ordinance and what we're recommending, if it would come back, is that we would get regular reports from people who were from the property owners who were paying that tenant relocation. So we can start seeing where is it happening, who's getting it, what are the amounts, those types of things. So we would have that data for you at the end of that three year period for you to really look at that. Okay. I'm going to we're going to yield to my colleagues for now. If I have any more comments, I will give later. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Councilwoman Price, thank you. And I appreciate all the comments tonight. I appreciate everyone who came out and talked and those who requested a meeting with me. Thank you for the mutual respect in allowing us to have that dialog. That means a lot to me. I do believe that this is an inclusive process and respect the efforts to outreach, even when people don't think they'll agree 100% of the t

ime. I will say to so from a council office, we received 155 emails on this item. All of them were to vote no on the item. I did hear from some residents tonight who wanted us to vote yes on the item, but that's part of the background information. In terms of what Council District three residents have shared, a lot of the residents who were here tonight are property owners and they live in my district and a lot of the tenants do as well. I think for me and I know the the landlords and the property owners are probably not going to like hearing this, and that's okay. And as you can hear council colleagues talking, I'm sure you can appreciate that a cap on rent increases is something that is probably going to be supported by this council in one form or another. And I think it should be. The problem that I have, however. What that looks like. Exactly. I want to hear from my colleagues tonight. But the problem that I have that to me is really a nonstarter in the discussion is the trigger that I think. I don't know. I'm a lawyer. Maybe I'm analyzing it different than staff when they keep saying it's not just cause of action. But I really don't understand the trigger that allows for relocation when there's a no notice to vacate. For a resident who hasn't a tenant who hasn't violated these nine enumerated offenses, how is that not just cause eviction? So just because the eviction, as we

understand it in the cities that have adopted it, essentially do not provide the option for you to ask somebody to leave unless they meet one of those nine triggers. Where this option is different is you as a property owner would retain the ability to ask somebody to leave. You can bring in whoever you want as a tenant, but if you do not, if you reach one of the triggers in the ordinance, you then would be required to pay relocation benefits. So for that, there is a distinction there where just causes never allow somebody to be removed in unless you hit the nine criteria. Okay. So we're basically saying they're exactly the same thing, except in one scenario, you can't do it in another scenario. If you do the exact same thing that's prohibited under just cause eviction, you have to pay somewhere around \$4,000. That's the difference that we're saying. That there would be relocation benefits. Yes. Okay. So we're saying you can absolutely do it. It's just going to cost you \$4,000. Or whatever up to fourth of. Whatever those that amount is that the council decides. Yes. Okay. So I think that's it's disingenuous to say honestly that that's not just cause eviction. I mean, I'd rather we come out and say we have a just cause eviction model, that if someone is going to get asked to leave with 30 to 60 days notice, they're going to have to pay upwards of \$4,000. The problem that I have with that and I shared this with the tenants rights organizations and you guys know that I'm always going to be honest with you, is that if you look at these nine principal or the nine enumerated off

enses here. Several of them require cooperation, evidence and corroboration by actual tenants. So if you're a landowner and you're trying to create a living space that's peaceful, a living space that's respectful of everyone. And I shared with the tenants rights organization that that I have a friend who lives in a building, and every day his neighbor says to him , Go back to your country and says that to his children, too. So that individual, the landlord, should be able to get rid of if they want to. With 30 to 60 days notice. And what this does is it enumerates certain offenses that if the landlord wanted to tell that person, you're not fitting with the culture that we're trying to create in this environment. We want you to leave. We're going to give you 60 days notice. We want you to leave. They have to now pay them. They have to pay someone who's a jerk to leave their property. And in order to prove that and and in order to prove that the person is a jerk, they're going to need tenant cooperation for interfered with other tenants to assaulted or stalked other tenants. Three Use the premises for unlawful purpose, for engaging in unlawful use or dealing of illegal drugs. Eight Use the. Property for animal fighting. The fact that we've taken things that are not even related to issues that we have in Long Beach and just put them in. How often have we had a situation where a tenant has been evicted because of animal fighting? I mean, like, how often does that actually happen? But we've included in here because I understand it's in the state ordinance or a law engaged in unlawful conduct involving weapons or ammunition. All of those items, four through nine require tenant cooperation in order to corroborate whatever it is that the tenant is using or the landlord is using for the basis of creating a living space that's peaceful for everyone. So I have a problem with that. I'm wondering these what are the what's the standard of proof for these nine enumerated offenses? Is it probable cause? Is it preponderance? What is it? And who's the arbitrator? Well, it's unclear because it depends on who the arbiter is. And my understanding is, is that the city from my from what I can remember of the of the presentation, the city is not interested in being the arbiter. So that means one way or another. Determining whether or not someone was exempt or otherwise entitled or on the other hand, entitled to tenant. Relocation assistance would probably fall to a judge in either a civil court of action or an unlawful detainer court. If somebody were told they needed they were given, you know, the eviction notice or that you need to leave now notice and there was a dispute over whether or not that tenant was entitled to tenant relocation. The tenant might simply refuse to leave until they were paid tenant relocation, in which case I suppose the landlord would have to begin an unlawful detainer action. The unlawful detainer judge. I'm not an expert in that area. The

law either could determine as part of what he or she determines whether, you know, an eviction should go through, whether tenant relocation is payable or not in the event that the tenant simply leaves without being paid, but claims that they ought to be paid, the tenant could bring a civil action against that landlord after they had already left. And then certainly the judge then would have to decide. Okay, so is it up to the city? Could the city establish a burden of proof as part of our ordinance? I'm not sure I'd have to look into that. Yes. You know, on things that are strictly a municipal concern, we could do that. But I'm not sure that state law wouldn't wouldn't trump that and

say no in the you know, the civil code, there already is a burden of proof which applies. And we can't change that. I don't have an answer for you right now. Okay. That would be I mean, I want to talk to Councilman Richardson, who has the sub sub and Councilwoman Mango and see what your thoughts are on that. Because if it's possible, since we're drafting these nine enumerated provisions anyway, what I would be more comfortable with is if item four reads, by the way, the language is different than the state ordinance of our nine enumerated offenses. Is it staff's goal that they mimic the state regulations? Because if they do, this language is different. Just like to clarify that the intent, even though it's paraphrased in the PowerPoint presentation. The intent here is that these nine items are specifically intended to capture state law. So we weren't trying to do something different from what state law currently requires. And do we believe that animal fighting is an issue that's in Long Beach, or did we just include it. To your earlier point about. We don't. When's the last time we evicted someone for that? That's a part of the issue that we're dealing with here. We don't necessarily know the purposes or kind of the cause of some of the evictions, but generally it's not been a problem in the city in terms of code enforcement or animal control, and that's just based on my recollection. We could certainly find out. But it is in state law written out that. No, it is. And I imagine I haven't looked at when it was passed by the legislature, but I imagine it was in response to some specific things that were happening at the time that garnered legislative attention. That's our understanding as well. So what I would like to propose. Is just sorry, I just want to make sure that please, everyone's deliberating, so please not have those comments. Thank you. So what I would like to propose to Councilman Richardson and Councilwoman Mango in terms of a friendly is if there's any way that we can incorporate into these nine. Like for example item number four interfered with other tenants. I would like it to say interfered with other tenants use and enjoyment of the property as determined by the landlord or some language like that. I'm open to it, but what I don't want to do is h

ave once a tenant has to go and testify against another tenant. Anonymity is completely blown and although there may not be legal retaliation against them, if for whatever reason the individual decides to stay or moves a few blocks away, this is a person that's in their world. Their kids may be going to the same school. They may be neighbors with one another. It's just a very difficult position to put people in. And what they're going to say is, you know what, I don't want to lose this apartment. Forget it. Forget I said anything and I want to be able to protect people. I'll give you another example of someone who I know has a next door neighbor. It's a building, a lot of units in there, but they have a next door neighbor who works evening hours and she makes a lot of noise. It's not enough that it would rise to a disturbing the peace or violate our noise ordinance. But it's enough that her children cannot sleep in the apartment next door. They share a common wall with the person who's using the studio next door to do their work late at night. And the kids the two kids go to law, they sleep in the apartment. And she had reached out to me a long time ago and said, our landlord won't get rid of this person because they're afraid they're going to get sued. And so I just what I don't want to do is take away property owners rights to be able to decide who they want to partner with in. Terms of a long term. Partnership. And so that's that's an issue for me. And so, Councilman Richardson, do you have any thoughts on that? Yeah. I do have thoughts on that. So so in terms of the the nine being different, then the spirit was state law, but they lifted out certain things and made it not consistent with state law. I personally think it's a slippery slope. If they're state law, we can simply lift and make those criteria what state law is. I think that makes sense. So Ms.. Tatum was the intention to go with state law? That was exactly the intention. And we just the wording here is slightly different. Again, we were just trying to paraphrase it for purposes of making it more simplified. But yes, it was state law. I think if it's state law. Ms.. Tatum Would it be simple to just refer to the specific language in state law as the policy? Yes, we could certainly do that. And again, I think the idea in spelling them out here was to be clear that everyone understood kind of the nature of the types of things that were currently covered in state. Well, we can. Do that maybe in another way. Yes. Additional documents explain to me. Well, either I get to. Yes, either additional documents or you added it in good standing. That was an additional thing that. Yeah, yeah, I'm talking about the nine not good state. So in the nine, I think that should be consistent with state law. So there's no slippery slope there so that I will accept that. To keep. The name. No, we're going to put it into. We're going to put it into state law. Consistent with state law. That is whatever state

. She made a change from state law to highlight certain pieces. I think we should just be very clear with what state law is. There was no slippery slope. We're not getting into that. I think Councilman Richardson is accepting the clarification of Linda Tatum. That's what I'm not your friend. My friend. Well, you're. Friendly. Was to go with state law, correct? No, no, no, no. In addition to your friend, you should be clear on that. Be clear what it was. My, my my clarification was whether it is state law. That wasn't my friendly. My clarification was, is this modeled after state law? Because I have a concern with some of the elements in the state law as a. As. Requiring the tenant to provide whatever the state law would be preponderance of the evidence. So. So that's my issue. So I would like to add in their discretion for the landowner to be able to create the living spaces that they believe are healthy for all of their tenants. Okay. And so what I'm saying is you're, you're friendly. I'd like to divide because I want to talk about it. Shepard So if you're comfortable with doing the state law piece, I think there's a way to talk about the other. Oh, you're comfortable with that? I want to accept that now. Now I'm going to divide that and handle the other part. The additions, you're saying to add language that that essentially gives. You know, that flexibility to the landlord. So my thoughts on that are like a big part of the tenant protections is ensuring that a benefit is provided that adds a little level of security. If you are if you have some right to that property, you're invested in that property if. By adding the vesting period. And this conversation has come over the last few weeks. By having a vesting period of one year, you're essentially saying you still have that, Mr. Landlord? You still have that full right. But if you are. Continuing with this. You know, if you are continuing with this tenant, it's sort of unfair. After they vested a certain period of time to be able to circumvent the process or that benefit. So it says you are guaranteed a benefit once you vested in that property. And so you've got you know, you have time. Like, you know, I had a very candid conversation with a landlord last week, and they raised this issue that a part, a big part of being a landlord is curating your tenants, curating that experience. I understand that as a landlord, I get it. You want to get a person. I understand that. How long does it even take you to know whether, you know, whether this is a terrible person or whether all of everybody else's in the building is going to submit a notice? How long does it even take to know? You know, immediately? Oh, you know, within three months. Well. Let me just I mean, time out. Time out here, guys, please. Let's let the council deliberate as a deliberation. So my point is, there needs to be a limit on that power. That power you are a right is a right. At what point? The question for me is, at what point does

that right. Come in. So I understand you want to preserve the ability, someone's ability to curate their property. This is a question of simply, you know, simply does this benefit of relocation apply to you? Yes or no? And by adding a provision, it becomes a giant loophole where it's not a clear yes or no. So by saying, you know, you have that full power as it is today up until a certain point. But at some point, if someone's there, if they have when your lease and you walked away from it, I understand. But on that next day when you triggered a, you know, month to month or you renew their lease, that is a commitment to that family that they can start thinking long term there. That's that's the idea behind vesting. So I understand where you're going. I just wanted to write that from the state law. So, so so that's that. And then and then secondly, the other part of it is if there are, you know, state law does say if they have broken a rule or there's a you know, and I know, you know, if they've broken a rule, if you know, these are the rules you break in order to evict someone or you can go through your eviction, you can fix you know, you don't need just cause to go through the traditional eviction process. You can go through the process as outlined by state law. That is not changed. This is simply relocation. You can still evict someone. You can still have your three day notice. You can still go through your traditional eviction process. All this is is relocation. So not that you can't curate, but the relocation will just go in effect within a year. So that's the point. I would say that I think some of the need to for the ability for the landlord to exercise that right, it's already captured in the current motion. Okay. So so just for clarification, and I wasn't asking for friendly for the state law, I was just confirming that that's what they meant. So I appreciate you saying you accepted that part of my friendly but what I'm hearing is my friend and I and the city attorney's later my friendly was to modify some of those words if it wasn't state law, but if it's state law, obviously we can't change it. But here's the thing. I think the problem that I have with this discussion and I've shared it with the tenant advocacy folks, there is an assumption that people who own property have \$4,000 or so to give for relocation. That is not true. That assumption is not fair. It's not fair. So if you and I, it may be true for some. It may be true for some, but it's not true for everyone. Okay. There is assumptions that are made all the time. Sometimes when I'm at the status, people say, Oh, you're

from the third district. How would you know? I worked two jobs and my husband works two jobs so that we can pay our mortgage. And if one of us lost our job, we wouldn't be able to pay our mortgage. So please don't make assumptions about people on the other side. The problem I have here is, look, I'm saying I think it is unfair for rents to be increased abo

ve 10%. I absolutely do. I agree with you with that. I know the property owners probably don't agree with me on that. And I'm saying that I agree with that. And I and I told the tenant relocation folks, I've told them very honestly about this. The problem that I have, which is a nonstarter for me, which is why, you know, you can give the conclusion of tonight whatever fancy, you know, title you want to give it and say, you know, so-and-so doesn't support tenants, but I'm telling you, the 10% cap I'm okay with I could live with the thing that I have a problem and I think it's fair. The thing I have a problem with is this deterrent for landlords to be able to create living spaces that work for them and their tenants. And when you own a property, when you own a property, you want to talk about losing sleep. You lose sleep. If you're a ten, if you're a landlord and you've got tenants in there who don't want to go home, they don't feel safe and you're going to tell them you don't feel safe. Great. You need to go to court and outline for the court everything you're jerk neighbor is saying to you that's racist, sexist, whatever the case may be that you. And your children have to be exposed to every day. Because if I want to get rid of that person and create a safer environment for you, I have to come up with \$4,000. That's not fair. And property ownership should not be curtailed. And we should not be in a position where we are limiting the rights of property owners to create the living spaces that they have earned the right to create. So I have a problem with that. So my my friendly, just to be clear and Councilman Richardson's friendly said a tenant in good standing who determines the term good standing? Who determines that the landlord. Because if that's the case, then I would say a tenant in good standing as determined by the landlord. It's two provisions. It's a tenant in good standing is one whose number one lived in their unit more than a year. And to a person who has not triggered any of these nine who are listed and I'm okay with going with state law. So it's consistent, you know, so that state law provision, that's what good standing is, what it's about. It's not you don't have free range beyond that that you don't have free range beyond that year to just deem someone out, you know, you're not in good standing. I can skirt the law that we all worked hard to do. You can't do that. You can do that within a year, which is. Fair. But beyond that, then you're essentially opening a giant loophole that is difficult to defend. Okay, I understand what you're trying to say. So good standing is determined by who then. The two. Criteria. You've been there for 12 months, so you're vested in that property. If a short term or if you didn't make your lease or the end of the lease, you have the right to say you were not a good fit. We're not renewing your lease or going a month to month. But if if you are there. Beyond that period, there is an acknowledgment t

hat they have been in good standing. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. You don't automatically, at the end of that lease, you get hit with relocation. You have a right to create your space. The question is the limits of that curation. The limits that create curation shouldn't be forever. Mm hmm. Right. It should be. It should be something reasonable to a family, like. Like living someplace at a year. You're still getting to know the neighborhood, your kids, your own, their first year school. Maybe you're getting to know the neighborhood, but at some point, you need that assurance that you can invest it, get your kid in the school and start investing in the neighborhood and so on. So it's a guarantee to those residents that at least if we displace you, you can still displace someone. At least we're going to help you out. There's a policy in place to help you out. That's it. May we not. Circumvent? Can we ask a quick question just for the vesting to make sure we understand? So under the substitute substitute motion, you would have a yearlong tenancy, a year long lease, and at the end of that lease, then the property owner would be able to say, you know, I'm giving you your 30 day notice because that would be state law, because you've lived there less than a year and we're not renewing and relocation benefits would not apply. Is that correct? Yes. So that one year for the one. Year, they would need to actually give that notice before the lease ended. Correct. So when they when the year when it was coming out, they would have made a determination that you were not a fit for the building and I'm just not going to extend your lease. But if it moves to a month to month tenancy, then you have accepted that person. They're there for longer of the year than relocation benefits would have. They they're entitled. They're vested in those benefits. So a landlord can still curate someone who's not a good fit. You still have that ability. There's just a limit on that. Some

would say a year's too long, but a year is the average is the average lease in a city. I think that is a fair standard. So you have one year without any relocation benefits to be able to make that determination. And then after that, you could still ask the person to leave, but then relocation. But actually the provision. So the one place where relocation would happen is be what we said is if notice to vacate is issued, if it's a 60 unit building, everybody's, you know, if you're being relocated for rehab, somebody who's been there five years, you've been there two months. It's indiscriminate. In that case, it's a rehab you factor into your performance. And that's a different one I'm just talking about is you are not you don't have a reason. You're not is not one of these nine reasons you didn't raise them more than 10%. You were just exercising your right to say, I don't want to renew this initial fixed term, whatever a year. I don't want to move for beyond that year. You still have that power as a landlord. Un

derstood. So, Councilman, I just had one clarification on that in terms of that that 12 month period you talked about that 12 month period being a time period where they weren't subject to it. And yet you said that the rehabilitation could occur at any time. Is that the exception? Is 12 months the only exception? That is a that. Is across the board. So three months you can say I'm rehabbing the building. If it's a rehab, if someone's buying the whole building or whatever. In that case, it's unfair. If the whole if the whole building or 50% of whatever it is, you know, displaced, why would we say someone? I mean, they didn't get a chance to even figure out their own initial first year lease. But that's not the only exception that the other exception would be a 10% increase in a year period. Those two those do the rent. So those are other triggers. So with respect to the trigger, we're talking about triggers. See, trigger C is what I'm talking about is that you need you're vested in a year, right. Trigger a is simple. It's rent it's 10% trigger to rehab. That's trigger to each of these triggers are standalone. You don't need two triggers. You just need the trigger one in order the trigger reload. So if a landlord just to be clear on the narrative, if a landlord offers someone a one year lease, if the landlord displaces them within that first year because they're rehabbing the property it triggers reload. If the landlord raises the rent more than 10% within that first year, it triggers reload. Otherwise, there's no scenario where reload is triggered within that first year. If you're not a good fit, you can still go through all the processes you already have 60 day notice all of that . But beyond that year is when that third trigger kicks in. Beyond the year, whether it's a lease or month to month. Just beyond that one year is when that third trigger kicks in. Yes. So what I'd like to do is, is offer a friendly that we bifurcate and remove that trigger for now the just cause trigger. Okay. I can't accept that. Okay. Okay. So we'd still have. I'm happy to refer it to housing neighborhoods the vetted a bit more. Sure, but I'm happy to do that if that moves this for tonight. But but we need to keep it included in this motion. Okay. But I would like the rent cap, the increase. What I'm saying is I want to keep the motion that hear your issue of evaluating that. There are additional questions there. That issue of evaluating that can go to housing neighborhoods. But what I'm talking about A, B and C, the integrity of this. I want to I want to keep that here tonight. Okay. So what would we send it to housing and neighborhoods for then if we referred. To additional discussion? I mean, any ordinance can be changed. Any point if you want to further evaluate, it's a new thing. And I'm not I mean, cutting it. I understand painting a difficult issue. Let's just let's just. No, I support is not punting. I support. It. I think that issue you put on the table, the j

ustification for taking it off the table is what I think should be very obvious. Okay, well well, I have a problem with that. And I want to continue hearing from my colleagues. But I think, you know, at the end of the day, I think homeowners should have the property owners should have the ability and the flexibility to be able to give people sufficient notice to move without a relocation. So the other thing that I wanted to talk about is the number of units that would trigger relocation, because I do want to address the mom and pop. I know you said four and under. I would like to increase that to seven, the number of units being seven as triggering this. Would you be open to that friendly? So. So if. So what I'm looking at is the table on page eight. And I'm just calculating here, 37.8% of the units are for units building. So that's almost 40%. The population five units include 7.7. So that jumps up to what does that 44, 45%, then another 9.9, that's 55%. And then and then 4.8, you know, so that's 60. So that would exclude 60% of the housing in the city. I can't support that. The other friendly that I would like to make is on how the relocation is calculated. Yeah. And by the way, I don't know that I've interpreted the numbers exactly as you have, but I don't want to get into a table interpretation with. Disagreement with you. I read the numbers differently, but. But that's fine. I understand that.

Well. We can ask for clarity from staff. I'm looking at the table. So there are two columns there. I think you're there's a case where you both write. One is properties versus unit. So if you look at the number of properties, that was the calculation that Rex was making. I think you're looking at the number of total units. Yes. So we're. Both right. It's still a lot both. Right. Right. But I think if we're trying to address. The you know, what the column on the right side actually added up cumulatively units and properties, the columns of the right. So seven will be 60% of the units in the city would be excluded, which meant 30% of the properties. If you look at seven. The other way, 6% of the properties and 30% of the units. Would no would be excluded, not included. Excluded. That number goes up. I'm not reading it the same way as you, but I don't want to have a debate about that. I'm not reading the numbers the same as you. Okay. Simple question. The last column here says units in the property size and below that says and below. Meaning everything under that unit amount is excluded from the policy. Is that correct? Hold on. Let me just get clarity. Yes, that's correct. Okay. So this column, this number where where's the seven units is 30.8%. Does that mean 30.8% of the units in the city would be excluded from the policy under the proposal. Of all old buildings with four units or more. It's a yes or no answer. 30.8. All this is the number cumulative of everything. Seven units and below about that. Yes. Okay. I understand. And then the next number next

next to it is 60.3, which is the properties this size and below the percentage of properties in the city below. So that's below. So if we were to say if you were saying seven was the beginning of the of the. Mm hmm. Then you would go up a level and we'll say 55.4% of the properties will be excluded. And 27% of the of the units of that site would be excluded. I think that's that probably excludes a greater number than I'm comfortable with so that I can't accept that. Okay. I understand that. But I just want to make sure that our intent for this item is about housing capacity, which means the number of units and the people living in those units would be the intent. Why we're here tonight, right? The not the number of properties, but the number of units. Isn't that why we're here? To talk about housing availability. The unit? No, we're talking about relocation assistance in the case of rents increasing, in the case of displacement due to rehabilitation. And thirdly, someone's rights to the property beyond a year. Those are the three triggers. For people living in the units. Yes. Those people in those units would be excluded from those rights. Okay. So and that's in addition that that would be just so we know, that's in addition to single family duplex and tri place, we're not reflected here. So this is not including that we've already exempted all the mom and pops. Right. As defined as three and below as well as four units. If you live on a site or feature, only one, which it's hard to quantify what that number is, but that waiver is there. So there's also this 30% of the exclusion is probably on top of I mean, I don't know what the housing stock of one, two and three units, but I imagine it's probably 30%. So this will exclude likely 60% of the units in the city. Hmm. Okay, well, that's not exactly what this chart says, but it doesn't matter. We don't have to. We can agree to disagree on that. But can I ask city staff what is the relevance legally of ownership of five units or more in terms of property versus investment, personal property versus investment? Because there is a legal significance to that. So I don't know about the legal significance, but what we've found in our research is when you're lending and when you're actually buying a home or buying one of these properties, there's a distinction between four units and below. It tends to be more of a private homeowner loan and and six or a mortgage or five or more goes into the commercial lending. So there's different interest rates, there's different proforma, there's different types of of standards that you would that you would apply to a bank to purchase those. So the five or more is the triggering. Correct? So HUD still considers a multifamily to be four or more, as does the city's local ordinance for commercial land lending. It's five or more. That gets you into a different category of lending. Okay. All right. Well, like I said, I would vote immediately tonight for the rental cap incre

ase. But I cannot support the what I what I believe to be just cause eviction at this time. So unless unless we're able to buy for Kate, then we're going to find ourselves in the position again where as a council, we could take very strong action, probably unanimous action, to move the needle on an item that's very important to the city. And we can bifurcated and we can continue to study the other aspects of it and maybe have a meeting of the minds on that. But absent trying to work to reach common ground for me, I cannot compromise my own beliefs for the purpose of reaching a common goal. That's just sausage making that I'm not comfortable with. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Councilmember Gringa. And after that, hello. Good morning. I stated before I began, I want to continue to thank the people in the audience. You're still here. It's been a long discussion.

Long night. We're still. Negotiating here again, to a certain extent, what's going on with this issue. Beryl, Kiran, agreed that those days because those in the southern market gathered in the spring. Yes. Historic is in them. I'm with the PC but these criteria Larry e la plastic exulting in the irritates me of the PC bit of almost as required or allocation. We are going to allow the propose not always on the side of releases but aluminum as well as to their real goal. I would almost certainly die L.A. Basically what I said is I'm thinking of those people who came here with Spanish speakers and saying, Thank you for being here, and that not everybody's going to be happy with what we come out with today. But I'm hoping that we're going to come up with something that's going to be acceptable to everybody. But based on a currency we just had right now, we know that there's not going to be a whole lot of I mean, there's still some issues that we need to work out. My issue that I have here is that this whole policy deals with people. We're talking about tenants, we're talking about owners. We're talking about what's going to make this policy acceptable to everybody. And we're not quite there yet, but I think that we're heading in the right direction in terms of trying to address all of the concerns of everybody involved. And it's very complex and it's very difficult. My my issue is that, you know, I don't want to tonight if we don't agree with something tonight that we're going to throw out the baby with the bathwater, because there are so many important points in this in this audience building that we're doing, which we have to do it. Ordinance building right here is, you know, when we look at the set of sites that that we that are being recommended, we haven't discussed that much. But the set of site that we're going to have for display, seniors, I think we need to keep that there. We need to find those those moneys so that we could make sure that this place, seniors or displaced people with disabilities, are taken care of. And we need to make sure that because we know that the reason

we're here is because there have been some bad players out there. I mean, if not for the bad players, we would not be having this discussion tonight because we would have already taken care of this long ago. So this is an effort by tenant rights, individuals, apartment owners and the council to come to a meaningful place so that we can make sure that all our residents have a place to stay and and or if they are being displaced or dislocated to another location, that they are being done respectfully and done with, at least with the assistance that they deserve, because they're no fault of their own, maybe. Or even if there is a fault of their own, they're they're being moved because they need to look like I'm in favor of the motion that's on the floor right now. I think that we're looking at the fact that the the nine triggers that we're looking at are state law or federal law. That's what it is, what it is, and that's what we have to live with. Now, there are some main minutia issues that we could deal with to adjust those triggers. Then I'm all for it as well. But I think right now, for purposes of moving this forward and moving it along, I think that the motion on the floor is acceptable to me and I'm going to go and support it. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Councilmember. Super now. Thank you. I have kind of a general question for staff and that is a lot of the speakers tonight. And thank you all for showing up tonight and speaking out. Talk about this term unintended consequences. And I don't know if staff has addressed that, but I'll ask them right now. I realize that speculative when you're putting this program together, but can you kind of explain how you looked at those factors and what you did in the report to compensate or address the what a lot of folks talked about is inherent issues that might lead to unintended consequences. Well, that's a pretty broad question, sir. But to do our best to sum up, we did look a lot at unintended consequences. We realize there is no perfect policy that you can't plan for everything. But part of our thought approach was, you know, as we showed those data showing that there was investment in buildings and that there's turnover and rehabilitation, that's a good thing, actually. You know, it does relate to some displacement. So we need to make sure we're taking care of displacement. But we want to encourage investment in buildings. We want to encourage that people are rehabilitating. So we wanted to create a policy that was not rent control, that allowed people to raise rents if they needed to, to make up that financial investment that they're putting into the building. So that would be one. You know, we also wanted to look at how in our recommendations how many people would be either included or excluded, and how do we make this easy and especially for tenants. So they're going to have to look in their lease and say, do I qualify or do I not qualify? So we looked at as unintended

consequences of we could try to hone it and make it very specific. But then how does a tenant know what they're entitled to? We also looked at some of the seniors and, you know, it'd be nice to give

extra benefits to seniors, but maybe there's some downside where somebody might make an action and not consistent with federal law, but they might make that action anyway. So we did our best to look at all of those, but know that there's no perfect solution to any of those issues. We can just try to put sensible solutions forward. Okay. Thank you. I realize that was broad, but that that concept is very broad. And that is, I believe well, it would be my greatest fear. And I assume the fear of my colleagues is that we don't want to set something in motion that backfires, that because I think we're all on the same page in terms of protections and whatnot, I think we just disagree maybe on how we get there are, as I said, the unintended consequences of a policy set forth sometime after 11 p.m., after a long debate. And and I think just just the polarization here says to me that maybe this wasn't ready for prime time, that it needed more vetting at at the committee level. So. The other question I have and and as long as Tom Modica is answering, I'll address this directly to you again. I think, you know, I'm all about efficiency and streamlining. And I really do appreciate the fact that the four unit threshold was four, that it fits into the existing parameters of the way we do business. But I think what it did not address is this investment piece that at five units you're in a different category. And if we set forth a policy that discourages the small investor, the mom and pop, and I just think of that as that four plex as an entry level investment. Do you see a way around that? Or maybe that is like a friendly amendment that I should should suggest that we go to five units or above? Yeah, I again, I think it's up to the Council to determine the level at which it applies again for would be would be pretty easy because it lines up with prep and you know Councilmember Price mentioned seven you know in the report we mentioned ten five would be another number as well. It's just how many people do you want it to apply to and what are those tradeoffs? I guess that's my point, is that it might be the most efficient at this snapshot of today. What we don't know, what we're not gaining by not encouraging that level of investor. As I said, it's it's very complex, probably more than what this report wanted to include or had the capacity included 220 pages. I guess a lot was in there, but maybe not everything. Okay, a different topic on the vesting piece, just as it's been a long time since I've been a renter. But I remember relationships going bad after after a year, after two years, when someone gets a brand new car and parks it in in the parking lot and they get dawdling, suddenly there's a fight among the folks in one building. So I think I'm not sure what other

municipalities do. I think San Diego's two years. So that's something that I would want to take a look at, too. So if that could be a friendly also, I think that's it. I think that's all I have for now. Thank you. So can I just clarify? There's two requests and you're friendly to Councilmember Richardson. It's to increase. I'm sorry. Applied to tenant relocation to five units or more instead of four units or more. And also to make the was intended in good standing would then be two years instead of one year. Correct. So okay, so let's handle the two years instead of one year because the other one I want to I want to I want to talk about the other one, the four versus five years. But a two years puts one year. That one I feel a bit more uncomfortable with. But. But I feel like we need some time to think about that. Here's why. A one year lease is almost the standard instrument when renting, and that's a decision point. It's an already established decision point. Two year lease or a two year period is not an already established decision point in your chain. You're adding a big change the system. I think I'm uncomfortable with that. Like a one year. Okay. I'll give you I'll give an example. I'll give an example. I want to share this example tonight, but I think it's relevant. When I got my first apartment in Barnard Circle in Bixby. No. I had rented from some mom and pops. And, you know, me and some roommates had some places, some houses in Los Angeles, you know, in college and stuff. But when I got my first place on my own, I went to a property management company and, you know, and they said, hey, you never ran it before. You kind of a risk. We're taking a risk on you, but you have a good job. Your credit's okay. You know what? We're going to take a risk on you apply. You know, you apply for this one. This one. Okay, I got that one. And when I went in that you got it, I felt great. I got it. I went in, upturn in my deposit. And, you know, that person looked at me and said, We're taking a risk on you. Somebody owns this building, we're managing that for you. So make sure you're paying your rent on time. Make sure you're being neighborly, make sure you're not having crazy parties. They coached me to how to be a good tenant in that, and I was held to that. And I knew that there was a decision point on whether I was a good fit in that first year and I extended it. I understood that because they did not have to extend, at least to me. I understood that. I think that is a that is a conversation that happens every day is that decision point. I think if we get into one year to year, 18 months, all that it requires a bit more thought because you're changing an already established system. So Councilman Super and I would say that is something that I'm

comfortable with one but if you want to take that consideration to a committee housing neighborhoods to think through, have more conversation, maybe meet with property owners, landlord, whatever and do more

. That would be something I would say if you want to add the motion in that part to committee, I think that makes sense. So so that would unfortunately, that would be a no or send it to committee on that particular piece at this point. Happy to continue discussing at some other point. But tonight, I think it's fair given this is a big policy and we're trying to land this plane and get it, get a productive conversation going one decision point in the city and then so on the other piece. It was the was year of the peace. It was a. Five. Four, four versus five units. You know, I want to hear from one of my colleagues, and I don't want to make that decision alone. So I want to hear from other colleagues if that's something that they want to do. I think the staff made a strong point for. We spent some time thinking about the mom and pop stuff. But if that brings more council members on board. Well, actually, no, no. You know, I think about it is that let me be clear, it's 37% of these properties and 16% just for you. And it's not for and below is just for unit buildings. That's correct. The four unit buildings are 11,552 units total. 11,000 units would be the exception to the exemption. And and if I can add, as we understand the substitute substitute motion, the original motion from staff was include everything from four units and above. The substitute substitute motion creates an exemption for a property where it's your first building and your only building. So that would likely still allow somebody to get that commercial loan and get that loan. It's not a commercial loan because they would not be affected by relocation. They couldn't do that for their second building. That is for. Their own property. Very good point. Very good point. Completely lost in all of this. If you are a monitor in terms of this is your first building, if you're going for FHA, you actually have to live on that site for FHA. So those are the first time homeowners this qualifies for units and under you're already exempted from this. So what? So I would ask, was that quite the intent of that question? Was it to protect mom and pops? Well, yeah, it is to protect the small investor, but all the other things that kick in like GI Bill loans and whatnot. And if so, we want to I don't want to create a disincentive for folks maybe buying another four plex. So that's all I'm doing. Okay. So let me just ask quickly to staff. Staff, is there a disincentive to the VA process? Is there a disincentive if there is relocation, a local policy on relocation? Two of the loan. I don't know if we know the answer to that question. We don't we haven't research that to that. Councilman super. Now, this decision, because it's 11,000 units, it needs a little bit more discussion. I want to hear from staff what the specific impact is on from the standpoint of VA loans and all those special loans. Right now, FHA would be exempt because your first time that's your first time home homeowner. If you're is you

r primary residence, it's exempt. It already exempted or if is your only property. So if you are that investor who is getting into it, it is already exempt it with the current motion in front of us. So most of the scenarios you have are exempt in the very narrow area. You're talking about the VA loan. We want to find out a bit more from staff. So I don't think that we should include it tonight. I think we should ask that question. A partner with you on that. We should figure that out. I don't know that we should exclude 11,000 additional units based on a very narrow question. That's probably 100 of those or 200 of those. There may be a way to exempt that scenario. Okay. So. You know. Because if we figure it out, let me just ask that. Is there a way to craft something that says if you are a violent villain, you know, if you're a villain? And is there a way to craft that? You know, I. Think this would be some would have to come back to you. Okay. Audience returns for us to really specifically look at the VA loan as we understand the substitute substitute. Most of those properties if if you're an entry level and you haven't gotten into the four unit complex before, you would be exempted because you you wouldn't have to pay the tenant relocation. You would fit one of the exemptions. So we we can certainly look at that if that was a. Form that I don't think is really my point. My point is, is is that looking at raw numbers here on a chart or we want to fit into our current inspection program, I think that's overly simplistic and it doesn't look at the overall investment picture. And I just I'm trying to say that if we have small investors who can invest in four plex, I think that's a good thing and I wouldn't want to take away the incentive for that. So that's my. Point. I understand. I understand. So so has that been added to the friendly for us to research the VA loan and and the effect that I would. I would accept that friendly to research that if we find a soft landing I'm happy to include it. Okay. Okay, Councilmember. Next up is Councilman Mongo. So let me help with that. My husband's a veteran, and sometimes when he he owned his first home, he actually didn't even use

the VA loan because a little worse deal for him. I'm not joking. It actually cost him more to have used the VA loan. His second home, he did use the VA loan and it cost him \$8,000 in closing costs because the VA loan wasn't set up properly. And so the VA loan thing isn't always the best marketer to support what Councilmember Supernova said. 58,765 units would be covered, and I think that's something to still celebrate. If we went with the five unit, it would take out the complexities of if you live there, if you don't live there. I think what we're trying to do is just create a clean, easy policy and the five unit is just a cleaner, easier than trying to game the system and a landlord moving on site and all these other things. But so I hope you'll reconsider the five unit. Let me

go back to where I wanted to start. I want to start by thanking everyone for being here and thanking the staff. The staff have really, really taken a lot of questions, at least for me, over the last six months. I've had meeting after meeting after meeting because understanding the details, especially before the report came out, was very challenging and what the possibilities were, because I was trying to do my research in advance, because doing research in ten days is very difficult. So I really appreciate all the help that they gave. I really appreciate all of my colleagues who've either come to my house because I have a newborn at home. I want to talk about the item or met with me with me and my newborn to I'm really go into the details and I can see that that's coming out, especially in my talks with Councilmember Richardson. A couple of things that I think are important. We want to talk about tenants having the security of knowing where they're going to live. And so what I would ask is kind of a hybrid between San Diego and Redwood, where if at the end of that first year, you as a landlord offer them a lease again that that vesting period would extend. And the reason I ask that is because situations change all the time. Boyfriends and girlfriends get in fights. An ex-wife, a current wife or a current husband becomes an ex-wife or an ex-husband that causes problems at the property consistently. And these situations cause havoc to the lives of the people that are living there. And they're not always the fault of the tenant and they're not always the fault of the other people in the building. And I know 12 months sounds like a good amount of time, but it really isn't. And so if you're offering them a second 12 month lease, which is what Redwood does, Redwood says, okay, you're in a 12 month lease. If you want them to leave, you can have that option or you can offer them another 12 month lease to make your vesting period 24 months. So then you give that tenant security of not being on a month to month because that security is really what they're asking for. There are multiple buildings in the city that have been vacated with no complaints from the tenants. But in those circumstances the landlords gave six months notice. If you're giving tenants six months notice about either a rent increase or a vacate, they have time to plan. They're not legally required to give that vacate notice, but they're doing it because they love their tenants and they know their kids coming home from college and needs a place to live, or they know that they want to rehab the unit in a in six months and they're saving the money to do that, or they're changing out some major component of the building that would be difficult to do with tenants living there. There's been so many of these buildings that talks about Class C are the ones that are turning over. A lot of those are currently receiving notice. There are many of them currently in the sixth District that have receive

d notice from USAA that they're no longer going to insure them because of the knob and tube electrical. So you have all these landlords who are on the hook for 14 to \$24000 of electrical rewiring for these buildings, or they can't get insurance to protect the tenants. And that's a tough place to be in because now on top of that, you're going to have to give tenant reload to those individuals. And so I think that that's a tricky place to be because some of these individuals may have been in the apartment for three years already, but this policy is going into place today, and USAA and these other insurance companies are only just doing that now. And because of the age of the housing stock in Long Beach, we're kind of in this tough position where we don't want to leave those tenants in a position where they're in these buildings that are now considered to be a fire hazard. But the landlords may not have saved the money. And so I'm going to give an example. There was an article on the press telegram a few months ago, and the individual who owned that building many, many years ago is actually someone my family knew. I didn't realize it was him, but he passed away and when he passed away his wife inherited the property and it was multiple units. And the tenants would call and say. So and so. I just want you to know the ceiling fan is out, and we need it repaired. And she'd never gotten into the landlord game. She inherited these properties, and

she would say, How much does the ceiling fan cost? I can get one at Lowe's for \$75. And how much does the cost to have an electrician install it? \$75. Great. Just take 150 off your rent next month and please take care of it for me. Well, that went on for five or six years. And recently she sold the building. And when she sold the building, the new landlord. Came upon thousands and thousands of dollars of rehab, not rehab that would prevent the loan, but rehab that made it. Quality of life issues, terrible showerheads and toilets that were very old and antiquated, that didn't flush well. And you couldn't flush disposable napkins and other things. And so this landlord just wanted to recoup their cost. So you take the mortgage, plus the new baseline insurance, which is significantly higher on the new landlord because they weren't because of the property transfer, the Prop 13 starts new. And then on top of that, they had \$40,000 in rehab that they amortized into a five year plan to recoup that cost, knowing that in five years, they're still going to need another roof and all these other things. And all they did was set the rents below market. To cover those costs, and it was a significant rent increase to the tenants. And so the challenge there became. That. Now, this landlord who's just a dentist in our community, just a regular guy trying to create. Some security for his own retirement because he doesn't have a retirement. He's an independent business owner. Now he looks like this horrible, bad person when in a

ctuality, he was just trying to make a small investment. And he purchased a property from someone who had not maintained it. And so in those cases, we're really looking to turn over that housing stock and give people a break. And so I would I would talk about a couple of things. To be in good standing. I like it to include that you pay rent on time every month. If you don't pay rent on time every month, that you would not be in good standing. Because just because a tenant doesn't pay on time every month doesn't mean that landlords don't give them an exception. What does that a friendly. Yes. Time out. Now, come on, guys. Hey. So I'm going to kick that. That part. I want to hear from the city attorney there. So I'm from Linn County. I'm sorry. Linda, let me just late. Linda, please. Okay. So when you said that the you know, all those criteria on state law, that was state law. That's nine causes from. Correct? That's correct. Okay. In that state law, I believe. So failure to pay rent is a part is one of those. Is that correct? That's correct. So this is already reflected. So what would be the difference between what's there and what you're proposing? So let's say I have a tenant who is on a one year lease and they fail to pay rent in the six month. Period over. In the sixth month. So say again. I have a I have a property where I have a tenant and in the sixth month they don't pay rent on time. That's okay. So rents do. Comes and goes. Call the tenant. Hey, I didn't receive rent today and they say I'm good for the money. Can you give me seven days? Now, as the landlord, you want to give them a break? You have to give them. But then you're on the hook for below. If they. So you're saying. Six months in that scenario, you don't have to pay below. You? You would not because. I'm not admitting the tenant. I'm not evicting the tenant. I'm going to give them a break. No, what I'm telling you is already under that 12 month vesting established. You don't have to have the good standing. You don't have the content. You don't have to continue your lease with that person. I know, but I want to continue the lease because I want to give the tenant a break. I want to give you a tenant the opportunity. I want. To want them to get the rights of relocation. Subtlety. They have a lease for 12 months. Yes. In the sixth month, they don't pay rent on time. They're going to be a week or two weeks late or they're going to pay me in payments over the month to get back because they lost their job or whatever. So now I'm being a heartfelt landlord to give them that break. My options right now are evict them and they get no tenant relief and I put them out on the street. We don't want landlords to do that. We want the landlords to give them a break. And then at the end of the 12 months, be able to say. I don't owe you, Rilo. Ah. I want to give you another leaf or I want to give you a chance. But if you choose not to take another leaf, I have the ability to get rid of you witho

ut reloading. So you're leveraging that tenet. No, I'm giving them a break instead of evicting them. Okay. So in that scenario, in that scenario, if it is already captured within those things in state law, your ability to to move forward and let that person go without reloading, that that ability, those nine things does not have it's not it's not subject to I mean, that those nine is captured within the nine reasons that does that is not captured within 12 months. You have that forever. Those nine reasons, if you what you're saying is they're not in good standing because they were late on their rent. Four. Months ago. They were late on their rent. So do I owe reload now? So the whole point of this was that we're not actually doing enforcement internally. Right? So if you were going to claim

that you need to be able to defend that in case you were taking the court because you have private action in the retainer piece, that's a question of the landlord. So I think the land they have that will that will take that will happen in civil court. That will not happen here at council. I understand that. Yes, that's that's the point. I don't think that the more we deviate from state law on that, the more we insert ourselves into that civil process. No. Okay. So you're from the city. Let's hear from. Let me try it again. Because I may have made a mistake. Let me just ask a very simple yes. Or they breached the lease or they breached the nine things are there. But but they remedied they remedied it. And in state law, there's a lot of preclusion. You want to hold them accountable to that? No, I'm not trying to. Hold accountable here. Well, yeah, I want to start again on their 12 month vesting. So, I don't know, 12 months. That's what I would offer. How how how would that be? I want to ask this, Miss Tatum or Rich, how would that be handled? And that's a very technical you know, I think it's. I think it's a really good question. It's a great. Question. And I'm not sure how it would be handled. That's why we're conferring over here. You know, these nine these nine items from the civil code, correct me if I'm wrong, I think are intended to to establish why landlords can evict the tenant. We're not really talking about that. We're talking about payment of tenant reload. Yes, ma'am. There's also a provision in option two, I think, which says that landlords need to give tenants the ability to cure any of these nine violations in order to be entitled to tenant relief. Mm hmm. I don't. I don't exactly know how that square. So. So that would lead me to believe. Well, you have to give them the opportunity to cure a failure to pay rent. Presumably, they already would have otherwise. They likely would have been evicted and they would have been late on some earlier month. They've since brought rent back up to two hole, made the landlord whole and I would say that doesn't apply however. However, that doesn't really square with the other two through nine. If someone has comm

itted violence or assault and are convicted of the same and they're no longer doing it, I don't know that that really cures the fact that they committed violence or. Committed a crime six months ago. That's right. They got convicted of it six months later. It's still legitimate. I would say that it would be a legitimate to to deny that person reload whenever if they were convicted of a crime while they were living at at your in your unit. Right. So so I it's actually a really good question, Councilwoman. I don't want to get people out on the street. And this is this would cause that I'm trying to prevent unintended consequences. Adding additional language won't make it. I don't think adding additional language at this stage helps clarify that. What I do want to understand is what is the implication for the civil process between a landlord and tenant if it's clearly already defined that if you failed to pay rent and you breached your contract? I want to know. I want to understand. I want to fully understand what that means. I don't think changing the specifics of these nine circumstances is necessarily fatal because, like I say, the nine circumstances under the civil code or eviction and we're not talking about eviction here, we thought that it made good sense to just follow those nine items out of the civil code. But Councilmember Mungo raises a point where maybe it would. Add more detail. So here's the detail I'd like to add to my friendly. I'd like number one to state failed to pay rent timely within the prior 12 months that's it that gives landlords the ability to keep the tenant and give them another chance. If they break rent within the past 12 months. Yep. So, okay, let's talk about this. So if you break rent within 12 months of that incident, that specific incident, you already have your 12 year vesting. Let's say you break rent and your 12 month vesting. You're vested. You break your rent in that situation. Someone could evict you. Someone could. They could displace you at that, but they could give you a 60 day notice already. Yeah. This says you can get your status back. Mm hmm. After. After you've been in good standing for 12 months. Mm hmm. That makes sense to me. Awesome. Thank you. That makes sense to me. That's accepted. Wonderful. Next. Right now, tell me what the income qualification is to get re low. No, I'm not sure that I. Hang on. Let me hold on. I want to get from staff that they're okay before I say so. I'm okay. I think that's a good question. I'm not sure I'm aware that you two are agreeing with one another, but. You were up in the. Light. When my understanding of Councilwoman Mongo if a tenant fails to pay rent, is issued a three day notice to pay or quit. And then they do pay. But they were late and they pay the late fee. But now they're in good standing. I think what you're saying is they can still be denied reload in the next 12 months because they did fail to pay rent at some point. You're stating it as the glass half

empty. I think Rex and I are stating it as the glass. Ceiling as you stated, which is I accept until I get. Which is if they within the next 12 months maintain timely rent, they would then return. It resets after. Their reload. Well, I guess the next question is the next question at the way it is today. But

Rich the way it is today. What what's in front of us? The steps up. If someone breaks their rent breaks, you know, they're they don't pay rent. And you don't choose to issue a three day pay or quit. They just you just have it documented today and you want to relocate that person six months from now, three months from now, and evoke that as the as the reason. Is there a sunset on that existing? Is there a sunset or is there some statute of limitations or some period of time a landlord has in order to trigger that under what what we have proposed? That is unclear. I mean. It would have to get sorted out in the in the ordinance. It would have to get sorted out in the ordinance or in the in the court. That's right. Okay. So here's what I want to do. I would like to give directions to staff that put some very clear definition or come back. Come back, because this has to come back. Researched this piece in addition to I heard a few other things that came up that we weren't ready to put in, but we might want to research it. This may need to come back along with the piece that Daryl, that Councilman Super and I was talking about with the lending stuff. We want those to come, but we want to get some clarity before we stick this in. I think it's a fair question, but let's get give them some time to research that piece and let's set it up to a way when it comes back to council, because it's going to you know, you guys are in draft, it's up it comes back to council that we can very easily say, okay, put this and take that out. You understand? Yep. So we'll come back with some research on that and then we will. We need to put something in the ordinance for you to consider on first reading. So we'll give you the what we've come up with. We'll put it in the ordinance and then you can tell us if we got. It or not. And we want to get I think the idea here is you want clear rules of the road for both sides. Yeah. Yeah. And to the extent that significant changes are made after the first reading, I think everyone understands we'll have to do another first reading. That's just the process. And this is to realign your status for only the item that has to do with pain. The healing process. Is it for all of the items in in your notice to vacate or just for paying it? I think what what she's saying is under that scenario, are we telling landlords, if you break one of these, you have to kick this person out and they're saying, we don't want to have to kick this person out. We want to keep this person. And under that scenario, do they still have full rights and privileges? I want to understand, do they have full rights and privileges? You know, if that's the case, the

y have it. How long is that last? Can someone invoke evoke this a year later? And the really, you know, if, you know, kicking them out for a different reason, how long is that? Like we need to understand that and do some research. That would be more than just rent. It would be any of these items. And what I'd like to do also, I know this is part of a back and forth between Councilman Mongo and Councilman Richardson. Councilman Mongo has the floor. So I just so I know that you guys have both been okay with each other clarifying things, so that's fine. But, Councilman, I know we can we can cue back up, but I want to make sure that we have your motion locked in. You okay? You clearly accepted to look at some of our research that comes on Mango's. Asking us to do that will come back at the same time or before the first reading obviously is coming forward. But I want to I have people that have queued up again. I still want to speak and and go from there, so. Okay, great. No, no, that's fine. So what is the current income qualifier for tenant relief? In your sub some. In I picked up the same foundation that was established in the in the main motion and the sub and that motion did not have an income qualification. It simply said, no, it did not. So she so she did not say, I want category A or category B. She said, these are the components that I would like and income was not a factor in that. So that is not a part of this motion. So. I have a challenge giving. Reload to people who make \$180,000 a year. Let's say I have a problem. That's not the intent of why we're here. The reason we're here is because landlords were coming in, vacating entire buildings. And kicking people out. And those individuals were unable to find alternatives because they were low income individuals who needed help. So I'd like to ask that we look at either 60% of am I or the same standard that the housing authority uses, which is that more than 40% of their income is spent on rent. So I'm not supportive of that in principle. And here's why. Simply simply, if we get to if relocations would be a very simple trigger and it's the same justification that Councilwoman Pierce said when she said, I don't want people factor in whether you're single or disabled because they get additional pay that that would make us more susceptible to discrimination. All this would do was, you know, if your eligibility criteria as a renter, it was two times the rent. Right. And that is really I'm going to make it three times the rent or I'm going to make four times that completely understand. So that that part that part is I don't support that part. So there's currently a nonprofit organization called Brilliant Corners that works with our housing authority and Brilliant Corners. Did I say the right one? Yes. Okay. Brilliant corners. And what they do is they

execute our funds to make sure that when you have a person who's homeless, they work with the landlord to hold the unit open and supplement that income

e. I would love to find a way to see if they would be a good agency to potentially disperse the senior additional 2000 and the disabled additional 2000. But then I'd also like to say that if you don't income qualify for the reload, that the reload goes to that agency instead. So that that would fund the future reloads that we need or add ons for seniors and disabled. Because what I worry about is we're creating this need with as seniors and disabled. That is coming from a fund that's currently helping our homeless. And I don't want to take any funding away from the homeless. I'd actually like to add into it. I know that a lot of people here were supportive of a fund and without creating a new tax. This would be a way where you wouldn't create a second class citizen out of a low income runner, and it would go to an agency that's already got experience providing these types of funding gaps. And then it also ensures that people who make gobs of money aren't necessarily going to get another \$4,000, which is a lot of money for individuals. Who may not need it. Okay. So that would be putting it to a fund for the individuals who really do need it. Okay. So one of the principles that was put forward in the presentation tonight was the direction here was not to create an apparatus that has you hire additional staff or whatever. This would not be. The new contract. If you're you're proposing pay the reload to a different agency. That already exists and already does, that. There would have to be some kind of additional fee for that. So you're saying add a fee on top of reload on the property owners to manage that? No. So how would it be managed? How would they pay their how would they get paid to do it? They would take a percentage out of that fund. So let's say you have a ten unit building of the ten unit building, five of them are low income, five of them are non low income. Let's say that everybody rents for market rent of 1000 a month. That would mean \$2,000 would go to these five tenants and this \$10,000 would go to the fund. A percentage would be taken off the top for admin. The rest would be there for seniors and disabled. No. I'm comfortable with the proposal to have a separate fund for seniors and disabled that we're going to go and identify funding sources because the benefit to that is the property owners are going to have to pay at this point. Like what? Like they don't have to pay for that additional bonus. We're going to go find state, county, local dollars for that fund. It will be completely independent, but that service will be offered to them unless we can figure out a same model for this for low income individuals. I think that I'm not supportive of that at this time. So you are supportive of individuals who currently make over \$100,000 a year getting below. So that's a political question. It's just one to go there. So you want to go there? If someone gets is relocate relocated because of some condition. If you're making \$100,000 and let

's say you have a family of four or let's say that, you know, whatever, \$100,000 for a family of four. If you're living condition changes, are you entitled to a benefit? The answer is yes. You're you're in your position is changed and it isn't to your fault. So you're a single person living in Beaumont? Sure. The answer is if it's political, if it's making cover to vote. A certain way, it's not making whatever I really believe. Very reasonable and fair. And the questions you're asking tonight. The questions you're asking tonight are there. I think we're going down a different rabbit hole. I don't want to go that direction. I'm just trying to say that if there's money that's going to be given, I would hope that we would put it in a fund to protect those that are the most vulnerable and not be paying it out to individuals who aren't an example of that. It doesn't need an example. Okay. So just just go down my list of quick. So you're currently at four units, but we're exploring a five units as an option, which would still protect 58,000 residential or residential units in the city. And then number two was. I was hoping to increase the vesting period. I think San Diego has a three year vesting period and two year period. And so I would like to consider a two year vesting period. I have that conversation with Councilman Silver now. We landed on something on that. No, you just rejected the friendly, right? No, I asked them to take a little. We already have, like, a decision point. Okay. In order to go further, let's do some research. Okay. That's good. And then we're going to do the research on the rolling 12 months if they don't pay rent so that you don't have to evict people immediately. Staff will clarify that the rules of the road are. Clear, and. Then there would be no income qualifier at this time for Reno. No, it's a bigger conversation we have to figure out. Okay. One last thing. Potentially. I think that there are individuals who would. Prefer. Security of time over money. And I think that's why in the case of the many units that were vacated in the third district, we didn't receive a lot of complaints. They received six months notice. So I'd be interested in finding a way where if you gave

the six months notice of a rental increase or the six months notice of declining tenancy, if that could replace three low. So we actually posed this quite I think that the response from staff was that that requires state legislation in order to have something in lieu of reload. So council I mean, excuse me, Councilwoman. Ms.. Tatum, would you would you elaborate on that part about the state legislation? That is one of the things that is one of the recommendations that we include in the city's legislative agenda to support a a a minimum 90 day notice period for evictions. Right now, the eviction, the period of your notice is based upon the amount of the rental increase, if that's the trigger. So we'd like to see that that time frame be 90 days minimum. And

I'm not asking for that. I actually am not asking for what we're going to do at the state level. I'm saying as a differentiator at the local level, we are creating a policy that is not a state policy related to relocation. And so. As a tenant. I would have rather known six months in advance that I needed to find a new place because with six months notice, I can do better research on opportunities. I can wait for a better unit. I can find other things. So I was just saying I'm not and I'm not asking for there to be an increase in the the noticing. What I'm stating is if the landlord would prefer to get give six months notice of a rental increase in excess of 10%, or if the landlord would prefer to notify their tenant. With six months notice that they would not be renewing the lease. That that could be in lieu of rilo. Which is not required under state law. Yeah, I don't know if that's legal. It's completely legal. I want to hear from a city attorney. It's a discretion. Yeah, that's right. So it would be a way to get out of relocation. You could opt out of relocation effectively by giving six months notice. Absolutely. And I think that might work. But it's something that I can't give you a firm answer on. But you can bring. It back in when we come back with all these options. Well. I would I would love research. So so we explored this conversation of if you had more notice, could it be in lieu of reload another process and we got back was that is an attempt to go outside of state law. And so we need well, that's why I want to hear I want this to be vetted out by the attorneys before we add this in. Right now, we have I think we're at a good foundation and we have some great questions that were raised tonight. And this needs to be looped into that set of questions because it's conflicting. As soon as that was left and some people start nodding their heads and say, this is it's a conflict state law. People in the audience I don't I don't I don't know. We need to let the attorneys have some time to vet that. So. Our city attorney just commented that it is possible. But what I'm open to. It might be possible. Okay. I'm sorry. I don't want to be pinned down. Rex may well be right. That step. Well, I'm sure he's right. That staff told him that such a buyout, so to speak, would violate state law. And that may be correct. It's a pretty specific question that I think I can get an answer to. I just don't have it right now. And it's a form for that can come back. Great. And if at this point it's not clear whether that's. Illegal, but if it is not illegal, is that something you'd be willing to include? I think I'm willing to have the conversation if that if that is something that's that legal. I think the premise of what you're saying, six months notice that I need my place back is a lot of time. I get the sentiment there. There's this the angel. The angel is in the details. So we need to find out first if that's legal. And you said that was your last. That wa

s my last one. Okay. So for clarification, we need we need to know when we're writing this ordinance, do we research that and put it in if it's possible or if we just do two from four? It leaves a lot of ambiguity. So what what do you want us to do? I want you to write the motion that's on in front of us. I have not added that to the motion. That's what we needed to know. Thank you. Right. Okay. So. A couple of things. I wanted to be supportive tonight, and I've put a lot of things out there that could help get us there. I, too, like my colleagues, have stated that we wanted to find a solution. I don't think we've landed a nice plane yet, but I know there's still people queued up, so it's all possible. Okay. Well, thank you very much. I know we do have people that have queued up to speak for a second time, and there'll be others, I'm sure, and that's okay. But I want to make sure I'm able to make some comments before we go through a second round. So I want to just begin. I've had a chance to meet and talk to a lot of folks, both on the tenants side as well as the property owners side, from the associations to individual property owners, many of whom I've known for as long as I've run to my first apartment coming out of Cal State, Long Beach . And so I know this is a difficult issue. It's also a very important one. And it's also one that I think takes a lot of deliberation, which I think you're seeing tonight. And I think that is that is a good thing. I have also been pretty open and supportive that I believe that Long Beach should and needs to pass a tenant relocation ordinance. And I want to explain why. And I also want to clarify some things about why I think this is

important. First, I think when you think about where Long Beach is at today, the Long Beach economy, by any measure, most would say is doing well. Whether you're looking at port growth, which is the highest it's been in the history of the city, whether you're looking at the unemployment rate, which is the lowest we've had on record in the history of the city of Long Beach. We are looking at the increase of those at the lowest wage and the minimum wage that's that's being increased. Those measures are signs of a robust economy. The same time you have things like overall crime being at some of the lowest levels in its history. You have more businesses that are being created and built, and you certainly have a significant amount of both public and private investment that's moving into the city. So those things are happening. Those things have happened because of a lot of hard work, of a lot of people, including our our working class folks in the city of Long Beach. And it's thanks to a lot of folks that are here tonight that have also invested in properties and that have taken care of their units. And I've heard from a lot of people that rent to low income folks or techs or take Section eight. And we thank you for for doing that. And we thank everyone for being a part of that proce

ss. While all these great things are happening. Our success is a shared success. And I have the good fortune. I'm the first person of my family to have bought a home. My whole family we've rented my entire life. We've lived in affordable housing. I grew up poor. I had a chance to buy a home and not because I was able to just do it on my own, because I had the good fortune of getting some good advice and the support of of my family. But as a as a property owner, I know that the value of my property is not just about the increase that I've seen my property go through as the city has. Improved in some ways, maybe changed in some ways, but I know that the increase in my property value is also been shared. It's because maybe the streets in the neighborhood are better because trees were planted, because it's safer. And so I'm a big believer that the the the growth and the investments that we have and we all benefit from the shared responsibility that society puts in for all of us being taxpaying citizens. So we're all responsible for each other's success. And when our properties do well in a neighborhood, it's because the city which all taxpayers put in are all working together to make investments across the city. And so I think that there's there's both shared prosperity and shared responsibility when it comes to these issues. I also think that we're all very aware that homelessness is real. It's the single biggest crisis right now in the state of California and the city of Long Beach. And the housing affordability crisis is also real. And there's a lot of ways of trying to solve this issue, many of which, by the way, the city of Long Beach has gotten wrong. There's no question that when you look at our the way we have tried to build affordable housing, there's no question that we could have done better and we should have done better. We also know that I believe that we have been and tried our best over the last few years to try to remedy some of these issues. And I want to start with the Everyone home lobby report. Within that report, I want to congratulate the members of the Council for taking up this issue of housing affordability and the issues of homelessness. We are finally building breaking ground and developing affordable homes for seniors, veterans, working families and low income folks across the city. We are finally building a city municipal shelter that will be open to everybody that's going to be in North Long Beach. You've seen, for example, Councilman Austin be incredibly supportive and and stand up in a difficult situation to put a winter shelter temporarily in a neighborhood that many who were opposed and now are supportive of that work. You've seen Councilmember Supernanny and others and those of us work to ensure that when community hospital opens, it's able to include some of the recuperative care and detox support that should be included to support the mentally, the mentally ill. And you have seen a focus on mental health care

as well. If you continue to go through that report, there is a key provision in everyone at home, Long Beach and everyone online, which was chaired by the president of Cal State Long Beach. Included in that task force was the superintendent of school district, the president of Long Beach City College, business leaders and nonprofits and experts in the field. We are meeting all of our targets within that everyone home Lambert report and are working towards towards those goals. One of the goals in everyone on Long Beach is also very clear and it's recommendation three and it says to support and implement tenant assistance policies as developing in coordination with community and landlords. And these includes and includes a little variety of bullet points, most of which have been included in the staff recommendation. And it includes just this bullet point which we're talking about tonight, which is a tenant relocation assistance policy that provides relocation assistance to

households impacted by rising rents and displacement. And so I point that out because I just want to remind us that what we're discussing tonight is not was not developed in a vacuum. It was all it was developed through action of the council, but also why it was debated and discussed in a incredibly large task force made up of leaders from across the city of both the private and public sector. And so for me, when I have and this happened as early as today, but when I had the president of Cal State, Long Beach and the president of Long Beach City College being very clear about the thousands of homeless students that we have at our university and at our college and the housing security that they face. It goes beyond just students that are that might be low income. There are we have thousands and thousands of students that can literally not even afford to live in the city of Long Beach. And they believe that this that this crisis has that this issue has reached a crisis level on both campuses. And I agree with them. And I support them. And I thank them for reaching out both, I think, in a letter and as well in conversations that I have had with with those with members of that task force on this issue for them and other task force members. Tenant relocation policy not only is important, but they actually support the staff recommendation as presented. So I just want to make also that clear. And I and I do support that as well. Let me also say some things that I think are are really are important. I know that we have a motion is being built in progress. So we have the main motion as presented by Council Councilwoman Gonzales and Vice Mayor Andrews, which I support. We have a motion, in addition to that, that Councilman Jeanine Pearce made, but I believe Councilman Durango may have been the second. No, I think maybe it was. I'm not sure who was the second. But we have noted here, which I obviously support and of course, the motion that Councilman Richardson has made as a sub sub. And I

will continue to support us passing a policy tonight. I also I know Councilman Austin has made a friendly to that motion and I will support the whole motion as as as presented. But I want to point out some key things. The first thing I want to say is I don't think we can ever separate that that our neighbors and especially our low income neighbors that are cooks in our kitchens and our hotel workers and our clerks are really suffering right now. And like Councilwoman Gonzales said, there is no issue that I lose more sleep over than this issue. And it is also an issue that I believe personally that as a city. And I'll take personal responsibility myself. We have one fail to lead appropriately in the past, and we have not done enough to rectify the planning mistakes that have been made, not just in our own city, but but across the state of California. And so I think mayors and and governments are trying to, as fast as possible, try to fix and address the systemic issues that are happening. A lot of folks said we should be building more housing. I agree. I have supported every single unit brought forward before this body to get built. I have supported whether it's been a market rate prop building, whether it's been an affordable unit. I support every single unit. I wish that there was as much enthusiasm to build housing. As far as there is on this policy, because almost every time that we try to propose a project to build more affordable housing, we get a lot of folks come out and oppose it. We want to build a shelter. It gets opposed. We want to build more affordable housing for low income seniors. It's too high or too dense. We want to. We want to. We want to densify our transit system and build more housing along even just a moderate amount of density across the community. And we fill the chambers again because nobody wants to build additional housing. So if if we're not going to allow the creation of more affordable housing, which which many neighborhoods don't want any, then then that leads us to try a multifaceted approach. So I would first encourage us all to continue to support building every unit of housing possible that and to continue to support smart, responsible density in the city. I also believe that we should we should redouble our efforts on building more affordable housing, which we are doing. We just broke ground on two big projects just in the last month and will continue. We have another one coming up in the next few weeks. We're going to continue to do so. And I would I would encourage us to realize that a tenant relocation policy is not the the the magic solution that's going to fix all of our issues. It is one piece of a building, more housing, tenant, relocation assistance, state support action by the governor and the legislature to begin to try to fix that. The the crisis that we have going happening across state of California right now and and in Long Beach. And I will note that because I have to say this, because I think

I've known I've known her for since I was in college. I was very moved by Mary's and Degas's testimony. I was moved by her op ed she wrote in the Long Beach Post. I've known her for 25 years since we were both students at Cal State Long Beach. And I also know that she has spent her

entire life being housing insecure. And I know that for me, there's a lot of great stuff in in this motion tonight. But there there is nothing that brings me more happiness than the additional support for people with disabilities and for seniors. And I know and I want to be very clear, I know that that part of the sub sub is for it to be a city created fund which which, which I'm which I'm fine with. And I support that. But I also want to be clear, you know, Councilman, and to the makers of the motion, that that is also I think not in no way should that be. If we can't put the funds together, we're not doing it. And I just want to make sure that as part of that substitute motion, Councilmember Richardson. I just want to make sure that it's part of your motion, which I think is correct, that we are being very clear that we are we are doing that fund and we will be providing additional support. And that's I know that's going to come clear and I just wanna make sure that's not if we can't, if we can find the funding. I know we're establishing that. We're going to get those additional \$2,000 are I think are incredibly important and so. And so for me, I know we're all talking about I think we all have our shared values and we all believe in doing and doing the right thing. And we're all listening to our constituents. But I think that supporting in this case, those additional dollars for people in wheelchairs that are disabled and that are seniors is the right thing to do. And so I'm going to support I know there still might be some tweaks here, but I am going to support and I do support the motion that's on the floor. And I hope that this can move us forward and we can begin to get back to work on building more housing for everybody. So thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you. I want to say how much I appreciate your leadership tonight. Mayor, as we talked about, it's been a long time that we've been talking about this. And so it's great to be at a place where we can kind of redirect. I just have a couple of clarifying things. I'm not going to, you know, go deep on anything. But I wanted to make sure with the city attorney that when we say 10% over 12 months, that that could be two increases of 5% in 12 months. Yeah, that that's the way I interpret it. Okay. And when staff gave the report and we talked about affirmative defense, it said that it could possibly be included in there. I think that that's something that's really critical. So I. I intend to include that based on the staff's recommendation and your motion. Great. Thank you. And then. So I have a question about the the. The reauthorization. I would. I want to make sure that we're clear that it doesn't. Suns

et without council action. So so we understand that that it would sunset on a date certain but that staff would bring an item to you before that date so that you could make a positive decision well in advance before it would sunset. I'm extremely uncomfortable with that, and I didn't really hear about it till it was on the dias floor. So I, I would hate to be in a situation where it would sunset, something would happen where, oh, gosh, we don't have, you know, enough council members to actually hear the item and then, you know, it sunsets and then we like protection. And then there's a flood of something that happens in between. So I just I would I wouldn't want to have a date certain. I would want to say that we have it beforehand and then evaluate it. I'm afraid that if we interpret it your way, Councilmember Pearce, that's really not. I'm not sure. I mean, it goes to what Councilmember Austin intended and what Councilmember Richardson accepted. But I heard sunset. A sunset means it terminates on a date. Certain. I heard the. Council. Could we. Could I ask the maker of the motion to just clarify? I said reauthorization. I want to be clear. I guess if you wanted to to, you know, kind of split hairs, it it would could mean a sunset. But my intent was that it would come back to the council after three years and the council would have the opportunity to then reauthorize or modify or based on the data provided by staff. So that means if for whatever reason it did not come back before council, then the the ordinance would remain in effect. No. I think I like to have the the council have an opportunity to to make well. I think staff is going to undertake staff will undertake the obligation to bring something before you. But three years from now, if for whatever reason that doesn't happen, that won't be written into the ordinance. It's just direction that you're given to staff. If that doesn't happen, then the ordinance is going to continue. And I also want to be clear. This this I want to give staff the opportunity to to to write an ordinance. And I know that we'll be having another another very long conversation when it comes back. And we can have that opportunity to tweak the things that we're uncomfortable with at that point as well. Thank you. So that sorry we need I just one more clarification. We normally we have two ways to do it. One, which is what we normally do, which is it remains in effect. But we'll come back to you in three years with data and then you make any decision you want to or it or it sunsets. And we would come back to you for you to make a decision on whether to continue it. So which one? Well, I don't want to leave it open ended for for staff to put it in a black hole either. I want to make sure that it comes back to the council after three years in the council has some sort of motivation to to to actually take. I said that

would be the sunset then. Yes, that that's my intent. And we would we commit we will absolutely no

t miss any deadlines. We will be back to you with data with time before its onset. Could we ask, is six months too much time? I a problem in Vegas. Let me jump in here. You jump in because I'm controlling the motion. So it sounds like Councilman Austin wants the opportunity to reauthorize. He never used the word sunset. Yeah, I used the word sunset. That's why I wanted to clarify. And what you're saying is, if for whatever happens, for whatever reason, staff doesn't bring it, whatever. It doesn't get in front of council, not enough council members here. Here. You know how the game goes. People don't automatically lose their benefits because we didn't get to it. Whoever the council makes up. Is there a way that we can say, you know, that a condition of, you know, nothing changes until that happens that we have to meet? Is there a way to make that happen? Because I think that's consistent with the language of both the council members. That's both their intent that we get a chance to review. It, you know. An ordinance. In my experience and never direct city staff to do a certain thing, I mean, in ordinances of general applicability. So we will direct city staff that prior to any and I don't want to use the word sunset like the staff will have to. We will get a chance to review this and reauthorize this before anybody loses their benefits. That's what we want to do. So if you can't write in the ordinance, put it as direction from this council to to staff. So the ordinance remains in effect. But we will come back. And you are directing us to come back in three years? I think I think. I think what's being said is that there's going to be a reauthorization vote that we'll be taking at the council in three years. But then for the information, of course, what this council will get before that, and that if for some you know, if there's some unforeseen issue that the council can't meet or count or staff is can't get the information, I think what the members are saying is that no one should lose your benefit in those in those situations. Okay. So reviewed after three years, no impact to anyone's benefits and it stays on the books until you make a decision to take it off. All right. So understood. There's Councilman Austin who has the floor actually now. But anything else? Yes. Well, I do appreciate that. And and I'll just say that this has been a much smoother discussion than I expected. It's after midnight, so we're into tomorrow. I will say that there are elements of this this policy that that I feel like most most of us on the council have have compromised on. And again, I don't think this conversation is over with. It was my intent and expectation when we brought this this item forward that we would be prioritizing and protecting our most vulnerable in our city. Speaker after speaker after speaker. Example after example were those who were were being displaced and losing their housing, who were senior citizens, who were low income. And I certainly have a

have a heart for those who are who are who are disabled. And so I would and Councilmember Mungo brought up a few excellent points. You know, I think we all have been renters at one point. I had a had a decent job. And, you know, I was able to afford, you know, decent places to live. I don't know that that as a as a young person with with a great job, you know, making six figures that I would necessarily need and a relocation benefit. Right. And so I think we need to think more about that, talk more about that, research that a little bit more and understand what our true intent was as a council. I feel more comfortable having income qualifiers and looking at, again, protecting those who who need to who need it most in our city, those who are most vulnerable. Also, there are no less than a couple dozen pieces of legislation right now currently going through the legislature in Sacramento that could impact some of the conversation that we've had tonight, some of the ordinance that we're looking at and moving forward. And so I would ask the city staff, obviously pay close attention to that, to to the bills that are there. And, you know, there are there are bills that could render some of what we're talking about move, you know, should they pass similarly to the minimum wage legislation that was passed a few years ago? And so I would just cautious on that. And then I want to thank Councilmember Pearce for bringing forth, I think, a very creative idea on the heap funds the use of that. I support that 100%. I think it's fair to the property owners and it and it shows a shared burden with the city so that, hey, listen , if we're going to protect those who are less vulnerable or most vulnerable, meaning senior citizens, those who are disabled, we are we're willing to step up and use those funds. And I know that's also work that will continue in Sacramento, because you were recently, Mr. Mayor, up in Sacramento looking to extend the extra half billion dollars for for for homeless prevention as well. So. So I'm happy with moving forward. I'm not 100% comfortable with everything. And again, I don't have to be. I think I think the intent here tonight is to move move a policy. I hope we can we can do that. But again, the details are going to be worked

out over the next course of the next several weeks and months as a staff presents an ordinance. And then on the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, I certainly hope that we can continue this conversation with some of the detail issues that have come up here to this evening to get a little deeper into. So with that. Thank you. And as we go to the vote, I'm just going to do one clarification point the staff has asked, and that is just to be clear, the what the ordinance when the ordinance comes back, the audience is coming back as written per the subsub. The other information that has been asked is essentially coming back as information to from four that should come prior to or at latest. You know, the meeting

when this comes back and and obviously housing neighborhoods could could certainly discuss some of these other issues in between. But at the end of the day, the what's being asked to come back in the actual ordinance is the sub sub as made by Councilmember Richardson. And we'd like to ask Mr. Mayor if there are things that we find that make the subsub work issues that are raised by the council that make the ordinance work. We'd like to add those in as well. Great. I think we got a motion on the floor. Members, please, please go out and cast your votes. Well, the motion I think we've restated the motion. I mean, Councilmember, I think we have your we have your motion. I think it's clear. I think we've got it. All right. We have the tapes as well. So please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries six three. Okay. Thank you very much. And we still have some more some more meeting. And so what we're going to do is we have public comment as well. So for general public comment, and we have one item we're going to take up. So let me first ask if I can get a motion to move all items 17 through item 24 minus item 23 to the next meeting. I've checked in with staff and they believe it's an easy move. Can I get a motion in a second on that? Any any public comment on that move? Seeing nonmembers, please go and cast votes on moving those items. We? Motion carries. I'm going to move to item 14 with the clock. Please read the item. COOPER It is a Super Nine that you're. Item 14 communications from Council membership and a recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund in the Parks Recreation Submarine Department in the amount of \$4,490 offset by the for Council District one time district priority funds to support the installations of adaptive swings at Stone Champion Park. 25 a conference item. We do need a report on that. Okay. Would you put. Cast your vote. Okay, we got enough. Has been for Richardson, it's good motion carries. Next week. My team with the club, please. Regarding. Thank you. Now we'll move up to item 15 with the clerk. Please read the item. Item 15 is a report from financial management. Recommendation to receive and file a presentation providing an update on the status of Long Beach Coast City Way. Could I please get a thank you? That's very councilmembers. So thank you for giving us this opportunity tonight. I'm here tonight to give us a brief report, along with some of the department heads on perhaps the largest technological effort the city has done in its history. We're talking about a ERP or an enterprise planning resource enterprise resource planning system. So these are done by all big cities and all big corporations throughout America and throughout planet Earth. So again, this is something we've been doing for about the past three years, and we're very close to turning it on. For as long as I've been here. We've used the same financial h.r. And payroll systems. In fact. In the 1990s we installed 1970s technology. An

d it's a good thing that they made things the last back then because we've been pushing the limits of how long these systems can hold in place. Under City Council's direction, we've been implementing a new ERP system under the project name Long Beach Coast Finance Director John GROSS, Human Resource Director Alex Vasquez and Technology and Innovation Director Lia Erickson are supporting this project as sponsors. And they're here tonight with several members of the broader project team to share details about the exciting milestone for the project as we're getting ready to turn it on. Dozens of staff have been diverted from their normal operations. It's been important that we do this because we want the system to utilize institutional knowledge about our operations and because when the vendor and consultants leave, we want our own staff to fully understand and know how the system operates, how it's been built and all that. Citywide operations have had to be responsive and nimble, managing the heavy workloads. As a result, we're operating a little slower than usual because of this program. It's much harder for staff to take on special projects as we were having to pitch in to carry the burden for everyone. There is continued work to be completed for our payroll and budget phases, as well as ongoing maintenance and upgrades as the system continues to evolve and will not be stagnant like the old systems. So I want to personally

thank everyone in the audience. This is a small portion of everybody that's been involved in the system who's directly working on the project, and all those who are back in the home departments picking up the load, working for long hours and helping the city move forward. With that, I want to turn it over to our leader, John Groce, to lead us through this presentation. John. Thank you. Well, tomorrow we go live. I mean, that's really the most important thing we can probably say today. We go live with the soft launch of phase one of this project that Pat's talk to you about. We're implementing a major new financial and payroll system. This first phase is financial. It is a major step in having Long Beach at the forefront of modern technology and to support our constant effort that Pat talked about it becoming more efficient and more productive all the time. The huge accomplishment that we're talking about is the result of a project and a project team working on LBE coast. It is a top city council priority and it started in 2014 when you funded the project. Of course, be cost stands for something. It stands for Long Beach, City Operations and Strategic Technologies, a very obvious name, all because project purpose is the implementation of Tyler Technologies, Munis Integrated ERP system, and ERP stands for Enterprise Resource Planning. And it really means any integrated system that manages a large, complex government administrative operation. And that's what this system does. We have in the audience, as Pat said, just a few of the

people working on the project. And like me, they're wearing the colors of the project and you'll see our lanyards. And if you guys can all stand who are in the project standing for a little bit, we. These these are just some of the people on the project team. They include members of the steering committee. And there's a list here. This is just the committees and the leadership committee, the coordination committee, the focus group members, department liaisons, administrative operating officers, financial service officers, the super users training coordinators, the module team and the module team leaders. The technology and innovative staff that support the operation. And last and not least, Tyler Technologies personnel who have worked with us throughout the entire time. So it's you'll hear tonight about some of their amazing, amazing work. We have put over 140000 hours into this project, and we're just at phase one of three phases, 140000 hours. We cannot thank these dedicated people enough for their work and blood, sweat and tears in their brainpower in configuring the systems, testing, training, putting in hardware and keeping it operating and solving the many issues that come up on a daily basis. So thank you. And you can up thank you very much. And I'm going to turn this over for a few remarks from Leah Erickson, our Director of Technology and Innovation. Thank you, John. So, L.B. Coast is the largest technology project the city's ever undertaken, and it is a multigenerational generational leap forward in modernizing our business processes. As I mentioned. We were using 1970s mainframe. Technology and we implemented it in the nineties and it included things like blue screens, a use of function, keys to navigate and paper timesheets. So now we're going to a modern system that will be efficient and meet our needs into the future. The All Because Project addresses the. Fact that our current systems are so old they're not even being. Supported by our the software vendor. And these old non supported systems place the city at risk of inability to meet basic administrative needs and. Even at risk of. A system failure. So the new Munis ERP system is modern, and because it's modern, it requires modern technology systems and networks, which. Thanks to the critical technology, needs. Funding provided by City Council. The Technology and Innovation Department has been and is in the process of implementing this system, also gives us modern productivity AIDS, such as the ability to use handhelds, tablets. Barcodes and scanners. Lastly, the system. Will continually be updated by Tyler and our team and upgraded to allow us to continuously move forward and. Make sure that we're never in the position again of. Using decades old ERP technology. I'd now like to turn the podium over to Alex Vasquez, our human resources director. Thank you. Leah. We're pretty excited. This new. ERP system is. Going to affect all 23. City departments, including Harbor, Water and el

ected offices. Most of the administrative functions in the city are going to be impacted on the financial side. There will be a new purchasing system. A new system for paying bills, a new accounting system, and a new budget system and an inventory system as well. And these are just some examples. On the. Other side, the system will. Allow us to maintain employee information. There will be an employee self-service function that allows employees to access information. About. Their payroll and other information. And there will be a position control. System as well for payroll. The new. System will include a timekeeping and payroll processing system. That will help us update

and function more. Efficiently if more efficiently. Our 6000 employees will use the new system for timekeeping and payroll purposes, and we estimate that over a thousand employees will use this system on a daily basis. To do their work. On a day to day basis. I want to. Acknowledge some of the members of the h.r. Payroll phase two team that weren't able to be here today. They're actually at a training conference that's being conducted by our ia europe vendor Tyler Technologies. They would be here tonight, but as I indicated, they're at the conference. So as a substitute we included a picture of them and they're here. With us, of course, in. Spirit. Yeah. So I'd like I'd like to turn it over back over to John. We thought. Thank you, Alex. We thought it would be useful to just kind of briefly describe the four stages that this project team has been going through. And we'll go through startup design, implementation and operations. That startup stage for B coast included 12000 hours to develop 3800 specifications, prepare an RFP research vendors and then select a vendor just to get a vendor on board. Once that happened, we moved into the design stage was a major effort for Phase one financials, the chart of accounts, which is the single most important part of any financial ERP system to develop. That chart of accounts took four months to develop. We are currently in the design stage for phase two h.r. Payroll. That's another big deal that is going on. And we're moving into the implementation stage for phase one, which is because we're going live the operations stage, which I don't want to underestimate will begin soon after go live . That's when we start to normalize things. We have to go through a stabilization period. We'll have some bumps along the way and staff will get more comfortable with the new system. But we want to move into operations as soon as possible and build this into our normal functions without having to use a project. I've introduced to the project team and the many people who directly support the project. This project has taken key people from operations and Pat has talked about that mostly on a full time basis and sometimes at this point for two years or more. Other staff who are not working on the project have had to fill in and they've had to assume more resp

onsibilities and more workload. There are 56 people on the project team. 35 of them are regular city employees. We have 46 liaisons in the various departments, 115 super users who are going to help train everybody else, 23 training coordinators. And there are also, as I said, many staff filling in as backfilling. I hope and trust that the many people working on the project are finding it rewarding and rewarding experience. They certainly are gaining a unique experience. It's once in a lifetime and at the same time they are helping to design and implement a complex and sophisticated system that will keep the city moving forward for the next 20 to 30 years. They're getting that opportunity. They also get the opportunity, which they can't possibly miss, of having more frustrations than they would ever want to think about there there in any major ERP system. And there's a lot of stress. So even though it is a valuable and rewarding experience, most including me, never want to go through this again. But I'd like to introduce now Elizabeth Haynes, who is the Financial Systems Project Lead, who will discuss the many subsystems associated with the project and then introduce you to a few people who have worked on the project. Thank you, John. Hello. I'm Elizabeth Haines, and I'm the bureau manager for the Financial Controls Bureau in Financial Management. And I'm assigned full time as the Phase one financials. Lead on this project. And while John may not want to do this again, this is my second time around as I served on the team that implemented our current financial system in the late nineties. So it's especially exciting to witness the launch of this modern, fully integrated Tyler Munis system. The Tyler Munis ERP system has many subsystems and functions. Many of the 27 subsystems and functions shown on this slide require implementation stages similar to what John has described. Designing and implementing each of these 27 subsystems and functions is a substantial effort. I'm going to invite some members of the project team to speak about their experience on the project. Now the first speaker is Glenda packing, and Glenda is an example of the type of dedication that our team members have. She was working until 2 a.m. this morning, resolving an implementation issue that was potentially impacting our move to go live. Glenda will briefly talk about the chart of accounts and the general ledger module. Glenda. Thank you at least a bit. Hello. I'm Glenda. Packing in. I'm the accounting officer of the comptroller's office of this man, Financial Management. And I'm assigned full time as a general ledger module lead for the project. I turn up accounts, provide a basic structure for the way the financial data is. Enter into an accounting system without an excellent chart of account, no financial management system will work well or efficiently. The new munis system required an account number that is 40 digits long and has a structure completely different from that

of the Old City's legacy system. It takes. Months to create the new. Structure to meet the complex city's needs. But after we created the charge of account, we had to crosswalk or translate the old account structure to the new structure. In numbers. We crosswalk 475,743 accounts element combination into 105,147 for child accounts. That was a lot of work and it took us a long time. Now I would like to invite Ireland Crabtree to discuss the project and watch Wachtel. Thank you, Glenda. Hello. My name's Arlen Crabtree. I'm the grants and projects officer in the Budget Office of Financial Management, and I've been assigned full time as the module lead for the Project and Grants module. The Tyler Munis ERP system has a project ledger, which is a separate accounting structure from the Munis general ledger that Glenda just told us about. The Project Ledger is often described as the single biggest change from our current financial system. There was no project, ledger and our old accounting system as such. The Project Ledger is an entirely new concept for Long Beach and offers the city many new management and control opportunities for both projects and grants. Determining the best approach for the use of the project letter was a huge undertaking. Many of the accounting structures and processes used had to be designed from scratch. This was a major challenge and it took many staff hours to design and test the concepts involved. The city has over 2000 active projects and 400 active grants. The conversion of the city's existing projects and grants was a tremendous effort for the team and our departments. During the course of the conversion, we created over 11,000 project expense accounts to track expense activity and 3600 project funding source accounts to identify offsetting funding sources for project expenses. Long Beach, it's worth noting, is the largest grant conversion that Tyler Technologies has ever done. I would like to now invite Jennifer to request. To speak about budgeting. Thank you, Arlen. Good evening. I am Jennifer Rodriguez and I am a. Budget analyst in the Budget Office of Financial Management, and I am assigned full time as the module. Lead for Phase one. Budgeting. Even though the implementation of the new budget. System. Is in a future phase three, I and the budget team have been heavily involved in both Phase one and Phase two, because the. Budget module uses elements from both of these phases. Because it uses. Information from both phase one and. Phase two. We are having to. Develop a complex conversion process that converts not only old data to the new system, but also maintains both legacy and new accounting structures to ensure systems are fully functional. Until phase three, there are over 100,000 lines of budget balances that had to be converted, utilizing the accounts that Glenda mentioned, as well as over 2400 projects and grants that Arlan referenced. This is just an example of an intense prefatory work needed for the budget p

rocess, phase three. And that phase has not even started yet. Now, I would like to invite Dana Anderson to. Speak about phase. Two, the human resources payroll portion of the all cost. Project. Thank you, John. I am John Anderson, the labor relations manager in the Department of Human Resources, and I am here to represent the team working on phase two, who's at the tyler technologies conference? The h.r. Payroll team have made it a priority to develop stakeholder and working groups to support system design. One of the team's key efforts have been met with staff from various city departments to vet requirements and establish components that can be universally applied while also fitting into the unique needs of each department. An example of one of the many items that the team is considering with the operating departments is finding ways to provide online services for employees when much of the city's workforce does not have access to a work computer. The h.r. Payroll face to face two team is confident that when h.r. Payroll goes live, there will be an increased functionality and enhanced features for all employees. Now I would like to invite Tera van Andel to speak about the critical function of change management for the Libby Coast project. Thank you, Dana. I am Terry. Van Andel and I am the Business Process Improvement Officer and the Financial Controls Bureau of Financial Management. And I am assigned full time as the change management lead for lbe coast staff readiness as one of the most critical elements for the success of any ERP project. In addition to readiness, that gives our employees both the technical ability and functional skills to operate the system, we also work hard to provide psychological readiness to my change management team and change management terms. People need to move through five stages to be psychologically ready for a major implementation. Awareness, desire, knowledge, ability and reinforcement. Our team is focused on moving people through these stages of accepting change. Some of the ways we've done that include developing and preparing a network of individuals throughout the city to serve as conduits between the project, team and department. We also are facilitating events and conversations for

people to learn about the project, including town halls, departmental meetings and system demos. And we also are creating and implementing many communication vehicles such as newsletters, paste up fliers and a robust intranet page. We feel very good about what we've been able to accomplish in a high intensity environment with constrained resources. Now, I would like to turn it over to Desiree Gutierrez to talk about the massive training effort with the financial space. Thank you, Terry. Hello, I'm Desiree Gutierrez and the communications officer supporting OLB Coast. I'm here tonight to share details with you on financials training. Training includes developing operational procedures, developing related training materials, and

then presenting these materials. This has been a huge commitment of time for the training team and all involved. Just for phase one, we have ten separate booklets that have been developed. These are just two of them. In addition, we have other materials that address critical tasks that aren't covered in these books. The team is training over 1000 people for phase one. So far we've had 207 sessions for our ten core training classes. Most attendees take more than one class, and our total attendance count to date exceeds 3000. Training ranges from 90 minutes to 4 hours. Our results have been excellent with good comments. Some of those comments are here on the slide with our payroll. The Phase two change management team and training teams will be addressing the needs of all 6000 employees for both time entry and employee self-service. This will be a major task. I'd like to turn the podium back to John to speak about some of the challenges of implementation and operation and wrap us up. Thank you, Desiree, and thank you to everyone who's spoken. The chart on the screen that you're seeing gives an example of typical ERP productivity over time, and we expect that productivity for each phase of the LBE Coast project, a huge system such as we're implementing, will typically have issues at implementation and you'll see productivity go down for a while and that's shown on the chart. We will work at that in advance of Go Live and we've done that to minimize them, but we will have them some data conversion at go live may not go right. We have to fix it. We had a lot of that just before today and that's why we had people here at 2 a.m. in the morning. Their fixed hardware cannot be fully optimized until after we go live. We will have issues with hardware. We may have occasional slow systems. We may even have a crash. But most importantly, even with training, people are not familiar with the new complex system as they are with the old one. And there will be a learning period and an optimization period. Productivity will climb and after a time it will be higher than before and then continue to move higher as we will have continuous system upgrades and we intend to have a continuous improvement approach to find out how to better use the system as time goes on. We chose an ERP system and an implementation approach that kept both implementation and operating costs at the low end for a city of our size and complexity that was part of the 12000 hours and the time it took to select a vendor. We purposely looked for low implementation costs and low operating costs. We are getting great value for our investment, but we are getting the ability to be technologically and operationally excellent at the same time. Tyler Munis is a living system. It has regular updates and upgrades and we are designing a support structure to provide for ongoing improvements in operations, reporting and productivity. The operating costs for the Tyler Munis Munis system will be higher than the

old legacy system. This is because the old system was a dead system with no vendor support and no build, no ability to make improvements. So there wasn't there weren't a whole lot of costs associated with it. Initial ongoing costs for the ERP system will be included in the proposed NY 20 budget. This will include support upgrades, testing, ongoing training and maintenance and full phasing of costs will be in FY 21. Because of the complexity of our city and our financial nature of payroll processes, it is possible we may need to supplement our initial LBE cost implementation funding, but we are working to minimize that cost if it does happen. I'll be Khost entitled Muna. CERP are a huge step forward. The city is putting in place state of the art technology and probably more importantly, a framework for continuous improvement, as I said earlier, for the next 20 to 30 years. We have avoided the potential for the old legacy system. Fail for failing. Getting there is the result of an extraordinary Ivy coast project team. The project will take us through three separate go live stages, each one of which will have some expected bumpiness along the way. All normal for any large ERP project. We're going live now with phase one, soft opening tomorrow for opening on April 15th. Phase two is well underway. Phase three will start soon. We anticipate everything being done with implementation and stabilization by the end of FY 20. That is September 30th of 20. When the LBE Coast implementation project comes to an end. Ongoing improvements and updates

will not end. They will continue. That's one of the differences and one of the reasons we're putting in a live system as opposed to a dead system. As I conclude, I want to say that it's been my pleasure to serve as an L.B. Coast Project sponsor. Leah Alex and I are extremely proud of the tremendous effort and dedication that the team behind you and those who couldn't be here and departmental staff have put into implementing this first phase. Much more work needs to be done as we have two more phases to implement and have to stabilize the first phase. We will work to move the people in phase one back to their normal jobs as quickly and as much as possible. The project team is up to the task of getting Phase one operating and phase two in Phase three. We're very proud of the work the team has done and they will do great in the future and we cannot say enough about the team and the efforts. None of this would have happened without the mayor and city council support and the city manager's support for our efforts. And we all thank you very much for that support. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Fantastic job, Councilman Rich. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Just a just a few thoughts. Thank you all for your clear hard work on this very complicated matter. You know, I was looking, you know, at some of the faces in the audience. And it has to be the same face that my mom gives me when I try to explain to her Game o

f Thrones. You know, it's not for everybody. You know, I mean, I will do my best to try to summarize. This is a big deal. We're recognizing a small army that has has worked to make our system more productive and more stable, you know, less risk of a system failure. So I get that. You know, one thing, you know, so I recognize all of you coming down and speaking to us and having to explain this to us because you've probably sat through council meetings and where you really didn't, you know, weren't too excited about the things we were saying. So I get it. Budget time, stuff like that. You know, one thing that that stood out, you know, somebody said it was 140000 hours. Yep. Is that 140,000? Wow, that's impressive. These guys getting overtime? Yeah. He's turning red, but wears a the red. So, you know, when you start giving out dinner vouchers or happy hour or whatever, you don't recognize those people. Just let me know so I can show up as well. But thanks a lot to everyone. Incredibly good job. Looking forward to future faces. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. So this is my bag. I've experienced the Game of Thrones. That is system upgrade twice now. I was with L.A. County in 2005 when we converted over, and I was also with the assessor's office in 2014 when we started going from greenscreen over. And I cannot tell you how proud I am for each and every one of you and the number of committee meetings a person has to go to, to go to through a process like this, the amount of collaboration, the number of ideas that come up last minute when you're on the brink of implementing or deciding on something that we figure out, something we hadn't thought of, and that you take the time to rework it because it's so important. I've been one of the people who have put in multiple requests to put Mr. GROSS for reports out of the business licensing system or reports for item control or the reports for no matter what it is . And the the system limitations have been all too frustrating. And I can only imagine how frustrating they've been for all of you working here in the city and now to have a hand in being able to make that change and to have to have the steadfast process of knowing every little intricate detail of the city, how much you've possibly learned about different departments and reports and needs, and now what stronger group of individuals you are knowing these systems so well. So my first request of all of you is please don't retire. Because one of the things that does happen after a big project like this is so many have been holding on to get it to completion that I just beg of you to consider staying. If you were thinking about retiring in the next 12 months, consider staying for another 3 to 5 years because it is a big deal. And I have watched this process multiple times. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you. In one of the systems we just converted, we actually still had microfiche. I don't know how many of you are alive long enough to know what m

icrofiche is, but we still have four microfiche machines if we need them here at in Long Beach, we can give them to you from L.A. County. We just finally got rid of those and it's not over. So I know 140000 hours, Councilmember Richardson sounds like a lot, but the next steps are going to be the ones that count. Those 2 a.m. nights are now going to be the ones that are going to be coming up more often because as you start turning off, these systems are moving over. That's when you have to get this last batch of stuff in before this turns off and this turns over. And so much of that work is yet to come. So I want to appreciate you for all of that in advance. And then just a little story. I was standing in line at the grocery store last week and there was a person with a name tag just like this that all of you were wearing. And she's here today and she didn't know I was a council member. I

had my mom outfit on a.k.a no makeup, yoga pants and baby food in the cart. And we started talking and she said, You work for the city of long beach. And I asked what she did. She said she worked for h.r. And then we started talking about the system and the system upgrades and i talked to her about how excited i am for her and all those different things and the passion in her voice. And at the end she goes, And why do you care so much? And I said, Oh, well, I work for the city of Long Beach too. And we shared a couple quick moments. But the passion and love that each of you have for this system, may it stay with you, but that you don't stay too committed to the modules or implementations you made because they will continue to change. And that is something that's good and you should be proud of because you are the shoulders of which the changes next next to derive from and that they stand on top of. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Yes, Councilwoman Price. Well, I just want to say thank you to all of you, too. I know this is a big endeavor and that you've all worked really hard on this. And I want to say that I would like a lanyard as well. So if that's possible, I'd like to put my request in. But and I recognize some of you from John Gross's ties, how many of you guys are on his signature ties that he gets? But it's really amazing to see so many different departments and employees come together for a common cause. And I just wanted to recognize that and thank you for your efforts. Thank you, Councilman. I, too, want to thank you guys for being here and staying late with as the council. It's not too late. This is an early night. We're not it's not even 7:00 yet. But I really want to thank you guys for all the efforts. I've been a part of one process like this, not this intense and this large. And I understand how challenging, how rewarding and how proud you will be at the end. So I applaud you for that. Obviously, H.R. is one of the things that's a top priority to me. So I know it's great to see that we have a new process in place for H.R.. I had a q

uestion because it's one thing I keep meaning to bring up in our briefings, but I'm just going to bring it up now on billing utility billings. Does that touch on this? Totally separate system. It is a totally separate system. Okay. Well, I'm publicly going to put in my request I have some landlords that own multiple properties and say they pay their electricity bill or their gas and water bill at all those properties. One bill, all the properties instead of like ten bills. We can talk later. Okay. We'll look into it. I'm like one bill. I really appreciate your guys efforts on this. Congratulations. Thank you, Councilman. Awesome. Thank you. And obviously, I want to echo and say thank you much appreciation salute John Leha and the entire team who have been involved in this behemoth project management effort. This is a significant investment, I believe. You know, when this first came to the council back in 2014, you know, the price tag was somewhere around \$30 million. And, you know, I almost fell out of my seat when I heard that price tag. But obviously, it's an investment in organizational, operational, operational efficiencies, coordination, better coordination between departments and the teamwork. And a spirit that has gone into this is absolutely phenomenal. Again, when I appreciate that, I'm not sure if I heard, but is there an estimated completion date on this project? We expect this project and the systems to be fully stabilized by the end of next year, September 30th, 20 end of the fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. GROSS. And in the word efficiencies and we talk about the improved operations and upgraded technologies, have we been able to quantify what that will save us annually when we actually implement this this new system? No, it's it's and it's it's a typical problem with all ERP systems are almost all of them. It's it's very difficult to quantify. There are efficiencies and savings, so we probably won't see them at the beginning because of the productivity curve. A lot of that savings and productivity will get used in terms of people will want better data and more reports and other things will be done. So it will it will be very difficult to quantify. Thank you very much. Salute. Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez. Yes. As a tech employee, this makes me very excited. And I know as a city employee makes me even more excited. So congratulations to every single one of you. I think John GROSS is buying everyone dinner tonight, which is great for all of you being here and staying late. But thanks again for your work. I know that this is going to be long lasting for many of us here in the city, and we just thank you for that. A couple of questions that maybe I missed or weren't mentioned or included, but the phase two specific, the specifically number nine employee reimbursements. Are we looking at is that just on this site or are we looking maybe at an application opportunity down the road? The and as described on the slide you saw the employee reimb

bursement is a improvement to our current processing where if an employee is on a training trip or receives reimbursement, we now we will do it through payroll in the new system as opposed

through a voucher. It's a much better way to do right. But can they access it through an app? You're working on the whole app thing, and that is I don't think that the phase two team has had a chance to look at it, but that's one of the reasons we went to a new system is to have mobile applications potentially available. And this wouldn't require this platform wouldn't require an employee to be on the city server, only you can access it remotely as well. That's what we're working for. Okay. Just making the security issues that we're working on. Great. Yes, that's a big one. Okay. Well, thank you so much. Thanks for all of your work again. And I'm very excited to get this go and will see implementation very soon. Thank you. And to Lia and Alex and everyone. Thank you, Elizabeth. Thank you. Thank you. Yes, councilman. Phase one. Live tomorrow. What happened to will move to city hall in June. That's probably another nightmare, right? Well, we'll keep. City Hall move and those issues out of this. But in talking about the ERP system, the team spent a tremendous amount of time working on how are we going to deal with the move? And Leah and her group have done a super job. And in and of itself, we are prepared for the move to the new city hall from an ERP system viewpoint. And in fact, the old computer is being physically moved as a safety thing to the new, new, new city hall and will be sitting on the floor until we can formally turn it off at the end of phase two. So a lot of planning has gone into that and has made actually the whole project more complex. But Leah and her group and the technology group have addressed that issue. Okay. So in a nutshell, you're going to be keeping the old system on standby should something not transfer or. We don't believe phase one. That system doesn't take new entries. We're in a dead period. So we go live with the new system tomorrow. The old system is used just to pull off data. However, the old system will be used until we go live with phase two for payroll. So it is alive and operating, and that's why we need to move it to the city hall. Get my paycheck next week. I don't care. Thank you. We'll try to make that even if you're the only one. Well, the. First personal check for young girls. Yeah. Thank you. First of all, I'd just like to say what you guys are doing is really fantastic. The only thing I heard about the young lady who stayed at 2:00, I really thought we had a tough job, but damn. Anybody stay here at 2:00 in the morning? This system better work. Say, because I know it's working. Because every time I get my check is fluctuating, so much of it is always coming out in the black. And I love that. So you guys, what have you doing? Keep doing it. And again, thank you guys so much. Is there any more public comment? You guys

. Great job. Thank you very much. Yes. We take a vote? Yes. Can we please have a vote? All right. Councilmember Mongo. Motion carries. Thank you. We let them live before we started. Public comment. She. Okay. Well, thank you very much. That concludes that item. And we will move on to the next item. Let me get back to we're actually going to take the fireworks item first. Next, please. Communication from Council. Councilwoman Price Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund in the City Manager Department by 2500, offset by the third Council District one time district priority funds to provide funds to CSB for producing an animated fireworks public service announcement. Thank you. I mean, turn this over to Councilman Price. Thank you. So this item came about as a result of a third district fireworks advisory group that we put together. These residents worked diligently over the course of several months to evaluate best practices in regards to illegal fireworks in other cities and to implement some best practices and some proposals that could be implemented in the city of Long Beach. We have taken their recommendations and little by little brought items to council to try to implement several of the recommendations that this committee made. And last year, we produced a video that was a PSA regarding fireworks in response to how they impact pets. So for our No Kill Folks was an awesome video. This year we wanted to partner with Cal State, Long Beach, and I want to thank resident Ken Weiss, who's here for really heading up that effort and connecting us with Cal State, Long Beach and their film department to create an educational PSA that will be able to use to help educate and address illegal fireworks here in the city of Long Beach. At the elementary school level. So tonight, I haven't even seen the video yet, but tonight we're going to preview the video and we're going to have an opportunity to hopefully share it with our fire department so that when they do their outreach with elementary school kids, they can show this video. So I'm going to invite our the committee chairperson, Ken Weiss, and Soy Yan Kim from Cal State Long Beach to speak briefly on this topic. So I don't know if I pronounce the name correctly, but if you are here, please come on up and can. Of course, come on up. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and city council members. It's been a long time, but it's been a long. Journey for us over the last two and. A half years, putting this whole thing together. And it's it's really been an amazing journey for all of us on the committee. And

we have several people from the committee here tonight that I just want to point out. Eric Whitney, if you will stand or raise your hand. So everybody sees you and Jeff Dawson and several of our committee members were supposed to be here, but they had other commitments and I couldn't make it. I would like to. First of all, uh, after it's been a. Year since we were here and at your

. Council chambers and presented a, uh, a report on the findings of our committee and recommendations. Shortly thereafter, we started talking to Cal State Long Beach about producing a, a video that could, as the councilwoman described, could go to the children. Because you can cite. 40 year old guys all day. Long for shooting off fireworks. What we really need to do is change the culture. And only way to do that is to reach out to the kids. Tonight we have. First of all, I'd like to thank all of the Cal State Long Beach students. They're here tonight, the designers of the videos, and there's three of them. You're only gonna see one of them tonight. I want to speed this up a little bit, because I know you have a lot of things to do, but I to ask and to come down over and behind this and sign you and Tonya really kind of. Oversaw the whole production of the videos and it was pretty amazing to see it from start to finish if you haven't seen how a cartoon is made. It's a pretty mind blowing experience. It really, truly is. A lot of moving parts that you would never even think about. And Tonya kept the whole thing together for us. And what you can see is an amazing video and an is was the Tuesday head of the group student group who produced the video you're going to see. And I just have to say, they did a great job. And I'm going to turn it over to Sonia. And she can turn over to Anne and. I hope you enjoy it. And the other thing is that you should know that that while the cartoons are being produced, the fireworks committee went out and worked in creating a distribution partnership between the committee and the community. And we have tonight 75 organizations within Long Beach who are now distributing the cartoons. They were rolled out last night and they are out in the community. And the 75 organizations, some of them small, some of them big, and some of them are education based, some are recreation, some are animal based. Some are businesses that all stepped up and said they would put the cartoons out in in the community on our websites and in Instagrams on Facebook. And so the reach of this thing is going to be huge. I don't think it's a first time. It's just going to be it's going to blow everybody's mind, I think. So with that, I'll have them come down and show you the video. Hello. I wasn't planning to be here because this is the moment that all my student need to get the spotlight. So I just wanted to share how amazing experience been as a teacher. Usually I have something to teach in this class. I don't. I hope that nobody thinks I'm a lady teacher. But my job was really in the cheerleader in a silly uniform. And you kind of let them do what they believe in the most and really kind of make their artistic vision come alive. And then we create just beautiful pieces. Individual students literally volunteer over 1000 hours this semester. And this is one example that we always share. Hopefully you get the chance to kind of get to see it all. I'm

going to actually take this a stage to the Anna student. Hi. I'd just like to say thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity that we've been able to do. We've had so much fun and it's been such an exciting and wonderful experience. I just want to take the time right now to thank all the people who have been working with us on this wonderful opportunity. I'd like to first thank the city of Long Beach, Third District Fireworks Advisory Committee. They were the people that really started and developed this concept. They've been going on it for like two years now, and they were the people that reached out to CSU, Long Beach, the School of Art, for this collaboration, of course, under the guidance of Councilwoman Susie Price. So thank you so much for that. We'd also like to thank the Long Beach Animal Care Services without their support and allowing us to go to the shelter and actually research, we would not be anywhere where we are today. Also, CSU, Long Beach in general and the College of the Art Faculty and Staff, the departments we had many of them working with us, not just animation, but also illustration, graphic design, film, music and theater. So there's a lot of people collaborating together and. Working together to create these films. Also, just I'd like to thank my fellow students for coming out here today and also for working so hard on this throughout the all the late nights. It's been so wonderful and thank you. And that's like. So hopefully we can start the film again. I spoke to your family. I don't like this kind of things. I've always wondered what it would be like to touch the ground. So one day I. And I know. We're not in control. But ask people. Started my shoes and sold Tarzan down into the ground, into things that live there to this day. But I think the very best view in SoCal. So this is just one of the three examples that we have considering when it comes to firework safety and also animal safety. So we hope that you guys really enjoyed

that and we're really, really excited to begin to see these, you know, spread out throughout the city. That's awesome. Thank you. I'd love to get the other two as well so that we could play them at future council meetings leading up to 4th of July. Be fun to play one when we can, maybe at new business or something, but we have certificates for all the students, so if you guys wouldn't mind coming down, perhaps I can ask my council colleagues and our mayor, who's a Long Beach State alum, to come up for a photo with you guys. We'd love to document you being here. And thank you for your work. Oh, let me get through the rest of the agenda items. Let me have you guys come down just 1/2. I do have a couple of speakers, so no problem. The second of the motion council member, Austin. Yeah. Well, I just want to congratulate the students and Councilmember Price. Thank her for bringing this forward. It's an innovative approach to dealing with our fireworks challenge year after year. We know that

enforcement is not going to necessarily solve our issues. And so I think this is a creative approach, particularly to reach our young people. And I'm happy to support. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just wanted to say thank you to Susie and thank you to these students. You know, I think that it was a really creative video. I'd love to see the others. I think that's what we have to do. We have to think about an all hands on deck approach. Everyone has something to offer to contribute to the message. The more we can keep it consistent, whatever the fire safety message is, the better. But I got to tell you, you know, I was impressed by this. Thank you. Congratulations. I look forward to sharing this video. Thank you, Councilmember Pierce. This was awesome. I loved it. I love seeing creative videos that reach all audiences. I mean, in the second district, we have a lot of young folks and every 4th of July, we've got street parties where we can never quite get to everybody. And I know we've kind of racked our brain on how do we really reduce some of those instances. And so I absolutely love this every time I think this is the second or third time your committee has come to council, right? This is the third. The third time I every time I really appreciate the fact that you guys have pulled yourself together and in a different way. And you don't need a lot of resources and a lot of time, but you're doing the great work. And so I'm really thankful for you guys and awesome to all the students that did this work. Vice Mayor Andrew. Says, thank you very much. And I also want to, you know, echo to that because the faculty, of course, the graduates also am I you know, Suzy never mentions that, but it's okay, you know, because the fact that you, you know, when we talk about, you know, go beat, that's all the way around. Look at the animation that you guys are doing. You can just ride along with the volleyball team and you guys don't give yourself good or you're the greatest ever happen. Thank I want to thank everyone of you guys for showing us this. And I want to see the next two also. Thank you again. Thank you, Councilmember Supernanny. I'd like to thank the committee for being here again. And on a kind of quirky note, next week we have my item coming to council that is streamlining council meetings. And you don't know this, but you are part of my inspiration. I think your first appearance here, you didn't get on the on the podium till after midnight. And I was so impressed that a group of volunteers wait that long. I thought, boy, we need to treat the public a little nicer. So thank you for that. Thank you, Councilman Richardson. Just one more thing. The video reminded me of something that just came to me. You know, the scene when Mowgli in The Jungle Book gets the fire and accidentally sets the jungle on fire? Was that the inspiration for this? It seemed like, okay, maybe some copyright issues we got going on. Okay. Just checkin

g counts in re ranga. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank the students out there. You're doing some great work. Anything that will teach our young people to teach their parents about fireworks is good with me because I think that's the message you get to the kids, you get to the parents, and we control fireworks in the city. Allow me to thank you for what you do. Thank you. And I'll just also add first, Councilman Price, I think this is a great project to fund and support and lead on. Congrats to the committee and most importantly to the students. That was really good and just really proud of December Council. At one point, students collaborate on this type of work with great faculty and great imagination. So congratulations. Is there is there any additional public comment on this before I close the item out? Oh, actually, sir, you already spoke, so I have to. Unless. Come on. Coming forward really briefly. It has to be somebody new. I have. I have one more comment that I wanted to make, and that is that the principal elementary school is taking the videos and it's showing them to students and we are having discussions with him. He is going to go to the school district and get them put into all the across the whole system. Thank you so much. That's how excited he is about

it. So I just wanted to add that one little thank you so much. And then our last two speakers and we'll go ahead and go to a vote and take the picture. Just on fireworks, I've been noticing there's some other cities that hold silent fireworks. It really helps the animal shelters in their city on 4th of July, on New Year's Eve, not to be packed next day because the animals are so scared. Just an idea. You can still see all the beautiful colors, but you don't have the the noise. Thank you. Next speaker, please. That's a good point about fireworks that don't have any noise because I have two dogs and they're just terrified. But I also wanted to ask you, Mayor, if you're going to be installing the media wall on city hall so the fireworks can be seen on their. You might recall a few weeks ago that I asked you if you planned on buying \$1,000,000 flat screen TV. You said no. That's right. Then I heard about a \$4.3 million program that's being put together, including \$1,000,000 media wall. I called it a TV, a flat screen TV at the time. Media wall, flat screen. We have to it has to be to this topic, please. Okay. Well, I'm just saying, I found out that a media wall is in the plan to be put in city hall. And if that's the case of very disappointed with that extremely inaccurate information you gave me three weeks ago. I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you. I'll be bringing it up again. Thank you so much. Thank you for that. That concludes this. We are now going to go ahead and go to our vote to please we can go and do vote. Motion carries. Excellent. Thank you. Here, take a picture, guys. So come on. Come on down and let's go and do our photo. So, you know, I bought a new bike last.

I haven't really written about. I give you all the certificate, I'll just. Just take random ones, and then you guys can swap graduation. I. You're welcome. You have a lot to do with it. Congratulations. Thank you. Congratulations. Thank. I want to go back to the story. Yeah, yeah. We're going to go back to square slash logistics. I got here because you had fun doing it. Yes. Goldman is your teacher. It is. A lot of work, but what you. Saw was one of our other. Teams. Okay, great. I think. Are we going back here? Yeah, I'm going to get. Around moving back and. We're all moving back. Back? Where's our committee? Okay. Here. All right. Guys. Ready? One, two, three. Never go. All right. Thank you. Thanks. Oh, really? Yeah. I have. Yeah. Yeah. I think we can reorganize to some solution. Okay. Okay. Thank you. All right. No. I'm like, Yeah, yeah, yeah. When you get up, you know, you come here, you know. Okay. Thank you. If I can have just everyone kind of exit quietly as we continue the meeting, we would appreciate that. But thank you for then. The last item that was asked to be moved up was item 34. Thank you very much. Now we're going over to item number, hearing at a number to. Communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the hearing and declare an ordinance relating to the temporary limitation on the issuance of building permits, conditional use permit or other entitlements for new drive thru lanes through the city red for the first time, and later to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading, declaring the urgency thereof and declaring this ordinance shall take effect immediately. There's a motion and a second public comment on the hearing. This item requires two votes, one on the urgency. Thank you. Sorry about that. Any public comment? Please come forward. Anybody else? Okay. Public comment is closed. Thank you for making the right choice in history. City Council. Kit. Thank you. We'll take the first vote. Please cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. And we'll take the second vote. Motion carries. Motion carries. Thank you. And 30. Communication from Councilwoman Gonzales recommendation to increase appropriations in the general fund group and the Economic Development Department by 25,000 to support the creation of a community vision for business corridor improvements that revitalize and activate historic Pine Avenue and the North Pine Neighborhood. There's a motion and a second. Is there any public comment on this item? Please come forward. Hello. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and City Council. My name is Romy Garcia. I'm owner and chef of Romeo Chocolates, located on North Pine, right where this corridor is slated for this recommendation. Just want to briefly state my support for this recommendation along with other small business owners in that corridor as well too. It's exciting to see the activation of these storefronts and that there's actually a sense

of destination happening on that block. Historic Pine Avenue is a really important corridor here in downtown Long Beach, and it's an opportunity for our residents and business owners to come together in this visioning process, to make it a continued intergenerational space that's safe, that's walkable, and gives an opportunity for people in Long Beach and our tourists to live, shop and dine. Thank you so much for your support. Thank you very much. See no other public comment on this item. Please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries nothing. Thank you. I have signed up for public comment. I have folks that are wanting to talk about Councilwoman Gonzalez, and so I'm

going to hold that until after the presentation piece, which will happen as soon as she arrives from the graduation. From I keep going through the agenda and going through some of these other items that that have. There are no requests for. And so let me do all those first and we'll do all the other ones. After the other council members arrive. We have one one big item before us. So you can come back if you'd like for for that item. And with that, let me turn this over now back to the regular agenda. And we're going to begin with item 25. Now we have and staff has a presentation on that. Item 25 is communications from City Manager recommend a recommendation to receive and file presentations on the potential extensions of the existing measure transactions and use tax citywide. Thank you. We're going to go ahead and start with the presentation. So Mr. West and Mr. Motor. Mr. Mayor, council members, this presentation is going to be given by the Assistant City Manager, Tom Modica. Tom. Thank you, Mr. West. So, Mary Council, we have a fairly lengthy presentation we'd like to walk you through to talk about something pretty critical that staff is recommending that you consider tonight, and that is the extension of Measure A, we'd like to kind of go through what measure has been used for, talk about some of the challenges that we foresee over the next 30 years that we really believe Measure should be a part of and kind of walk you through kind of our recommendation to you. And so on the screen, we'll get started. There we go. So just to remember, what is Measure A and how it came to be. July seven, 2016, we brought a measure to the voters to basically do a 1% sales tax for ten years, dropping down to half a percent after after six years. And Long Beach voters approved that by 60% of the voters it needed, 50 plus one to pass. It was a ten year sales tax that the council said by resolution was going to be for public safety and for infrastructure. As I mentioned, it was one 8% for six years, then declined half a percent for four years and expired in 2027. As part of that measure, we established a five member citizen's advisory committee to really review the use of the funds by the city. They meet about 3 to 4 times a year. They take action to determine is the spending that the city's doin

g consistent with the resolution and the promise made by this Council of Voters. And they've approved that every single year. The number that it is generating is about \$60 million a year at 1% and then about 31 million a year when it hits half a percent. And so we'll talk a little bit about. The new challenges that we're facing related to community health services tonight. We still have infrastructure challenges. Measure A has been a huge success and we'll talk about some of those successes. But we really do have long term funding solutions that we need to identify over the next 30 years for our infrastructure. We've also dedicated about half of the tax towards funding operations, and 2027 really isn't that far away where we have to make some decisions about whether those positions are at risk for elimination or whether they're going to continue. And Missouri really has been an enormous success. We've added public safety officers. We've maintained public safety personnel that otherwise would have been reduced. And we funded an unprecedented investment in our city's infrastructure. So let's take a look at some of the projects and services funded by measuring. One thing we did is we enhanced our public safety. We added 41 new public safety positions. We did Paramedic Rescue 12 and Fire Station eight restored to service. We used to have four police divisions and in the recession, we went down to three. And with Missouri, we're able to bring that back to four police divisions with the addition of South Patrol. And that's now at the same operational level as the other patrol divisions. We now have dedicated staff at our police academy, which allows us to to hire additional police officers. And we are supporting fire departments, heart team and our quality of life units. Those are two key units from the public safety side that are out in the field dealing with homelessness every single day. Important as well is that we've maintained 108 public safety positions. These are positions that otherwise would have been reduced and not available had we not had Measure eight to to help protect them. We've provided additional police and fire academies and we've renovated. We're planning for the future renovation of their training facilities. We've also been able to invest in new technology for public safety, including operational radios and body worn cameras. Looking at some of the infrastructure. And we'll dove a little deeper here in a second. But it's been about \$88 million so far from FOIA 17 to FOIA 19 in measuring funds. And that is the largest investment we've seen in a long time. We've done \$42 million. The vast majority has gone into streets and sidewalks and alleys. About \$27 million into our parks and recreation facilities, about \$15 million into our other public facilities and \$3.5 million in stormwater projects. You'll all recognize this map. When we went out to voters, we showed them a map and said, these are all the projects that are going to get d

one. They're based on need. They're pushed throughout the entire city. And we have kept true to that promise. So these dollars, these projects are all getting done with the current measure that the voters had voted on. And we're getting nothing but accolades for the projects that are happening out in the community. So let's look a couple of those in detail. We have one of the first projects we did with Measure eight in the first year is we identified every street that could have a protectant sealant put on it to help with the preventative maintenance. Maintenance. We call that slurry seal. And we slurry sealed every eligible street in the city. 232 lane miles. We identified the worst of the worst alleys. Those are the alleys that were dirt. And those will all be paved with measure. We've done three miles so far. We had a new park space, brand new park space in the red car greenbelt. And as the vice mayor mentioned earlier today, we broke ground on Houghton Park Community Center, and that's under construction. We built five of the best playgrounds that we have in the entire city with major signature playgrounds that are really, truly amazing. And we have another four in the works. We repaired a number of roofs. And, you know, you know, those aren't always the most exciting things, but those are things we have not been able to fund just with basic dollars until there's a crisis in emergency. So we're able to proactively replace roofs, which saves the community a lot of money and lots of service. We've improved stormwater protection, we've done park improvements. We've also funded 102 lane miles of complete street projects, which include everything from curbs to ramps and sidewalks. We've repaired and upgraded 30 public facilities and we've done parking lot improvements and all of these projects are all on the web. We have an interactive GIS map where you can click on, see the project and see the status and how much money it was funded for. So I'd like to talk a little bit about our funding needs and what our challenges are coming up in front of us. And they really fall into three categories. Excuse me. The first is community health. So we do have some new challenges in community health. First and foremost, it's community hospital. So Community Hospital stopped accepting basic life support patients in spring 2018. That was completely unexpected and closed completely in July 3rd, 2018. That happened after Missouri was adopted. That was something that was presented to us in 2017 and happened shortly thereafter. 27,200 emergency service visits occurred at Community Hospital in 2016 and since its closure. Ambulance transport times have increased by 10%, which is a significant number. The City Council has been very familiar and involved in creating a strategy and a solution to reopen community hospital. We've identified a great private partner who is interested in that, and under the proposed deal that we're in, that we're working on finalizing

our cost share would be about \$25 million over the next 15 years. It's a city facility. We need to put our share into the seismic improvements while the private operator shares in those improvements and also puts in the money for the operating. So this council has made the initial decision to move forward with that, which we fully support, but it came without any revenue. So we do not have a solution on how to pay for that \$25 million. And without additional solutions, we're likely facing other service reductions to make that a priority. The next category is infrastructure. When we came out with Measure eight, we estimated a backlog of about \$2.3 billion. That really was an estimate at the time. We know that number is going to change as we both improve and also get additional data through our studies. And measure has been a huge help. It invested immediately \$88 million over the last three years. But that is a small number. When you're looking at funding infrastructure, you're looking at funding it over the long haul. So what we've done with some of the infrastructure money is we created four plans really to assess and prioritize our investment. So this council has real data to understand what the need is and how we can best prioritize. We funded a pavement management plan which showed that we have about \$510 million in street needs. We funded the city's first alley assessment plan and found out that it's about 98 million. There are sidewalk management plan has been completed with 631 million. And we're underway with a facilities investment plan. We have 200 facilities. We've done 17 so far, and that need is about 38 million. So if you extrapolate in rough numbers, it could exceed 500 million. And we'll know in the next two or three years as we finish that plan what that actual number is. And so what's important here is the sooner you can invest in your infrastructure, the cheaper it's going to be. If you wait until it's completely dilapidated, the cost just as much more is much higher. The third major area is public safety, where public safety remains our top priority. 70% of the dollars the council allocates goes to public safety and personnel costs. Really? We do public safety with people, with police officers, with firefighters. And those personnel costs grow every single year regardless of salary increases. The cost of having a force from all it takes to have a police force and a fire force grows every year. And

so measure has been enormously helpful with both adding and enhancing, but also maintaining what we have and keeping those officers on the force. And so to date, right now, when you add the additions, plus all the officers we've been able to keep, officers and firefighters, it's 150 positions are funded by Measure A. So I want to talk a little bit about the public support for this. Just one thing we hear a lot is that Long Beach is the highest city with the highest sales tax. You'll hear that from time to time. It's not the case.

I wanted to show you this data here. While we were in earlier, adopter, since we went, 16 additional cities in our area in California have increased or proposed to increase their local sales tax. There's one city, Santa Fe Springs, that got special legislation to be at 10.5. And you can see the list of all the cities at 10.25 and the cities right behind us at ten. Mr. MODICA Just to clarify that, but that list is not a that list is of the cities that are kind of in this in Southern California. This is primarily Southern California. There may be one or two in Northern California. As a rule, we looked most of the cities with this sales tax tend to be in Southern California rather than northern California. Thank you. So before bring in the staff recommendation to you, we wanted to go out and do some polling to understand kind of how people perceive measure and also was there a public support to extend it. This is something a lot of cities do. There's a firm called FEM three, which are the premier firm out there that does this type of work. They've done 135 other California cities, and they also have done have done work for the county of Los Angeles and the Long Beach Unified School District. So we interviewed in April 600 Long Beach voters. We did interviews in English and Spanish. So I want to walk through some of the summary of what they found. One of the key questions you ask is, do you think that there's need for additional funding in Long Beach for quality services? And that number in Long Beach is very high. It's 70% to show that there is a great need or some need. And so that's a very strong number. We asked what the top three areas were for a measure of priorities. The top one was fixing potholes and repairing streets at 83%. The next was retaining all the new additions that we've been able to put in at 78% for public safety and revitalizing neighborhood parks at 76% and maintaining officers and others are right behind that. And when you do polling, you tend to ask the same question three times so that you can get an accurate gauge of of a number of different factors. So you asked the first time, just without a lot of information, here's what measure is would you support extending it? And in Long Beach, that number was 68%, which is an incredibly high number. When you talk to talk to the experts that do this. You then provide some messages about, you know, what is long? What is this measure? What could it be used for? You provide some of the positive messages to see what that does to the number. And in Long Beach, it went up to 74%. And then you provide some of the other arguments that you'll hear from an opposition campaign just to understand what that would do. And that actually brought it down only to 71%. So actually higher than where you were on the initial vote. So those are incredibly strong numbers. You don't often see that, you know, from what we understand in in many cities. So do you want to talk a little bit about why we would n

eed this money and what our current financial situation is as well? So over the years and the last probably seven or eight years, there's been three major events that have helped us from a financial perspective. And the first one is the termination of redevelopment agencies. So while we lost a lot on the redevelopment side, that was a big significant improvement in the general fund side of our ledger. We also got a lot of cost savings from pension reform alone, which was one of the first cities to do pension reform. And what that did is had all of our city employees paying a much higher percentage into the pension system than they were before, and that's ongoing every single year. And the third was money for measures to both enhance services and maintain services. So when you add up those three, you actually end up with \$55 million in support from those three major actions and \$30 million a year from in infrastructure and one time uses. So without that, we would have been looking at some pretty drastic reductions. However, all three of those are fully allocated and they're all used to support current operations. But our cost, just like every other city in a high cost state, continued to rise. So looking at our what are the projections look like? I do want to say that, you know, the further out you get, the harder it is to project. So these numbers can and will change. That's why they're also expressed in a in a potential range based on a number of assumptions. But when you see the budget in about a month, you're going to see a very good budget, the FY 20 budget. It's essentially balanced, not a lot of service enhancements, as we had mentioned over the years. But it's going to be a good, strong budget in Fy21 there are some

challenges in FY22 and then measure would be an option for the council to look at and make some decisions in about \$15 million in FY 23. And then not sure on this chart is right now in 27, you wouldn't have any more measure of money under the staff's proposal. You would with voters approve. You would have an additional \$60 million that we aren't currently receiving. So there's some complexity about the ballot measure, and I want to walk through that a little bit. So state law currently puts a cap on sales tax at 10.25 for all state and local taxes, including city and county tax. And so any extension of Missouri really needs to take that cap into account. And so we recommend that you do that in concert with some of the other tax measures that are out there, which includes Measure H, which is the homelessness tax that the county has put on, which also has a sunset provision. So we're recommending you keep basically the rate at where it is today, 1%. From a practical standpoint, the voters would not see any difference. It would be 1%, but it would go for until 2023 at 1%, then drop down 2.75% for a measure rather than go back up to 1% at 2027. And I'll show you that graphically in a second. There is some importance as to the staff

's recommendation on the timing of the ballot measure and why we're recommending that you put this on the March 2020 ballot rather than November. And, you know, the typical state law shows that you should be asked that you put these in front of voters when you have your your general election, which for us would be November 2020. But there's a provision for doing that earlier. And so one is we are hearing that there are some other entities that are interested in taxing and doing sales tax. First and foremost would be assumed. And there's a potential for L.A. County as well. And we're all competing for that same amount. So if they get to the ballot first and voters approve that, the tax that the voters would pay would be the same amount but actually wouldn't stay local. It would go to a different entity. So we really think that you should consider putting this on March 2020 and, you know, that amount would still be 10.25%, but it would just go to a different entity rather than Long Beach. So this is how it's represented graphically. This is what this staff would recommend is once you get to F 22, that's what Measure eight currently authorized, you can see it's 10.25%. We would go down 2.75% and the county would take that extra point 25. Again, from from a consumer perspective, they would continue to pay what they're paying today. 10.25 that that's what they're paying now. And then we would go about four years, five years on the calendar year rather than fiscal year. And then it goes back up to 1% in FY 28 and beyond. So in order to put it on the March 2020 ballot, you do have to do what's called a fiscal emergency declaration that's required under the state constitution, Prop 218. And so, you know, we would recommend that you do that for the reasons that we mentioned in the report community, hospital infrastructure and public safety. So in summary, we really believe Measure would be a major positive fiscal impact to the city. It would be \$15 million a year that you'd be able as a council to make some financial decisions with after FY22. Then after that, there would be \$45 million a year available in 2027, which we aren't currently programed for and would put us in a much stronger fiscal position. And so next steps, if you would like to move forward with this, you would direct the city attorney tonight to prepare an ordinance. There'd be a second chance to consider this. And essentially we would come back to you in July with that ordinance and the resolution declaring an emergency, and then it would really be up to the voters. So it's important that, you know, you don't make that decision. Staff don't make that decision. It's really up to the voters whether or not to extend a measure. And so our recommendation is in front of you. And with that, thank you for your time and we are available to answer questions. Thank you, Mr. Modica. And we're going to have if anyone's here for public comment, now's the time. Please come forward. And then after that,

we will go to I'll make some comments and go to the council. Please come forward. I'm going to close the speakers list. So if you're not in line because this will be closed. So I have four speakers and after that the speakers list will be closed. Please come forward. All four speakers. Gwen Stefani, Orson Welles second district with regards to measure a as of crime rate is falling citywide it seems that seems to say that fewer armed police officers would be necessary. So an adjustment composed with that would probably would be a good idea. However, additional funds for the fire department are necessary as they are the primary response of agency for both the increasing homeless epidemic and general paramedic emergencies. Additionally, locally funded social and health workers would also be a nice addition to all necessary funds. Other than that should be going towards a critical reopening of the mental health floor community hospital. The loss of this has been a huge problem for the for the city and with regards to the projects that have originally that have

already been funded. I think Public Works really deserves a heavy hand from the city. It's been a very, you know, overall easy transition. The disruptions to public service to the public, especially in the second District, have been minimal. The recent contract, you know, some supposed controversy over the road dying and on the Broadway has been overblown. As somebody who lives in the second District and is a father of a cyclist who's starting out in the second district, the measure funding has created a protected bike lane, which has frankly slowed down traffic and created a safer neighborhood. More additions like this in terms of making a pedestrian and cycling friendly city would be extremely welcome with an additional \$50 million. Thank you for your time. Thank you. And our next speaker, please. Mayor and city council members. My name is Paul Mize. I'm a board member of the Long Beach Firefighters Local 372. Rex Pritchard apologizes for not being here tonight. However, he's out of town with his family. Long Beach firefighters fully supports and asks you to vote yes on this agenda item. We need to extend measure to maintain vital public safety services, improve emergency response times, and continue our investments in infrastructure. Extending Measure A will maintain our current tax rate to ensure Long Beach maintains the 150 public safety officers personnel funded by measure pay and including 37 new public safety workers, police officers, firefighters and paramedics hired since measure has been approved. Long Beach will be able to make safety repairs required to reopen Long Beach Community Hospital. Community hospital is a vital part of the 911 system. And reopening this hospital will be a tremendous positive impact. And save lives. If we don't act now to make Measure eight permanent, we will lose our ability to invest directly in Long Beach. Instead, we will pay the same tax rate we are pa

ying now. However, the money will go to other agencies and not Long Beach. Extending measure ensures that we will continue to invest in our community. Missouri has been a huge success and has made improvements in every single council district while I'm standing here supporting me, making Missouri become permanent. As a member of the Local 372 Board of Directors, I'm also standing here as a resident of Long Beach asking you to support the agenda items. I lived in Long Beach for 18 years and I've seen on a daily basis, you know, while I'm driving around in my personal car, responding to emergency calls and the fire engine. That measure. Investing in our communities has been very noticeable. We need to continue invest in ourselves in years to come. Please vote yes. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hello, counsel. I'm Joel Weinstein. I wish Measure A could do the job, but it inherently cannot. Even management admits that with measures in place now, the city is getting ever further behind on infrastructure. It's no surprise, given a consistent commitment to Oscar Wilde's style of budgeting. Give me the luxuries of life. The necessities will take care of themselves. You know. Most of you politicians in your top management unabashedly and relentlessly work to exploit our ignorance and naive trust to get us to pay ever more in extra taxes like Measure A and M for the very same services that elsewhere require no new taxes, do not have the benefit of oil revenues, title and revenues, enterprise revenues. In each case, the pitch is that the new revenues will be dedicated carefully and exclusively to the services. A true but deceptive claim because revenues from the new tax can be legally dedicated. But council can divert and in case after case has diverted to other purposes the funds from the old sources that used to go to the services. Measure H in 2007 was going to give us a better fire. Protection. Result, you actually reduced engines and fire stations. Houses have almost burned down because there were not. And they remain. Absent. Engines and stations. And then there's those 200 police officers. Yeah, yeah. 200 less police mean a less safe. Long Beach was the. What was the pitch? And apparently that's what you want because you have not budgeted for anything like 200 new and worse to promote these little tax bites, these little more details. City Hall, you and your management have engaged in deceitful and arguably illegal pseudo rationales and campaign practices, including pretending that this building is about to fall down from seismic problems. And yet you made here you have put no employees out of here for three years and more. You send out costly and supposedly useful information fliers to some rather than all duly registered voters. You omitted from mailers and online information readily provided instructions on how to conveniently access the actual legal text. And you totally misrepresented in promoting Measure B-BBEE. You tot

ally concealed that there would be a repeal of existing term limit provisions in the charter. So what? The needed new step is not a new tax, but a new council professionally as a decision analyst and math and stat analyst. My recommendation is, and as a citizen, I demand that all of you resign. We

need a new council. Thank you very much. And our last speaker, please. Good evening, counsel Jim Foster, president of the Long Beach Police Officers Association. Honestly, it would take me the rest of the night to try to explain all of the good things that came out of Measure eight for our city. I'll try to limit that just to some of the really specific ones. Clearly, the maintaining and addition of staff as presented by Mr. Modica has been unbelievably helpful for us to be able to accomplish our mission. Some of the very specific things in here in this measure allowed us to get a full time training staff at the academy. And when you look at the attrition rate that we have had over the last several years, we're on the verge of, I think somewhere in the area of 15 to 20% of our officers have now been trained by the staff. That measure allowed to be there full time. In addition to that, we have a training facility at the academy that is falling apart. It is 20 years we've been in some temporary trailers. And I guess in the terms of life, everything is potentially temporary. But these trailers are falling apart. They're getting dangerous. And we've been good partners for many years with the citizens of working with what we had. But we're to a point now where we know we're going to have significant attrition over the next few years. We can become a regional training facility, and we have to do this on behalf of the safety of our of our team members that go through there and really for the benefit of the city to allow us to continue to retain and attract new candidates to be in our police department. In addition, one of the things that the taxpayers aren't always aware of is even after this measure was initially passed by such a large margin, the state, the federal government come down with new mandates that require the police department to get on board with new events like our radio system is no longer supported. We needed new radios. We couldn't function as a police department without them. That came from Measure eight body cameras, which is something that voters want and demand. This is a function that we need to provide. Coming from Missouri, I can go on and on, but I want to add one more part about the importance of community hospital . That hospital for decades has served not only my family but the residents of this city. It's where we kept our sexual assault response team, where we did some of our higher level things with the community. The most sensitive things were there. It's where we treat a lot of our prisoners that are in custody coming from nearly half of the city. And clearly the mental health facility there is of immeasurable help to the publ

ic safety mission that not only firehouse, but we have also the taxpayers are getting their money's worth out of measure eight and then some. And so I would encourage all of you, as you look at the long laundry list of things that have done, the mission is not yet accomplished. This money is going to good use. And all of us on the police front, we urge your support in this measure. Thank you. Thanks so much. That concludes public comment. Let me make some I'm going to make some comment and then we'll go to the council for comments as well. So I just want to I just want to just first of all, just take a quick step back and kind of walk through kind of what got us here and then make some general comments as well. And I think, staff, you've done a great a great presentation and a very thorough job. I know that the finance team and a lot of your team was in front of us together. And I just want to thank you for for doing that. And so I just a few things have happened. I think there's there's two things that have kind of happened around the same time. The first is one that the council's already been discussing, and that's been the issue around community hospital. And I want to just point out that I think the council certainly had asked staff maybe a few months ago to look at solutions and how we would permanently fund community hospital. I know that that began some initial work from at the staff level. And part of that is in front of us today. And I think it's important to note that this measure extension is well, that is a piece of it. There's certainly a much broader focus, which is really about infrastructure and public safety. And that's kind of what I'm going to focus most of my comments on. But I do want to thank you. I know that when we asked you to bring back some information on community hospital about about a long term source, this was obviously a response to that. And the other probably more a larger piece of this has been, I think, what most of us have been reading sometimes on the front page of the Press Telegram and in other publications about other agencies, HMD being the largest of which have been discussing bringing forward an additional measure in front of voters, which would keep our tax rate the same, but certainly divert resources that are currently going in a major way into other agencies, which would be a loss for our community. I think that's for many folks. The bigger issue for for me, it's it's simple. And I think I strongly believe that we should extend measure aid to maintain our vital public safety services, our emergency response times, and to continue investments in infrastructure. I want to start by saying that we have through the current through the current

measure that was voted on, we have maintained about 150 public safety personnel. That is actually pretty significant. This has been through our everything from restoring a paramedic units, as you heard, to our our engine bill. Onshore to the police work that'

s happening across the city as well. But the larger investment and the one that I think people have felt most immediately has been around infrastructure, the fact that we have already spent and fix \$88 million worth of infrastructure is enormous. And we are this really is an era that we will look back on and be able to remember as a time when we really fixed our city when it came to infrastructure that is significant and it's something that I'm really proud of. I want to thank our public works team who have really had to re, you know, re-energize and rethink of the way they approach streets because there is now so much more work for them to do and be on our streets. It's been programed within our parks. When you look at our park playgrounds, when you look at it, fixing up many of our restrooms or our roofs or our libraries, there have been significant investment. And so we have made these investments to our parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, and they have really been really great to see. And I want to thank the voters and community for supporting that. I also want to just just make a note when when we went out in 2016, we were talking about a \$2.3 billion backlog of infrastructure. And that was, of course, an estimate. And the fact that we have brought that and continue to move that number down with the investment, I think is significant. And we should really this new this new extension could allow us not just to put together a five year plan, which we currently have in front of us, but a plan that could really last ten, 20 , 30 years and it could really rebuild our community. Let me I will also note that the part that staff mentioned, which I think is really critical, is this idea of what other taxing agencies are doing. When Long Beach first chose to vote to move its tax structure to 10.25. We were actually an early adopter. There were a few cities that had done that. Now there are many cities that have done that. And today I can tell you that we will not be the only city doing this in 2020. In fact, there are cities up and down the state of California that for the very reason that I that we're discussing tonight are actually choosing to go up to fill their cap because they are aware that the economy, the county of Los Angeles and others, and then they I think they do great work. But everyone is looking at doing additional measures in the November ballot, and particularly a vacuum in pretty public about theirs. And so now the Long Beach voters will not be paying any more tax if measure is extended. But if these other measures pass, they will still be paying the same tax, but the money will be going to other agencies versus fixing our streets and roads and supporting our paramedic units and public safety. And so I think those are some critical questions. I think it's it's obviously important to note that over 60%, about 60% of the voters approved measure the first time that that was a huge, resounding show of support. I think I am proud that t

his council has done a fantastic job of ensuring that what we told the voters the money would be spent on is where the money was spent. And to me, making a promise about where those dollars would be spent and then fulfilling those is really important. And it's about that is it to me about also about public trust. The money has been spent on fire, police service and infrastructure. And that's where we where we put it. What we're asking, I think staff recommendation is also to include the community hospital piece, which is something I strongly support as part of what we're doing moving forward. And so I know I've said already I fully support this and I want to thank our Art, the city team for their work on being able to to get these projects done. And so with that, let me turn this over to the council and begin with Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I think that was articulated very well. I want to thank staff for these 31 pages of this staff report. I love the way that it was organized in the fact that we looked at our history, we looked at the landscape around us, and we really drilled down on this this methodology of the tax. I think that makes sense. You know, Mr. Mayor mentioned the rate in which measure was adopted the first time at 60%. But I think I want to just lift up the opinion survey. I'm grateful that was published, showing that even after positive and negative arguments, the support for this extension was over 70% of of the sample of voters in the survey survey. And I think that was that's a very compelling point. So thank you for including that in this presentation. Broadly looking back on Measure eight the first time around, you know, the reality is our infrastructure was in a very different place in Long Beach. And I and I remember, you know, making the case for the Highland Park Community Center. You know, I personally took a number of council members there so they can see that the issue is not it's not fake. It's real. You know, the roof was collapsed and I grabbed, you know, Harry Salts gave her from the Gazette and brought

him there and grabbed a piece of the wall and showed it how that how it crumbled in our hands. And and that's been the reality for many of our facilities. And the truth is, it's been an unfair it's been really unfair to have to make choices between rusted playgrounds and roofs that are collapsing. And that's been the reality for a long time. And since we've adopted Measure A, I think that that proposition has changed for for our citizens. They can finally, finally see a community center, which was a project that was simply too big because of our revenue constraints, to see that it's under construction and see that this community center will open this year really is a testament to the faith of the voters placed in Measure A the first time. So I'm a big fan there. I think secondly. You know, it's been it was seven years that we went without rescue 12. It was seven years. And those and what th

at meant for us in North Long Beach was that we dealt with 3 minutes, slower response time than everywhere else in the city because of that paramedic rescue. And it wasn't every six months or year we were back at council, you know, pleading to the public in Cleveland, the council that this was a real situation here. And we learned firsthand that as it relates to first responders and public safety, it's really a sum of all of its parts. And so the addition of of engine eight and the restoration of Rescue 12 brought our response times down by three entire minutes in North Long Beach. And that is the same concern I have about about community hospital. If we don't come together and make, you know, and band together and make sure that we keep our safety net in place is going to impact all of us across the whole city. So I strongly support taking this action, if not simply to make sure that we maintain the the commitment we've made to our public about public safety and our emergency response. I want to lift up page 27 where it talks about and I know this has been underscored, but, you know, this is this has come to me I know some of the press has been has it had an opportunity to really kind of flesh out this case? But I think this is a really smart case that I want to lift up once again. I think the fact that the city is looking to do this in March and to March of 2020 and and fully optimize that cap means again that whether we do this or not, the effective tax rate and please confirm this for me once again. Mr. MODICA The effective tax rate to citizens won't still, you know, won't drop below below 10.25% if these other measures go go through. So they're still going to pay the same tax rate. Is that right, Mr. Modica? So if under our proposal, if we basically extended everyone, it would continue at 10.25%. We wouldn't receive the full 1%. County would get point to 5%. We would get 2.75%. If that. Or is there a different question? Yeah, in. Answer. If we didn't move forward in the assumed measure and these others move forward, there is a reality that the 10.25 effective tax rate would still remain for our taxpayers, but we wouldn't capture that additional money. I see. So let's let's say the council does not put this in front of voters, then there would be about 0.75% still available and that would be available for AQ, M, D or county or somebody else to pay. Then you would have voters paying the 10.5% and that would not go to Long Beach. You'd go to a different agency. And for that reason, I think it's also smart to say we should give the voters an opportunity to vote and say, Do I want that effective additional point, 75% of my taxes to go to a different agency? Or do we want to keep it local where we know our city council members and we know our mayor and we know you know, we know we use our parks and our streets and we know what streets need to be fixed. And I think that is a vote that needs to go in front of the residents. So that said, thank you.

Thank you for putting together such a well thought out presentation. And and this earns my support tonight. Thank you, Councilmember Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I also think that you really articulated exactly what we should be doing, and I support this extension on average for March 2020. You know, Measure eight has provided the city the ability to do a lot of good things in Long Beach, everything from roads, sidewalks and more public safety to repair our library and playgrounds. In my district, it has funded improve libraries, new playgrounds, MLK, Veteran's Park, as well as new improvements at Market MacArthur Park. And I don't know how many miles of street is paved in my district, but it seems like every week a new street repaired or repaved. We need to continue our efforts on public safety, continue to repair road sidewalks and alleys, and for the reopening of the hospital. I believe that we've given the choice to our residents. They will support our efforts to make Long Beach a much safer place for us to live. And thank you very much, Mayor. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you to staff far too, Mr. Modica, for the presentation. I agree that we have had a lot of really great restorations as a result of measure moneys and for me the most important thing is going to be to make sure that we

continue to maintain the resources that we have. Of course, it would be great to add to them as well. I think we absolutely need more police officers, more fire resources, as one of the speakers mentioned, more technology to ensure that we are operating both our police and fire department with the most up to date and comprehensive community policing, community firefighting, all the different technologies and practices that have been developed to build transparency, bring about efficiency, and result in a more streamlined public safety team for the city. So I absolutely think we need more. I will tell you, in my district, as hesitant as folks are to celebrate new taxes, one thing that I think every resident in my district would agree on is that we need more public safety resources. That is a huge, huge priority in my district, has continued to be the number one priority for our district. And with the increase of homeless populations, our police and fire department are being tasked to handle issues that frankly are not their issues to handle, but they are viewed as the source and the solution for a lot of the problems that residents are seeing. And so they are being asked to do more with very limited resources. So I do think that that maintaining those resources at a minimum is what our goal needs to be. And we've done very, very steady and consistent restorations in the time that I have been on council, and I want to ensure that that work is not reversed and undone and that we continue to maintain those assets for the city at the current levels, if not add to them. I will say one argument that I think

speaks to me and it didn't I didn't really appreciate it or understand it as much as I do now after watching the presentation, because I think it really hit home for me is the fact that there is a statewide sales tax cap. And that and I said this the last time we were having the discussions about measure to begin with, a lot of people said we're going to be the highest tax city in the area. And I said to people, you're talking about a point in time, which is now if you look at 3 to 5 years down the road, you will find that many cities are going to be struggling with how to deal with some of the challenges that we're all facing, whether as a result of pension costs or whether as a result of dealing with homelessness. And my predictions were absolutely true. Day after day, we read articles about cities grappling with how they're going to pay for some of these challenges that they're facing. And tax increases, sales tax increases have been proposed and will continue to be proposed over the next 3 to 5 years. So I don't think having a conversation about what's going to happen, you know, where we're going to be in ten years and speculating that we're going to be as high as well. Actually, we're very much in line with a lot of cities around us. But but assuming that we're going to be higher than the cities around us in the length of time that we're looking at for this sales tax increase, is is really an irresponsible speculation to make, because it is not the trend that we are seeing in nearby cities as as many cities and counties are grappling with how to deal with this issue. I've been very, very concerned and very proud of this board. And, of course, our advisory committee. Bless you. That views the expenditures for Measure A to ensure that the commitment that we made to the residents on what we would spend Measure A for is limited to those areas. I've been very concerned about that. And I, I will you know, I'll be the first to say it. I was not completely confident that there wouldn't be an attempt to spend money beyond those areas that we had committed to as a council. But thus far, we've been very measured and very much in line with the intent of this body when that tax measure was passed, I hope that that will continue. And when we're talking about community health, there is nothing more pressing in terms of. Community health, at least to the east side of Long Beach right now than the reopening of community hospital. So that is a major priority for for me and I know many of my colleagues in ensuring that we have the funding in place to make sure that the community hospital opening is facilitated with the city's assistance is very important to me and some of my colleagues. So bless you. Bless you. So I look forward to continuing to have these discussions. Obviously, the details of the action that we take, how we word the resolution and what the legislative intent of this body is when we move forward with the next steps of this process

will be very critical to me in terms of how I vote. But for now, spending money on our police, our fire, our infrastructure and community hospital are all priorities that I believe are. Definitely priorities that are citywide, priorities that we need to make sure that we fund not just today but for many, many years, decades to come. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I'll just try to be brief and say that I think this is. I think Steph's presentation was excellent. I think it's certainly worth moving forward with and exploring, extending, I believe Measure A puts our city in a position to control our destiny infrastructure, public safety, public

health, our priorities of this city. Because the residents have communicated to us as a body city council year after year. I've been on the council for seven years. Those have been priority issues and I think Measure A addresses all of them. Homelessness, as we know, is an ongoing challenge for us. So we'll need to continue to plan for on how to address that issue with resources and from a public safety standpoint. Today, we have funded a hard team with fire fighters who are full time engaging homeless. Citizens, also quality of life officers. So I think but externally measure a man hands our ability to engage this very serious issue of facing us all. From a Resident standpoint, I've seen so much improvement in my community as a result of measuring the parks works, but the infrastructure, the street repairs. But I know that the need is still, still pretty vast throughout our city. I get communicated with regularly from residents who are asking for their streets to be fixed, and I know that that's a priority. It's one of my priorities. And so I want to make sure that we have the resources to continue to be able to do that and to deliver, not just today, but also in the years to come. Speaking to one of the residents who came before us. I think the way Missouri was also laid out there was and has been some public confidence because people have seen the results of Missouri. But also, there has been civilian oversight over the process in terms of how the expenditures and who's in are being spent. So it's not just the city council. Obviously, we're watching it. Our Budget Oversight Committee is on on it. But we have a civilian oversight commission that that is very engaged in in the day to day details of how Missouri is being expanded. And so I think that that I know that will be in place moving forward, I'm certain. And then I think this afternoon I wouldn't. I think infrastructure is important, but new infrastructure is also important. And the values of the city is also can be can be moved through this this extension. And I would just say we can can also improve our economic development. It all works together. We have improved economic development through the use of infrastructure funds. And so I'm interested in seeing how we can do that to improve the vitality

ty and continue the renaissance, particularly in the north part of our city, but citywide as well. So I'll be voting in support of this moving forward. I'm looking forward to having some engaging conversations with our residents over the course of the next few weeks and months ahead. Thanks. I think it comes from Boston Councilman Pierce. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Tom Modica and the team for the great presentation. I think it's really helpful to have a full picture of how our constituents are feeling and not maybe just listening to The View. And so you really answered a lot of questions that I had. I, I was not here when Measure was passed the first time, but it has been great to serve. While we have measuring not only Broadway or alleyways or street repairs as we bring forward I know Public Works is getting ready to bring forward our Vision Zero plan, which is really committed to by 2026 having zero traffic fatalities in the city of Long Beach. And we can't do that if we don't have infrastructure repairs on our main streets, whether it's Seventh Street, whether it's Broadway. And so I'm thinking of Measure eight, not only as an infrastructure plan, not only as a public safety with adding police officers and fire, but really as a life saving measure that we really need to have for our city to make sure that we're thriving. So I'm not going to take up a lot of time, but I think for me in the second district, what's important is we have conversations around adding police officers on bikes. To me, that means not just giving bikes to police officers that we already have, but making sure that we're increasing our officers so that we can have those bikes in those key areas where cars can't get to making sure that we're thinking about fire in our downtown. We've increased density as a result of the downtown plan, and we do not yet have a plan to increase our fire safety in our downtown and then considering our Vision zero and how we are making sure that our streets are safe. So I wholeheartedly support this. I will look forward to supporting this and having a thoughtful conversations with our constituents as we move forward. So thank you for bringing it forward. Thank you. Councilmember Ringa. Thank you. I agree with all the comments that have come forward from my council colleagues. I remember back in the fall, ten, 15 years ago when the city was in a in a tremendously difficult situation. We were trying to make our budget balanced. We're trying to maintain services. And we had a difficult time about it when major aid was proposed and passed by the citizens in the electorate. It was a game changer for the city of Long Beach. Now we were able to replenish our public safety personnel to return some services that we had lost or that over the course of the budget cuts over the years. And to go back into that era where we were having to struggle to balance our budget is unacceptable. And I think that it would be a tragedy for us not to continue to to h

ave imagery as part of our built in infrastructure. We've I constantly get bombarded in my office with requests for trimming trees, which fixes sidewalks for restoring services. And I could say that thanks to Marjorie, we have been able to do that and will continue to do that into the future. So I'm fully supportive of this item here and I would be voting for it. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Supernanny. Thank you. I'm in full support here. I don't want to be repetitive. All the. Critical points have been made. I've been a long time supporter of community hospital, but I think both the Police Officers Association and the Firefighters Association articulated just what this hospital means to the public safety network. And that's really what this measure supports, in my view, is that as a system of public safety, that the hospital is just a critical component, too. So thank you. And I stand in support. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilwoman Mongo. Yes. I want to echo the comments of many of my colleagues related to that of public safety and community hospital. They are both critical to the successes that we've been able to see in our city. If you don't feel safe, there's nothing more important. And you cannot live and thrive in a community where you don't feel safe. And so those restorations were necessary. And I'm very thankful for the great work that our public safety teams are doing. I think it's also good that we spend a little bit of time on the infrastructure side. Over the last three years. District five residents have endured the dust of construction, and they've done that because of Measure A, we've paved and slurry to over a hundred streets and repaired many of our critical facilities, including something I consistently hear from residents to be of the utmost importance. Park Bathrooms. This council made the fiscally prudent decision to repair what we could and to fix our street. Yes, many of them need it. I hear colleagues mentioning park bathrooms on both sides. But those streets and those park bathrooms are daily needs of our community. You have to drive on those streets to get to and from your home into your workplace. And when you're in the park, you need the facilities to be able to take your kids and or yourself to the restroom. Today, District five has more than \$31 million of very poor streets, and that's after we've paved in slurry to 100 of those streets. We made some fiscally prudent decisions to not let streets fall into disrepair, but to be able to dig out of \$31 million in very poor streets. It takes something longer than a five year plan or a ten year plan. We really need to be able to to plan out longer. So we've also done work to dozens of our bathrooms, but the list is ever longer and there are too many bathrooms that are just unacceptable. And so I think it's important for residents to have the opportunity to decide if Measure A has demonstrated the return on investment that they had hoped for, and if they trust t

his council and the Citizen Oversight Committee to maintain a focus on the priorities that they set out. I hope that the discussion around what we will spend that money on will remain focused on the much needed repair of our very poor streets and our worst park bathrooms. The city of Long Beach still has over \$200 million of streets that are in very poor condition. 200 million. And repair that along with our our worst park bathrooms. I think we need to come up with a plan that every year we pave a certain number of our worst streets and we repair or completely refurbish our worst park bathrooms. Residents deserve a plan that says your street will be repaired in and then I should be able to tell them the year that their street is planned for repair. The idea that some day will come is just not enough. So as a taxpayer, I want to see my taxes spent in this community. And so for that reason, I'm supporting giving the residents the choice to maintain the tax at this level and keep it local, instead of maintain the tax at this level and see it go off to another agency or for the state. So for that, I'm supporting this item tonight. Thank you very much, Councilwoman. And let me just also just say the last thing I think. I'm not sure we made clear in the presentation. I want to be clear because it's been asked. This council has approved about 140, \$150 million infrastructure plan as part of the measure, a, the Missouri ballot measure that passed in 2016. Everything that has been proposed by this council under the first plan is all being funded under the Measure eight plan. So anything beyond that, it's extended, of course, will be new projects and new streets and new investment. So I think want to make that clear as well. I think we've been asked that a few times, but I want to thank everyone for their thoughtful comments and and certainly for giving the voters an opportunity to consider extending something that's really transforming our community every single day. And so with that, members, please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Thank you very much. We'll be moving on to the rest of the agenda. Next is the consent actually of hearing number one. And so I'll make note of when she when she joins us. And also, we're going to we have three hearings which were going to begin with a meeting with like we like we normally do. And I'll begin with hearing item number one, Madam Clerk. Report from Development Services recommendation

to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and deny an appeal. Protests by Lennar Multifamily communities on the imposition of a park and recreation facility fee for the Ocean Aire project at 150 West Ocean Boulevard, District two. Thank you, Mr. Parkin. Thank you. Mayor, just on a housekeeping matter for the teleconference for the city council district three, that all the votes this evening must roll call vote. Yep. And also that that location is open, even though the councilmember may be

joining us later if the public is participating from that location. I don't know why they would be doing that at this time of night in Greece, but if they are, it is open and it will be open through the entire part of the meeting. So just for the record, we're saying that. And then one last item. In the closed session this evening, the council, by a vote of 5 to 0, authorized the city attorney to file an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in the matter of the Department of Homeland Security versus the Regents of University of California, dealing with the DOCA issue. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I'd like to make a motion to postpone this item until August 13th. So there's a motion in a second to postpone this item, the hearing hearing on about 1 to 1. So to continue the item until August 13th is for public comment on the continuation motion. Seeing none members, please go and cast your votes. Councilwoman Pierce. Yep. By roll call. Yes. I'm Councilwoman Price. Councilmember Supernova. Yes. Councilwoman Mongo. Yes. Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes. Councilmember Younger Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Great motion case. Moving on to hearing item number two. Report from Development Services recommendation received supporting documentation under the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt a negative declaration. 03-19 Declare Ordinance Amending Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the drive thru facilities. Read for the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading and adopt a resolution directing the Director of Development Services to submit the ordinance amendments to the California Coastal Commission citywide. Thank you. We turn this over to staff for the full report. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First, if we can get the clicker for the slides to be able to advance the presentation from the clerk or from the tie in the back. And the staff report will be given by Linda Tatum, director of development services, as well as Christopher Coons, our planning bureau manager. I'd like to turn this presentation over to our planning manager, Christopher Koontz, and the planning team that also includes our advanced planning officer, Patricia Defender for. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council. We are back with the proposed permanent regulations for how the city will regulate drive thru facilities. As a reminder, this effort began in July of 2018 and that it went through the typical planning process. It did have a non typical step. We were in front of you in April of this year for a moratorium request. You asked us to work expeditiously and we are here two months ahead of schedule. Back to present our final regulations to you this evening. Existing regulations in terms of drive thru facilities in the city are uneven. Restaurants in commercial zones are subject to a copy process, whereas banks and other facilities are subject to AUP pr

ocess in certain industrial areas. Drive thru facilities are able to go in as a matter of right, but in other locations, not if they're within 300 feet of residential district. The action in front of you tonight cleans up that inconsistency and provides what we feel are contemporary and appropriate regulations for all such facilities throughout all of the city. The map on the left gives you an idea of under the status quo regulations where drive thru facilities are allowed in both red and gray and on the right gives you an idea of where our existing drive thru facilities are. On the right is important because when we talk about new regulations, those are going to apply largely to new facilities. So those in excess of 100 existing facilities will be able to continue to operate in their current locations. As I mentioned, there are 116 and fast food drive thru facilities throughout the city. They're in every district and every part of the city. This effort was initiated due to an increase in the number of applications for additional new drive thru facilities. While such facilities provide convenience to the consumer. They also have impacts in terms of pedestrian safety, traffic and queuing night, the noise and pollution. And with our mobility element as well as our most recent land use element, there's a concern that this style of development is inconsistent with our goals and policies for the city. So diving into that a little bit further, our current regulations do not. They're over 20 years old. They do not align with the best practices in the city's policy documents in terms of addressing quality of life, sustainability and design drive through as they go in and pedestrian oriented areas or mixed use areas. It cannot only create hazards and collisions between pedestrians and motorists, but may

also inhibit the city's housing and economic goals over time. The land use element and urban design element encourages mixed use corridors to accommodate housing and mixed use rather than single use drive thru facilities. This slide just gives you an overview of there are positive impacts associated with these facilities, including convenience and speed, as well as while we do not is not within our regulations. Many of these provide lower cost, affordable options to consumers. There are also the negative impacts that we've talked about in terms of air quality, safety, noise and opportunity cost for what could have otherwise gone in on that site. So what do we do through the process over the last year? We've come up with proposed regulations that better define all drive thru facilities and require a conditional use permit in all locations throughout the city. The process by which planning staff and the Planning Commission make a decision on any given application is through what are called findings. This action will change the findings required to approve a drive thru facility and those findings will better address negative impacts and reference the design o

f the facility today under the status quo. Our findings only regulate the length of the queue for the cars and the location and orientation of the menu board. So these are the proposed findings in front of you without reading through all of them. I just want to be clear that there is a focus on design. So even in those locations where a drive thru facility might be appropriate, such as adjacent to the freeway or on a site that can't support another use, this will allow us to achieve a higher level of design and safety for the public, including the patrons of these facilities. These new findings will require consideration of tradeoffs and will allow staff and the Planning Commission ultimately to provide a more nuanced side by side analysis and allow these facilities where they're appropriate and guide them to locations such as shopping centers and freeway adjacent sites. One of the findings that is part of this regulation is a departure from how we typically regulate land use because it will look at what we call opportunity cost. So this just shows you on a site that is 30,000 square feet, you might get on the upper end, a 4000 square foot drive through a facility with about 25 parking stalls. That's a floor area ratio of 0.13 or sort of a low usage of the land. And we would compare that not to the land being vacant, but to what else could be placed on that site. So in this case, a three storey townhome project would yield about 30 housing units with some ground floor retail. So in that case, the findings would suggest that is not an appropriate location for the drive thru facility. This map on the left shows again, we saw this earlier. All of the locations in gray and red where drive thru facilities are permitted today, applicants will be allowed to apply in all of those locations going forward. But when we look at the findings on the right, it just gives you a preview of those locations that staff thinks are most likely to support additional drive thru facilities. And those are those locations where it's a more automobile oriented location or other uses are not permitted or it's in a shopping center or a freeway adjacent. So with that, we've worked expeditiously, but really tried to take into account the impact that this counsel provided a couple months back. We've brought two regulations that do not prohibit drive thru facilities but provide a much more effective and focused permitting process to get the design of those facilities and location of them correct. We would ask you to adopt the ordinance that has been prepared by the city attorney and to forward this item to the California Coastal Commission for their certification within the coastal zone. If this code amendment is adopted tonight and then goes on to second reading, it would end the existing moratorium, most likely 30 days after the second reading. And for those applications that were already in process, which were attached to the minute order when you did the moratorium. Those wou

ld be processed under the old rules because those were the rules that existed on the day that they filed their application. So with that, we would be glad to take any questions that you may have. Thank you. There's emotion and a second concern for Pierce. I want to say how much I appreciate you guys doing a quick turnaround on this. I know that it's been in the works for a long time. I fully support I'm going to vote yes tonight. I look forward to hearing if community has any comments and look forward to hearing my my colleague's comments. I did have a question sort of related to this. If we're denying projects because there's a higher and better use, which I support, and how long like, say, that property stays vacant for three years, that we don't have a developer that comes on that. Is there a time limit that we're assessing for that? I just know we have a lot of vacant spots in my district. So thank you for the question. Council Member So there is not a time limit baked into the ordinance, but staff through practice would look at in an economic cycle. So in a five year period and when we talk about opportunity cost, it's not just could something else theoretically go there. It's

when you look at market conditions, when you look at the physicality of the site and what is there a viable alternative use, not just is there, you know, sort of someone has an idea. So we would put all of that into the soup and take a look. And I think, you know, we're looking at the narrow issue of the drive through facilities this evening, but there's a number of issues with the vacant lots in your district, and we'd be glad to have a separate conversation. About and I know I believe Councilmember Austin had done an item around vacant lot, so I look forward to getting that item back because it's definitely an issue that we want to talk about. I think this is great. You know, I'm a single mom and so drive thrus are something that unfortunately I use from time to time. But knowing the health impacts, not only of the space that they use, the environmental damage that's done, but also often the food is a challenge. One other question. When we talked last time, we also talked about bikes and pedestrian access to two drive thrus. And I know you referenced where that where they're located throughout the city, but is there any other design implementation around bike accessibility or pedestrian windows? Good afternoon. Councilmember is Patricia Defender for yes. The design guidelines which will be coming to you at a later time, they'll be going to the Planning Commission and we can give you a presentation on those. Those will require a number of different site planning measures and the contemplation of walkup windows and other outdoor dining and facilities that would serve pedestrians are part of the design, would be part of the design guidelines, and we'll be looking for those things in future developments. Thank you, guys. Job well done. I look forward to the vote. Thank y

ou, Councilmember Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I, I you know, I got to tell you, this was a really quick turnaround, and it seems like you've done what the council had asked you to do. There's one area on page nine that I'd like just a little bit more clarity on. I know one of the significant issues was that some of these uses are over concentrated in certain areas, in certain communities within Long Beach. I see bullet number seven says that that will now be a factor, you know, a finding as we consider drive thru. So how is that actually going to happen? I see it as it's not located in an area of existing overconcentration and not located within a 500 foot radius of the school or park. And I know as relates to liquor stores and things like that, typically if there's, you know, there's a guideline that says that there are more than this many licenses, then it's subject to be protested. How would this process work for drive thrus or would it be similar? Thank you for the question, Councilman Richardson. So it would be similar, but it would be a departure. One of the issues we have in the alcohol regulation as we look at the census track, so that presents problems because you may have a liquor store across the street that's in a different census track, but it's not captured. So what would we what we would be doing is asking the applicant on any one of these applications to show on a radius map how many existing drive thru facilities are within 500 feet and 1000 feet of the facility. And looking at that close proximity and it will require some nuance because those facilities that are, for example, within a shopping center or a place like the town center in Councilmember Mungo's district, you know, don't contribute to overconcentration in the same way that freestanding facilities that break up the rhythm of the street do. So all of that will have to be analyzed. They'll be guidance provided in the application forms from that department, but that doesn't go into the text of the ordinance. Thank you. And I'd like to just follow that. I think you're right. It's treated differently in certain certain communities because they're designed differently. And, you know, you know, a drive thru in a large town center is not going to have the same impact as a drive thru, you know, on a main and main corridor, let's say, in North Long Beach. So I'd like to follow that. And the last thing I'll say is that I think this is certainly a step in the right direction. We know that there's certainly a need for other business types, grocery stores, neighborhood serving markets, pharmacies and in typically in banks. And the the drive thru has been a tool for us to be able to get a bank, our first bank in our district. We needed to put the drive through ATM in order to get the bank. But there's no need really for drive thru restaurants. There's plenty of drive thru restaurants. So as long as we maintain that flexibility to say as an economic development tool t

o bring a pharmacy to your community, yes, your pharmacy can have a drive thru or as an economic development tool to bring a bank into your community. Your bank can have a drive thru ATM, but it would be treated differently with a drive thru restaurant. And as I understand it, you know, what we're doing here doesn't stop us from continuing to sort of differentiate between the two. Correct? That's correct. It's that's exactly what's in front of you. Great. Then I support this. Thank you. Thank you. Let me go to a public comment and we'll go back to the council. Is your

public comment on this item? Okay. I'm going to close the speakers list. I've got two items, two members for public comment and I'm close to two speakers. So I have four and that's it. I'm closing the speakers. Please come forward. Okay. All right. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the city council. It's a pleasure to be here this evening. My name is Steve Gerhart and the executive director of Walk Long Beach. We, too, would like to thank staff for the expeditious effort to bring this item forward and generally were very pleased with what has been put into the regulations. As was stated in the staff report, we're focusing on design. One very important piece that's missing is the design guidelines. So one of our requests would be that the moratorium be in place until the design guidelines are available. We would want to lift up this comment that you had, Councilmember Pearce, about keeping the businesses open for walkers and pedestrians and people that just live nearby and don't need to drive. Finding number six, serving locals who choose to walk and bikes. We do have one small fix to the finding, a number eight. It currently states the general plan or economic blueprint. We think that should probably be an and or it could be in either of those two documents. We look forward to the implementation of this ordinance. And again, we think that the design guidelines, the devil's are in the details, and that's really what staff is going to be using to make sure that the walkup windows, their access from the street is there and that really this item is not fully cooked until those are available. So with that, thank you very much and we are very much in support of this item. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. My name is Hilda Guyton. I live in the ninth district. I would like to thank the city staff for the great work they did in the short period of time about the drive thru regulations. The drive thru report being presented to the City Council today has brought out information. I was not aware of a new racism concern. The regulations are good, but the amount of drive thrus in the 9805 area is almost double in comparison of the other zip codes in the city having equal regulation a modest amount about around the city in a scenario with big disparities, making it inequitable and discriminatory toward the 90 year area. It is important for the city to implement

stronger regulation, to close the gap in the disparities and prevent nyayo free from increasing the amount of drive thrus over the past year. I and the Latino members, along with other Long Beach community members, has been working with the city through the U. I plan a plan I never thought how would you pronounce it? Through the plan to change this zoning for the Atlantic and Artesia corridors. Even though the draft documents call for a long drive through zoning along the corridors, they are many more corridors and areas where these developments can pop up and continue affecting the environment and the public health of Long Beach residents. My group and I are looking forward to keep working with the city and our plan on changing the zoning for the 98 of my area. But in the meantime, I sincerely request the Council to extend the drive thru moratorium for the 95 zip code and to new regulation that addresses the inequalities in the amount of drive thru between the 98 of Frye and the rest of the city. And the new plan recommendations are in place. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker. Good afternoon, Mayor. City Council. My name is Kirk Davis. I archaic as I know they spelled it wrong last time. I live in the ninth district and I've been on top of this issue pretty much from the beginning. I'm very thankful for city staff, for the work they've done in a short period of time, and it's nice that they were able to show the inequity between the 905 area code and the other 12 area zip codes in in Long Beach, showing that we have 26 drive thrus, over 115 that were listed in the report. I was hoping that the moratorium would stay on the drive thru until the general plan comes into effect and until the YOU plan recommendations come into effect, because that's going to really affect how the things come up. It also brought up in the report how there was an increase in the amount of drive thrus applied for. And I think that it is in direct relation to the fact that there's going to be a new general plan. So if the moratorium can be extended for the whole city, I would please ask that the moratorium can be extended to the April five area code until the general plan is passed and until all the up plan recommendations are put into force. Thank you. Thank you. And our last speaker. Good evening, Mayor and city council. My name is Ailsa Chang with Long Beach Forward. We'd like to thank the mayor, the council and especially the staff for bringing these regulations forward so quickly. Long Beach Forward was a part of the Advocate Coalition to request a moratorium on the drive thrus. And again, thank you all so much for acting on that moratorium so quickly. Our primary goal for this item and for the city as a whole is healthy, equitable land use. To this end, and as my colleagues Hilda and Kirk just mentioned, page two of the staff report is telling, the highest concentration of drive thrus is in the 90805 zip code in. North Long Beach. That's 22% of all drive th

rus in the city. This is just one of many, many examples of disproportionately unhealthy and incompatible land uses in low income communities of color. So with that, we look forward to working closely with the mayor, the council and the city staff to. Strengthen the planning policies and processes, including through the land use element. And community driven zoning code updates. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment on this hearing. Let me turn this back to the council and Councilwoman Mongo. So I really want to thank the development staff. I think you've done excellent work. I was I was in alignment with Councilmember Super and I in that there already is a process. And so I was not sure that we really needed the moratorium, but I'm glad that it came back so quickly. I think that the work you did is great. I think there's a couple of things that I see coming into the city and quite frankly, retail as a whole that need to be considered. More and more, the drive thrus are being faced with the inability to serve customers fast enough, and they're doing parking spots and drive up delivery. And I think we really need to talk about that. I can give you a couple of examples of locations where the drive up spot is actually not very conducive to the pedestrian walkways. It also means that once they pull into the mobile ordering parking spot, they then can't get out because the drive thru backs up past them and now they can't get in or out of these spots. And so I don't know what kind of process we could have to help them identify when they're taking a parking spot out of parking. What does that mean? Because when they were approved, they had a certain number of parking seats that was spaces that were required. And now they're taking four or five, sometimes even six parking spots. I'd also like to say that not all drive thrus are created equal. You take the town center, the number of seconds it takes, or the Chick fil A to serve a customer is almost a third of what it takes in an out to serve a customer. So now you have a concentration of drive thrus that are actually blocking each other because one business is far superior in its turn times . And so I don't know what kind of incentive programs we can have for getting cars through the line quicker so that we have less idling vehicles and less impact on the community because those are a major impacts. We also have major retailers that have no current drive thru component doing drive up and I think that we might need to look at some signage about turning off your engine. So Target, Wal-Mart, Vons, Ralphs, they're all doing drive up and pick up your groceries. All of those are coming into play in my district. We're getting the Wal-Mart drive up later this year. People often sit there idling their vehicles, and if we could come up with some universal signage that could be required as a part of the drive thru slash drive up regulation might be helpful if we see another phase of this come forward.

I appreciate that. When this came for the first time, I wasn't as prepared for knowing and understanding the need. I appreciate the education, both from the city staff and from the community. I think that in talking with our businesses and our drive thru owners, that's given me the time to learn a little bit about the push through times and things like that. And so I would encourage you guys, if you're interested in meeting with some of those store managers and owners of franchises, that could be helpful as well. But I think that the starting point here is fantastic. I'm comfortable adopting this tonight. And then would it be possible to make it a friendly to come back with some of those drive up things, Councilwoman Pearce. It would just be at the direction of council that that would come back maybe even through a two from four if you thought another zoning change was necessary. City Council Member Thank you so much for the question. If it's acceptable to the Council as part of this action, there are design guidelines that will come back to the Planning Commission, and we really rely on the Planning Commission to make those fine level details. And the issue that you discussed is an ongoing issue all over the city, even for places that have nothing to do with drive thru and that they are blocking off their parking for their sort of mobile order pick up. And it's. So that is an issue that that the department is trying to address. And we will be presenting those solutions to the Planning Commission. And I think our preference would be to provide you that information in a TFF rather than making a change, because these issues change over time. So it may be best not to memorialize it in that code, but rather in our operating regulations. I think that's fantastic. I think there's just one last thing, which is as the costs of owning and operating a business are changing and growing, one of the things that has recently been brought to my attention is that a restaurant will sublet itself out on non-peak hours or actually have a second like online only secret restaurant operating out of the same location. And so sometimes a business that has no mobile component of it may actually have one. And I don't know how through business licensing we can address that. But just something to bring on your radar. Yeah, we can

talk with business license about that. Thank you. Great work. Thank you, Councilwoman Councilmember Supernova. Thank you. I'd also like to start by commending staff for a great work, great report, working expeditiously. I think the original proposal was for a one year moratorium and that was cut in half to six months and then you've cut it in half again. So great job on that. I do have only one question for staff involving the report. And to answer you can be, I don't know, or zero or a whole number. How many drive thru mortuaries are there in Long Beach? Drive through mortuaries. What we do not have any here in the city of Long Beach, there is

one in a neighboring community that we're aware of. Okay. So how many in the state of California? You know, I don't know. I said that was one option for an answer. So thank you. But we have we did a field trip to visit the drive through moratorium in a neighboring city. So we know it exists. Okay. But it is it will be at this passes tonight that will be part of our municipal code drive thru. Mortuaries are mentioned in this item. Yes. Okay. So I don't want to be too repetitive and what I said at the first meeting, but I stand on everything I said that night in April and that is I represent the fourth Council District. I realize the fourth Council District is very unique. We've had tremendous success under the current rules. We've had drive thrus and the right places. And I think Steve Gerhart would agree with me that the traffic circle is not pedestrian friendly. And so that's where they went. We had a record number of them. And you talk about vacant lots and abandoned buildings. We had three abandoned buildings there. I see our former East division commander there. And that was a nightmare. And one abandoned building was abandoned for ten years, a bank building right next to Smart and Final and all that has been revitalized. We have three drive thrus in that area a bank, a pharmacy and a food restaurant. So based on the fact that the oh, and we've also in the fourth District, we stopped a drive thru from going in Del Taco. So based on the tremendous success we've had under the current rolls, I'm not going to vote for the recommendation. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to just chime in, so I heard a lot about 90805. You're absolutely right. There's some characteristics about 90805 that that really stand out. And so one that we should know is that it's the largest zip code in our city by a lot. So number one, if you think about our population per the last census and I only five is 93,000. Was it 93,524 people? That's a fifth of the city's population is generally a fifth of the city. Whereas if you think 90802 is 39,903 is 32,009 over the fourth 40,000. We're double the size of all zip codes and 905. A lot of people don't know that there are there's a need for a deep, deep look at 90805 in terms of planning and land use. And that's why over the last 3 to 4 years, we've really been focused on identifying the funding to create a plan, the uptown planning, land use and neighborhood strategy. So we've we've received funding both from Caltrans and from SCAD, and we're in the middle of the second phase of that project now. And that program essentially takes a deep dove planning lanes along North Long Beach that has never taken place before. Look at everything from liquor stores to drive thrus and all of these things. So now is the time for all that to happen. So I wanted to just acknowledge, you know, when we say it's a big number, we know that what are we doing about it? A plan is how w

e sort of figure out our rules of the road moving forward. And also we have to start treating 925 kind of like a town. It's a fifth of city's population the size of every city, if not larger than every surrounding city that we have. Right. The size of Compton, Carson, larger than, you know, Paramount, Bellflower, Lakewood. And it's one zip code within our city. And so we have to put more attention on these issues in our community. So I wanted to just lift that up because I saw it came up a few times in public comment. Yes. The drive thrus and liquor stores and all these other other things are a problem, but also the lack of the things that we have, which is why we need to address it from a planning level standpoint. Thanks a lot. Thank you so much. And Councilman Pearce. Yes. I just wanted I maybe I didn't write it down, but the timeline for planning and next steps, I want to make sure we know what that is and that we're trying to move quickly on that. And yeah. So Patricia defender for the the ordinance would be adopted if if it's approved today it would be adopted it would be effective about 31 days after the action of the council. The design guidelines will follow very shortly on the heels of this. And as I mentioned, I think I misspoke a little bit, but it will be going to planning commission because their guidelines are not code. So we could find a way to update the council when that is released. But I would just wonder, do you guys have a date for that? Yeah, I think in the next couple of months we will I mean, have that done and to the planning commission. Okay. So this is my my urging us to get that done sooner rather than later. Yeah. I mean we have

drafts now that are in review. It could be sooner than that. But just two months possibly just doesn't anyone do this. Okay. Okay. Thank you. But it's good to know that this would go into effect 21 days after after the vote today, 31 days. 31 days. Thank you. Appreciate. After the second reading. Yes, it had to be at once. A second reading is over. Okay. There's a motion and a second roll call vote. Uh, District two. Three. District four. NE. District five. District six. Yes. Seven by eight and nine motion carries. Moving on to hearing at number three, Madam Clerk. We are. That concludes public comment. We know we have someone here that has to do has to head out. So we're going to move on and do item 29. Vice Mayor Andrews, this is the ring partnership. Yes. Item 29 is a communication from Vice Mayor Andrews Councilwoman Price Councilmember, a recommendation to direct city manager to explore expanding its partnership with RING to increase the number of security devices in the city. Vice managers. Thank you very much. I just want to bring this to everyone's attention because, in fact, I think it's very important that all our community, you know, be aware or abreast of what we're trying to do here. So I would like first to think, councilman. Councilwoman Price and Councilwoman, your anger for co

signing on this item with me. I also want to thank Karen Edwards and the Wrigley neighborhood for inspiring this item and working with my office to see it comes to fruition. The intent of this item is to increase the number of ring devices in the city across all the neighborhoods. Because of the more eyes we have in our community, the more crime we can deter and prevent. I really want us to focus on bringing these doorbells to neighborhoods who may not have the financial means to acquire them. And I'm looking forward to incorporate aspects of our digital inclusion works. So I'm hoping we we soon can see more online neighborhood patrols and that we see a reduction of crime like mail theft by vandalism and garage break ins. Thank you very much. And there's any questions. I do have someone here would be able to answer. Go ahead. Excuse me. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Councilmember Arango, the second. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you for bringing this forward. And, of course, the young lady brought it forward with a bright idea. I think this is a wonderful way to help our public public safety personnel with fighting crime. This was especially came to the focus right around the holidays when a lot of people would leave their packages around and the porches. And there were a lot of opportunities for, well, crime to opportunity, where you have people walk up into porches and you steal those items. I think that with this program, we would see a great reduction in that in that type of theft. And I'm really pleased to have this kind of like public and private partnership with Ring to provide this kind of public safety enhancement. And I want to thank you, Dot Vice Mayor Andrews, for bringing this forward. Thank you. Thank you. Vice mayor, country councilwoman Price. Hello. Thank you. I wanted to also thank Vice Mayor Andrews for bringing this forward. I also want to note that I believe it was two meetings ago that we approved the merger between our police department and ring. So that data that is provided data can be provided by ring to the police department, which I think is a really great development. I think, you know, as we're developing new ways of confronting crime, technology will allow us to expand our reach in terms of the ability to solve crimes and identify perpetrators. I'm happy to sign on to this item and I look forward to further benefit from the trends that we're seeing today in terms of residents using video doorbell technology to identify perpetrators. I'm excited to see that the use of this can be expanded and further encourage residents throughout the city to use this technology. And I also want to note that in the third district ring technology and the video footage from the ring devices has been a topic that has been discussed at many community meetings with our police commander. And we do know that they have been helpful in identifying perpetrators of the theft that occur on porches. Package theft, two things of that nature. So I am very i

n support, very much in support of this item. And I thank the vice mayor for bringing it forward. Thank you, Councilwoman. Council member Peirce. I want to thank you guys too for bringing this forward. I had several conversations literally the day before I saw this agenda with our constituents about how we can reduce some of the costs. So I definitely support this item. I'd love to see if there's opportunities. I know that now that our police department can work with Ring, maybe there's some opportunities for grants or funding that might come from our police department or through our police department for a program like this. So thanks, guys. Thank you. Councilmember Austin. Yes. I want to thank Council Member Andrews for bringing this forward. I think this is a very innovative way to keep our neighborhood safe and promote safety and throughout our communities here, throughout the city, particularly in some of those areas that are economically disadvantaged. I was

curious to see if I did have a question for your staff regarding the scope of this. Is this just for a relationship or M.O. you with Ring? Because I know there are other providers out there that provide these same types of services. So, Councilmember, we understand the request to be one specifically to ring. We if you'd like us to look at some others we can or if anyone is interested in this, we understand that we have a little bit of a different relationship with Ring than we do with anyone else because of that M.O., you and they actually are the only one that we're aware of that has partnered with cities so far. So if someone has someone else that we could be talking to, well, we're going to be doing a review of this and bringing you back to from for about how you could do that partnership. Great. Thank you very much. I'll be supporting in any way, though. Thank you. Listen, I just want to also add, I think vice mayor and council members and everyone that's been involved, this is a great technology and opportunity for us. I think this is a really exciting way to also link up community safety and ensuring that people are a part of the the whole safety team. I think the great opportunities between the police department and these partnerships with the neighborhoods and obviously with this great new network. And so I'm excited to support this. I think it's a great idea as well. So thank you, Vice Mayor, again for another good item tonight and for the councilmembers that were involved in this as well. And so as your public comment on this item, please come forward. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and members of the City Council. My name is Kathleen O'Daniel. I'm in the seventh District. I got an email from my councilman to come, and here I am. What I have might be a little tangential, but I'm here because of my experiences going door to door to get out the vote for working in campaigns of politicians and also doing voter registration and the fact that so many people don't have working doorbells.

So there's a lack of communication in those households to people in their own community. And some people don't want it. They tell me if you're not from Publisher's Clearing House, get off my porch. You know, so I'm not always welcome. But I think having a working doorbell that has these other security advantages is fantastic. And I think it will also help in our efforts to increase the vote, which we know is very critical. So thank you for your consideration. Then we will go ahead and cast your votes for the Oracle district to. District three. Eye for eye. Five, six, seven, eight, nine. And motion carries. Thank you. I if I can get the consent calendar, please. And we're going to all of them. But item 12, if I can get a motion in a second for all but item 12. Thank you very much. Congratulations. We have and again, because we had the budget hearing, everything is just taking longer than it normally would. We have one more hearing tonight and that's hearing for or the third hearing on the agenda, and then we'll go into the regular agenda. So this is hearing item number four, which is an early vacancy. So, madam, please read the item. Report from Public Works recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing. Find that the area to be vacated is not needed for present or prospective public use and adopt resolution ordering the vacation of the north south alley west of Long Beach Boulevard between East Waldo Road and 35th Street, and a portion of sidewalk right of way along Locust Avenue, District seven. Thank you, Mr. Modica. That report would be given by Craig Beck, our public works director. It's members of the council. I think we did a really good job of describing what we're proposing in the recommended action. The staff have been working closely with laser fish to help them expand their footprint here in the city. They're looking to add more office space for their operations. They own two parcels where an alley cuts those parcels. And we're looking to vacate that alley to allow for the development. To move forward. That concludes my report and I'm available for questions. Thank you. I appreciate that. Let me since we're this is a hearing, let me go ahead and just continue. I want let me go out and do public comment first for the hearing. So for the Ali vacation. Carelessly, Robert Fox, Mr. Avaya and Jeff Miller, please come forward now. Mr. Miller. No. Okay. So concludes public comment. Let me go ahead and go back to Councilman Ringo. Thank you. I think this is a great project. It's opportunity for Lady Fish to complete its its expansion that it's doing to maintain their business leader fish. It's a great corporate partner here for Long Beach, and this is a great project that will help them expand. And I would appreciate the support of my colleagues. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. I'm just going to I want to just add that this is a fantastic project. This Ali vacation will allow us to expand and s

upport the incredible work of Lazar Fish, which is an early tech company within the city of Long Beach that took a chance on Long Beach. And I always want to recognize that they went in, took a chance. Now they are growing by hundreds and hundreds of jobs on their campus and creating a

model facility in Bixby Knolls as a gateway. They're clearing oil fields are replacing fences, they're doing landscaping, they're fixing alleys. And they're the exact example of the type of corporate partner you would want in your community. And so I want to thank Mr. Wacker and his entire team. They're really doing a great job and thank the councilmember for his incredible support. And this project would not be where it's at if it wasn't for his support as well. And with that, there's in motion any second. So let me please ask you to cast their votes. Councilmember Richardson. That's why Richardson motion carries. Thank you. We're moving on now to public comment and consent. I made you consent calendar first. Can I get a motion any second on the consent calendar, please? I have carelessly Robert fox carlos over here on the consent calendar. So I brought that comment forward. But that's related to some of our closed session discussion. Now we're going to hearing item number three. Second. It's the second hearing, but it's titled the hearing out of number three. Report from Development Services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt a mitigated negative declaration. Approve a general plan amendment and adopt a resolution amending the Land Use District Map relating to the property at 1500 East Anaheim Street. Approve a zone change and declare ordinance amending page ten of the Zoning Use District Map. Read the first time in late over in the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading and approve site plan, review and vesting tentative tract map for a five story 198,259 square foot mixed use building at 1500 East Anaheim Street 1209. Walnut Avenue, District six. Thank you very much. I'm going to turn this over to staff for the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We will have a staff report from Christopher Coons, our planning beer manager. Good evening, Mayor, and members. Of the city council. The item before you tonight is the land use. Related approvals for this particular. Affordable housing development at Anaheim and Walnut. Before I dove into those details that are in front of you. Did just want to remind you about the city's. Role in. This project. We're not just the regulator, but in this case, this was city property. Bridge development was selected as the best possible developer for this particular site. And through LP, CIC, the. Long Beach Community Investment. Corp. were also an investor in this. Project, providing a \$4 million loan. To this project so that we can provide adequate housing for low income persons, those at risk of homelessness, and those with special needs. So as

I mentioned, the property is at Walnut and Anaheim. It's roughly catty corner. Across the street. From the library. There. The existing zoning is a mix of community commercial and two family residential with a similar mix and the general plan designation. Under the future or. General plan, the land is all meant. The entire site is. Designated. For mixed use housing. This shows you the existing conditions. Out there on the site. So it's a vacant site. There's no demolition involved. In this project. And you see. The. White fence around the site. The project proposal includes 88 affordable apartment units. Of those 88 units, 67 are for families, 20 are for individuals with special needs. And there's one on site manager unit. There's 32 one bedrooms, 31 two bedrooms and 25 three bedrooms. Those three bedroom units being. Particularly critical to meet the shortage of large. Family units in our city. The affordability on the project is. 40 extremely low units, 13 very low units. 34. Low income units, and the one manager unit in addition to the housing. We're very excited that this project includes just under 24,000 square feet of ground floor medical space. There will be a children's clinic in the ground floor of this. Building in addition. To some. Residential amenity. Space and the parking garage. There's a. Subdivision action as part of the entitlements. To merge the various parcels into one unified development. So as I mentioned at the ground floor, you have the children's clinic as well as parking. You proceed up various floors to provide the residential units. And then there is outdoor terrace area atop the parking garage to provide additional recreational opportunities for the residents of the building. This just shows you how that outdoor terrace area will look. I want to compliment Bridge. We went through a very long entitlement process on this project, but that was necessary to get that design right. And one of the issues we were working on was how we can provide these needed units but provide a high level quality of life for those future residents, including recreational opportunities, because we weren't able to do that on the ground floor. We did this redesign, which allows this outdoor terrace area to provide that amenity space. This just shows you. And rendering what that. Amenity space terrace will look like. This shows you the renderings. Of the building. Most critically. Anaheim has a major corridor with substantial buildings, but as you back off of that corridor, you have smaller structures and this. Building will back down. In compliment to those lower, strong structures in the neighborhoods, to the rear. And you have the parking area. Providing that. Reduced. Height and some buffering

between the. Residential uses, fronting Anaheim and the smaller apartment structures to the South. This just shows you a map of the general plan amendment that's in front of you. The only reason this is in front of you is because on the date that the

applicant filed, the general plan amendment was necessary. Once the land use element becomes effective, this would not be necessary. But trying to move forward with this project at this time. This is the corresponding zone change. It allows for the unified development across all the parcels, creating a single zone to allow the more unified development. There is a density bonus associated with this project. This allows of relief as a matter of right on issues related to setbacks as well as loading space requirements. And while the project does meet open space requirements, there is a slight modification to exactly how that open space is provided. There was a secret document, initial study and mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project. All of. Those mitigation measures have been incorporated. In front of you and there is a safety improvement project. Underway and the planning stage along Anaheim and this. Developer will be contributing in lieu to that effort that will be later installed by public works. So in front of you is to adopt the. Environmental. Document, adopt the resolution relating to the General Plan Amendment adopted by. Ordinance, the change to zoning and. Approve the associated site. Plan, review and vesting tract. Map for this five storey mixed use building with 88 affordable apartment units. So that's my very brief presentation in the spirit of brief. Meetings, and I'm glad to answer. Any questions that Council may have. Thank you. Since this is a hearing, we will first go to public comment. Mr. Vice Mayor, I know there's a motion and a second we're going to public comment and then I will go from there. I'm going to call the first ten, speak the first few speakers. James Sasso city of San Marino con carelessly. Robert Fox those please. 5/1 speakers can please come forward in that order. James Soso Cynthia San Marino, Con Corliss, Lee and Robert Fox. Good evening, Mayor and city council members. My name is James Suozzi and I'm speaking as the associate director of Long Beach Forward tonight in support of this really awesome Anaheim and Walnut project. So our collective vision is a long beach where race and income don't determine one's future, but rather that we're a community where everyone is safe, connected and healthy. And currently, when it comes to living a healthy life and predicting how long someone will live, our zip code is more important than our genetic code. And Long Beach, seven years can be shaved off your life if you live in neighborhoods with less access to resources in places like Cambodia Town here in Long Beach, because where we live is more about than just our address. It's about our opportunities and access to safe housing, healthy food options, and comprehensive health care. And in areas like Cambodia Town, where this project is situated, life expectancy is lower than in other parts of the city. And as in the case with other cities across California and the country, the root cause is racial and

economic discrimination. That has happened over generations. So what that looks like today is the high number of residents living in poverty, in rent burdened and severe health problems. And this is why exactly why the Anaheim and Walnut Project is so critical to improving the health of the Cambodian home community and overall in Long Beach. This project as a well is important because it will bring comprehensive health and wellness services and affordable housing, much needed affordable housing to our community. The project is really a step in the right direction to reverse these historic inequities. And I applaud you all for considering this and working with staff, and we're excited to work together to make this happen. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor. Vice Mayor to City Council on behalf of Cambodia town ing. I'm here tonight to support the Anaheim St and Walnut Project. We are very familiar with the project. We support the project because it will bring the benefits to the Cambodia town neighborhood. The Anaheim Walnut Project will bring comprehensive health and wellness services to our community, as well as affordable housing in our community. Seven out of ten residents living within one mile radius of the new center are low income. Three in five residents have a high rent burden, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. Only one in five of our area's low income residents use or have access to a community health center. Cambodia town ing is looking forward to working with taxi and bridge housing to bring this project to fruition. Last but not least, we would like to thank Mayor, Vice Mayor, the City Council and staff for moving forward on Anaheim and Walnut Project. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Good evening. My name is Marty Kochen. I am the executive director of Pacific Asian Counseling Services. We provide many needed mental health services for the severely mentally ill. And we have been working with the children's clinic for

many years, providing integrated care, both behavioral and medical. We look forward to this project because it will bring to the community a much needed coalition where we can provide both medical and behavioral health services in one area, in one building. That's very important. We have a fantastic mental health program for Cambodians, which the children's clinic has been part of. The other thing is I want to commend Dr. Elisa Nicholas for her vision, because in this center, we are going to have many services, such as a community kitchen, which will provide another set of services for the community that are not now available. So I hope that all of you will support this and bring this to fruition as soon as possible. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next, Speaker Lee. Next up is call asleep. I'm afraid callers didn't want to speak. Okay, I'm taking off. Mr. Fox, thank you. I appreciate that, Robert. Actually, I'm here to speak on the streamlining of city council.

The reason I came tonight. And I applaud the idea of making this. Mr. Fox, you have to speak on the hearing. You have to. Yeah. You have to speak on this. On 1500. Yes. Okay. Then I don't have anything to say about it because actually it's okay. Thank you. Thank you. Next five speakers in this order are Roth from Rocio Torres, Mary Simmons and Jeff Williams. Who I co-wrote Hanging Out The Philosophy of World War II. Get Me My Beat, Lay Low. And I haven't got a. And that flow on my mind will not only lead to more than sums up on my 1990 album. Sometimes, like they control the Rome plan, they lowered the hymen. While not the negativity online that put young men way to my bottom scarred up my arms up from late and I'm hardly how they got line meaning act of no pipe real multi-pronged on and not a pulling pants no one else's I wouldn't think Paul Young the army I'm in a more tight how it'll come when a lot of times they're not yet they're young. Young at the time. Rock group man one thing gonna young men to me had but to me some look you're like Rome won't cast your hand And Coulson cut them off midnight mama carrying our candy man some so on. Thank you. Hello, Mr. May. Robert Garcia and all the. City council members. My name is. Herbert from a residence in the district. And I have live about less than a mile from the lot. 1500 and a half and Walnut Alley in Long Beach for 38 years. Today, I would like to say that. I am happy to support the. Plan on the lot of Anaheim and Walnut. This is the place that all of us who have been. Elders and senior citizens, we have known this place for 48 years already. This is a place that will. Provide. Us interest to the Cambodia town and to the neighborhood in. The. AOC southern area. Also. We all have very low income and we need a place for our health that will be close to where we live, that we could be within walking distance to look for. Doctors whenever we have illness. Therefore, Mr. Mayor Garcia and. All the city. Council members please approve this and how best. To. Get this project. Going. Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you so much. And yes, thank you. Our next speaker is Miss Marcio Torres. Then Miss Mary Simmons and Jeff Williams. Good evening to city council and our honorable mayor. My name's Rocio Torres and I'm in favor of the Anaheim Walnut Project. I'm a board member of AOC seven and AOC seven is our neighborhood boundaries, which is Anaheim, Orange and Cherry and Seventh Street. We adopted Alamitos, and we support the Anaheim Walnut Project. This project would be a benefit to all our community by providing early interventions by the children's clinic to our students and families, early interventions in both physical and mental health, which would benefit all of our city. As a school counselor, I see the extreme need to help our students be happy, healthy, productive members of society in our city. The housing component of this project will provide housing in our communi

ty to create a stable learning environment for our children. We look forward to working with TCC and Bridging House Housing to bring this this project forward. Thank you to the City Council and staff for moving forward in that housing project. Thank you. You so much like speaker, please. Good evening, Mayor Garcia City Council. My name is Mary Simmons. I'm speaking on behalf of my neighborhood group, AOC seven, Anaheim, Orange, Cherry and Seventh. And I fully support this project coming forth. I'm super excited about it. I've literally lived like a few feet away, less than a block. So I'm excited. Like the community benefits that this will bring for for our neighborhood. It'll make it. This is like the missing link that will make our community healthy. So thank you very much. We appreciate your support. Thank you. Thank you so much, Ms.. Simmons. Our next group of speakers is Jeff Williams here. Then Ramon, I think I think he left. Maybe I don't see him. Mr. Ovia, Dr. Nicholas and Jenny. Greg, would you guys please come forward? Thank you. In that order, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ovadia and Dr. Nicholas and Jenny. Greg. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Vice Mayor Andrews, I am Jeff Williams. We're actually the applicant. And sir, I'm going to I'm actually to give you, if you'd like, you're going to get a chance at the end of the comments. Yes. Okay. To make I'll

keep it very brief. Okay. Guidance. My. I support the project, just like I support the development of all affordable housing in Long Beach, which we sorely lack. And this this comment is not not actually about this specific project itself, although it has some some items that I think are really important. One is retail is failing in California, in Long Beach and everywhere else with the advent of Internet sales. So the use of what would otherwise be a retail space for a clinic is is something that I commend. I wanted to talk a little bit about parking in this project than in all other projects. See if if. The City Council. If the planning department, then if developers would consider this proposal, I think it would it would be an improvement to our parking condition. We you know, we we all know that that we live in in parking impacted areas. Households now have used to have one car and two cars at the most. Now, many households have. Four or five cars and up and in in the creation of parking spaces. I've seen a lot of parking structures built in the city of Long Beach with less than adequate parking. Thank you, Mr. Evi. Next up is is Jenny Craig, after Jenny Craig, Jeff Miller, Sri Sri Roth, Iowa and Cynthia. And tonight, coffee. Oh. Hi. Thank you. Sorry, I forgot my paper. I apologize. Looking at my phone. I took a couple of notes. I went to the planning commission meeting and I addressed a couple of concerns. One is that the entity that's going to be running the clinic is called the Children's Clinic, but it actually hasn't been widely stated that this is going to be adult behavioral services primar

ily. So I think there's some confusion about what the project actually is. So I feel like the public outreach is maybe a little bit not as transparent as it could be. The variance on the planning code is not actually approved even today as we're talking about approving the project and it wasn't approved at the Planning Commission. So if that does significantly change, does that make this project no longer valid and it needs to go back through the Planning Commission project process because that's a question right now. The other thing is that the notice in the outreach, you heard from some self-appointed neighborhood association representatives who do strategically skip certain blocks in certain areas, and that has been addressed with development services. So there was no notice. The outreach to the community, there may have been two meetings, but they were held for room spaces that hold less than 40 people. And this is in an area where we've decided in the planning commission there are about 100,000 people within the three nearest council districts, but 1100 that should be impacted by the 350 square feet. So thank you, ma'am. Thank you. Mr.. Is Mr. Jeff Miller here? No, I. Sri Roth lower. Please come forward. Evening, Mr. Mayor and vice mayor and all the council members. My name is Robert Law and a resident of District nine. I'm here to voice my support for the project for this project, because this project will help to increase the access of affordable housing and health services to help children and elderly. So seven years ago, I was an immigrant child who just arrived in the United States and I had many health issue. If it wasn't because of the children clinics that help me to overcome my sickness, I wouldn't be able to walk to achieve my bachelor's degree and become the first generation graduated college student and be able to serve the community. I hope that this general plan amendment be approved in order to expand the services to help more children from diverse in next group so they can stay healthy and achieve their dreams. Thank you. Thank you so much. And, Mr. Sun, can we. You said it right the first time, Mayor? Yes. And I can't say 56th District resident. I got it right next to you. It's okay. I'm coming in here to support this project. I think it would be a great addition to the to the neighborhood. It's a it used to be the little Mexican carnival that they would have sporadically coming into the area. So the fact that now would be a opportunity to house people and be supportive, I always see the I look come my lady over there on the bus where I see you and the 45 very often across the street . That being said, and appreciative of the chosen clinic and uh, uh, the bridge housing, uh, take an opportunity to invest in this community. Affordable housing units to this size are very much needed in the area. That being said, I'm just curious to see that scene that the city is investing \$4 million into this project I'm seeing. I'm curious t

o see if there's any kind of mandate in regards to who gets to live in the project, because the last time a similar project like this was built on Atlantic and Willow, you know, it was filled up completely by County of Los Angeles, people who are on the housing roll for them. So just curious to see how it's filled. You know, if it's going to be a boon for the people in the neighborhood. It would be great if people in the neighborhood could actually live in the building. So outside of that, I'm supportive of it and I hope to see this proceed further. Thank you. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. I do have to invite Mr. Williams to come forward. We're going to put 5 minutes on the

clock and Mr. Williams is the applicant representing the applicant. And please, I know you have some extended comments and so you're welcome to do so. I'm not sure if Dr. Nicholas is part of his presentation, but you're both welcome to please. Yes, Dr. Nicholas is. And I'll start start over again. Good evening, Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Andrews and the rest of the city council. I know the hours late. And so we will I think we're going to change plans a little bit. I think I'll skip most of my presentation in the interest of time. I think really my goal here is just to say that we're excited as bridge housing to be here. This is our first project in Long Beach. We've looked forward to this for some time. We've been working at this, as Christopher has indicated for a while on the design. We look forward to working with the city on this and on future opportunities. I am joined tonight by Dr. Lisa Nicholas, the CEO for the Children's Clinic, and I think she does want to say a few words. So I will try to be even briefer and also as well as Ernie Vasquez, the CEO of SBA Architects, our architect. I will give you just a brief history of bridge housing. We've been in existence about 35 years. Extensive experience. Our mission is building low income housing for families and seniors and special needs populations. This is right within our mission, and we're especially excited here at the synergy of working with the Children's Clinic to provide both housing and health care in the same location and really to improve people's lives and impact the local community. We're certainly available to answer any questions about the design. I think Christopher gave you the brief overview. I just wanted to reiterate that Bridges, Bridge Housing is committed to building this project, to completing all the many steps it takes through financing and so forth. We expect to have approximately 220 residents at this facility when it's complete, including 190 low, very low and extremely low income family residents, as well as 25 people who are formerly homeless. We expect to generate about 120, 250 construction jobs and 45 to 50 full time jobs. The majority of those, of course, will be at the children's clinic. And then we will have a handful of staff on property in terms of maintenance and

management. We do have many steps to come, but this is a very important step. I'm excited to be here and would appreciate your support in it available to answer any questions. We will work through all those steps in concert with TCC in the city and we're just excited to be in front of you. I'd like to introduce Dr. Lisa Nicholas of TCC, if I can bring her as part of the applicant application. Sure. To speak about TCC itself and their plans for the project. Do you want the slides? Okay. Can we put the presentation? Is it possible to give a presentation back up? Why don't you. Go ahead and begin? Yeah. Well. Well, I'm thrilled to be here. It's such an honor and very excited for this project to finally be coming to fruition. I want to thank all of you for all of your support and your staff. Sure. And I want to thank all the people that commented and support. And I truly love working in this community. And we are very committed to all all of our work. So we were founded 80 years ago. It's our going to be our 80th anniversary. So hopefully I'll be back for another little show here. We now have 13 clinics that are not mobile and one mobile clinic that serves the homeless. We serve 40,000 patients every year through 130,000 visits of all ages. And we have 400 employees at this current time, 333 full time equivalents. So and of many other opportunities coming. In the near future. So this health and wellness. Center, I think, you know, most of this we really want to improve the services of the community, create employment opportunities. We hire from the community and we serve this community and really want to decrease social isolation, build community. And have a facility that is open to the community, not just for health care services, but wellness. This is our bottom floor. The clinic is on one side and then. The wellness center is on the side, on either side. Of that patio area where we hope to have some activities there. We will be offering full scope, pediatrics, full scope, adult care, full scope women's health care, including prenatal family planning, integrated behavioral health, a pharmacy, acupuncture. We're hoping dentistry walk in immunizations and health. Enrollment programs in the wellness center. And this is really working with the community. We will try to provide the services that they want us to provide. But this is just some of our things that we have heard from the community that we will be doing. We will have a teaching kitchen, we will have a food pantry there. We will have enrollment into multiple programs and wellness. Services. Both intergenerational a lot with our 0 to 5 population. Arts and crafts that are reflective of the community that we serve and our partners as of now, our Pacific Asian Counseling Services Camera girls in action. But our space will be open to those programs within the community to work with us. And that's it. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you so much. That concludes the presentation and comments

for the hearing. I'm going to go ahead and close as we go back to deliberations from the council. So let me start with Vice Mayor Andrus. Thank you, Mayor. First of all, I want to thank everyone who's participating in this project. I don't think anyone who's been here since I have would know the impact of that corner right there on Walnut and Anaheim. I mean, it's been such a blight area for such a long time. And finally, finally, we have someone who's willing to come on and take this enormous, you know, situation here. So I think what we're doing. To me, I think since if you look around the city and you see the homeless situation, at least we're just at least wood just tapping into it. We're not going to be able to act eliminated, but at least what's happening to the homeless situation. You talk about the clinic. We're talking about everything that should be done here in the city of Long Beach, especially when you talk about the individuals who live here can at least be a part of it. They can live in these this complex that we're going to build here. And also not only anyone, but work in it also and the individuals who need that help. Dr. Nichols, I just want to tell you and your staff. I can't really even start to tell you how much we appreciate this, because that has been a dream. And one of my legacies, I think, well, anything to know that we have a place now for our young kids to go, older individuals, our seniors, a place to live. And we know the income situation in my area is very, very low. So now we're going to build something where you will feel very proud of what they're putting in there, because, I mean, I never thought that this project at one time would ever come to fruition. But, I mean, there was a time when I really thought that this issue would be a, you know, such a monumental a task. But we're all here and we're almost at the finish line, you guys. So don't give up on this. Now, we're almost at the finish line. And I know one doctor came up here and gave a speech and that the housing the bridge housing and Nino and Mr. me that I want to just tell you how much I appreciate you and your staff and what you guys are planning on doing there. You know, in putting this together, the project will be a transforming the corner and that entire neighborhood. And when it's built, it will bring 88 new residents. And I think they went over everything now with you. But it also will bring homes to new medical clinics in and with Dr. Nichols and the children's clinic. And I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this project, because it will be a. What about housing and for central Long Beach? And you like we said, even if you don't live in the sixth District, you can still be a part of this project, remember? We want Long Beach to be a part, you know, to live in it. We want Long Beach to work in it. But more than anything, we want to finish the project. That's the main thing. So thank you guys so much for being here. Yes. Thank you, Council

Iman Austin. Thanks. I'm proud to second this this motion, this this project is inspiring and well needed. And, you know, it just goes to show that, you know, when there's a vision and and political will and things can get done. I'm mom. I'm for the public here. I don't I don't think people understand, you know, the how tough it is to get a housing project actually completed or get it even to this step, the the entitlement process, the planning process, all that goes into it. So I want to salute Councilmember Andrews. I want to salute the staff that worked on this. Obviously, the developers and the community groups that that that have come out and spoken in support. This is another feather in your cap, Councilmember. And I would just say congratulations and getting another one across the finish line. This is a touchdown. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Councilman Richardson. I want to echo those. Congratulations. This is a great project. I like everything about it. You know, I'm taking a look at this terrace. I would love to have this terrace in North Long Beach somewhere. I see the children's clinic and Dr. Nicholas, who we've had a relationship for many, many years because she has facilities in Hamilton Middle School and, you know, to see those wellness services that are being presented. I think that's certainly a feather in the cap. Vice Mayor Andrews is a great, great project. This is what the region needs to see, that we can develop quality, affordable housing that looks great and helps improve and stabilize and bring up a neighborhood. And it's amazing. And I would also just add, Mr. Koontz, I got to tell you, what you touch comes out great. So I see what you're doing. I see the work you're doing across the city. And we're really grateful to have you and your expertise in this fight for affordable housing. Thanks a lot. Thank you, Councilmember Supernova. Thank you very much. I'd also like to congratulate Vice Mayor Andrews, and I'd say this is more than a touchdown. This is like your reverse kickoff return during the 1960 junior Rose Bowl. But also, congratulations to the community and special congratulations to Dr. Nicholas. We've had a few conversations about this, and I think the public doesn't know the challenges that were in front of you. So congratulations are definitely in order. Thank you. Thank you. And Councilman Pierce. I just want to echo the same thing. It's great to to see a project like

this get completed and get to this point with the council. I know that it takes a lot of funding, a lot of finance, a lot of pieces just to be able to dream up a project like this. But then to take the children's clinic, which has deep roots in Long Beach and the community, and put that into that building. I think it's historic for the city to see that we've made a lot of these investments and approved a lot of these projects over the last several years. And I hope that this is another model that possibly one day we could find something li

ke this in the second. But just really congratulations, everybody. I know this was took a lot of hard work to get here and I know there's hard work ahead, but we're in this with you guys. So thank you. And Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes, I'd just like to know, Doctor. Mr. Midnight, how far are we away from getting ground control shovels into the ground? Does anyone know? Yeah. And I think I think our staff are probably the good answer. From our perspective, we're about a year away, sir. So we expect to break. Ground during the tail end of 2020. All right. Okay. Thank you. My my comments just are just one is I want to thank the entire team on this project. I have been we've been pretty involved in monitoring this project and the progress and some of the challenges and setbacks that we've had, particularly on funding challenges that we had in the past. But the entire time you guys stuck through it and are really delivering a quality project, I think the children's clinic partnership is fantastic. I think that the community support, as you can see, is critical and you're doing exactly what we need. This community does need housing that is affordable and accessible, particularly to people that are vulnerable and that are struggling across our city. And so I just commend the entire team for for stepping up. I want to personally thank Mr. Medak, who's in the audience for working with with my team, and just keeping us in the loop about what's been going on with the project. And I also want to thank our staff for all their hard work as well. And so with that members, please go and cast your votes. Councilmember Richardson. Can. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Congratulations. We have and again, because we had the budget hearing, everything is just taking longer than it normally would. We have one more hearing tonight and that's hearing for or the third hearing on the agenda, and then we'll go into the regular agenda. Thank you. We're going to do item 30. And because we're nearing 730, I'm going to push back hearing one because we do have a post 730 time certain. So I will be hearing that right after this item and then we'll go into the budget hearing. So item 30. Item 30 Report from Economic Development. Recommendation to execute a seventh Amendment to Management Agreement with SMG for a one year extension. Entering into a labor peace agreement with Unite Here Local 11 for operations in the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, District two. Thank you. With that, let me turn this over first and get a staff report. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the city council. So this is something we're excited about. For the last several years, the city council has talked about kind of the future of the convention center as their contract comes up in 2022. That was an action back in 2013 about adding some labor peace agreements to our agreement. This was always going to be something that is goes into effect after 2022. Given the you know, that we're clo

se to the end of the contract, that we also have seen significant interest from major conferences who are interested in coming to the city, but have questions about kind of the the unionization of certain operations and to protect the city's interests from any type of work stoppage, that type of thing. We have approached and talked to SMG and they have put forward the agreement that you have in front of you today. SMG has been a wonderful partner. They have a number of different facilities throughout the city of Long Beach that operate under different models I'm sorry, throughout the nation that operate under a number of models. And so what this agreement is in front of you is essentially a one year contract extension. And in exchange, there will be a a card check agreement that we would be executed and that would be executed prior to November 2019. And with that, we are available to answer questions. And SMG also has representatives here if you are interested. Thank you very much. I'm going to make a few comments and then turn this over to Councilman Pearce. I want to just just begin back in in 2013 when I was not been elected mayor but was on the city council. We had an extensive discussion about labor peace and about the convention center, SMG, and how well our center runs. I mean, the truth is that we have a model convention center across the country. Folks know that we operate a stellar operation with stellar employees. And I think if you talk to conventioners, they will share with you what a great operation that we have. And I'm at the time we had discuss putting together a strong labor peace agreement at the end of the contract. I think that that in these discussions, I want to commend city staff, I want to thank SMG

because it would not be possible without an incredible step forward by SMG as well as our labor partners to come together and really move the labor peace portion of this. Forward while at the same time as kind of reassuring our our strengthening relationship with SMG and allow that contract extension. So I think this is a a win win for everyone. And I really want to thank staff. You know, it's truly challenged all of you to work on this. In the last few months, you guys may have made incredible progress very quickly and it would not be possible without all of your hard work. And I want to thank Mr. Kaiser, you and your team specially. I want to thank you also. Mr. Murdoch, I know you've been very involved and I know that SMG and the CVB are here and I just want to thank them for their incredible work as well. So thank you, Councilmember Pierce. Thank you. I want to definitely thanked the staff and think the Mayor SMG greatly for your work on this. Ten years ago our city was very different. You know, the conversation around labor negotiations and economic sustainability were very different conversations. In 2013, I was on the other side of this dais advocating and saying that we could have a strong, thriving downtown with a th

living hotel and hospitality industry, alongside workers receiving a voice at the table, alongside workers sitting across the bargaining table to decide what was best, and that that was balance and how we have a city that really does work for everybody. And so in 2013, we advocated we had the council pass that. And to have this come up two years earlier than expected really speaks volumes, I think, of the leadership at our convention center, the leadership with SMG and the leadership on this council and with city staff. This is a is a day in history that we should be proud of. And we've often talked about what conventions we can get in the city of Long Beach. And so many have been left off of the table because we didn't have enough hotel rooms, because we didn't have a good protection at our convention center. And what's most important about this is that this is the city really also saying we have to protect our proprietary interests. The same conversation we have at the port, which is how do we have a city owned facility and how can we make sure that there's not going to be a labor stoppage, a strike or something like that that could keep money from coming into our city. And so this is absolutely the right track. I'm very proud of everyone doing this work, and so I really want to applaud the council in 2013. But the leadership that's at our convention center now, I know it wasn't an easy road to get here, and I know that our convention center is going to be better off today for it. I also know that there are other people that have asked to have a voice with SMG, and I want to thank you guys for already setting up those meetings to make sure that we will not have a labor stoppage at our convention center at any given time. And so, again, this is a historic day that a lot of people have worked hard on. So I'm very proud. Thank you. Councilwoman Councilmember Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to take a moment and congratulate and thank all the parties for agreeing to this. There's a lot of ways that these things get in front of our city council. This is probably the best way I have to say, you know, we're a city that's doing amazing things, big things. And, you know, when these conventions and conferences come to the city, I think the way that we deal with our workgroups and the commitments we make to quality jobs, I think it makes a lot of sense for Long Beach to be a town where it's convention center and convention center vendors are union. I think that's I think that's okay for us to say that and to make that commitment. So congratulations to all those involved. I think this is this makes sense for Long Beach. And again, this is probably the best way that this there was no drama. Folks are here. There's no big, you know, crowd of folks. There's no high stakes politics. Folks have just they have an agreement and it reflects Long Beach's values. So congratulations to all of you and happy to support this. Thank you. And Vice Mayor Andrews. Y

es. And also, you know, in 2013, I did vote for this process and I'm glad to see it's moving forward. And I'm just glad to see that the whole organization, everyone is, you know, really getting behind something that we really need here in this city. And I want to really thank the CV CBD Group. It's just people and individuals who are really standing behind these things also. So congratulations to everyone. Thank you. Thank you. And Councilman Austin. Thank you. This is this is a great day for for Long Beach on many levels. I was happy to be sitting out in the audience ten years ago when this issue came up the first time. It was a very different conversation. It was a very contentious meeting, and it didn't work out very well. But I do I will like to echo the comments that it is great to have the the entities in Long Beach reflect the city's values and we should not be shamed to ever stand up for union job. The good jobs and the people that work and serve this city, that make this city look good, that put on conventions, should really benefit in the economic prosperity of our city.

And I can tell you that our convention and visitors bureau, our convention industry has really helped define this city and will continue to do that. And I know this decision today will be one of economic interest for the city in a positive way. So I'm happy to support. Thank you, Councilman. And just to conclude, I just want to add, because I think, Councilman, you recenter this where it needs to be. And I want to just not just congratulate all the parties, but I do want to congratulate the workers. And as we close to the workers at the convention center that are there working very hard. We have the best team at that convention center of hard working folks, many of them from Long Beach back putting their money back into our local economy and knowing that that in the future, their jobs will be strengthened, represented and have new tools for them to advocate on their behalf and of their members behalf, I think is really special. And I couldn't think SMG and our partners at the CVB for this work. And so congratulations to them and their amazing work as well. And so with that members, please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Thank you very much, everybody. With that, we're going to move on to our time certain. And that is for me. Give me 1/2 is. Item number 17, please send Kirk. We're going to do a photo. Thank you. Now I'm going to go ahead and have the clerk read the charter commission appointments. Item 29 is a communication from Vice Mayor Andrews, Chair of the Personnel and Civil Service Committee. Recommendation to receive Charter Commission appointments approved by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee. All right. Thank you. And the following individuals were approved by their personnel and civil service committees for appointment to new ethnic commission and are now recommended to the full city council for approval. A

And I would like to have read the names off of those, please. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I'm going to go ahead. And as we know, the voters of Long Beach passed measure in the last election, and as part of that, they created a new ethics commission. And I want to thank all the work that's gone into the development of this commission. I also want to thank Councilman Al Austin, who had put this issue forward in front of the City Council for support of the city council. And he's been very involved as well in the process. And of course, the council for supporting this moving forward. I want to note that this is the first commission in the city that has appointments that are not just done directly by the mayor, but two are done by the mayor. Two are done by the city auditor. And then those commissioners will select the next set of commissioners to that body as laid out directly in the charter. I also want to introduce those commissioners and just as a reminder to all the charter also lays out the types of the types of members that the commission is looking for. And so in the appointments that the auditor makes, the charter lays out that those appointments should be experts in the field, should be folks with policy experience within the scope of the commission. And then the appointments that the Mayor makes are appointments that are community service and community driven appointments. And so those are the appointments that are as follows. And so I want to bring those up. And as soon as I read those names, I'm going to ask the city auditor who is going to make a few words. The first appointee is Susan Wise, who is an appointee that we all in the city know as a well-known attorney in the city of Long Beach has been a resident here since 1974. She served as a port of Long Beach Harbor commissioner and as a governing board member of the Alameda Quarter Transportation Authority. Ms. Weiss has been awarded this Rothmans Miss International of Long Beach Award Women of Distinction, the Long Beach Bar Association Lawyer of the Year Award and has worked with Legal Aid Foundation as a board member. She received her J.D. from the University of Chicago. And also we congratulate Ms. Wise on being the first ever commission appointment to our ethics commission. Congratulations to her. We also have as another appointee, Mr. James Shotwell. And these two appointments are in the policy. The two policy appointments. Mr. Shotwell has been a resident of Long Beach for 13 years. He is a director of Corporate Compliance and information governance at Southern California Edison. In his job, he is responsible for the promotion of an ethical culture and the development, implementation and oversight of company wide programs for compliance, management, management, affiliate compliance, privacy compliance, information, governance and Policy Management. James received his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law and is a part of the ethics and the Eth

ics and Compliance Initiative as well. So let's give Mr. Shotwell a round of applause as well. Congratulations to James. Our next appointee in the in the in the in the community appoint a section of the charter is Kimi Maddox. Kimi is the recent recent former executive director of CCJ,

which is the California Conference for Equality and Justice. This is an organization based in Long Beach that works to transform individuals and communities, heal conflicts and build unity. We all are aware of the many programs that CCJ is involved with, both at the school district, at our university and throughout the city. Kimi has over a decade of service to CCJ, having led not just the organization but its flagship youth programs, including the Building, Bridges, Camp and other programs throughout Southern California. Throughout Southern California. She also currently serves on the Human Relations Commission. And we all know Kimi as someone that is working across the community with CCJ and has been for many years. So let's give Kimi a round of applause. Congratulations to her. And our final appointment is Laura son. Laura was ten years old when she when she came to Long Beach from a refugee camp in Cambodia. She, like many Cambodians, suffered incredible trauma and saw genocide happen across their country. She founded the Mae Center here in Long Beach, which promotes healing and through old time techniques of meditation, gardening and education. She's also the co-chair of the Equity for Cambodians to End Gerrymandering program. And Laura has a biochemistry degree from the University of Redlands. And Laura also was came with a strong recommendation from Common Cause, which, of course, is a leading statewide organization on on who leads the creation of ethics programs and ethics commissions across the state and the country. And so I want to thank these four commissioners. I think that they have a enormous job ahead of them, the biggest of which is actually being the founding members of a commission that is going to grow and develop with their leadership and their diverse experience. So one, with that, we do have a motion and a second. I don't have any public comment for for this item. And I want to ask the four of them to come up once we take the take this vote. Our vice mayor, Andrew, said, Councilman Ringo, you have anything else to add? You said all mayor. Thank you. Right. Well, let's go ahead and cast this vote. And I'm going to ask the committee, the new commissioners, to come forward. Motion carries. Thank you. If I can have our city auditor, I think she is here. Let me have her say a few words as we have our commissioners come up and she can just stand next to our auditor. That would be great. Thank you. Mayor. I just want to say how pleased. I am to support. These. Four. Commissioners that are as our first. Four commissioners for the Ethics Commission. Thank you. To our Councilmember Austin for his support for the Ethics Commission and for. The. Co

mmittee. For submitting it to the council tonight and for the council's support. Thank you very. Much. The Ethics Commission will play a very significant. Role here in Long Beach, as seen in the Los Angeles Times recently with. The serious ethical violations that took place in the city of Los Angeles. The Ethics. Commission did and. Did do an independent investigation. Report and. And penalties for those who have violated the laws. So this is a significant commission that will help. Identify areas for improvement in our city. And as a city major, I look forward to working with. Them and promoting ethical behavior. For our city. And to prevent. Detect fraud behavior. As well, so that we're operating with the highest level standards. Here in Long Beach. So thank you all very. Much for your support. Thank you. Out, Councilman Richardson. Thank you. Just want to chime in and just say congratulations to the four commissioners. I think it's important with every new commission, particularly, especially this commission, to have community credibility. And what I see here with these four appointments is that we're certainly heading in the right direction. The four of you, some of you I know, some of you have heard of, but you all have great reputations. And I know you'll do great in this new capacity. Congratulations and look forward to all the work you'll do. Thank you. And Council member Austin. Great. This is a great day for our city. And I want to just take this opportunity to, first of all, congratulate and thank Mayor Garcia and Auditor Dowd for their excellent choices of individuals who I am very confident will serve proudly, responsibly and diligently in their role as the first appointed as the first ever Ethics Commission for our city. Just a bit of history. This is a really a long time coming. There was an ethics task force put together. I'm going to say maybe 15 years ago. And from that task force, this was a recommendation. Then council member Barney Lowenthal asked for that task force to be put together and asked for study. And there was a lot of due diligence put him to place to to look into ethics and establishing guidelines. I think one of the recommendations was to establish an ethics commission. It was this city council. It was the voters of the city that that made that happen. And so I just want to, again, take this opportunity to congratulate you, and you have my full confidence and support in your work moving forward. Congratulations. Thank you. Thank you very much. And with that, if I can just please ask the council to join us as we take a photo. So let's give them all a round of applause again. Well, thank you. We

are moving on to our next item that's going to be item 16, which is an item by Councilwoman Price. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item is 18, please. 18 is communications from City Attorney Recommendation to Adobe resolution expressing intent to prioritize spending of t u t revenue for specific purposes relating to the

ballot measure placed on the March 30, 2020 ballot city. Great. Thank you. This you know, I'll just I'll just add before the city attorney weighs in this is the resolution that follows Missouri that's essentially very similar resolution to the one that we did the last time, except we added community hospital. And so it meets the commitments that we have laid out to the community. And you have it in front of you. There's one member of the public signed up to speak, and that is Christine Pettit. My name is Christine Pettit. I'm the executive director for Long Beach Forward. And I sent you all a letter on behalf of the budget advocacy work group today, just really articulating that we'd like to see commitments to prevention equity included in this resolution. I also thought it was important to speak because as the support organization for Building Healthy Communities Long Beach, we pulled together community partners who are working on youth development and violence prevention. In 2016, when the mayor was talking to community members about Measure eight at the time, and in that meeting, our partners really emphasized the importance of an emphasis on equitable infrastructure and also a broad definition of public safety that focuses on prevention and is much more comprehensive than is outlined in the current resolution. It's really important that we recognize how land use, including infrastructure investments, are linked to the safety of a community and that we continue to invest in infrastructure. The historic disinvestment in central, west and north Long Beach, as well as other discriminatory policies have created areas of concentrated disadvantage. Sorry, I'm tired. Where residents have not benefited from the same public or private investments, infrastructure, maintenance and other quality of life improvements as people living in other parts of the city. These are the same neighborhoods where people experience fewer opportunities. Have your police seen a lower life expectancy overall? So we encourage you to add language into the resolution that prioritizes and includes a commitment to equitable infrastructure investments, as well as a definition of public safety that emphasizes prevention strategies connected to youth development and other community and public health interventions. Right now, the resolution very narrowly defines what public safety is, and we think it's really important that it is broader. I know that this is a non-binding resolution, and we know that, but it's an important statement of priorities for a forever tax. So let's make our intentions for a healthy, safe and equitable community clear tonight. Thank you. Thank you. That you remember the public purse. Marie Andrews, any comments? No, Councilman. Also, any comments? Councilman Pearce. Yes, I know it's late. I just. This item is important, and I couldn't have said it better. I think our community member, Christine Perrett, hit it on the head. And I think really as we have these

conversations, as we spend our measuring resources for an a forever tax, that we're consistently coming back to the conversation around how we prioritize based on needs first and really making sure that when we talk about public health that it's broad and when we talk about public safety, that it's also broad. And so I, I know that this is a conversation that we can continue to come back to. I look forward to hearing what my other council colleagues have to say on the issue. I know that my my district supports this item, and I know that they also support prioritizing on needs first. So thank you. Thank you, Governor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor, and thank you, Ms.. Pettifor, for raising these issues. And so here's what I would say. Last time we passed a resolution, we came back with a plan, and the resolution was the what are we investing in? And the plan was the how. And I would say the issues raised are appropriate. I think I hope that we can address it when we get to what the plan from Israel is. I think it's valid to say the nature of it is different this time. You know, we were talking a finite period of ten years. What can we really realistically accomplish within that period of time? I think now that we're continuing it, I think we can sort of think about things like, you know, how often does the non-binding resolution get updates every five years as parties to allow us to update and think about that? And and we can we can have that conversation. Also, you know, I think it's not a zero sum game and it's okay to talk about what the needs are. And they might be different in different areas of town, but I think they're all valid. So to be able to say, I think council is doing a good job in these last couple of weeks, talking about this conversation about the streets, the worst streets and, you know, prioritizing them. I think it's done a good job. And I think, you know, we've done a good job in a lot of ways, as many council members have done a good job talking

about closing the open space space gap or the playground gap. And so when we get to that, how we implement this, I think I think we're going to have to have like a full conversation on what are four or five like performance metrics as we move forward that we know that we're going to be closing. Right as we what's our plan? Are we going to say over the next five years or the next ten years, we're going to try to close the gap in open space in our city. Are we going to try to address some of the worst streets in our city? Are we going to. So sort of what's our plan, our approach? And I think I think it is appropriate for the plan. So so my direction, you know, my my staff, I think we should when we get to the plans, we go out and talk about if that's a part of this. I think we should be intentional and be okay with saying yes. The needs are different areas of town, other areas of town. It's okay to say we can address both or all three or all four because we can think a little

bit long, more long term with this measure. And so I think that's okay. I'm going to support the resolution that's in front of us tonight. And my hope is that we can talk about what prevention means and what what these different topics are as we get to the plan. Thanks a lot. Thank you. And there's a motion in second to approve the resolution. Please cast your votes. Wishing. Karis. Thank you. And Devin. It looks like he's not here. We will move on to the next item on the agenda. Item 26. Item 26 is a communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilmember Peers, Council member, soup owner and vice mayor. Andrew's recommendation to require city manager to work with staff to conduct a curb evaluation in parking impacted neighborhoods. Councilwoman Price. So this is an item that is at this point narrowly tailored to impact neighborhoods that are parking impacted. And what we want to do is just take a look at our read curves. We're not looking to shorten red curbs or cause any traffic safety hazards as a result of shortening red curbs. But we do have some red curbs that really could be evaluated in terms of whether we still need them there, whether they need to be as long as they are. And we think that we can recoup some additional parking spaces if we have the opportunity to conduct a red curb audit in parking impacted neighborhoods. I know that where we have a parking impacted neighborhood, being able to get an additional spot or two on a street makes a huge difference for the business corridors and for the multifamily residences that are usually located in those parking area parking impacted areas. We also want to look proactively at how we can try to find efficiencies with our current parking configurations in parking impacted neighborhoods. So having our team out there looking at the red curves, evaluating where we can make some changes will hopefully lead to additional recommendations that we can implement in the future. I urge my colleagues to support this item that is very much in demand in parking impacted neighborhoods. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. Yes, I want to say I support this in concept. I know whenever I first got into office, my staff person, Melton was in the field every single day, auditing every single block we possibly could. I think out of the entire second district, what we were able to get were seven parking spots by shortening curbs, at least out of the most parking impacted area. So I support this in theory. I look forward to hearing from staff on cost and recognizing that it's a big undertaking but vitiate any effort to add more parking where it's safe. Thank you. Thank you, Coulson, for super now. Thank you again. Vice Mayor Andrews apologizes for not being here tonight, but he asked me to read this statement. I would like to thank Councilwoman Price for bringing this item forward because I too have concerns for my residents as it relates to red curbs. It seems like recently we're making these curbs longer in places wh

ere we are heavily impacted and the impacted areas on our map also seems to be outdated in district six. Anything west of Long Beach Boulevard is congested. Where I live, we miss the impacted zone by just a few blocks, but we too are struggling to find parking . It amazes me that the permit parking districts that are already established are not even in the impacted areas. My neighborhoods like Wrigley Historic District have both literally and figuratively been driving in circles to find parking. I look forward to I look forward for a path in the right direction. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I want to thank Councilmember Pryce and the rest of the council members for bringing this forward. This is obviously a challenge for our entire city, and I wish I could have signed on as well, because we do have some park in impacted areas as well. I'm sure that city staff will be be cautious and do their due diligence as they're doing this study. There's also a concern that recently came up from from some of my constituents and neighbors regarding the visibility at the intersections as it relates to red curbs. And so I would please take that into consideration as you were moving forward with your study, but I'm happy to support this item. Thank you is core. Leslie,

please come forward for public comment. Okay. With respect to the read curves, parking is definitely an issue in many parts of Long Beach. I spent almost half an hour trying to find a parking place down on Broadway a couple of Saturdays ago. My good luck. We'll get you a parking place in some of those areas. I am concerned, however, about losing line of sight at corners if red curbs are removed. The real solutions we should be looking at is that is to focus on getting builders to install adequate parking. It is the height of foolishness to do road diets and eliminate parking requirements when the population is multiplying and we are putting up higher density residential and business structures. Please do not relax. Parking requirements. If we do that, we are only benefiting developers, not the community. We failed to construct a useful public transportation system in L.A. County, Orange County and Long Beach in the 1960s, when it should have been done. We won't be able to cut back on cars, so we need parking. But the real answer is not red curbs. It's making sure that we require it in our zoning. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment that I signed up. I know you. You didn't know you had to sign up currently, so please speak. Thank you. I agree with everything that Carlos just said. I am concerned about. The elimination of view viewing at an intersection by eliminating the red curbs. What was the purpose of painting the curb red of an intersection if it wasn't so that people could see what was coming? I also agree with her on. The. Issue of demanding that builders developers put in more parking in their. Developments. I talked to a contractor and he said, we put in what the city r

equires. If they required more, we would put in more. Just last week, I was at a planning commission meeting where they're building an eight storey and a 23 storey building on third and Pacific. Maybe it was 21 storeys. I know it's big. There is only going to be one. Parking place for each unit. This is ridiculous. Everybody has two cars now and some have very many more than that if they have teenagers. This is replacing a city parking lot. And there's no parking on the streets. So that's what you should be looking at to find more parking. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. You and I just want to clarify a few points because I'm not sure if everybody was reading the same item. We're not looking to remove any red curbs, and we are not looking to jeopardize the public safety by creating traffic hazards. This item is directing our traffic engineers to take a look and conduct an audit. And for those who have complained about different things that traffic engineers have done to slow traffic and comment, I think we can all agree that safety is at the forefront of their minds. So I look forward to hearing back from them on what the results of their audit shows and again, jeopardizing public safety and traffic safety is not at all any part of this item. And should that be a reality, we certainly won't make any changes. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. Please cast your votes. Ocean carries. Motion carries. Thank you. And we'll be moving on now to hearing item number two. Here's an item to report from economic development. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and Adobe resolution continuing the East Anaheim Street Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Levy for the period of October 1st, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and authorize City Manager to extend the agreement with the SCAFARIA Business Association for one year term District three and four. Thank you. If I can, please have our acting city manager, Mr. Modica. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That presentation will be given by our economic development staff, Eric Romero. Is there an oath for this one? No. No oath. Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council. The East Anaheim Street Parking and Business Improvement Area, also known as a bid business improvement district, was established by the City Council in 2010, allowing for the levy of an annual business license assessment to be paid by businesses located in the bid. City Contractors Aphria Business Association to manage the bid and the Zafira Business Association. Board of Directors. Serve as the advisory body to the City Council on matters related to the bid. State law requires an annual report be submitted to the City Council by the Advisory Board for the bid. The annual report describes the boundaries, proposed activities and budgetary information, as well as the method and basis for continued continuation of the assessment. The 2019 2020 Annual Report p

roposes no change to the boundaries or the method of leaving the assessment. The proposed activities will focus on marketing and promoting the district and its businesses. Special events, litter abatement and beautification and Business Outreach. State law requires that a public hearing be held on the proposed program and assessment. At its September ten, 2019 meeting, the City Council approved a resolution granting approval. The annual report declaring the intention of the

City Council to levy the assessments and set today as the date of public hearing. City Council shall hear and consider all protest against the assessment program and boundaries as proposed in the annual report. This concludes my staff report and I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you. There's no public comment on this item. There's a motion and a second councilmember. Super now. I think you asked for my colleagues support. I just had one question on the name. Originally, he sent a high street. They call it East Asia. That is absolutely not used anymore. Does that have to still be in this document for legal purposes? So the name of the Business Improvement District is still officially the East Anaheim Street Parking and Business Improvement Area. That name can be changed. And we'd be happy to connect with you offline to talk. To that process. I believe the association would want that. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Price. Agreed. And I support everything that Zakaria does. And I think staff for the support that they give. And I think calcium is super not for taking the lead on being the liaison for the city with that organization things. Thank you. And with that, there is a motion and a second. So please go out and cast your vote on the second hearing. On to Mamasapano. Ocean cares. Great. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Logan. And to everyone that that attended. Next up is item 27, which is the MWI lease. Report from economic development. Recommendation to execute a lease agreement with MWI and Community Hospital for the operation and potential development of city owned property. Amend the grant deed restriction and reimburse tenant up to 1 million per year for the first five years and up to 2 million per year for years. Six through 15 of the lease to assist with seismic retrofit construction costs of the hospital facility. District four. Thank you, Mr. Walker. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the city council. So we do have a presentation for you tonight. We're excited to be here tonight to present this to the council. This is a very complex land transaction that we're doing here and a lease agreement. So we do want to spend some time to walk through what we're doing here. The direction the council gave us and the challenge that was presented and the creative solution that has allowed us to get to this point. And so I do want to give us the history of community hospital. It's been an asset that has been in Long Beach for over 90 years, opening back i

n 1924. It is actually a designated historical landmark and that happened in 1980. And the hospital went through a significant growth period during the 1960s, the 1980s, from a very small facility into what it was until it closed. And that was 158 licensed acute care beds, including 28 what we call acute care psych beds or behavioral health, which were very critical to the community. And it had been acquired along the way by a number of different entities, but it was an under lease in operation by Memorial Care in 2011. And then we had the seismic issues that came up, and there was an identified active seismic fault line under a portion of the acute care facility that was identified in 2017, and it ultimately was closed in 2018. And so there have been impacts. Community hospital is a critical asset here in Long Beach that the council really charged for for us to find a way to get it back open again. I do want to underscore kind of, you know, what it had done when it was open. There were 27,000 emergency visits in 2016 that accounted for about 10% of all the visitor visits for the area. We transported there about 5000 times from our fire department in 2017. And it was what we call the most accessible receiving area or a catchment area for stations for eight, 14, 17 and 18, which essentially covers most of the east side parts south of of near the beach and in downtown. But it really is a community asset that affects everybody, because if that asset is gone, that means all the other hospitals that serve all the other areas are receiving more patients. And as predicted, we did see an increase in hospital and transport times when it closed in 2018. And rescue transport times, the time it takes to get to a hospital has been up and that's over 10% and in some cases up to 20%. And so this council gave us a challenge knowing that, a the hospital group was basically turning it back over to the city. We had some decisions to make and the council really set out some priorities, saying that the utmost priority is to really provide that lifesaving emergency medical services and acute care hospital that we wanted to minimize our transport time through advanced life, life support to the fire department that we needed to really be creative and look at creative partnerships to meet all the state regulation and minimize our costs, and that we should utilize the value of the property to help contribute, constrain the financial risk and liability. So in essence, the Council was asking us to be creative and recognizing that achieving all of this required really a different approach than a traditional real estate transaction, and that we would be willing to accept some additional risk and some additional creativity in how we would put this together in order to deliver the potential for a hospital. There are still a number of things that are unknown, and

John Keiser will help walk us through that today. It is unknown about the state licensing and permitting process

. There is still further geotechnical studies to do. We still have information to gather on, on detailed construction planning and total construction cost and whether or not a hospital there is financially viable for a smaller, acute care hospital. That said, we do believe that what we are presenting to you today is the best deal to open up a hospital that meets all those critical public safety needs. And it has been a good partnership with our team at NWN and we'll talk about that a little bit at the very end. So with that, I'd like to turn it over to John Keiser to walk us through, you know, kind of what's happened over the last year and a half and also to get into the deal terms before we get to the financials. Thank you, honorable mayor and members of the city council. Just a quick recap on the last two years. We came to you back in November of 2017, and that was when we first received news from Memorial Care about their their needs to move on and ultimately began our process. You originally directed the city manager to do a targeted recruitment, looking at operators and developers who would have the financial and operational capability to actually address a project like this. We did due diligence on five of those operators that had presented letters of interest and ultimately landed on one fantastic team that that had the ability, the experience to execute such a complex project. In March of this year, we came back with a scope that both parties had agreed to for an interim agreement that allowed for NWN to enter the facility and begin not only doing some additional due diligence, but preparing the facility, submitting an application for a hospital licensing, and then preparing the facility for the complex permitting process. But over the past few months, we were also able to clear a number of major hurdles relative to the permitting and licensing deadlines that are imposed by the state. So where we are now is really we've made a progress in in coming to terms on the long term agreement. And I'm going to actually read into the record a few of those terms so that we can make sure that the public understands what this lease and cost sharing agreement entails. And ultimately, talk a little bit about some of the impacts fiscally and some of the challenges that remain. As we know, this is to be used. The property is about 8.7 acres, but the property will include an acute care hospital. That is something that you guys had set forth and ultimately include the medical office building. Other health and wellness related uses in emergency care has to be provided at the site at a minimum. Also, the operator has agreed that they will sublease a portion of the facility to our SART team, which is a critical component of our police department and other public safety services. Essentially effective October 15th today for up to 45 years. Under the initial term of the lease, there will be two tenure extensions that are optional, but that would be a total p

otential term of 65 years. We this will be at a dollar a year. So there will not be a lease rate because the tenant is going to be taking on significant seismic compliance. And we'll talk about that in just a moment. But the tenant has offered and we've agreed to as additional rent, some what we call profit sharing or if there are net profits in the first five years, 20% of that will be shared with the city. The city will not have any responsibility for for maintenance. We've learned over the last few months, as an example, that we spend almost \$200,000 a month to maintain a facility like this when it's not operating. This is a large campus that it requires a lot of security, a lot of systems that need to be maintained, utilities and other things. They will have 100% responsibility for the entire. Campus, all buildings and grounds. The tenant will be solely responsible for seismic construction working with the state of California, as well as maintaining all of those permits over the term of the lease for the next 45 years. They will also they've agreed to split the costs of that seismic retrofit. So typically a landlord would have responsibility for major capital improvements and then provide the facility to the tenant. In this case, they're taking on those actual the work of the seismic construction and sharing the cost. 5050 The city has agreed up to a 50%, up to the \$50 million estimates that are architects and consultants estimate it will require to complete the work. And we will pay our share of the seismic costs over a 15 year period on any external funding that we're able to generate. We will contribute. That could be a grant from Homeland Security or a hazard mitigation grant. Something that could offset the costs would be credited against the city's annual seismic payments after the initial 5 million of external funding secured. So that was another term that the tenant agreed to. Now, in terms of a default, so what remedies might we have as the city? Of course, because we've committed up to \$25 million, we may withhold it any time for until the default is cured, a portion of those seismic payments. So that provides us with some security and hopes help to cure any

defaults. But we have to remember that unless there's a if there is a fundamental default in that environment, we would still have to offset the costs of the initial capital that the tenant is going to be using to get their hospital started in operating any net losses that they incur other than bankruptcy. We'd be responsible for reimbursing them. And I'll get some more details on that in just a moment. Now this agreement does allow for voluntary termination. So, you know, this was an issue where if it becomes financially infeasible, if there's some sort of other outside incident that occurs, that would force them to terminate. They can do that, but they also could be entitled to recovery of their costs. And then the hospital capital costs, which they may be entitled to be reimbursed

by the city, could include all the seismic work, maintenance, restoration costs, debt service for the construction and any net operating losses. But it would only be costs associated with the acute care or hospital portions of the facility. And that clock would start ticking on the effective date, which is October 15th. Now, in terms of the the hospital costs that the city could claim, you know, if there were profits generated by the facility, by the operator, that would offset their their claims for reimbursement, any profit share that they paid to the city and any city lease admin costs of \$250,000 a year that we might incur for oversight and management of the of the lease. We would get credit for those things and then the payment. This is an important term that we've been discussing for some time now that that was needed to offset the risk that this operator is taking on to to for such a complex project. But the city would ultimately have some responsibility to either reimburse the tenant for their net losses or net hospital costs. We could sell the property on the open market and then use proceeds from that sale to to pay those costs. Or we could sell the property directly to the tenant. An important term of this payment clause is that under no circumstance will the city owe the tenant more than the open market value of the property. So in that way, as the city manager mentioned, we are containing the ultimate or total liability with regard to reimbursement to the open market value of the property. And that was a really important condition of the city council back in March when we we entered the first letter of intent. Now, one other condition that we negotiated is that neither party can claim as part of their costs for reimbursement or credit anything before October 15th. So that's that's something that is important to the deal as well as the tenant has agreed. And this was a major council priority that they will make a good faith effort to rehire current or former community hospital Long Beach staff that were impacted by the original closure. So with that, some of the potential outcomes that we summarize in both the council letter, the staff report, if anybody wants more detail about the more technical terms that I just described, you can go to the staff report and get that additional information. But here's a just an overview of potential outcomes that may have a fiscal impact for council consideration. So of course, the big one is the seismic payment under outcome number one, we approve the lease the hospital operates, it's successful. That is our ideal situation. We would have up to \$25 million over a 15 year period. Of course, after that 15 year period, we're not obligated to contribute more to the project. So it's really \$25 million over the 45 year term of the lease and those administrative costs that we've identified for oversight. That could also include very specific types of expertise relative to health care accounting t

o review the financial reports and otherwise under outcome number two, which would involve the lease being terminated prior to the end of the 45 year lease, we still could incur a \$25 million of costs after you're 15, we could have paid our full \$25 million of seismic contributions and the lease could terminate after that at that time. So under outcome number two, we want to make sure that the public and the councils aware that we could have that same financial liability. And at some point after year 15, the operator could determine that it was no longer feasible to provide a hospital at the site. So that is a real concern of ours and we want to make sure that we're very transparent about that. But outcome number three would be that this lease is not approved tonight. And ultimately, we we shared with you that the council would decide on next steps for the property. It would not be acute care because this really is our only shot at getting that done under the deadlines that the state has imposed. But we have found out. Over the past couple of months that the carrying costs of this property, given all of its security and maintenance needs, could be anywhere from 2 to 2 and a half million a year in carrying costs until we were to either sell or lease the property for other uses. Finally, as part of the fiscal impact funding sources, so how would we offset the costs of this proposed lease? The big cost, of course, is the annual seismic retrofit payment, which in the first five years will be \$1 million per year in year six through 15 will be 2 million per year. And if you add

that all up, that's \$25 million over 15 years. Right now, staff is recommending that general fund budget reductions would pay for that \$1 million a year cost in in these years, these first years or another solution would have to be identified. It has been suggested, and we put this in the staff report as well, that previous actions taken by the council to consider including this as a public safety infrastructure asset of the city, that it may be eligible for Measure A if that are valid or if that measure is extended. So that would be an example of an alternative funding solution that's not available to us now, but could be available to us in the future. The other liabilities, of course, are the ongoing operating costs that we have for administering these complex leases. I mentioned before it could be anything from very specific types of accounting expertize. It could also be management consulting in health care administration to help make sure that we're able to assist with the seismic compliance or other business operations associated with the lease. And there could be a lease termination payment now. This is an estimate estimate of 91 million based on the city's own third party appraised value of the property as if the seismic retrofit was completed. So our appraiser took a look at the property and they calculated the value of seismic retrofit that would need to occur. And

if that retrofit was completed and the state was to license it as an acute care property, the estimate is that it could be worth as much as 91 million. That is the total potential exposure in the event that the net hospital losses, if the operator were to default, we would we we could be exposed up to the amount of the value of the property. So that is, again, an appraised value. If default were to occur, we would have to go to an open market sale and the market at that time would dictate what the true value is. So economic benefits. One other section, of course, property tax revenue, jobs and sales tax. These. Once a property is transferred from public to private, use those those numbers change. So we don't have assessed values for either property or sales tax, but we do see at least 250 jobs associated with the acute care facility. So timing considerations. There is a statement of urgency included in the staff report because we have deadlines with California Department of Public Health. And so we are recommending that that council takes action tonight and that will allow for approximately 2 to 3 weeks that when our operator has indicated they need to staff up and stage equipment in preparation for state inspections, which they have established with California Department of Public Health and and the operator has indicated that they need some certainty. They need to know that the council agrees to this long term agreement and cost sharing agreement before they make the massive capital investment of staffing up and preparing for state inspection. So in terms of addressing council, city council priorities, staff recommendation is ultimately that after those two years of extensive collaboration, of testing the market, of due diligence and working with various potential operators, we believe that this is. This proposed lease is the best opportunity to achieve the city council direction to reopen an acute care facility at a community hospital. And so we are recommending this proposed agreement tonight. And ultimately, in terms of next steps, what that might look like for the community is that if the agreement is executed, approved and executed by both parties, the effective date would be October 15th. Today, the hiring process would resume. State inspections would would take place either end of October, early November. And then, of course, once that hospital license is approved, it would be up to the operator to to open the doors. But that could be projected as early as they receive their their hospital license, with construction plans due to the state of California, what's called the Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and Development in June of 2020. So there would only be about 8 to 9 months for the city and NWN to work together and submit those detailed construction plans to suspend to continue seismic compliance work and continue operating the hospital. The good news is, is that our speed has given us an extension to operate until January one

of 2025 because they designated our construction plans as a rebuild. And so we would be able to operate or NWN would be able to operate as they go through the seismic construction to comply with state regulations through 2025. So with that, I'm going to end the staff report and answer be happy to answer any questions that you might have about the lease. And so Mayor and City Council, that is our staff report. I do want to say it took a tremendous amount of time and effort to get here and we, you know, definitely didn't do it alone. So I want to really think the mayor and the city council for giving us this direction and giving us a challenge to really do something out of the box to get to this point. I want to thank Councilmember Supernova, who has been this is at the top of his list every single week with us and has been really focusing on this. In addition to councilmembers Price and Mongo, who the three of them together have really formed kind of the

core team. Of course, our partners from NWN, you know, this is going to be run by a private entity who needed to step up and take a lot of risk on their own to do this and especially and particularly John Molina without which would not happen. We want to thank the foundation for all of their support. The California Nurses Association. And then finally, just the everyone behind me, but also in the in the audience who you don't always see for city staff, particularly John Keisler. As you can see, this is incredibly complex and the work it takes for him to really understand this and negotiate it. Rich Anthony, Oscar Orsi, Diana Tang, John GROSS and many, many, many, many others. And with that, the mayor and council, I know that was a lot, but we wanted to make sure you had an understanding of really the deal in front of you. And we are available to answer your questions. Thank you, Councilmember Supernova. Thank you and thank you. Acting city manager Tom Modica for all those. Thank. And that's where I was going to start. First to Mayor Garcia and my council colleagues for all your support and especially for the act last March of unanimously approving the interim lease agreement and the city team that Tom mentioned. Those are six key people who did all the heavy lifting on this, and four of them are right over there. But I'll mention all six in alphabetical, alphabetical order. Deputy City Attorney Rich Anthony, Director of Financial Management. John GROSS, Director of Economic Development. John Keiser Acting City Manager. Tom Modica, Deputy Director of Development Services Oscar Orsi. And also the Manager of Government Affairs who's now known as the Chief of Staff to Mayor Garcia. And that's Diana Tang. I'd also like to thank everyone for being here tonight. The stakeholders, of course, all of you. John Molina, thank you for being here tonight. I see Virgin Arbutus, the new CEO of the hospital. Thank you for for being here. And I also want to mention the CMA, the California Nurses Association. I just

looked up today when our first meeting was and it was November 8th, 2017. So that's before the item came to council. And we really appreciate all their efforts and have one of their original badges here with me tonight. I think you were these for the Belmont Shore Christmas parade in 2017. So thanks for being there for the long haul. I think I'll wait for my council colleagues in the public to speak. But I just wanted to say one thing about the concept of risk. That's been talked about, and John Keiser mentioned it in his report. I don't know of any real estate transaction that occurs without an element of risk. What I will say about the risk in this deal is that whatever it ends up being, it pales in comparison to the risk our residents are at for not having it here. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilman Price. Thank you. Councilman. Super now. Very well. Very well stated. I do. And I want to thank the council team, the city team and my council colleagues who have really provided a lot of patience as we go through this issue. This really is a city wide issue. It's a city wide asset. And although it affects the east side, primarily looking at the service area, it really extends pretty far throughout the city in terms of the patients that the hospital has serviced in the past. But I did have a couple of questions that I just wanted to get clarity on. And forgive me, Mr. Chrysler, you may have already touched upon these issues, but I just wanted to call out a few things specifically, because I know these are the follow up questions that will get at community meetings and such. So just a few, few clarifying questions I have. So on page six, you talk about the external funding. Can you share a little bit more about the grants that could be secured by the city and how that relates to what our seismic payment obligations would be? Absolutely, Councilmember. So we have a first hour seismic cap or seismic responsibility is \$25 million. If we're able to secure an outside grant and we've been we've been very active in developing what's called a benefit and cost analysis of how a hospital fits into hazard mitigation or disaster management planning so that we can go after federal grants, for instance, FEMA or the Department of Homeland Security. Those grants can be substantial. And if we're able to secure, say, a five or \$10 million grant to help reopen and then seismically retrofit this asset. So it's available in a disaster. If we were to receive \$5 million, that would just go to the project. That would go to essentially reducing the overall cost of the retrofit to both parties. If we were to get more than that after that first 5 million of external funding, maybe it's multiple grants, maybe it has to do with fundraising that's involved a capital campaign, for instance. Once we get past that first 5 million, then we would start to see our seismic cap reduced as the city. So as an example, if we were to receive two grants of \$15 milli

on, our seismic cap would be reduced from 25 to \$15 million. And that would save us as a city from using either the general fund or some other funding source. So the first 5 million goes to the project, and if there are cost overages, it could it could be the case that the \$50 million estimate for seismic

retrofit that that that our consultants established, it could increase and it could be more. So that's why the first 5 million in external funding will just carry or cover the cost of the project overall. Anything after that would reduce our cap. Okay. So if we were to get a \$15 million grant, it would in essence reduce our payments. 10 million? That's correct. Okay. And are there grants out there that are that substantial? Yes, we've actually seen as advertised. And periodically when there's unfortunately a disaster somewhere in the country, there will be a notification from the federal government about a certain amount of funding that Congress will appropriate for hazard to address the existing disaster. But then I believe it's 25% of those those grants have to go to mitigation of future emergencies. That's where we have worked with the California Office of Emergency Services at the state level to identify some of these grants. We've actually just finally completed a pretty complex benefit and cost analysis so that we would be ready to apply in the event that the next round of funding comes from Congress. So yeah, it is substantial and hospitals are really, really important assets for disaster response. So this kind of project addressing seismic issues is really looked at favorably. Okay, so I know my time is running out a little bit, so I just want to skip to a couple other questions I have and then maybe I'll circle back. You talk on page 11 about sales tax and use of the property for alternative medical. What is the alternative medical that we're envisioning that would produce sales tax revenue? What does that qualify as alternative medical? Yeah. So ultimately, that's going to be decision for the operator to decide what kinds of medical services would be eligible and practical for the site. But if there are any medical services that would also require the sale of of. You know, goods or equipment or other things. They could have a sales tax associated with them, not the services, but the complementary equipment and other sales. I see. And then lease termination payment estimated up to \$91 million. Will they still cover the seismic retrofit or no? I mean, if they if they did if they terminate the lease before the retrofit is done, what happens? Yeah. So. So ultimately, if if the lease, the seismic retrofit would have to be completed over the next few years. In fact, pad the state would require the operator meet certain deadlines, which begin with June of 2020. So if they were to terminate over the next couple of years, it would be before, you know, the seismic deadline on the city would only be maybe a couple of years into the payments, a co

uple of million dollars. So, number one, our liability would be capped by how far along in the project that they get. Number two would be it depends on how much they've invested at that time. So had they started the construction or had they realized within just a matter of months that the cost for construction may exceed their keep their capacity? So it will completely depend upon where they are in the process. You know, the way we've structured it is that there's disincentives to stretch it out and there's disincentives to to walk away. But hopefully, both parties also have incentives to stay in the deal because of the potential benefits that completing the project entail. I think let me and let me go ahead and maybe go back around and if we pick you up a thousand repairs. Thank you. I also wanted to recognize I'm not going to list everybody but everyone that's been listed and everyone that's been a part of this. Congratulations for getting us here. I know it. We have the the big R word risk, but I think it is a risk that is worth taking whenever we put our constituents and the health care needs of our community first. I had two points. So when I'm looking at option one and option three, essentially what you're saying is it's the same cost if it was for that period of time. But we're investing in a hospital versus just sitting on property. I know it's a silly question, but I just want to hear it said one more time. Yeah. Correct. Correct. In the cost of of a property that's not activated is a liability because it's not generating revenue and it's not generating public benefit. All right. Thank you for that. I wanted to ask what the hiring process would start soon. What does that process look like? Yeah, well, fortunately, we have a Pacific Gateway already working on this and we have a representative that this is underway. So we have been over the past few months collecting names of interested potential staff for the site. And if you would like, we do have more detail about what's what's happening now and to to ramp up for the inspection. Just briefly. Yeah. Okay. I'd like to introduce Lucius martin, who is our business outreach manager for Pacific Gateway. Yes. We've been onsite involved with Community Hospital as the Workforce Development Agency for the City Pacific Gateway since May of 2018. We provided 11 rapid response sessions during that time to the existing memorial care employees. Since that time, we've provided a survey to all of those that were interested in coming back to Community Hospital under the new operator, which over 250 respondents completed the survey of the 250 respondents, I would say. Half of those are Long Beach residents. Many of those folks had to temporarily move on.

But after doing this kind of work in workforce development for 15 years, I've never met another group of employees that were impacted that were so passionate about coming back to the place that they had been separated from. It's great. Thank you for. That

. One last question. I know the governor signed several bills that were very exciting recently, but I understand he did not sign the one that would extend it to 90 days before somebody could close a hospital. Is that correct? That's what that's what we understand is that he declined to sign the bill sponsored by Assembly member O'Donnell. Heartbreaking. I just wanted to publicly say that that is heartbreaking. And so in this one where it could be terminated. What's the length of time that that you guys have agreed to? Yeah. So in this case, this is this this contract. I'm not going to say supersedes it. But but the agreement between us is 180 days. So in the agreement, if there's the notice of termination, it's far longer than the state regulation. And so we can always be more strict than than the state in that case. That's wonderful. I want to thank the parties involved in making sure that we obviously this has taken us two years to get here. But having 180 days is much better for our community, not only the workers, but the residents that live there. So congratulations on this. I'm very excited to vote yes tonight. Thank you. Thank you. And council woman mango. Thank you. A lot of great work has been done. I just wanted to once again thank the community. For two years there have nearly always been someone who supports community hospital at dozens and dozens of community events and functions. We go to a month and I know that there's a group of fifth District residents, two or three in particular, that make a habit of attending all the meetings, looking to the audience. But the light's not great, so I don't see them right now. But to be there and to be able to answer questions from your your peer community members is just so powerful. So the work that you've done has just been really, really impactful. And we thank you because I can answer those same questions at community forums over and over and over again. But to hear it from their own neighbors and while I am a neighbor, they really love the passion and commitment from each other. So thank you for that and for your continued crusaders. Thank you. We have some public comments. Let me ask Larry Goodhew, Brandi Welch, Ellen Lockridge, Jackie McCann carelessly. Please come forward if I can have everyone line up, please. On the at the podium, we have Brandi Welch and Ellen Makris, please, and Jackie McKay and carelessly in that order, Mr. Goodhue. Come on, Larry. Good you address on file. I thoroughly support this. Always have. I think it's an outstanding project and I'm wondering whether or not we could get additional funding, additional federal funding. To have an expert. In psychiatry. Start looking into the conduct and the behavior. And the criminal conduct of our mayor and the councilperson from the second district. And they're in get some federal studies. To help this city and other cities identify those. Problematic people. That has cost this city so much money. In actual dollars as f

ar as a reputation. I think it's well worth. Examining that possibility we have without question. No question. Within three years, both of those individuals are going to be behind bars. The feds are already working on that. But we should not have had to wait that long for that. And unfortunately, unfortunately, my sense is the. Our city prosecutor is not the most aggressive person in the world. So the fact is, well, there are always going to be bad guys. We need some professionals to be able to identify those. And I think that this is a great place to start. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Good. Next step is Brandy. Brandy. Thank you so much for allowing me to address the council this evening. My name is Brandy Balch. I'm a registered nurse at Long. Beach Memorial, and I'm a member of the Board of Directors. For California Nurses. Association. Tonight's vote is so important and we know it's been a long time coming. First, I want to thank all of the nurses, the community. Members, the elected officials, the Hospital Foundation and others who helped get us to this. Point. It took a great deal of hard work and commitment on everyone's part. I remember when I first learned in October of 2017 that memorial. Care was refusing. To do the. Necessary seismic retrofit work at the. Hospital to keep it open. The nurses knew immediately that the closure would cause. The unnecessary suffering and anguish to their patients and this community. Without the hospital, the east. Side of Long. Beach would be left without much needed emergency medical care and mental health services. But the community refused to let it happen. The nurses and the community organized. To fight against the closure. And that's because the community fought back. That memorial care transferred the license. Meaning now. That the hospital is poised to reopen. And Molina. Grew network are on the verge of taking over the hospital. It is important to note that our fight. Over. Community opened the eyes of elected officials to the need of more legislation to

ensure other California communities. Facing a hospital closure would have. Time to mobilize. Our campaign here in Long Beach prompted important legislation. AB 1014. That would require hospitals and health care facilities to provide 180 day notice to the public before downgrading its services and or closing a facility. Well, California lawmakers. Took notice and they. Overwhelmingly approved the measure. However, I am sad to report. That Governor Newsom. Vetoes the measure this past weekend to this much important legislation. But now I. Turn to the council members. And say, we are counting on you to do the right thing. Tonight and approve this lease so we can see the doors of Community Hospital of Long Beach Open once again. Thank you. Thank you so much. Alan McCUTCHEON. Hi. My name is Ellen Markowitz. I have a couple of things to say. First, Mr. Mayor, thank you so much for keeping this going because I know we would both rather be watching the d

ebates right now. To all of you, this has been a lot of. Hard work and I am so forever grateful. I am a former employee of Community Hospital of Long Beach. I started working there in 1983. Lucius I would like to be a. Current employee of Long Beach Community Hospital, so just make sure I'm on your list somewhere. Okay. I really am so excited that the possibility exists for our little hospital to open up again because East Long Beach needs an emergency room. They need an. Emergency room and so does the rest of Long Beach, because so many emergency. Rooms are impacted. By all of these people that are. Now going over there and. The waits. At our two. Big hospitals. Wow. Bring a bring a bag lunch. When you when you go there, because it. Is a long wait. I just. Want to say thank you again for all the hard. Work. And I am anxious to start working again at my. Home away from home. Thank you. Thank you so much next week to please. Thank you. Good evening, Jackie McKay. And I just wanted to thank you for all the hard work you've already done. And I know it's a big ask financially to keep asking you to do this. I know it doesn't displace the human cost you about. Last April, my mother called and she wasn't feeling well. So ordinarily I would just drive her over to community because we live about a mile away. Unfortunately, she's a Kaiser patient. So I drove. Her to Kaiser Downey and she died in the parking lot. And she would have died either way, you know, not for nothing. She was older, but is a human cost is so much bigger than this financial thing. And I'm so grateful you guys are taking that all into consideration. So I must just please put me on the list. Thank you. Closely. Okay. Carelessly. Here. I agree that we need an acute care hospital, and I understand that everyone is emotionally attached to that location. But this business deal, it doesn't get you what you're looking for. I mean, I want to thank staff for being so candid. It's in your paperwork. If you look at this, it talks about the risks and what it's going to cost us. And if you look at outcome number two on that chart, that should be enough to stop everyone in their tracks. I mean, what that says is that at any time Mr. Molina can back out of this deal and that we owe him. We need to reimburse him for all of his investment, which is potentially tens of millions of dollars, and that the reimbursement amount is limited to and likely offset by the sale of the property. So what you get is probably just that you're going to lose this property eventually. And it even says on this number two, for several reasons this is a likely outcome. So that's from your charts. It's hard for me to understand that we would want to pursue this. To protect his investment, Mr. Molina wants an escape clause where he can walk away from it for any reason, and the city has to reimburse him. He can be purchased the property and repurpose it at any time, and we give him his investment back. So if he sees a better de

al, whether this is a viable hospital or not, he can shut it down. That that's not a good deal. How does that get Long Beach, an acute care hospital. The the risk all seems to be on the city side. Why don't we build one somewhere else? Why don't we go find someone who knows how to build these at states? And here he doesn't make any claims to be able to run a hospital or to even know how to do this seismic retrofit. So why choose a location that is fraught with risk? The overall terms of the lease make it financially beneficial for the tenant to terminate the lease at some point, regardless of whether or not the hospital is viable. That should be enough to stop you in your tracks. We're going to eventually lose this property. That is the outcome of this deal. Thank you. Vice Premier Andrews. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor. First of all, I thank my colleague, Mr. Superdog, because the fact that we know in the east and the east side of Long Beach, we need an emergency hospital. I think if you can just take a look at it and see about the homeless crisis and the mental illness that we have, you know, the closure of the community hospital. It's led to overcrowding at the emergency rooms in St Mary's and the mama hospital. This is something that's almost a necessity that all of us should

take time to look at. It shouldn't be about money. It's about human lives. And this is why I think that, you know, team has expertise and dedication to make this project work. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. Q I'm going to get I cued up again because I spent my first 5 minutes asking questions and I didn't get to talk really about how I feel about this project. So I felt the need to queue up again. You know, I think here here's how it plays out practically for a resident in and on the east side and why this is so important for us. And I have multiple personal stories, but about three weeks ago, my mother had to call 911 and our amazing fire department went and got her and helped her. And they had to transport her to Los Alamitos Hospital because that was the closest hospital. And it was it's about six a little more than six miles away from her home, whereas community hospital would have been at least half that distance. And to me, which I just shared a few minutes ago, I've got a mother who's battling breast cancer, metastasized breast cancer, and is on multiple medications and minutes matter. And so for me, not having an acute care facility, that's just my personal story. But I'm sure there's hundreds, if not thousands of stories just like that where the option is not there for East Side residents, and that's a problem. Personally, I'm grateful that we have a partner, at least one of the partners, and all of them are wonderful. But at least one of the partners has a heart for the community such that they're willing to invest in making this 90 year. Offering for the city of Long Beach continue to exist and to ensure that the historical designation of the site as

a landmark in our city continues to exist and serve the purpose for which it is known. I think it's it's really every time we want to build a new facility or we want to reinvest in a facility, some of the comments that we hear is build it somewhere else. Why don't you start from scratch and build it somewhere else? Well, I think. That's a very shortsighted argument. I say that with respect because you have to have the appropriate site and location, the financials have to work out and they have to be the location has to be in a place where it services the population that it's intended to serve. So that would mean we would need to find another site, a site of this size that's able to facilitate this type of service or offering. And that's something that we can talk all day long about, about how plentiful those opportunities are. But in reality, they are not. If such opportunities were even available, which they are not, they would be very costly for the city and for our partners to get to a position that we need them to be. I'm not saying that there's not risk involved with this deal. There absolutely is. And I'm also not saying that I'm not concerned about that risk. I absolutely am. But what I am saying is, given the import of this facility to the east side of Long Beach and to the to the city in general, it's a risk that's worth taking. And I very strongly support this item tonight. And I thank staff for educating us and taking us through the process. And on behalf I mean, I look out in the audience right now, and I have at least five of my own residents that I see sitting in the audience, several of whom live like two blocks away from me. And I see them as I walk my dog. Any one of us would be in a position where we would need emergency services. And right now our best option would be Los Alamitos Hospital, which simply does not have the capacity to take Long Beach as an additional resident or additional customer base, patient base. So thank you very much for your work, Mr. Heisler, and your team and of course, our city manager. Acting city manager for the great work that you've done. We appreciate it. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Thank you. I'll just do what I can to add to that. I want to just, again, thank our staff for the great work and the very candid staff report. I mean, we have basically all the information we need to to make a make an informed decision this evening. One also recognize and compliment my council colleagues led by Councilmember Supernova, who has been on this issue from day one. And I'm certainly here to support his efforts and the community's efforts here this evening. A lot has been said about risk here this evening. We heard that word over and over again. And it appears to me that when I weigh the risk, there are risk with any of the three options before us this evening. The staff is laid out. We went we entered into this down this road with a goal in mind to restore an acute care hospital, to meet the needs, the hea

lth care needs of the residents in East Long Beach. And provide relief for overall emergency care system in our city. A community hospital has certainly met those needs. It is situated geographically in a place that that meets the needs. And it has done so for many years. And so it's clearly an asset for our city. And for that, I'm just going to be very short and sweet. I'm willing to take the risk to save lives, to provide critical care emergency services, and restore up to 250 health care jobs in our city. I don't believe we can afford not to take this risk. And for that, I'll be supporting this item this

evening. Thank you. And before we go to the vote, I just want to say a couple a couple words. The first thing I'll say is I want to just think the incredible work that's gone into getting us to this point, not just from the staff we've done, I think, a real phenomenal job under difficult circumstances. I want to thank the this council and the body for continuing to be supportive of the reopening of community, especially, of course, Councilmember Supernova. But the entire the entire council has been has been involved and active on this issue, particularly those on the east side. I want to thank the community, the foundation, the multiple members of the community that have reached out and sat down with me to kind of talk over overall about the impacts of the hospital and its closure on the city. And I certainly want to thank the medical staff, the team, the nurses. You've been phenomenal and great partners and probably our strongest advocate, certainly in the capital in Sacramento. And we're just we're proud to stand with you in this struggle. But we know that there is going to be a good outcome on the other end of it. So I want to thank you for that. And of course, I have to thank when I meet Mr. Molina, you and your partners. The truth is that we went through a process and we went through a competitive process to get us here. This was not a decision that was made lightly. It was a decision that was made through looking and putting out interest and getting getting back interest from from from different folks and seeing what was actually viable and, and who could actually put this project and this deal together. And where we ended was and this this partnership with me, when that staff has been so supportive in promoting and ensuring that it get across the finish line. So I really am grateful to Mr. Molina and the team for their commitment to not just reestablishing an important part of our community, but really a community has been a legacy and a important part of our city's history. And so I just want to thank you for also preserving that and understanding the value of not just the emergency services, but of the history and the jobs and the connection that this site has to to our city. I also want to note that there has been a lot of work that's happened behind the scenes in Sacramento to get us here. I think, obviously, we've been engaged on t

he day to day conversations, but I can't express enough how how appreciative we are to the different agency staff that have worked hard, in particular Assemblymember O'Donnell and his team, who have been very instrumental. And I also want to thank Diana Tang for her active work in this whole process as well. And so thank you all. And of course, I am supportive and I agree there absolutely is risk. The greater risk is to leave your hospital closed. And so with that, members, please go ahead and cast her. Mr. Molina, did you I feel like you almost jumped out of your chair. Did you want to say something? Please. I'm John Molina. I am representing M.W. and I think this hospital is very aptly named. It is the community. I want to thank the nursing staff, the physicians, the medical staff, all of the other employees maybe who aren't caregivers, but support the caregivers. Everyone who came to the numerous community meetings that were held to give their input the success of this hospital, and I have no doubt it will be successful, is going to be due to that commitment of everyone in the community to band together, to revitalize an asset that is here for everyone's benefit. We didn't get into this. To make a lot of money. We didn't get into this to make it a land transaction. It was a very difficult negotiation, but it was one that John Keisler and Rich Anthony and the teams that you've all mentioned came in with their eyes open and with a goal of making things work. The thing that strikes me in hearing folks talk, both sides talk about the critics and those that are supportive. What you are doing tonight is entrusting us. To manage a city asset. And I take that trust very, very seriously, as seriously as you folks. And it is a big obligation on our part. And we will not let you down. Thank you. Thank you so much, Mr. Molina. And with that members, please go ahead and cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Can I get. Thank you. Thank you all. Can I get a motion in a second for the consent calendar, please? She continued, You have anything for consent? Okay. Please cast your votes. Councilman Andrews. Motion carries. Item 2626. Please. Communication from Councilwoman Price, Councilwoman Manga Weiss, Mayor Andrews Councilman Austin Recommendation to adopt a resolution in support of Los Angeles County's amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to take up a challenge to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Martin versus City of Boise. I know this has been heard before. Let me go to public comment, Councilman Price, unless you first. You want to speak first? No, I'm good. Okay. Let me go to public comment. Is Jordan wine here? Please come forward. Stephan Burstyn. Swallow. And then is Dirk. Where? Here. Thank you, counsel. My name is Jordan Wynn. I am the lead organizer for the Everyone in Los Angeles campaign. I'm also a sitting member of the S.O.S. Board of Long Beach. I'm here today to urge you to oppose this resolution. Actually

, the decision that was reached by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on this case, Martin versus City of Boise, was in the favor of residents who are experiencing homelessness within our cities. Lawmakers made some great strides this past year in helping aid our residents who are experiencing homelessness, most notably with the Everyone Home Task Force that assembled and gave a report in December of 2018. And there are some really great solutions that are in the works right now around housing service providing and really innovating and moving our approaches into the 21st century to request an appeal on this case and move this to try and overturn the decision that was made is frankly an affront, I think, to many of our homeless residents within the city. We are looking for the best and most innovative tools and to appeal this case and to having a decision that would be in the reverse of what the Court of Appeals decided on would make it much more difficult for us to find and help and assist residents who are experiencing homelessness. For those who don't know, this is essentially debating whether or not we can ban or cite people for sleeping on our streets. And this is kind of a conversation that comes toward civil rights as to who has access to our civil our public properties and more. So it also has to do with the way in which we're administrating services. If we're trying to create a path out of homelessness and fill the gaps and actually create a comprehensive way where we can take care of people, if we're going to start citing people for sleeping on our streets, that's just going to stand on our way. It's going to push the populations of people that we need to serve and have an obligation to serve further to the fringes. As I'm sure you are probably aware, it takes up to 17 times for our city to engage with people who are experiencing chronic homelessness before they accept services. And that number is just going to increase. If we make it harder for people to appear on our streets and receive those services and look for those services. So I urge you to oppose this resolution. The city of Los Angeles. I know this was a controversial decision that the Board of Supervisors had, and us up in L.A. have been talking about it a lot. So I really hope that Long Beach makes the better decision and better judgment and continues their steps forward to help aid our homeless residents. Thanks so much. Thank you, Stefan. Stephanie. Well, there you go. Stefan Watson, Social Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach chapter in November of last year at a Beer of Politics event and in response to an attempted anti-Islamist pogrom in the third district, Councilwoman Pryce spoke some hard truths to our residents concerning the effect of their rhetoric and behavior towards the homeless. I'm paraphrasing here, but she made a clear and unambiguous distinction between someone who is engaged in inherently criminal activity and someone who is sleeping rough. This

was an incredibly brave stance for any politician to take against loud calls by wealthy homeowners to, among other things, lock them up with both the cold logic and sound reason of a seasoned attorney. Councilmember Price explained that our Constitution guarantees due process and equal protection under the law for everyone. She told them to their faces that the LGBT lacks the legal ability to detain a person on the street unless sufficient, probable cause or reasonable suspicion exists to do so. However, it seems today that the Council is being asked to blur that distinction and to instead declare our collective support for an amicus brief that explicitly rejects the same league. This exact same legal and moral argument. In Councilman Price's memo requesting this resolution, she uses the ambiguous term regulate regarding public camping. In practical terms, this means using the police to issue citations for infractions and misdemeanors against people sleeping in public. They mean stop and frisk and warrant checks against the homeless. And if you believe anonymous officials in the Trump administration, it could even mean concentration camps. And I'm not being hyperbolic here. On September 10th of this year in The Washington Post, an article was published entitled Trump Pushing for a Major Crackdown on Homeless Camps in California, with aides discussing moving residents to government backed facilities. Specifically from that article, top officials representing the White House and Department of Housing and Urban Development arrive in California this week for a round of meetings. The president is directly involved with the initiative, officials said, and has asked for updates. Officials representing the Justice Department were also there on the tour, according to two government officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to share details they were not authorized to discuss. Among the ideas under consideration are raising existing tent camps for the homeless, creating new temporary facilities and refurbishing existing government facilities. Two other government officials said. The officials again spoke on the condition of anonymity because the planning hasn't been publicly revealed. The changes would attempt to give the federal government a larger role in supervising the housing and health care for

residents. Given the cruel and unusual. Treatment that this administration has exhibited against immigrant families while utilizing remarkably similar terminology. It is worth taking the news of this latest sadistic policy very seriously. Martin versus Boise recognized that Anti-Camping laws that kick the homeless out represent an unconstitutional, unconstitutional form of cruel and unusual punishment by. Denying individuals. The right to sleep, by having the city of Long Beach officially endorse this effort to get a reactionary. Right wing Supreme Court to overturn this landmark. Decision. Instead, please affirm the legal status and human dignity of a

ll of our residents by passing a local homeless Bill of Rights following an example set by the states of Rhode Island, Illinois, Connecticut and Colorado. Thank you. Thank you very much. Is Derek where the police? Derek, come forward. Is Katie Jay here? Katie. Gerry, please come forward. Katie. My name's Derek, where I am born and raised right here in Long Beach. My father served in the United States Navy for 25 years and served states for 20 years. I have a degree in sociology and I'm currently homeless. I'm the founder and CEO of Homeless of Possessed Land Homeless Solutions, in which we try to put homeless people to work for free of charge to any business or landlord who is willing to go into the fight of affordable housing and solve this homeless issue. For the city to adopt a resolution in support of the Martin versus Boise will be damaging to the city's reputation of being a leader in the homeless fight. I say that because as a resident of the city and in being homeless in this city, I know firsthand that. There is a criminal element that is put on homeless people because they're sleeping in public. If we, the courts say that homeless people or people sleep is a natural phenomenon. If we fall asleep in public, then we're all guilty of and we all need to be cited and go to jail, just like they do right here in Long Beach. They've been doing this for years, and a lot of homeless. People don't. Trust. Any offer of help from the city of Long Beach because they believe that if they go into the multi-service center, they're going to be cited in arrested for being homeless. That is counterproductive to what you're trying to establish as a city. So for YouTube to support that. That resolution will be counterproductive to what you're doing. Very counterproductive. You got people out here just working day in and day out, trying to do something to help alleviate this problem. And the problem is, is that not all homeless people have mental health issues. Not all of them is lazy and not all of them is uneducated. Many of those educated, many of them work for free. On a daily basis just to. Change the hearts and. Minds of people in this city. Because I know firsthand that a lot of gang leaders in this city didn't get this message, would they, getting from city hall exterminate the homeless? It's an American right to be protected, but for our possessions and be protected by the government in which we're under. And only place that we can find is protection that is on public land, because will we sleep in public and private land? The gang members are going to find this and they're going to do exactly what they've been doing, stabbing us and shooting us. While we're sleep. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker, please. Good evening. First, I would like to begin by sharing an excerpt from an article entitled Formerly Homeless MSW Alumna Giving Back to Ella's Homeless Katie J. MSW Class of 2016 experienced homelessness as a child. Sh

e now helps the homeless find permanent housing and access to mental health services. A Bay Area native. Katie did not have a traditional journey to the U.S.. Suzanne to work pick school of social work at the her parents divorce. Katie lived with her mother at the age of ten. They were evicted from their home, forcing Katie to sleep on couches and bounced between several homeless shelters. Finally, at 16, she was taken in by an aunt in Oakland. Despite attending 32 different schools, Katie received her high school diploma in 2003. Thanks to help from the East Bay College Fund. She went on to college and eventually pursued her master of social work. Katie spoke with us about her experience as a homeless youth and survivor of domestic violence, how she came to USC and her current work as a downtown Los Angeles emergency shelter. I say that because as an advocate and as a social worker practitioner, I stand before you in support of the entire homeless population community. The majority of the clients who sleep on the street are my current and former homeless clients. Shortly after this article was published in December 2017, I myself was forced into homelessness for doing what I was trying to do as a social worker practitioner. My daughter and I lost my residence of seven years where I relocated to Los Angeles from the Bay Area. During this time of homelessness, I myself had to sleep on the street as well as in my vehicle. I stand before you in support of my colleagues to oppose this ban? The homeless clients that we serve. They need the support of the county and the state to help them move forward, to become

successful, to become a success story like myself. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment. We're going to go ahead and go to a vote. And let's just count on one place to do everything else you comments. First of all, I want to thank everyone who came out tonight and taking time out of your schedule to be here. Just a few things here. Public camping is illegal in the city of Long Beach. If we want to change the law and we want to have a discussion about whether it should be illegal or not, that's a conversation that we should have. And I encourage my colleagues who are opposed to this item to bring such a discussion forward. I don't believe that my personally I don't believe that people should be able to sleep in public places when those spaces are closed. The reason for that is because residents also want to use the parks and or the beaches, and we don't have the resources to clean up these public spaces from encampments and do a sweep for public health impacts or threats every morning before kids and parents go to the park or to the beach. The police should be able to enforce the laws as they exist. If we don't agree with the laws, then we as a city council have the power to change those laws. But unfortunately, in the five years that I've been here, I've heard a lot of support for our police officers not enforcing the law. But no

t once have I heard a council colleague bring an item to say this particular conduct shouldn't be illegal at all. Right now it is illegal and our police officers are not able to enforce the laws that exist on our books today. They are in a difficult spot. When we have it is not illegal to be homeless. Absolutely not. And the city should do everything in its power to help support our homeless community. We should offer services. We should offer housing. We should offer as our quality of life division does in the East Division. They bring people to the courthouse that I supervise. And Mr. Stephan knows this. I don't know where he went. I actually walk those individuals into court and I have the judge recall their warrants so that the quality of life officers can drive them to a facility so they can start rehab. I've done that probably about ten or 15 times so far, and that's something that gives people an opportunity to move forward. But it's because of their warrants that they can't get in the system. They're not being arrested on those warrants by our quality of life officers. They're having those warrants recalled. If you don't leave or accept services and it's illegal to be in a particular place, you should be cited and you should be given the opportunity to accept the services that the city provides. Living in a public space is illegal because the very things associated with living can cause unintended dangers. When bathrooms are closed, the only place where human feces can go is on the public space. When we don't have access to areas where people can. Relieve themselves. It impacts neighborhoods unintentionally, but it does impact neighborhoods. If people are using drugs. Not that all homeless individuals do, but if people are using drugs, there is always a risk of needles being left behind or drug residue being left behind. We recently had an incident where pets were being rushed to the emergency room because they had consumed methamphetamine that had been left behind in an area where there was a homeless encampment. So there are a lot of public health dangers and risks associated with camping and public property. The city does not have the resources to clean those areas as efficiently as I wish we could. I think some of the controversy that has been stirred up as a result of this discussion and certainly was the subject of the L.A. County discussions, is exactly the reason why we need the Supreme Court to clarify this issue. Every city is dealing with this issue, which is why multiple cities and multiple jurisdictions have signed on to file the amicus. We are not joining in the amicus. We're just passing a resolution to support our colleagues in L.A. County who have weighed in on this issue because of the impacts that they've seen throughout the county. So I ask my colleagues to support this item, and again, I urge my colleagues who are opposed to this item. If you don't think that camping in public parks when those parks are closed should

be illegal. Please, let's have that discussion. But that's not what tonight's item is about. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes. You know, I listen to my counsel wrestling with this item and it kind of gets me very close because the fact that, you know, we talk about public parks and things of that type, this is where most of my homeless people in my district, that's where they camp out. I know we don't have enough room to incarcerate these individuals because the fact that they're homeless. We know that we're in a crisis. But this crisis has to be where we have to take responsibility ourselves to help these individuals. And as much as I respect my colleagues with this, we have to find a way we know we in a crisis also. But to say to incarcerate someone because of a situation of being homeless, I can't go along with that. I know we are that. We are what we call we are the keepers of our city. We have to sit up and make decisions. And our decisions, I don't

think, has to be in for any form of incarceration, because that's not what brought them to become homeless. Homeless came about not because of them, you know, wanting to be homeless because of the fact that other issues came about to make them homeless. So now we're going to have to come with a situation where we can help these individuals. And I know what those individual could be as individuals, you start losing a few paychecks and see what happened. So I'm just I just can't really go along with this as much as I you know, I respect my colleague and I hope we can come up with something even better. Thank you very much, Councilman. Councilman Austin. Thank you very much. I want to, first of all, thank those who came out and commended every one of your your words were very heartfelt and taken seriously by this council member. So I want to just just say, Derrick, I've got your outreach on Messenger a couple of weeks ago. I look forward to following up on the conversation with you and certainly empathize and and feel that the stories. I think there's a lot of hypotheticals being thrown out here. And this is a resolution about an amicus brief on the Supreme Court that may go to the Supreme Court or may not be heard by the Supreme Court . I've heard hypotheticals about people being incarcerated for being homeless. I don't think we've. Oh. Gotten there yet? I would have. And I did hear that, you know, Long Beach is making great strides. I know we're going to continue to make great strides. I mean, there's nothing. Oh. In what's being proposed tonight that says that we're going to turn the course in terms of our, ah, our approach to homelessness. I think we are looking at a multi-pronged approach. I think we need to, to, ah, to be very, very assertive in terms of solving this, this crisis. I think Long Beach is also going to be very continue to be very compassionate when it comes to dealing with our population experiencing homelessness. I know our law enforcement officers are

doing that. The city council has put forth resources to try to put public safety. Officers and firefighters. Through our hard team and quality of life officers who are doing outreach on a daily basis and complimenting our health department outreach workers. I think it was noted. And I'm sorry I forget your name, but it was noted that it takes up to 17 contacts to bring somebody into services. Right. And the way I look at this is that we should be using tools to you to bring that number down. Right. 17 contacts is too many times. But if somebody experiencing homelessness knows that, hey, you know what? There is a carrot and a stick. You know, I might do better going into talking to somebody or going into a shelter and getting help. That is where we should be really working to motivate individuals to go toward. And so I don't see the harm here in supporting this amicus brief. Our county supervisor, Janice Hahn, is somebody who is extremely compassionate, somebody who's worked very diligently on this issue throughout her district. Mark Ridley-Thomas is somebody who I have a great deal of respect for. These individuals voted in support, right? They led the effort and they are leading voices, not just in the county but also in the state on this issue of homelessness. And and for that, I'm going to support this. Again, I think we need to have the tools. I think we need to have a multi-pronged approach. I don't support incarcerating anybody for being homeless. That's not what this proposes to do. I don't see that as going in that direction, and I don't think this council would support that type of activity or that type of action. We're saying that we need to have more tools. We need to have a little bit more enforcement and and motivation for for individuals to get off the street and get into services. And that's one way that we're going to help solve this issue of homelessness. Thank you, Councilmember Turanga. Thank you, Mary. You know, we had a discussion last week and we talked about the tools. We have the tools. And this what this abacus does basically is puts us on the level of trying to criminalize homelessness. I totally oppose that. I would be. I will be opposing this resolution when I drive around the city, when I drive to L.A. or when I drive to Santa Ana. I see the big problems there. We don't have that here in Long Beach is one of those things where, like, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. What we're trying to do here is trying to work with homeless people. I agree with Councilmember Austin. We have to have a multi-pronged approach. This approach right here is not part of that solution. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. And then we'll go to the vote. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Okay. So a couple of questions. Here are a couple of comments here. And I agree with Councilman Austin. I mean, the goal isn't to incarcerate anybody. For those of us who work in the criminal justice system, I cannot begin to tell you how many collaborative programs are availa

ble collaborative court programs, rehabilitation programs, mental health diversion programs. I, I have never seen somebody incarcerated and in my experience for like a trespass on a public property, the prosecution's office, I know there's a lot of misconceptions about what prosecutors do,

but we work hand in hand with the public defenders on people that have homelessness issues to try to work with them on that. The point of this is that we shouldn't. If people are sleeping in public spaces, we should have tools as a city to be able to enforce our laws. Now. Most of the time that enforcement means a citation and an admonishment to the person that it's a public park and they can't be there if the individual happens to have warrants. There is a possibility that they would get arrested, but that's up to the discretion of the officer. And in that case, they would be taken to the Long Beach jail, where they would have the opportunity to interface with our jailhouse clinician and further get advice and guidance on options for rehabilitation and services. And that's all before any cases even presented to the district attorney's office for review. But I'm hearing from my colleagues and I understand where we're at as a council, I respect the fact that we may not all see this issue from the same perspective. That's one of the things I love about our city. It's very diverse and we have different perspectives. What I'd like to do is instead of a resolution, the motion that I'd like to make is just to write a support letter as opposed to a resolution, because I think a support letter supporting L.A. County's vote is. L.A. County's actions perhaps sits better with some council colleagues, and maybe not. Maybe that difference doesn't matter to them. But I would like to request that this item be a support letter as opposed to a resolution. Okay. Members, Castro voted to change this from a resolution to a support letter of the L.A. County action. Please cast your votes. But we are close to 630 as possible. So let's will begin and go through the rest of the agenda as we move forward. So we're going to hear item 20. Third 23, please first. Item 23 A Communication from Mayor Garcia. Recommendation to approve the expenditure of 15,000 and the General Fund group as a reward for information to solve the murders of Maurice Poe, Junior, Melvin Williams, the Second and Ricardo Torres on October 29, 2019. Thank you. We are at the last council meeting. I know we had a strong moment of silence and remembrance for these individuals who lost their lives on October the 29th. We've, of course, know that the Long Beach Police Department is working incredibly hard with all of our resources into ensuring that we that we solve and bring justice to the families and to all those involved. On the horrific tragedy and shooting that occurred on October the 29th. I'm asking the council to to match and working with the county board of Supervisors the \$15,000 that they are putting i

n to that, we have a total of \$30,000 that that is set aside into a fund to reward anyone with information to solve the murders of Marist Poll Melvin Williams and Ricardo Torres. The Board of Supervisors is also taking action or just took action today. And so that will that fund will be, of course, as worked an administrator through our Long Beach Police Department. And this was also at their request. And so they have been working with the board and with our office to get this in front of all of you. And so with that, there's a motion and a second if you're going to do a public comment on this. Councilmember Pierce. Councilwoman Price members, please cast your votes. Okay. CHEERING, Please. We're going to do a hearing here in ten. Or from public works recommendation or supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the portion of Maple Way between Long Beach Boulevard and Alamo Court District to. Mr. Walker. Craig back and Josh, Joshua Heckman will be presenting. Thank you, Mayor, and members of city council. We're here this evening to talk about a vacation of Right of Way in support of a development project. And I would like project manager Joshua Hickman to go through some of the details. Joshua. Hey. Good evening. My name is Joshua Heckman and the Public Works Department. And here to give you a real brief overview of why we're here tonight, the project is vacating an alley as the staff report notes. And the alley is to or the vacation is to accommodate a development project in the area. The project has been through the Planning Commission where a general plan conformity finding was approved and the item was heard on October 1st. The the alley was intention to vacate was approved back on October 1st. And we are now here to move forward with the vacation. There's a motion, and a second is Mr. Goodhew. Control. Okay. See no other. I don't believe any other folks are applicants for speaking on this item. Is that right, Mr. Monica? Ready to go. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. A hearing. Item eight is a longer hearing. So we're going to move on to the next item on the agenda. It's not 630 yet, which will be general public comment. And so I want to go ahead and call it the first few speakers. Ocean carries item. 15. A report from Economic. Development, Health and Human Services. Recommendation to adopt a resolution declaring a shelter crisis and authorize the operation of one winter seltzer for the period of December 1st through March 31st, 2021. Thank you. There's a motion to second. Is there any public comment on this item? Mr. Goodhew. Gary

Shelton, want to speak to this. See here, Miss Cantrell of Jordan. Are you speaking to this? And while you're coming up, let me actually get a short staff presentation. I know this is an annual important move that we make, and I think it's critical, especially as we move towards building a more permanent shelter and municipal

shelter as well. Mr. MODICA Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Absolutely. This is one of the more important things that we do every winter. So with that, Sergio Ramirez, our deputy director of economic development, will give the report. Thank you, Tom. Mr. Mayor and council members. I'll try to be as brief as possible. We've identified a location for this year's 2019 winter shelter at 1718. Through 1722 Hays Avenue in Council District one. The property was actually purchased earlier this year using homeless emergency aid program funding. The premises of the property or the premises is approximately 54,000 I'm sorry, 5400 square feet. This year, the terms of the lease will be between December 1st, 2019, to March 31st, 2020, in order to. Open at the Homeless shelter. By our target date, the site requires the adoption of a resolution declaring a shelter crisis, allowing provisions of local law to be suspended so that the shelter can open in a timely manner. Staff recommends adoption of the resolution declaring a shelter crisis spending apple-google provisions of local law. Authorizing the operation of a winter shelter program for a period of December 1st, 2019, through March 31st, 2020. And authorize the city manager designee to execute the lease agreement, including all necessary documents. Amendments with United States Veterans Initiative for the property at 1718 three 1722 Hayes Avenue as a winter shelter. That concludes our report. Be happy to answer any questions. Jordan, please go ahead. Jordan wins second district president. I'm glad that you guys are opening up the winter shelter once again. Glad that this could come together. I do want you to take a quick look at what the property looks like and think about also the meaning of what a shelter crisis is, the fact that we have so many people that are living on our streets right now that need immediate housing assistance that we need to open this up. I hope and pray for David one day when Long Beach will no longer need the winter shelter. In order to do that, we are going to need steady and sufficient resources to help our homeless population in Long Beach. This includes investment into long term, supportive and affordable and bridge housing programs, along with jobs, training programs and other important, consistent services that our city needs to fund. We have our own continuum of care, and I happen to sit on the board of that continuum of care for Long Beach. This means that we administrate our own homeless services division, and it means that we receive our own separate federal funding for this. Federal funding is very inflexible. It goes towards very few resources, as I'm sure most of you know. And so I just want to once again voice my support, of course, for this winter ordinance and winter shelter. But I also want to stress the importance of creating supportive, affordable and bridge housing and having a consistent source of funding locally so that we can create these things and once

and for all, end homelessness in Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion in a second. Unless you have any comments concerned. Nope. Please cast your votes. Bush and Kerry. Thank you. We have three hearings today, so we're going to go and begin our hearings. Our first hearing is hearing item number 11. Item 11 is a report from Economic Development recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Concluded the public hearing and Adobe a resolution containing the Fourth Street Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Levy for the period of October 1st, 2019 through September 30th, 2020, and authorizes city manager to extend the agreement for a one year term district to. And there's a motion in a second on the hearing. Let's begin with the staff report. We have Eric Romero from Economic Development doing a brief report. Good evening, mayor and members of the city council. The fourth Street Parking and Business Improvement Area, also known as a business improvement district, was established by the City Council in 2007, allowing for the level of an annual assessment to be paid by businesses located in the district. The city contracts with the Fourth Street Business Improvement Association to manage the Business Improvement District and the Fourth Street Business Improvement Association's Board of Directors serves as an advisory board to the City Council on matters related to the district state law governing this district requires that an annual report be approved by the City Council. The annual report describes boundaries, proposed activities and budgetary information, as well as a method and basis for the continuation of the assessment. The annual report proposes no change to the district boundaries or method of living the assessment. The proposed activities will focus on marketing, special events and maintenance

and beautification to continue the Levys assessments. State law requires that a public hearing be held on the proposed program and assessment. And it's October 22nd, 2019 meeting. The City Council approved a resolution granting approval of the annual report, declaring the intention of the City Council to levy the assessment and set today as the date of public hearing. City Council shall here and consider all protests from area businesses against the assessment program and boundaries of the area as proposed in the annual report. This concludes my staff report. I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thinking, I. Let's see. On this item I have Mr. Goodhue, Ms.. Control. Ms.. Christiansen. I don't see here consumer appears. I'm sorry, Ringo. Okay. Members, just go ahead and cast your vote. Bush and Kerry during 12. Item 12 Report from Economic Development Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution containing the Bigsby Nos parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Levy for the period of Tober first 2019 through Septe

mber 30, 2020, and authorize the city manager to execute the agreement for one year term District seven and nine. It's remarkable. Eric Romero from. Economic Development something the staff report. The big, you know, marketing and business improvement area, also known as the Business Improvement District, was established by the City Council in 1989, allowing for the levy of an annual business license assessment to be paid by businesses located in the district. The city contracts with the Bixby North Business Improvement Association to manage the district and the Bixby North Business Improvement Association's Board of Directors serves as the advisory board for the City Council on matters related to the District. State law governing this district requires an annual report be approved by the City Council, and your report describes boundaries, propose activities and budgetary information as well as the method and basis for the continuation of the assessment. The annual report proposes no changes to the district boundaries or the method of leaving the assessment. The proposed activities will focus on events, member outreach, business retention and recruitment and marketing and branding to continue the levy. The assessment state law requires that a public hearing be held on the proposed program and assessment at its October 15, 2019 meeting. The City Council approved a resolution granting approval of the annual report, declaring the intention of the City Council to levy the assessment and set today as the date of public hearing. City Council shall here and consider all protests from area businesses against the assessment program and boundaries of the area as proposed in the new report. This concludes my staff report. I am happy to answer any questions. I don't think this Christiansen or Ms.. Control or Mr. Goodhew no comment on this. So we're going to go ahead and. Councilman. Officer, any comments? No. Councilman Hearing any comments, please cast your votes. Bush and Kerry. By the way, for the record, it's district eight. And that may. Action hearing, which is hearing next 21, I. Believe. Report from fire recommendation received supporting documentation under the record, conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the master fee and charges schedule for standby fire safety officer fees related to special events and filming citywide you. It's going to give you a public comment on this. Mr. Monica Short staff report. Yes, short staff report by Deputy Fire Chief Matt Grandison. Honorable Mayor and council members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight. On September 3rd, 2019. Council approved the master fee schedule. Included in the fee schedule were two fees for the fire safety officer. These two fees originally incorporated a full staff recovery costs, consumables and equipment maintenance. Today's hearing is to amend those two fees. The revised fee will provide full cost recovery for staffing costs. Only the cost asso

ciated with consumables and equipment maintenance are to be removed and will be included in the citywide. Fee schedule being conducted by financial management. This concludes the presentation. I'm available for questions if you have any. Thank you to Councilman Price. Anything. Thank you. I support this item and I would encourage us to look at maybe lowering the permit fees for the Belmont Shore Christmas parade. If it's not too late. I'm not sure which fees were calculated into their permits, but maybe there's some opportunity for negotiation on that. From Ringo. Okay. There's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you. We're now going to public comment, so I'm going to call the first five speakers, Larry Goodhew, Alex Armstrong. Joanne Quast than Helena Miller Smith and Karin and Joan, if they can, please come forward in that order. So we're still a ways away from that. Okay. So we are going back and now we're going to hearing item number 20. And if I can ask people to exit quietly, just out of respect to

the rest of the meeting, please exit quietly. Report from and services recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Adopt resolution certifying the revised program Environmental Impact Report. Adopt a resolution adopting the updated plan. Use elements of the Long Beach General Plan. Adopt resolution. Adopting the new urban design elements, the Long Beach General Plan and adopt resolution to submit amendments to the California Coastal Commission for approval citywide. Q Thank you. There is a. Can I get a second on this motion? Mr. Modica. I need everyone to please quiet as they exit. And if we can just exit and close the doors on our way out, that would help us facilitate the meeting. Thank you. I'm sorry. Linda Tatum, director of development services, will be doing the staff report. Yes, Mayor, I'd like to introduce the project team. We make sure that we close those doors on our way out, please. Just so that we can. Q. We'll just give. We will. That's a good suggestion. Just give it a quick minute. Please exit if you can expeditiously. And we will continue the meeting. Okay. I just need everyone to if we can please keep those doors closed and we need to continue the meeting. Aron members of the Council, I'd like to introduce the project team who have been working diligently on this project for the more than the previous five years. That is planning manager Christopher Koontz and the lead staff planner. Allison. Spindler. Ruiz and Ms.. Spindler. Ruiz will be making the staff presentation for this item. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the Council. I'm here to present staff recommendation on the land use element and urban design element of the City of Long Beach General Plan. To provide a bit of context. The Council recall that the city of Long Beach is general plan as a policy document required by state law, which establishes the goals and policies that will guide

future growth and development in the city through the year 2040. The general plan land use element for short has not been updated since 1989. The scenic route element is an optional element that was originally adopted in 1975 and has not been updated since that time. The urban design element, or UDC for short, is a new optional element introduced as a companion element to the L'ue. While the L'ue, it deals with the use of land. Urban design element deals with the stuff and between the public realm and is intended to replace the scenic routes element with more contemporary urban design principles that will enhance quality of life in the city and the esthetics of its neighborhoods. Our general plan Land Use Element Update began in 2004 and the Council will recall that on March six, 2018, the City Council voted a public hearing to approve the final general plan land use element, place type and height maps and directed staff to update the program air, which is what brings us back here this evening. Significant changes were made to the place type and height maps, culminating in the approval by council in March 2018. Those changes included reductions in place type intensity and or maximum height allowance compared to previous versions of the maps. These reductions took place at various locations throughout the city, particularly in East Long Beach, near the traffic circle, middle shore, Wrigley and North Long Beach. On the east side, a majority of place type changes went to more community commercial, which are commercial only, and move away from the mixed use place types in the plan. So the revised programing and updated plan text before you reflect those final maps you approved last year. And the plan text had to be updated in order to show the changes that were made to the maps, as well as issues raised in the environmental review process. What's before you also reflects the Planning Commission's recommendation in October for the project before you today? A reminder that the EU in the EU plan goals, which are listed here on the side, generally aim for Long Beach to have a more sustainable future, to improve mobility choices, expand transit access, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and accommodate growth projections in accordance with state law. The proposed L'union Udeh accommodates the city's population and employment projections through the horizon the year 2040, while also advancing general plan goals for open space, active living, improved urban design, sustainability and overall quality of life. The plan includes supportive policies and implement ACT implementation actions to meet those goals as well as monitoring and report back requirements built into the plan. The proposed Alawi introduces the concept of place types to replace our current approach of segregating property within the city through traditional land use designations and zoning classifications. Place types divide the city into distinct neighborhoods, allowing fo

r greater flexibility and mix of compatible land uses within these areas to create more complete neighborhoods and sustainable development patterns. The urban design element helps ensure that

the physical aspects again have more appropriate scale and massing that improve urban fabric and public places. The map change was approved by council last year. We're considered significant new information under the California Environmental Quality Act or sequel. As a result, we were required to recirculate the air, which was done this past year, and as part of the process, staff had to make technical changes to both plan text to align and ensure consistency with the MAP changes and the revised environmental analysis. Those changes are all detailed in the attachment j of your packet. Similar to the 2016 air, the revised E.R. analysis found that all impacts can be reduced to a less than significant level, with adherence to standard conditions and prescribed mitigation measures, with the exception of impacts in four areas air quality, global climate change, noise and transportation. Though map intensities were reduced, environmental impacts remained similar. The only new impact found to be significant and unavoidable relates to noise. The 2016 air did not find noise impacts to be significant, but given the timing and extent of future construction, related noise is unknown. The revised air finds us to be significant and unavoidable. But this is simply a more conservative analysis. Pursuant to secure all required environmental impacts have been considered and mitigation measures have been incorporated to reduce or minimize potential environmental effects to the maximum extent feasible. There are various requirements related to general plan consistency. This plan is designed to work for the two elements to work together and upon adoption will be consistent not only with each other, but all other elements of the general plan and with all required state regulations as shown on the slide. A much more detailed consistency analysis is provided in attachment eight of each of your packet. The recirculated draft air was circulated for public review for an extended period of 60 days between June and August 2019, including not only all legally required notification, but significant additional notification to all previous interested parties on this project. We received 17 comments on the air during the comment period. No significant changes nor new information was required in response to those comments that would have required recirculation. Leading up to the meeting tonight, we received two additional comments from the public, which were included with the city clerk and as well as a handful of inquiries and questions for clarification. Adoption of value in the EU sets a broad policy framework, but much needs to be done to implement this plan. Value contains 110 city wide implementation measures and various neighborhood strategies. The another 27 implementation strategy. I

s updates to the zoning code will be a primary means of implementation, including development of new zones to implement the place types. This will be phased in geographically with deep and various types of community engagement, as we have been doing with the plan process in North Palm Beach as well as the cap. In addition to developing new zones, other updates to development standards and procedures will be made to the code. And the cap is actually a mitigation measure of the QE as well. And it will help us with many of the sustainability related policies and implementation actions included in the Louis the Council recall. We're pretty far along on the cap in drafting our framework of how to create a more sustainable and resilient city. Given that 95% of our emissions come from transportation and building sectors and Long Beach land use regulations are critical to our ability to achieve our city's climate goals, such as through creation of complete communities, to allow people to drive less, create more efficient housing and buildings, and preserve open space. But that here again is the recommendation to. Certify the revised program. Iir adapt the updated land use element to the general plan replacing the 1989 land use element. Adopt the new urban design element, repealing the scenic roots element and adopt a resolution for us to submit amendments to the general plan to the California Coastal Commission. With that. I thank you. And staff stands ready to answer any questions. Thank you. I'm going to public comment for the making of the motion. So we have Mr. Goodhue and control carelessly. Janet And whether there's ten speakers. Larry Goodhue and Control cordless lead, Janet West and Lynnette Firenze. Sorry about that. They'll pick these line up at the podium in that order. Mr. Goodhue, your first. You're not speaking. Okay, so Ms.. Cantrell was first. Nope. Mostly. What? Go ahead, Mr. Europe. Okay. Well, first, I want to acknowledge the moment, because this is a huge body of work. And thousands of hours of staff time and public time were involved in that. And here we are at the point of adopting it. I will say that in terms of what was learned in this, what did we learn? We learned that people care about zoning, that they want outreach, they want to be included, and that they care about the major life investment, which is their home and their neighborhood. A lot of the work that went on was focusing on the police type maps. Not everyone was satisfied with the maps as they were approved. I know District two and District six still had issues with them, but the negotiations

did occur and the product is better because of it. Personally, I learned some new vocabulary. I found out in this that I am a NIMBY and a NIMBY is not in my backyard. But in fact, I was just trying to protect the students at Milliken from increased density. The things that remain, that are still a problem. Program ideas. Negative declarations. Substituting for real year. Where we

identify the potential consequences and have solutions. Things that matter. The traffic and the parking. The hazmat. Thank you. State intervention is still a problem. Thank you very much. The problem and the mobility element was control. Good evening. I have some questions about this. As I understand it, the transportation. Element of this is to build along transit lines both present and future. And I'm concerned that any place you put a bus line will allow you to build 5 to 10 story buildings. I feel this destroys the neighborhood. I still remember the cracker boxes, and I think this. Relates to what we did back in the nineties with. Over building and density and crime. I also am not sure I thought that Cecil. Area was exempt from this, but I was told today that it's been included again. Could somebody on staff. Answer the question as to whether c support is included in this I eui. Thank you. And it was, please come forward. First, it's unconscionable that you're giving us 90 seconds to speak on a plan that's going to change this city forever. The transit oriented development says that it is for metro line stations, as well as existing and future bus shuttle and other mass transit routes and stations. That is not reflected on the map. According to state law, the maps and the text have to be consistent. So you're this plan. This whole plan is not following state law. And those of you who vote for it are going to be violating state law. People still talk about the cracker box fiasco. This will be ten times worse. But people don't know who the council members were who voted for it. I'm proposing a wall of shame for everybody who votes for it. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, Lynnette frenzy. And if we can, please have Lee Lee for coffee. Neil Rotunda man Eichner. Coleen MacDonald, please all line up in that order, please. Good evening. I have four changes that I hope you approve in Council District six. One is change the height from 3 to 2 stories at the northwest and northeast corners of spring and Pacific Avenue in the CC place type. This request does not need a place to change, only a height map change from 3 to 2 stories. This will allow the CC zone and Wrigley to be treated the same as other zones throughout the city, especially in Council District four and five. Number two, change the height on the east side of Pacific Avenue from 28th to Spring Street from 5 to 3 stories. This request is also not need a place to change, only a change of the height map from 5 to 3 stories. This change will be consistent with the Midtown specific plan that you approved in 2016 that allows three stories in 36 feet in the corridor district. Number three, change a height from 10 to 5 stories on the north side of PCH between Lucas and Pacific Avenue. In the toddler place type, this change will also allow consistency with a midtown specific plan. This area was two stories in 2007. Five in 2015. Not ten was proposed. Please maintain the five story height in this two

block area and not allow an eight story increase in ten years. In last change, the height from 7 to 5 stories on both sides of Pacific Avenue from PCH to 19th. And change the place type on the east side of Cedar AV from PCH to 19th, from top to end. That's it. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good evening, mayor, vice mayor and council. I'm here to support Lynette Frances. Her proposal to reduce the heights in some areas of Wrigley. This is a compromise that still allows growth. She wants what we all want that future growth. Be responsible. Thank you. Vice Mayor Andrews and your staff are listening to our concerns. On a separate note, I'm hoping that you all, as council members, when you discuss this behind the rail, that there be some way to safeguard and assess new developments. That the progress we make can be evaluated in any problems be addressed so that we are maintaining the quality of life for our residents. I believe it was Councilwoman Pryce that brought it up at the last meeting, and I hope you all as a body can discuss this further. How to address problems quicker than what happened in the past, particularly in regards to was mentioned before Cracker Box Apartments. From what. I've read in the past news articles. It took that city council way too long to stop those badly planned developments from continuing. I'm hoping that this council finds a way to address these kinds of unforeseen problems. Thank you all for your time and consideration and thank you. No good time to. Yes. My name is Neil Tag. I'm a retired law professor and I'm here in support of the Wigley group that has been working very, very diligently, patiently and persistently with the city about detailed changes in the Wrigley area. I'm also channeling Linette Ferrante. She didn't get to finish number four, so I'm going to read that. Number four, change the height from 7 to 5 stories on both sides, the Pacific Avenue from

PCH to 19th Street, and change the place type on the east side of Cedar Avenue from PCH, 19th Street, from transit oriented development to in founding and contemporary neighborhoods, except the first four lots north of PCH that shall remain within toddler with a 2 to 5 story limit on those matters. Now, these have been submitted in writing. They are for specific, very modest suggestions. And again, as a result. Of. A significant. Participation effort over years, I think I actually came here and gave a comment two years, two or three years ago, and I don't recognize half the members of the city council. But my point is, this is a long, concerted effort, an effort by members of the Wrigley neighborhood to improve the quality of life. Working very patiently and diligently with the city. I would encourage you to consider this to take into account that persistence in your consider in your detailed considerations. Thank you. Thank you very much. I don't. Good evening. Honorable mayor. Vice Mayor, council members. I'm gonna ignore. I'm a six

th district resident as Neal was saying is one that was seeing as we were saying, we've been doing this for a long time. We've been very, very diligent through these years. And I've learned a lot. And I've got a lot of I've spent a lot of time with the vice mayor and staff. I've talked to you guys a lot, and thank you all for all the help in answering all my questions. I understand that Playscape changes require new art. New e r e i ars. We are asking for a one place per type change and that's the reduction on Cedar Avenue from which was once the founding and contemporary neighborhood, the very first air that was done. And then it was changed to the seven story. And we'd like to put back because it is a single family neighborhood put back to founding and contemporary neighborhoods. And we've always been told through all the years that you can lower heights and it's a lessening of impact. So therefore it does not require a new air. And plus, we had already done an air of that the first round of the year. So please hear us as one last time and consider our requests. It's our last stand. Thank you. Thank you. I'm calling McDonald. Thank you. Garcia Good evening. Council Members Well, I would just be regurgitating what Lee, Leonard, Mona and Neil have just said. We're asking for three height, three changes on the height map. Very small areas of Wrigley. And then the one place type change to recognize the actual nature of Cedar Avenue. So those are I'm not going to read what I brought. I just hope that that it can be achieved tonight. So thank you very much. And. Good evening. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. I had. I said, you can't. I want to thank men. I want to thank staff for the great report and all of the hard work. This has been a laborious process, but also one that was mentioned here by in public comment, one that is also, I think shall be the passion from for many of our residents throughout the city who were involved in this process. I think there was a lot of compromise. This isn't a perfect document. I don't think the land use element before in 1980 was was perfect. I'd be interested to know what percentage. Or how much was actually realized in that land use element today from staff. Do you have any idea in terms of the planning that was was laid out in the element and how much of that was actually realized or done? So, Councilmember, I can't give you a number. I can tell you there's concepts on that plan, including the rebuilding and renaissance in downtown, that the crafters of that 1989 plan got spot on and completely came true. There's other items in that plan talking about growth in other parts of the city, sort of outside of downtown, that they completely missed the mark because they felt that there would be growth in housing and goods and services, but that that would be in these one and two story buildings that the world evolved and that didn't come to be. So it's a plan that both was very successful and what i

t had to say about downtown and also really missed the mark on the rest of our city. And while downtown is very important, it's 2% of a very large, diverse city with a lot of important neighborhoods and shopping districts. So we think that this this plan is more comprehensive and will achieve our goals throughout the whole city. But I think the more important difference is in this council's action last year you had specific direction. So this plan will be monitored yearly by the Planning Commission and we'll be coming back every other year to provide updates to this Council. So it will be a living document. And as we need to make adjustments, we'll make adjustments so that every community achieves their goals. Thank you. And what I think I heard is that this is an imperfect science. There's a lot of guesswork here and there are a lot of variables that that need to fall in place for for this to actually come to fruition. I'm hopeful, because I know we need to build more housing. We need to be smarter with how we we build our housing. Transit corridors are very, very important. And if we don't get it done in our general plan, Sacramento may get it done for us. And so I'd like to have as much local control as possible, and I encourage my colleagues to support

this document tonight. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes, ma'am. Thank you. I would like to thank the staff who work with me and my constituents here in the sixth District. You know, the land use element. You know, I know that we are not necessarily making drastic changes to the map tonight, but I want to share my comments and provide instructions to the staff about how they implement the plans and the zoning in the sixth District. Based on my review and all of the information and the valuable feedback from a residents like Annette Manley and Mrs. Colleen. I have comments on four areas, but I do not want to submit this and I do want to submit this into record. When the development of oppose this is number one when a development is proposed is considered when northeast, the northwest northeast corner of Spring and Pacific Avenue. I would like the staff to apply a zoning height of two stories instead of three. This height would be approximately next to nearby residents and two stores is typical the retail commercial use number two. Similarly, when a development proposal is considered along Pacific Avenue from 28th Street to Pine Street, apply the three storey height of the five story. This stretch is adjacent to the veterans park and this approach is consistent with how small lodged and treated in the Midtown Special Plan. Number three, also along PCH, from Locust Avenue to Pacific Avenue. Let's keep a five story. Let's keep it five story height established in the mid-term special plan. Rather than the ten story, you know, content that this is provided in an important high transmission to the nearby residents, including a single family housing. And number four, lastly, when the devel

opment proposal is considered for the area north, the Pacific Coast Highway, that does not include properties with frontage on PCH on east sides of Cedar Avenue and both sides of Pacific Avenue and south of 19th Street. Apply a five story approach instead of the seven story to reflect recent community discussion and a better consistency with the surrounding Midtown Special Midtown Special Plan on Cedar. I'd rather I really want to use to be cautious and to preserve the single family type look that exists. These approaches to implement the plan will provide important esthetic benefits from the community but but will not change the map on his environmental analysis application that these comments will still bring housing we need but will do so with a good design. Staff can follow up tonight the actions and letters to my office. I will share with the community and the document of this approach. And thank you very much. It comes from Virunga. Thank you, Mayor. Just one question that you had on Slide 11. Bullet three, you have steps in project implementation. You have a phased update to the zoning code as the primary means for implementation. There were many there were some questions asked during the QE process about equestrian zones. In terms of leaseholder zones, how is that going to be is going to be addressed here or how is that going to be incorporated into this plan? Circle Council Member Thank you for the question. And we do have some equestrian property in the city and they've been involved in this process. So in the general plan, which is general in nature, because there's a citywide plan, we have this category, founding and contemporary neighborhood that has our single family areas, our duplex areas, our lowest density housing, and it provides some citywide discussion and framework and standards for those. But then in any given neighborhood, you have very specific issues or challenges or opportunities. And equestrian is one of those. And those are those issues are addressed in the more detailed zoning code. So there's existing rules for equestrian lots that exist today. And we'd be glad to work with your constituent on mapping those and making those those clearer. And then if at some point the city council, as a as the Hall of the body, wanted to revisit those or make adjustments to those, we could go through a process to do that. But that's all going to be in that implementation stage and not in this larger. Citywide document that we're talking about tonight. Thank you for the clarification, RuPaul. Thank you. And just as a clarification from staff, so Vice Chair Andrews is our staff direction, but it does not actually change the maps within the QE, to be clear. Mr. MODICA. That's correct. So the maps would stay the way they are. We fully understand kind of the content and the intent and we worked with the council members on this, on this and met with the community. So we understand the goal. Thank you. Councilor Pearce. Thank you. I wa

nted to take a moment just to think. Staff I know that this has been many, many years of work. I know that we've had many community meetings with 300 plus people. And I think it's a sign of what great work we've done. Of the turnout tonight. And I respect everybody's opinion. Obviously, in the second district, we tried to increase density where we could. I know that our skog numbers are kind of terrifying sometimes to think about. And so seeing us increase density wherever we can, I think is

really important. And just want to appreciate your guys efforts. So thank you. Thank you. And Councilwoman Mungo. I want to echo those same comments. The three of you at the back table took a beating. There was a lot of misinformation out in the community, and you calmly and professionally worked hand in hand with the communities. A lot of them just getting to know you for the first time. And I think that we've come a long way as a city, and I think that that process has opened the eyes of city staff on how we can be more transparent and the better ways to hand-hold the community through a process to make sure that they're involved every step of the way. So thank you for working with us as councilmembers and being a part of that. And you guys did excellent work. I cannot tell you how impressed I was at multiple meetings when your stuff came out. Linda Multiple meetings, just so professional and so knowledgeable. So thank you. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Last. Council members. Motion carries. Action hearing, which is hearing next 21, I. Thank you. And now we're going to go back to item four, which is pulled from consent. I can read that item, please. Report from Economic Development Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents necessary for a lease with Platinum Capital Inc for office space at 500 West Willow Street, District seven. Thank you. We can, Mr. Councilman, regular. Do you need a report or anything on this or. Yes, I'd like to. Bring up Mr. Nick Schultz from the Pacific Gateway. Programs so he can give us a little bit of an update as to what this project is all about. That's in the Senate district. And I think it would be very. Beneficial to get more information as to what is coming to the seven. Council member. Yeah, good evening. This is really an exciting project for us in. Economic development and a wonderful economic development resource for our youth. I actually have Nick Schulz, our deputy director and executive director of Pacific Gateway, to talk a little bit about the services and resources that will be available. Thank you, John. Honorable Mayor, members of council. What we're looking at with this item is a satellite center to our workplace at 4811 Airport Boulevard. It's about a 7900 square foot facility on the on the block of Willow between Daisy and Magnolia. It would actually be the furthest west workforce services have ever been located in the city. It also places us in close

proximity to our youth Starbucks store at Willow in Long Beach, as well as Silverado Park and Cabrillo High School, where we have some workforce programing continually going specifically to the Teen Logistics Academy with the Port of Long Beach at Cabrillo Cabrillo High School. It's along a major corridor and near the metro will stop and service by bus lines one or 2104 and 181 along Magnolia. It currently provides a a much needed space for our youth program services given the. Rejoining of our city staff at 4811 Airport Plaza by the Employment State Employment Development Department. Everything that we're doing at the site is funded through federal and special grants. No city funding is dedicated to this space so far. You'll be seeing a new future. L.B. Brand. That will. Co-design the space around specific input and a human centered design process with city use city youth. 4700 square feet of the 79 is dedicated to the youth center. It includes spaces for mental health training, afterschool homework, mentoring, meeting areas and conference room for other academic projects. Will House projects in this site, delivered in conjunction with the Health Department for Precariously House Youth, and it will serve as a portal to training and services citywide, not just those federally funded programs. We may include other partners like Job Corps in the center. Six staff will be dedicated there, teaching and leading our programs, and it will have both day and evening hours. Also, what we're excited about is we're going to dedicate 3200 the remaining 3200 square feet as a full satellite extension of the work place and on spring for staff to provide a whole host of adult career advisement. And we're also negotiating with other partners to provide adult services in that space. Normal work hours and some evening activity well will transpire for our adult clients. A little bit about the design. The rear entrance from the parking lot will be for adult services under the workplace banner and the front willow street entrance will be the future will be youth service entrance. It's a flexible modern design. New staff. New storefront windows will allow you to see right into the lobby area. It's a bright and inviting space. Classrooms will have walls, glass to see deep into the building and watch programs as they happen. So youth who wonder and can actually see what's going on. A pause there and I'll take any questions that the council might have. A very extensive description of the facility there. I could see that you're going to be providing services for both youth and adults, as well as adults experiencing other kinds of challenges. As you mentioned, there are some behavioral health and some perhaps some housing as well. You also, during our discussion earlier yesterday mentioned that there were some other facilities that are there. So what's what makes this facility unique in than other facilities that you

might know exist for this type of services? Sure. And I th

ink that ties directly to the point about homeless the homeless or transitional youth that we talked about many times. We experience the fact that that youth or even other customers don't want to enter into the facility because they're they're bringing possessions, their belongings with them. They don't have any place to store them. There is dedicated storage at this facility for youth and adults to store belongings as they as they seek to access services. There's also a very extensive remodel to that, to the restroom facilities that allow for our participants to take some time, get themselves cleaned up in a way that in other facilities we don't have the opportunity to offer them. And that sounds great. Now, the the funding is current is currently targeted towards federal funding or state funding or a combination of the two. Right now, the facility would be supported by our federal formula funds and a series of competitive grants that we have for youth. And with the upgrades and the remodel that you have to do with the what do we anticipate in terms of opening, getting this ribbon cutting? I'm certainly looking forward to that. Second quarter of 2020. We hope to be in there by April, May at the latest. Yeah. So given that this is a new facility, that going to be sure we've seen. A lot of. Youth and adults in the seventh District, especially when you're looking at the West Long Beach area where a lot of services are most desperately needed. I would. Hope that I could get the support of my my council colleagues to. Move this forward. Thank you very much. Thank you. There's a motion and a second count, Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I wanted to chime in and just say, first of all, congratulations. This is this is a big deal. We've been talking for over a year about decentralizing work force, particularly for youth who have, you know, transportation, transit issues. And so you've you know, we've talked about this. The Local Workforce Workforce Development Coalition has talked about it. Everyone in committee has talked about it. And here we are. You've you've identified a great space, you know, former, you know, former swap meet, right. That's been redeveloped. And, you know, it's got some great retail in the space now. And so now is going to be a hub for for jobs. I think that's great. And I want to I want to acknowledge that lift that up. Councilman Urunga, great job in landing this. And I know we have more conversations about continuing to expand into our parks and other things. So I wanted to just lift that up and say, this is great work and I wanted to recognize it. Thank you. I want to say thank you, Councilmember. We heard you. We heard the conversations and more to come in terms of expansion of services in 2020. Thank you. There's a motion in a second with no public comment, so please cast your votes. Councilwoman? Yes. Motion carries. Thank you. We are now we have two hearings which we need to do. And so we have both hearings at 715 a

nd 16. They both require an oath. So I'm going to go ahead and have Vice Mayor Andrews begin the first hearing. Motion carries. Thank you. No, I'm a 19. Item 19 Communication from City Clerk. City Manager. Recommendation Receive and file a report on the status of the Independent Redistricting Commission plan. JT Nakayama is here to present on behalf of the City Clerk Department. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. We will be presenting a brief overview of the Independent Redistricting Commission plan. Here's a background of the process. The last time redistricting occurred in Long Beach was in 2011, when the city council adopted the current map after directing staff to conduct the process. The new process for redistricting changed last year when voters approved the charter amendment to create the commission. The Commission has been given the exclusive authority to redraw the boundaries and adopt the new map through an open, independent and transparent process. The first step in the process is the recruitment and selection of the commissioners. The Commission will be comprised of 13 members and two alternates who reasonably reflect the diversity of Long Beach. The commissioners, which must meet specific requirements outlined in the Charter and must not have any conflicts of interest. Application period will be open from April 1st through June 30, 2020. After the commissioners are selected, there will be approximately 20 commission meetings with at least one in East District. The final map will be adopted by September 2021, which is a deadline mandated by the charter. On this slide, there's a screenshot of the website that was launched last month. The communications plan is broken up into two phases. The first phase is the recruitment of commissioners through early outreach and education, along with motivating, activating community members to apply. The second phase will be to involve community members in the redistricting process through education and activation. Encouraging participation in meetings. The second phase will also include creating awareness of new district boundaries following the adoption of the map. If any changes are made.

The following video, the PSA announcement we created with MLB.TV that will launch next month. Attention. Long Beach residents, your city and the Independent Redistricting Commission is looking to. Appoint commissioners to redistrict our neighborhoods. The Voting Rights Act, 1965, has determined the city's boundaries for decades. But now we want to hear from you. Ooh, help redraw the lines. Applications will be accepted from April 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2020. You must be a registered voter and live in Long Beach. For additional requirements and to apply, check out our website or visit the city clerk's office. It's your community, your voice. Now. Deputy City Manager Kevin Jackson will continue the presentation. Thank you, J.T.. Good evening, Vice Mayor and members of the city council. We just want to giv

e you some share some information with you about how we're cooperating on the census so that you have an understanding of who's doing what and what the current status is and, you know, and what our funding situation is. So starting with how we're working together. The city clerk is responsible for coordination of the recruitment selection process, for the redistricting effort and overall coordination of the Commission's activities. The city attorney is going to be working on coordinating training and advisory legal support for the Commission and staff on the redistricting process and the city manager providing support for the overall effort in promoting, supporting interdepartmental engagement in the effort is going to also be coordinating an RFP process to select a consultant for redistricting advisory services. In addition, we are currently and will throughout the process be providing support for communications and public engagement. And when the Commission is operational, we will be providing operational support, meaning support for the effort as well. I just wanted to point out that the the timelines for these two concurrent efforts, the Census 2020 outreach, as well as the redistricting process, there is some overlap with these timelines. We have been carefully coordinating the Census 2020 and redistricting planning activities to ensure the success for each of the processes and to identify opportunities to combine resources where possible on the outreach activities. We have some specific outreach activities and communications activities that we will we will be doing for redistricting. But we are doing extensive public engagement on the Census 2020 process. And we realize that there will be opportunities to to leverage the engagement from the 2020 process to support outreach on the redistricting process. I want to point out just some key dates between the two efforts. So we just spent the last five months wrapping up a strategic planning process for Census 2020. Our overall planning for the Census 2020 started in 2018. So we've completed that and we're now moving into the implementation plan for Census 2020, which will begin in January and go through July. The apportionment counts after the census is done are due to the president by December 20, 31st of 2020. And the the the census data for the redistricting process has to be released by March 31st, March 31st, 2021. The redistricting process then will effectively begin, as J.T. suggested earlier on April nine, April of 2021, and wrap up in September of 2021 with a new map adopted by the Commission. We are currently working on initiating RFP process for the selection this month of selection of a redistricting consultant in January 2020. We are starting the selection process a little early in an effort to onboard the consultant early enough to start providing support for the redistricting recruitment process for commissioners. There are some core services that will be provided by the redistrictic

ting consultant, including commissioner and staff training on the requirements of the redistricting process, as well as providing demographic data and analytical support and training on a mapping tool to assist the commission with map redrawing as well as assisting the public or engage in a public in the map redrawing process as part of the public engagement process. The consultant will also work with us on an ongoing basis to provide meeting and facilitation support to ensure for the efficient operation of the Commission's activities. So the proposed redistricting plan spans three fiscal years by 2021 and 22. The FY 20 adopted budget included \$250,000 to initiate the proposed work plan. Currently, the city clerk in our office is working to identify the unfunded balance in FY 20, and we will be working during the successive budget processes in FY 22, 21 and 22 to identify the unfunded balance in those particular years. And that concludes our presentation on the receipt of our report for the redistricting process. Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to turn this over to councilman also in just a minute. But I want to just add and thank staffer. I just working really hard on putting together this plan. This is obviously the will of the voters who adopted Measure D and have asked us to have an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. And like I've said before,

having lived through the last process here as a council member, I'm very grateful that we will have a commission that will be doing the process instead of us. And and so I think this is really also the the gold standard. And where redistricting is going are these commissions and it's happening across the country. And so I'm very grateful that that this is happening. I also just want to add that there I know that common cause and Lou Leggett submitted a letter of some thoughts on our process. And I think there's just some good ideas there for us to take a look at. Mr. Jackson, just want to make sure that that's something that we have we have looked at. And I also want to just just add that. I think the, the, the layout in the timeline that you've all set out, I'm including trying to be a little bit more aggressive as far as the timeliness I think is really smart. And so thank you for that. And I just think there's really good work on staff's part. Councilman Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to thank Mr. Jackson and staff for great work on planning this, uh, this, I think, historic commission and process. As the Mayor alluded to the last time we went through the redistricting process, it was pretty, pretty eventful. And I don't want to see that revisited. And so this is why we were so so. So intent on on creating a citizens ridiculous redistricting process. I'm concerned about the budget and which you are. Maybe some shortfalls in identifying these budget budgets over the next couple of years. What do you expect and what do you think? We're going to need to implement this over the next

two years? Well, the current budget estimate is \$1.2 million. We over the next couple of months, will be in a position to refine that budget estimate. And and we'll be coming back with a recommended budget adjustment for 2020 to add to the funding that we currently set aside in 2020. So overall, at this point, as far as we can see, it's a \$1.2 billion effort over the next three years. But certainly we're going to be looking for opportunities to, you know, to economize. Okay. In terms of opportunities to economize, are there any sort of grants, good government grants available in terms of or that you're aware of that we may be able to to identify or apply for? Uh, we are we are not aware of any grants that are available for this effort at this time. Monique, I don't know. In your office. We can take a look at that. But at this time, there are no grants that we've come across that are available for redistricting, independent redistricting commissions. But we can definitely take a look. And get back to you. Okay. That might be something that we can work on. Creating. And then secondly, the you mentioned the the delay over what the census process, what type of funds do we have for census? And will there be any sort of. Opportunity there. Well, as part of the EFF Y20 budget, the Council had approved \$600,000 for census activities, 250 for the redistricting effort and 350 to support the census 2020 outreach effort. At this point, we are it's not likely that we will have any additional funding from the Census 2020 outreach outreach effort to to support redistricting. Where we might where we will be able to support the redistricting process is through the relationships that we built with the community based organizations and through our complete count committee to assist with outreach. So that will allow us to give get, you know, some economies of scale on the outreach. But in terms of dollars, we don't we don't envision any additional dollars coming from the census 2020 effort to support the redistricting effort. Well, thank you for answering those questions. You've given me a few things to think about and as well as to to work on. I know there are a number of cities throughout the state that are looking at adopting this citizen redistricting process. And perhaps there are some some opportunities for for our state to test as well, because I think this is just the way I said a good government move and one that will engage but also demystify the process of redistricting. Thank you very much for your report. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I'm so proud of our city for taking these big steps forward. I've been to some of the meetings. I think that the team is working very diligently with the community. I appreciate the work that you've done. I know that we've had several meetings about budget and other things, and I appreciate you keeping me updated and any additional budgetary related things that may come back to the Budget Oversight Committee. We

will be meeting early this year, so thank you for your continued partnership on this important endeavor. Pierce. Yes. Thank you very much for these efforts. I know that you guys are working really diligently and I. Know that we have minimal. Resources. And so I hope that we can find some more and partnerships as well. I had a question on the community meetings. It looks like there's one at City Hall. And there's also one at the library. I assume that one of those is supposed. To be intended for District one and one supposed to. Be for District two. Where it would make a lot more sense, I think for my district, if we have one at City Hall, that we also have one maybe at Bixby

Park, because there's a lot of my constituents on the east side that do not make it all. The way over here if we have. Community meetings. So I would just ask that we explore options to make sure that it's spread out evenly. Thank you. You bet. Senator Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Having participated in the last process, I'm looking forward to, you know, the citizens independent process, you know, in, you know, when the state went to an independent process. You know, there's a little bit of apprehension about, you know, protecting your communities and things like that. And so I just had a quick question. I see on page two, it talks about the process of recruitment and selection, and the Ethics Commission randomly selects the first nine commissioners. In the first nine commissioners select the remaining four members and two alternates. So in that process, I'm, you know, you know, I support randomizing it, keeping it fair. But how do you maintain some geographic representation if you don't get, say, a lot of applications in certain areas? How do you do that? I'm going to ask the city clerk to Monique, if you want to help respond to this question. So through the application selection process will be reaching out to different CBOs throughout the community, to outreach and to disseminate information, to recruit commissioners, and then will also be doing demographic information and gathering that through the supplemental questionnaire that's not included in the initial application. So we can provide statistics and we'll provide that in the update that the one month update planned during the application period. So you're going to conduct outreach through community organizations to get the word out for applications. Is there any KREJCI screened for criteria before the entire list is submitted to the Commission for random appointment? Yes. So the Ethics Commission will create a sample of 20 to 30 applicants from the total of all the applications. And that will include, I believe it's two or three applicants from each district. And then the chair will randomly select the first nine commissioners from that 20 to 30 applicants. And that one will just be like probably my district and it's one per district. And then after that, those first nine will select the remaining four members

and the two alternates from the remaining of the sample. Okay, understood. So it'll be within the district. There's a random selection. Yes, that makes sense. And then in terms of sort of, you know, representation. So, you know, racial diversity, you know, ethnic diversity, LGBTQ representation, all those things. How do we make is the process already prepared to make sure that those groups are represented? Yes. So we're going to be reaching out to different organizations and through ethnic media and through the different CBOs that we've connected through, like the Long Beach Complete Count Committee and through Common Cause. And then it's also in the charter like diversity includes is but not but is not limited to racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation diversity. Right. So we'll be looking into trying to outreach to each of these different communities to. Get a equitable applicant pool. Okay, great. Well, good luck. You definitely are going to have a lot of eyes on you, but I'm supportive of this process and let me know how I can be helpful. Thank you. Mr. King, you do you have any comment on this? Okay. There is a motion in a second to receive and file the report. Please cast your votes. Councilwoman. Motion carries. Thank you. We are now we have two hearings which we need to do. And so we have both hearings at 715 and 16. They both require an oath. So I'm going to go ahead and have Vice Mayor Andrews begin the first hearing. May the witnesses please stand. You see the UN each of you solemnly state that your that the testimony you may give in the course now pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you. God. Linda Tatum, director of development services, will be providing the report. Thank you. Good evening. Council, we're pleased to present this is the first community garden permit since the Council adopted that new legislation about a year ago. And I would like to introduce Nick Voss, a taste of what the project planner to make tonight's presentation on this item. Thank you, Linda. Good evening, Mayor Council. The project site is located on the east side of Redondo Avenue, between 10th Street to the north and eighth street to the south. The property is located in the neighborhood of commercial and residential zoning district. The project site currently consists of a 6250 square foot vacant lot. Redondo Avenue Street consists of a mix office and residential corridor, and the subject is generally surrounded by dense multi-family residences. Vacant lots have the potential to attract nuisance activities such as illegal dumping, lack of maintenance, visual blight and create criminal activity disrupted neighborhoods. In addition, vacant lots may negatively affect the value of adjacent properties. In 2017. And in recognition of these problems, the City Council amended the Long Beach Municipal Code to discourage vacant lots through a vacant light registry requirement to facilitate positive

uses such as these urban uses. The proposed community garden will establish use beneficial to both the individual gardeners and people living and working nearby by improving a blighted, vacant lot with the term temporary argues. The improvements will consist of 2210 by ten rentable plots, two five by 15 raised rentable plots intended for the elderly. One prefab tool shed approximately four by four by six feet high, one arbor, eight by 16 by eight. Eight spigots and water hoses. And one compost and one mulch area. The applicant. Long Beach Organics Inc is a local nonprofit organization founded in 1994 and is seeking to operate its eighth location here in the city. Here's a photo of the various sites scattered throughout the city, and they include the Pacific in six Mary Molina, seventh and Chestnut Zafira Aria Junction or Zomba Park and South 40. Some of the community benefits that come with establishing a community garden on a vacant lot include one reducing vegetable blight and protecting property values. Two, promoting safety and reducing nuisance activities such as overgrown weeds, illegal dumping. Squatting and loitering. Three provides a local and organic food source that eliminates smells of food travels from production to consumption. And four provides more walkable, bicycle accessible destination with non-motorized vehicles and would be consistent with the city's sustainability goals. The general plan land use element and the draft climate action adaptation plan. In review of the required findings needed to be made in the formative staff, has found the project to be compatible for the neighborhood in compliance with all the applicable development standards, allowable hours of operation parking and refuge provisions as provided in your packets. Additionally, the proposed community garden has been conditioned to ensure that the property will continue to be operated in a neat, quiet and orderly manner. So the use will not be detrimental to the adjacent properties and occupants in the area. Its preference and conditional approval number 18. Also conditional approval. Ten and 12 require signage to be posted on the site displaying the operating protocols along with the contact information of the community garden manager. So any problem or question arise. The project's environmental review is classified as a class for mine alterations of land and is categorically exempt from any additional environmental analysis. The project here is also being reviewed in tandem with the city's urban ag program and is part of. A future request. Public notices of her received application was sent to the Wiltshire neighborhood and Greenbelt Heights neighborhood associations on October 31st, followed by additional public hearing notices distributed November 21st in preparation of staff's report. No formal comments were received, however, leading to. The tonight's hearing. Staff did receive three letters of support and one letter of contention, accompanied by the p

etition of 93 signatures in opposition to the project, which is also included in your council packet. In summary of those concerns, they were centered around the topic of additional parking impacts, a place to attract homeless and transients leading to criminal activity in a place that attracts vermin. Staff's response to the comments acknowledges these concerns as existing conditions prevalent in the neighborhood and is in the opinion that activating this lot will ultimately be a step in the right direction and ideally, hopefully reduce those comments or concerns. With that staff is recommending approval of the interim use permit IPU 1901 and C 19 239. This concludes staff's presentation. The applicant. Is also here in the audience today. Who may want to expand. It's nice presentation. Thank you. Mm hmm. Yes. Would the applicant like to speak on this? Thank you. I'm Valerie Condon. I am currently the president of Long Beach Organic, a nonprofit. We currently have seven community gardens. We're really pleased to be here at this point. We've been working for more than eight, nine months to get this garden approved and off the ground. It's been a lengthy journey from a done identifying location, negotiating with the landowner and actually signing the land lease with him in early summer. In August, we had a fundraiser specifically for the purpose of funding the construction of this garden. We had. \$5,000 in net profit from that fundraiser in September. We were fortunate enough to be part of Long Beach gifts and we were able to raise another \$6,000 for the purpose of constructing this garden. The cost of developing a garden of this size is approximately \$17,000. That includes permits. Lumber, irrigation, fencing, signage. The bulk of our financial support comes not from our active gardeners. We have 170 different. Families units who garden in our existing gardens. The bulk of our support comes from the larger community. Over the years, we've received the matching grants from Southern California Edison and the Boeing Corporation from Wells Fargo and from the Floor Corporation. Home Depot and Lowe's have provided financial as well as in-kind donations. Long Beach Organic has been the recipient of several neighborhood improvement grants, and we have received the support of the City of Long

Beach, entrusting us with four garden sites we currently manage on City Park Land. The local community, these organizations and these companies believe in our mission and see us as good stewards of the land. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Honorable Mayor and council members. My name is Joe Corso. I have been garden director of Long Beach Organic for ten years now, but the organization has been around for 25 years with the simple mission of turning empty lots into organic gardens. We currently operate seven gardens in the city, providing 170 household space to grow food for their tables and to experience the joy and health benefits of gardening. In addition, we

host two groups for the disabled and the children's nonprofit Adventures Two Dreams, Enrichment and an internship and volunteer program with CSU RB. We're a destination for the annual Make a Difference Day and Leadership Long Beach's Martin Luther King Day of Service. Our education program offers gardening and cooking classes to the broader community, and we recently began a kid's garden program, which will be expanding in 2020. Our gardens, they become focal points in their neighborhoods. Members get to meet each other sometimes for the first time, and an interest in gardening cuts across barriers and cuts across age, gender and ethnic lines. The proposed garden on Redondo would provide this opportunity for 20 more 24 more households on what is now a blighted mine. The demand is very high in this area, as our nearby garden, Safra Junction, has a year long waiting list, and we do plan to prioritize those who live closest, encouraging gardeners to walk or bike to the garden so we don't aggravate the parking situation. So I ask for a yes vote on this recommendation. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks. Good evening. My name is Oscar night. I live here in Long Beach. I do belong to. The Long Beach Organics. As a little girl, I was raised with my grandma and she taught me how to farm. She had a half acre. So by the time I was like seven or eight years old, I didn't even know what a kangaroo creeping was. So I share my garden with my children and also with the kids that I teach a cooking class at Saint Cyprian. It means a lot to me. I share with my neighbors who are vegetarians and vegans. They really like it. I also cook for them. So it really. Means a lot. To me and I really would like to see this go. Forward. And more land for gardeners because I do live in an apartment, so there's not a lot of area for me to do the gardening that I would like to. So being a member of Long Beach Organic, it gives me that privilege to do so and. To expand my. Gardening like. I would like to do so. So thank you for your time. Thank you. Next Speaker. Good evening, Honorable Vice Mayor and council members. My name is Tony D'Amico. I'm the vice president of Long Beach Organic District three, resident and co-director of Long Beach Fresh Local Food Policy Council. I wanted to take this opportunity to just give a little context for community gardening and urban agriculture. Sort of a quick debrief of where the city has gone in the past several years. We've seen a lot of growth in the past ten years or so thanks to leadership on this council and community efforts. There are currently 15 community gardens citywide, serving about 700 households and donating about £75,000 of produce annually. Seven of these are managed by Long Beach Organic. These figures have doubled since 2009. Around that time, the city established their first community garden policy, where community gardens were classified as open space, aiming to get gardens and large parks throughout the city. And this is wher

e the requirement for the Interim Park permit was begun. This is proving to be a bit of a challenge because it's a quite an expensive, tenuous and confusing process to establish a community garden in Long Beach. You can't really see all the pipeline in one place for if you're trying to do an urban farm or community garden to understand how that might dictate your choices. And I think there's a lot of room for improvement. With Long Beach Organic, we've been shepherded through this process by development services staff, so we're grateful for that. But I don't know that like a starting group or a start up would really have the same privilege. And I would hope they would continue to work to streamline the process to make it more efficient and less affordable or more affordable for everyone to be able to thank you and thank you. Yes. Next speaker. Good evening, everyone. My name is Joanne Bentley. I live at the Cooper Arms at Linden and Ocean. It is a high rise condo complex and at the beginning of the year, one of my neighbors asked if I would like to partner with her in a community organic garden. And having spent 12 years in Las Vegas before moving out here in January, I thought, Yeah, I can grow anything there. So we have been stumbling over ourselves, growing artichokes and tomatoes and bell peppers and all kinds of peppers. And then we got another neighbor, Joe Dorn, who joined us, and he can do the hard stuff between the three of us. We're learning. And the cats have tricked us. They killed our artichokes. They thought they were

Airbnbs. So we're learning as we go day by day. And our goal, my goal. I think we can do it. There is apparently a food bank somewhere in Long Beach. People have been talking about and my ears went, okay, we can do a ten by ten. My tenant goes to the food bank. I don't know where it is, but we can grow enough food. And I drove past 914 Redondo yesterday. That place has some healthy, tall, green weeds. A lot better than we're doing over on 20th and Santa Fe. And as far as. Parking, the parking on Redondo is. Better. And we're only there for an hour because there's no bathroom. Thank you very much. Yes. Good evening. I am Misty. I live in First District support Long Beach Organic and ask the council to vote yes to permit the new garden proposed for ninth in Redondo and greeted my sixth street sixth grade schoolmate one day. He answered Diane a little bit every day. This made me mad. I knew it was true, but we were kids. And that's not what you say when a friend asks how you're doing this year, that friend and others asked me how I'm doing. More than ever I have answered Not great. And hanging in there. My reality mirrors my friends words decades ago laid off from work. Five Rent increases on a fixed income escalating violence at the neglect of the building. I have called home accidental deaths of a 14 year old nephew and within weeks an uncle on Easter Sunday, disability caused by stage four cancer. Months of debilitatin

g treatment and side effects. Mental distress from all of the above unknowns within my body, mind, space and reality have become kryptonite that poisons my Virgo superpower daily. Through this Long Beach, Organic is helping me coping healing in many ways. My neighbors fellow seventh and chestnut gardeners rallying help maintain my plants, share their veggies and make me smile when I barely have the will to do so. I eat broccoli organically grown from seeds I learned I can buy with the monthly \$15 I get on an event card, I retreat to the garden safe green space as violence and property destruction threaten me. Despite calls to authorities. When I joined Long Beach Organic, I was working healthy, safe and thank you and I thank you. Thank you so much. Next. Good evening. My name's Margo McCall, and I'm a Long Beach organic gardener in the area garden. And I've also been a neighbor of the Zachariah Garden for ten years. And when I was looking to buy property in Long Beach, I looked for a property close to an organic garden. And, you know, in all the years that I've lived near the garden, you know, I've never seen, you know, an increase in, you know, homeless people or, you know, vermin. So I think those fears are, you know, maybe not founded. And in regards to the parking, the gardeners, they'll show up. You know, many of them live in the neighborhood. So we'll just walk down to water our garden and that takes like ten or 15 minutes. And those that drive, they'll drive, they'll park and just stay a few minutes and then leave. So I'm not sure that, you know, it would add to the parking, but to me, the benefits are, you know, immense in regards to everyone's already mentioned, you know, building community, cutting across divides. There's also support for the pollinators, you know, bees and, you know, green space. And it's also adding to Long Beach's reputation as like a livable, progressive city. So I hope you support the additional garden because there is a waiting list. Thank you. Thank you. Next week place. Hi. My name is Patricia Davenport. I'm a 20 year Long Beach resident, and I live adjacent on the map that you just put up there on the board to the property over at 915 Newport. Hi, Suzy, good to see you again. My concern and I'm here to speak against your approval for this garden on behalf of myself and 97 other people in the immediate area who signed and submitted a petition to stop this garden. None of us has objections to community gardens in general and their ability to add to the community. We just don't feel that this is an appropriate site. This is a standard residential lot. It is not like this. Alfred Theresa Gardens, which are on a community, are community gardens on a real easement, much larger and safe interior, while it is a wonderful community garden, has not been without its issues. And I'm not talking about vermin, I'm talking about break ins and theft and vandalism. My concern on this area is it's a very small lot. And as your r

epresentative pointed out, it's only 6200 square feet. And if you set out plots that are ten by ten, that's roughly the size of a white canopy. Not a lot of space to grow things in. The parking in the trash have already been brought up. There are only two access points the Alley and Redondo Avenue. Most of the business owners on Redondo Avenue would describe to you their difficulties in having parking for their customers. The alley has been a nightmare, I can tell you personally. Thank you. Fires that have happened in the last five years. Thank you. Hello. My name is Joseph Dorn and I also live at the Cooper Arms building on Ocean and Linden. Downtown Long Beach. I'm a recent I'm actually a California native. Can you hear me? Sorry, I'm not used to, Mike. First, I'd like to excuse my appearance. I'm a carpenter, and I came here not wanting to be late, so I'm a little bit

humble in my appearance. I'm sorry. As a new resident of Long Beach, I'm very much for this program. I was raised by people. My grandfather, my maternal grandfather was part of the Bracero program back in the 1930s, a works project type program developed by the government. I've always had my hands in the dirt and but by living here the last few years, I didn't have a place to do that. And now I do. And I'm grateful for that. That life is blighted now, and I understand the concerns of the previous speaker. It's very real concern. But I don't believe this type of project brings any negatives to what is there now. And I think even in the short term, if we can consider putting this garden in there, maybe it sometime in the future reconsider it. But for now, this is a positive and I'd like to support it. Thank you for your time. Thank you very much. Thanks. Speaker Hi, my name's Lourdes Patrick Grayson, and I'm a resident of Miami for 36 years. I have a bachelor's in child development and I'm also a master gardener through UCLA Extension Program. I taught preschool at the Apogee CC for 12 years, teaching everything from reading and art to gardening. Through my years of gardening and teaching, I've learned many of the benefits of gardening in early childhood. However, tonight I'm here to talk to you a little bit more. My Personal Experience on the therapeutic benefits of gardening. My son was born on December 18, 2018. He was born with a very rare genetic brain disorder called Ponto cerebellar hypoplasia. It's a short. Unfortunately, my son passed away on November 2nd and I reached out to Long Beach Organics and I was fortunate enough that they were able to have a pop for me to that. I'm sorry. The garden's allowed me to be. Able to dig and pull weeds. And have a place to go to where I'm upset. But, you know, I have community. Gardeners and friends. And a place where I can just remember him and be happy. So please remember that gardening is not just about food and community, it's also about their peace as well. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks. Here. Hi. My name is Jacqueline Case and I am

here to support when everybody is here is for Lomita Organics. And I hope too that you can actually reach out to the animal shelter as well. If if animals become an issue, that communities can work together and we can support not only the the actual Long Beach Organics, but also make sure that stray cats or any animals that can impede the the gardens that we can work in tandem together. Thank you. Next Speaker. Good evening. My name is Dee Johnson and I am a Long Beach Organic Gardener. I'm alumni also from Cal State, Long Beach and I have been in separate garden for. Over 16 or 17 years. Since its start. It has been extremely. Therapeutic. I find it to be a growth factor for learning about composting, about holistic eating. Health, good health, organics, care of bees, care of orchards, care of soil. Also, there have been quite a few children. That have been raised or have participated in the garden. Those children have been growing around us, and you can see how eager they are to come to the garden, roam the garden, learn about planting, learn about growing, seed care, etc.. So I just wanted to say tonight that I would like the Long Beach City Council to. Continue to support Long Beach Organic and. All the neighboring gardens. Thank you. Next speaker. Hi. My name is Ashley and I live on 909 Newport, which actually backs up to this vacant lot that is currently there. I think what I would just like for you to consider is we've had a lot of discussion about the community garden and obviously all the assets that it brings, and that is undisputable. But we haven't talked a lot about the location of this particular place. And I can tell you that vermin homelessness is a massive problem in that area and especially with an enclosed space. I had an enclosed I have an enclosed space with my friends and I've had people try to live there, homeless people living there, look through my fences backyard so that there's no dispute that the gardening is an absolutely great addition to our community. But I'd really, really appreciate if you could consider this location the lot on Redondo, a busy street. And again, there's a big problem with the homelessness and alley and tons of rodents. So thank you. Thank you. Next speaker. Thank you. My name is Jose Jenniskens. I am an original gardener at the Zahran Zakariya. Junction Garden Farm. Originally the Wild. Oats Gardens there on 10th. And Grand. My husband and I. Garden there since 2004. We were also both on the. Board of Long. Beach Organic for a period of. Time. My husband Spencer. Was the president for a while while we were on the board. We had the great. Fortune to usher in. The Wrigley. Garden, which was on. 20th and Pacific, I believe, which is. Similar. It was mixed use, quite a bit of commercial there. And when Long Beach Organic took that lot over, it was a mess and it. Was filled with. Weeds, it was filled with trash. And the neighborhood, I think, was at first a little bit suspicious about it, but very q

uickly came to embrace the garden. It became a haven for people in the neighborhood. It became a gathering place for people in the neighborhood. It was beautiful. It provided a place, a place. For

local residents to. Garden. And to meet their neighbors. And it was it was a sad day when the landowner decided that she needed to sell and we had to give that garden up. I just wanted to also point out that both the police and the fire department were appreciative of the fact that it was in use and being watched. Thank you. Thank you very much. This is the last speaker I'm looking. My name is. Not you, the young man. You're the loudspeaker. Okay. Go ahead. My name is Susan Pound. My address is 908 Redondo Avenue, which is right next to 914. And I'm against this neighborhood garden. I have lived in this neighborhood for more than 30 years. I have seen the amount of rodents and homeless people in this neighborhood and the like escalate to the point is no longer acceptable for a safe and healthy neighborhood. Transient people walk through the alley, digging through trash cans, turning the trash cans over, leaving trash over the alley, ruin subtracted it is trash. Cars are vandalized as well as garages in the alley, the commercial garden with its growing food to attract these homeless people and rodents, as well as more homeless people and rodents. And we really have here this commercial garden will create a place for these drones to come, to feed, to breed and to multiply. What is the commercial garden's plan to contain this problem? Okay. And people are saying that parking is okay in this neighborhood. I have witnessed this point now where I have to walk as many as five blocks away to park at times and whatever the weather is raining or nice, I have to walk home in the dark. And if I'm alone neighborhood so far away from my home in the dark. If I arrive after 5 p.m., there's often no parking, even five blocks away. Other streets close by, such as Newport, have the same problem. When I'm walking home from parking, I've seen people riding bicycles in the street, tossing the handles on cars, trying to break into them. Will there be more of these bicycle riders attracted to commercial garden? For whatever reasons, this neighborhood cannot support any more cars at all. Even if one person from the commercial garden has to park on Redondo Avenue, it will displace a person who lives in this neighborhood from parking their car, let alone all the vehicles who will need to park from the demolition program and construction of this pool and this garden, this commercial garden is supposed to have the effect of increasing perceptions of neighborhood safety. Thank you. Thank you very much. Can I just say something? The police have not been able to control these problems in the neighborhood. So why should a commercial garden be able to make it safer? Thanks, Mika. Hi. My name is Raj. Where actually, I mean, owning businesses over. 18 years in Long Beach in the same. Sec

tor on the corner. I love the idea of the gardening. And I support all the. Nonprofit. Organizations. In Long Beach and they meet at one of my restaurants right now where we get what I. Have right now to ask is we have a lot of vandalism, no parking. And a couple of the people here who spoke for the project. Know they've been living in the neighborhood for a long time and they knew that there's. No parking lot of vandalism, homelessness, if you guys are going to take care of that situation. And I have no issues with that. So I recommend seriously think about before you guys put a. A. Garden in the location. Just take care of that first and then go from there. Thank you. Thank you. Now, I would like to go behind the glasses. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. So just a couple of questions. I want to thank everyone who came out tonight, but for our and Nick, wonderful job. Is this your first city council presentation? Well, yes. You killed it. It was awesome. Nice job. So can you tell me a little bit about the parking on Redondo itself, if you know. Is there public parking on Redondo? So on. Redondo There is public parking a limited amount. It's a free for all. And of course on the. Site there is nothing there at the moment. So people would have to park on the on street parking. Correct. And there are I notice in looking through the proposed permit that there are maintenance standards and trash standards, lots of conditions there that have to be complied with by the operator. True. That is correct. And do we retain would the city retain the right to revoke the permit if the conditions were not complied with? Councilmember Christopher comments. So yes, like any other entitlement or. Permit, we retain the ability to revoke. We would need to make a finding of fact and provide the applicant some due process. But at the end of the day we have the ability to seek them to correct. And if they don't correct to revoke the permit. Okay, great. Well, this this property has been vacant for many years. I want to say at least four years that I'm aware of. We've received complaints, a lot of complaints regarding the maintenance or lack thereof of the property as it currently stands. And so for years, we've tried to work through code enforcement, I know, to try to address some of the concerns, I'm sure, of those who live adjacent to the property. And, you know, while I understand the concerns of those who live around this proposed site and some of the fears that you have about maintenance and access. I'm supportive of this permit and I'm going to be supporting it tonight. And

I'll share with you why in a moment. But I do want to ask the residents who live adjacent to this property to take a copy. If you want to email me tomorrow, I will send you a copy of these conditions. I need you guys to help be my eyes and ears in terms of maintenance and what's happening there and what we can do to try to improve any situation that might present itself, whether it's related to

parking, security risks or maintenance. I think this is a really great opportunity for us to be able to take this vacant, blighted property and turn it into something positive. I also know that I'm happy to hear that you had a robust fundraising effort. The third council district is also going to give you guys 20 \$500 towards your efforts. So we want to support you. And we also want to be able to have our interns involved in sustainability projects. So my office I'm going to ask you guys to send me an email tomorrow, if you wouldn't mind, so that I can be in personal contact with you. We can talk about how that relationship might work, because I think it's a great opportunity for our students at Cal State Long Beach to get to see how sustainability works and this whole concept of the community coming together. So, you know, a couple of times a year we can bring them there, maybe even have a third district plot where we can grow, grow some things and share with the community. But we would love to be engaged on that level. When I was a student at Cal State Long Beach, we did have a community garden right there at Bellflower where now sits vacant area. And really I couldn't agree more with everyone here in regards to the benefits of a community garden and I support it. I will say that as a council member, it's very difficult to have a community garden built in your district because of all the reasons and concerns that some of the residents raised. Sometimes community gardens are not maintained as well as the ones that Long Beach Organics is maintaining. And for me, that was a pivotal decision making point in terms of who's going to be involved in helping maintain this community garden. Because sometimes when those conditions are not followed, then it looks even more blighted than it did when it was a vacant lot. So I know that we have good partners, and because you operate them throughout the city and the city has chosen you as a partner on other occasions. And so I'm grateful for this opportunity. I do ask the residents who live near there to please keep me in the loop. We want to make sure this is not a detrimental impact on you. And a lot of that is speculation, right? So that's one of the things where we implement something. We need to watch it and monitor it. And I ask everyone to partner with us on doing so. Yes, Mrs. Spears. Okay. All right. Okay. Ms.. Longo. Thank you. I want to tell everyone how proud I am of you for taking this big step. I am not a green thumb person. Inside my house is all silk plants. However, when I became a councilperson, I had always admired the community garden in my neighborhood, and I was strongly encouraged by my neighbors to take a chance and try. There was a comment made that a ten by ten plot doesn't produce very much. Once you have a ten by ten plot, you will feed your entire block spinach, tomatoes, squash the size of cantaloupes if you'd like, or watermelons if you get out of control. The comm

unity garden that I belong to donates £50,000 of vegetables to the homeless community and to the soup kitchens. And I think that talking through and I don't know a lot about this particular community garden, but I'm just going to say a couple of things. The entire city has vermin issues. Not nearly what some of the bigger cities in L.A. County have. But within the garden, when you have an active group of people, they watch for and support and trap and help control the garden as long as it's within state guidelines. And so, again, working with animal control is key. Parking during the year will probably not be a problem. But for your leadership of this garden to talk about your planting deadlines for spring and winter, that's what a majority of the cars arrive to do. Their planting maintenance throughout is going to be very, very light. And the turnover of cars and walking of people to and from the community garden reduces the number of people experiencing homelessness in the area and the mischief that goes on. Because when you have someone who goes into a facility for, let's say, a dental appointment, people know that those cars are left unattended for a longer period of time. A community garden has no designation. Any criminal who's watching can't tell if you're going for 10 minutes to water or an hour and a half to tend to your garden. And so it actually has a turnover and a security that at least in our community garden area, we have almost no homeless issue. The areas around us that are not as widely monitored do. But they don't have the same opportunities. I want to comment and support the comments related to therapy. We have a lot of individuals in our garden who use gardening for therapy. We also have a lot of elderly individuals who it keeps them active and coming out. And so this is more than just

vegetables. It's a bigger opportunity. And so for many of those reasons, I'm very, very supportive. You talk about trying to get rid of crime or trying to get rid of elements that you're not familiar with. There is nothing that works better than activation. You could never hire enough police officers to compensate for activation unless you had 24 hour police coverage standing on site. And still, sometimes that would be less productive than activation. And so I'm here to support. We've had a lot of lessons learned in our 65 years as a community garden. I don't know all those lessons, but there are people that are willing to help out. There are also many successful gardens under Long Beach organic, and I hope that one day, while there have been occasions over the last three years where many of the gardeners from multiple gardens have gotten together. I hope that we grow that and flourish it even more as more gardens come up. So thank you for working so hard on this, Councilwoman. It is very difficult to activate a space like this and it takes a considerable amount of work. And Suzy and her staff deserve a big vote of gratitude. Thank you

u. Yes, thank you very much. And with that, please cast your vote. Motion carries. We go back to item seven. Item seven is on the consent calendar. Would you like item? Item 17, please. Actually we're going to do item 31, I'm sorry, 31/1. Item 31 is communication from Vice Mayor Andrews, Chair of the Personnel and Civil Service Committee. Recommendation to receive Charter Commission appointments approved by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee. I thank you. I'd like to turn it over to the mayor. Thank you. We have two appointments today for our charter commission appointments. And I want to thank both of them for serving being appointed tonight to the Planning Commission. Is it Dr. Johnnie Ricks O.D.? Dr. Johnnie Ricks, O.D. is a resident of District nine and is at the University of California. Irvine, is a director of Statistical Consulting, where she sees overall oversees general operations and strategic planning for the center and for UCI. She is currently serving as Vice President for the DeForest Park Neighborhood Association, the Long Beach Area Sierra Club, and is currently on the PCC as one of our commissioners. So let's give Dr. Rex O'Day a round of applause and thank her. And our second appointment commission appointment tonight to the Parks and Recreation Commission is to Holanda Chico Her Linda Chico Irlanda Chico currently serves as the field deputy for supervisor Janice Hahn, where she serves the cities of Avalon, Catalina Signal Hill and of course, Long Beach. She has 20 years of legislative and public affairs experience and is a District four resident and is an active member of many boards and organizations in the city. So we can give both of these women a big round of applause. There are charter commission appointments which. So there's no public comment on this. And so with that, I'm going to have us take a vote on the charter commission items first. Councilmember Richardson. Watching. Carrie. Thank you very much. And thank you for coming out, everyone, and congratulations to every one of you. Now we're going to move on to our first hearing. Could you please? Item 21. I'm 21 report from Financial Management Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions on the application of Queen Mary at 1126 Queen's Highway for Entertainment with dancing for on ship events only District two. This does require an oath. Yes. Yes. I'm recusing myself for doing business with Dan Zadrozny. Thank you. Thank you. Those who wish to give testimony, please stand and raise your right hand. You in each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the court now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. Presenting this staff report is Bret Jacobs, Business Services Officer. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the city council. Tonight you have before you an applic

ation for entertainment with dancing for e t q MLB LLC Doing Business as Queen Mary. Located at 1126 Queens Highway. Operating as a hotel in Council District two. This application before you tonight is for on ship entertainment only and does not include entertainment in the publicly owned events park, which requires a special event permit from the Office of Special Events and filming. The Queen Mary is owned by the city of Long Beach and is currently leased to Urban Commons. Queensway LLC. Urban Commons. The entertainment permit previously held by urban comments was withdrawn and a new permit application was submitted in May of 2018 under the related entity. T Q MLB LLC as a new limited liability company composed of the same members as urban Commons. All of the necessary departments have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet, as well as the police department stand ready to answer any questions Council may have. And that concludes staff's report. So if it's

okay. So I have a couple questions on this. Do we know why the name change and how this came to be? I am not aware of the reasoning behind the name change. I just am aware that we received new applications and a request to withdraw the previous permit and apply it under the new ownership that is related to Urban Commons LLC. To Councilmember, I'll take a shot at it. I believe this is part of the restructuring of urban commons. The properties of the Queen Mary was joined with a whole bunch of other properties throughout the the world actually into what's called a real estate investment trust. And that is that legal entity is called Eagle Hospitality. And so they will now have the entertainment permit. And do we know when the effective date of the name change was in terms of when the documents were legally filed to change the name? Hmm. That was a couple of months ago, I believe. Thank you. This is Sun-Times. Know. You're okay with that? All right. Okay. Any public comment on this item? So, you know. There's no public comments on this item. Fine. Okay, fine. Please cast your vote in. Bush and Kerry's. And we will move to our second unit. Vice mayor. The second hearing can't be started until after 630. So we can go to the first item on the regular agenda. When you do public comment. You could do public comment at this time. Now we're going to move to item 23. Item 23 is a report from Development Services recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to short term rentals. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading and adopt a resolution to submit the ordinance amendments to the California Coastal Commission citywide. Why could we? Are we ready? Okay, fine. Kind of spend quiet to please. Yes. Thank you. I would. So I'm the crazy lady that brought forward this item several years back. And the intense with bringing this item forward at that

time was really to make sure that the city was being proactive and thoughtful about how short term rentals operated in our city. We know that we do have a housing crisis. We know that we are also a city, that tourism is growing. And we find ourselves really trying to make sure that we create a policy that is thoughtful and mindful of both of these. Tonight, I know that there's going to be a lot of discussion behind the dias. I would like to hear from staff a clear report. I'd like to hear from community members. And I've got several motions that we'll be talking about back here. Some of the key items for me are making sure that we find the right number, making sure that we have enforcement that has teeth. Making sure that we have requirements on the platforms and that there's a process in place. So with that, I'd like to hear from staff and yes, thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Yes, we do have a fairly detailed staff report. As you have laid out. This has been a long process with a lot of community outreach and we had very well-attended community meetings with many engaged people on both sides of the issue. We have also we were at the council in 2019 and and really walk through a lot of the details that were coming out of that community process and got direction from council to basically come back with the ordinance and do all the environmental work. So we brought that back to you in December, at which point the council asked us to do take a little bit more time, and that's why we're here tonight. And so with this, I will turn over the presentation to our Development Services Department. The presentation will be led by Charles Staver from Development Services. All right. Good evening, members of council. This brief presentation is to highlight some of the key elements of the draft ordinance. Since our last discussion. Or some background. In 2017, the City Council requested a review of STR regulations and other municipalities and staff provided initial feedback and recommended hiring a consultant to do more thorough study. In 2017, we held several community outreach events and conducted an online survey. Did some case study research and presented our findings and recommendations for an ordinance which would allow for limited staffers in Long Beach. Following that discussion in 2019. Staff provided additional research on several topics at the request of council, developed a phased implementation plan, executed a voluntary tax collection agreement with Airbnb, prepared and circulated the secret documentation, met with host platforms and housing advocates, and ultimately drafted an ordinance regulating short term rentals for your consideration tonight. So here is a high level look at some of the key elements of the ordinance. It establishes a revocable city registration process, protects the housing stock by limiting the number of staffers citywide to 1% of housing stock promotes partnerships between the city and hosting platforms, improves safe

ty, fosters good neighbor environments, and a registered store operator is allowed up to two non primary residence staffers with no limit on Unhosted stays and is also allowed up to 90 days. Unhosted stays in a primary residence. So a primary residence STR is defined as the unit where

the host resides at least 275 nights per year. And during that time any guest stays are considered hosted and there is no limit on hosted stays that would only leave 90 days per year in which that unit would be unhosted. Now, since permanent Long Beach residency is not required to operate an STR, an operator is not required to host in their primary residence and may choose to operate only a non primary residence. STR It's important to note that this slide represents the maximum number of stars allowed per operator, but the majority of STR operators in Long Beach actually only operate one unit. So just as an example, if I live in Long Beach for six months of the year and wanted to rent that unit the remaining six months as a short term rental unhosted that would be allowed as a non primary residence STR. Now this slide show is what we had intended to accomplish with the ordinance by allowing stores and accessory dwelling units, which was in line with the majority of community feedback. But before we get too attached. Effective January 1st, 2020. New State Law Assembly bills 68 and 81 prohibit short term rentals and accessory dwelling units. So this is new information to us. This is our new reality. This law does not affect duplexes. So in this slide, as an example, if the operator resides in either one of the duplex units, which would be the bottom right, they would still be able to operate the other unit as an STR. So for multifamily developments, the number of units that can be operated as a non primary residence star has been limited to avoid situations like ghost hotels, where entire apartment buildings essentially become de facto hotels. So for example, in a multi-family dwelling unit with 2 to 10 units, the city would allow up to one non primary residence STR or 11 to 50 units. We would allow up to 10% or 51 to 100 units. We would allow up to 12%. And for 101 or more units, the city would allow up to 15% of the units to be operated as a non primary STR. And also an apartment owner or homeowners association can notify the city that stars are not allowed in their buildings. And in that situation, the city would not approve any SDR registrations in that development. So this screen is just a visual representation of the previous slide. The darker blue units would be representing the non primary units that we would allow as short term rentals. Petition to prohibit Unhosted staffers throughout the community outreach process. There was a push for including some sort of neighborhood based opt out process to prohibit Unhosted staffers in certain neighborhoods. Although this is not a common provision in other cities, some Long Beach residents presented compelling argumen

ts for including this option. The way it would work is at least two thirds of the property owners must sign a petition to prohibit Unhosted stays. If approved, the city would provide notice of a restriction to all residential property owners in the affected census tract, and the restriction would remain, in effect uncontested for the first three years, at which point the restriction could be lifted by a similar two thirds petition process. City registration and annual fee will be required. A city issued registration number valid for one year would be renewed on an annual basis. The city registration number must be included in all advertisements and listings, and a citywide registration cap of 1% of the city's housing stock would be allowed as non primary residence staffers. The size of the city's housing stock is based on demographic reports posted on the California Department of Finance website and updated annually. As of January 2019. The housing stock of Long Beach was 177,378 housing units. So the city would only issue STR registrations for up to 773 units. In September of 2019, the registration fee was set at \$250 per registration per year for the current fiscal year. Here are a list of some basic regulations, such as the transient occupancy tax applies. Occupancy will be limited to two guests per bedroom, plus two with a maximum of ten staffers will be prohibited and restricted affordable housing units , dormitories and 80 youths. A landlord consent form required if unit is subject to a rental agreement. SDR limited event permit. This would be a new permit for the city. It would allow hosts to accommodate guests in excess of the ten person maximum for up to 624 hour periods per year. Most would be required to notify all neighbors ten days in advance of the events and outdoor quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. would still apply. Lessons learned from other cities and municipalities that have established STR regulations is that in order for the program to be successful, you really do need the cooperation of the hosting platforms , particularly for removing listings that have not registered or have had their registrations revoked. So the hosting platform responsibilities include hosting platforms cannot complete any booking transactions for an STR if notified by the city that a valid ACR registration number has not been issued to the operator. Platforms shall remove any listings upon notification from the city and the requirement to provide some pretty basic information on their bookings reported on a monthly basis. In addition to working with the hosting platforms, enforcement of the regulations is key to a successful program. Violations will be subject to a \$1,000 fine per day, except a 30 day warning period would be provided for

advertising a store without a valid registration upon issuance of three fines, the ACR registration may be revoked. Violations include, but are not limited to failure of the local contact to take action to a complain

t within one hour. Completing a booking transaction without a valid, valid city issued registration number. Violations of STR maximum occupancy conduct or activity that constitute a public nuisance. And the ordinance also establishes a mechanism to revoke registrations of individual bad actors. These are some common themes we've been hearing lately. The residents continue to voice concerns over party houses, and the way this ordinance addresses that is establishing the maximum occupancy restriction and the creation of the new STR limited event permit, property owner and consent and liability. The verification of property owner consent would be dealt with in an administrative process. Part of the implementation program and some hosting platforms have expressed resistance to data sharing language in the ordinance, and we believe that the language is consistent with the recent court rulings and stand by it. And some requested language changes to strengthen platform accountability. Kind of the opposite of the previous one. And thus we believe that the existing language is legally robust and they recommend leaving it. To operate within the adopted fiscal year, 20 budget staff was tasked with developing a delayed or phased implementation plan. That plan looks like this. The ordinance takes effect 181 days after adoption, and the initial registration period begins then during the 181 day program. Program materials will be developed and enforcement begins 180 days after the initial registration period and one year after enforcement begins. Staff will report back to council with data on program operations, and at that time we can make changes as needed. So next steps pending council decision tonight would be to adopt an ordinance amending Title 21 of the Limited Municipal Code segment, the local Coastal Program Amendments to California Coastal Commission for approval. Develop implementation guidelines with input from stakeholders. This concludes our presentation. We are happy to answer questions. Fine. Mrs. Janine. Yes. I've already said what I want to say before public comment, but I think I'm somewhat surprised that you want to. Make any comments. Sure, I'm anxious to hear from the public tonight as well. I represent, obviously part of the city that is a very popular area for home sharing platforms and home sharing opportunities. And so I know I have a lot of residents here tonight. You don't all have to speak. I want you. You're welcome to. But can I? Can the third district residents stand up so we can get a sense of who's here from the third district? Okay. So let me just tell you that in the six years I've been on council, I've never had this many residents be interested in coming to a council meeting. So thank you for being here. You may be seated, but I do want to share that as a result of the input you all have provided me on all aspects of this issue, I have some concerns regarding scars. I raised those initially, and I'm grateful that staff was

able to incorporate some of the amendments that I proposed originally when this came forth. And I expect that in collaboration with my colleague, Council Member Pearce will be able to hopefully get to a place where quality of life impacts housing stock and the ability to home share are all viewed in the totality and we come to a resolution that will hopefully meet our goals and needs with all of those categories. So when I remove the sign, we have over 80 speakers. So we're going to kind of cut this down to one minute if it's okay with my colleagues. One minute, please. You know my colleagues. 30 seconds. Could we do that? Can we do 90 for the first ten? Just a minute is hard. Let's just very technically ask. Let's vote on it. You guys want to do a minute? I would. Please raise your hand. I do want to do a minute. Okay. Yeah. One, two, three, four. But I. Minute or three. It was proposing 90 seconds for the first ten and a minute after that. I asked one how many would like to do? One minute, please raise your hand. One, two, three, four, five. Okay, we have a majority vote. So now would you please call the names? We have the first five line up at the podium. When coming up to the podium, please state your name for the record. Jeremy Arnold Tung. Q. Jeremy and as Jim Samuel and Victor Sanchez. Jeremy Arnell. Thank you, Jerry. And as Jim Samuel and Victor Sanchez. Thank you. Jeremy Arnold, Unitarian Universalist Church member and resident of District one. There are many problems with the ordinance as proposed as it's as I see it, and it's sort of hard to know where to begin. But I'm here to express a deep commitment to a 500 unit cap is incredibly important if we're going to protect our affordable housing stock here in Long Beach. And with 30 seconds left, I'd just like to offer, you know, the example of New Orleans, where I lived before I moved here to Long Beach rules that they went into effect on December 1st, limited short term rentals in residential areas to owner occupied properties only in place, caps on rentals in

commercial and mixed use buildings and a ban them outright in most of the French Quarter in the entire Garden District. So Long Beach and we should be leading on responsible tourism. It should be leading on housing. And really, cities like New Orleans are looking in the rearview mirror. Thank you. In the dust. And if you find yourself by yourself, I want you have say I said one minute, you have 54 seconds. You can leave that other to someone else, except you can yell or swim in 3 seconds to someone else. Right. Hello. My name is Janice and I've been a resident of Long Beach in the third district for over 30 years. And I support the short term rentals and the vacation rentals in this whole process that we've taken to get to this point. And I've read the proposed ordinance in detail, and I would like to make one point that I'm strongly against the opt out ban through census tract petition process. I think it's a very challenging

to enforce and it pits neighbors against each other. And then I would submit, where do you stop that? Other ordinances could then say, I don't like this, let's do this. And then you've got the community itself ruling instead of the council in the mayor. And so with that, thank you. 15. It's too late. Go ahead. Hi there. My name is Jim Samuel and from District three and I've grown up in Long Beach and I'm enables island resident in currently renovating my duplex home. It's been it's going to be my retirement home that I wish to share with my family friends along with visitors who would love to see Belmont Shore and the whole Long Beach entire area agreed that the short term rental industry should be regulated but with limits. Although I would be a. Host owner, I oppose the opt out provision as it pits. Neighbors against neighbors. People living in. A particular sense of track should not have the ability to regulate other homeowners. Sharing my property as a short term rental will bring more tax dollars to the city. This is with the transit resident occupancy tax people spending money in local restaurants. Businesses and entertainment venues such as the Queen Mary Cream of the Pacific. Just to name a few. Please vote no on the opt out portion. Thank you very much. Next year. Thank you. Victor Sanchez of the Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs in a Healthy Community. This item, if it's voted the way that it is, it would put financial interests of short term rentals over that of long term tenants. And we urge you not to do that. I want to focus on three things. One, the total units a host should be able to put on to the short term rental side should be no more than two one primary, one non primary. It's hard to believe that someone who owns three properties will still need to make additional income on the side to make ends meet, especially when they can have long term tenants in those units and still make a fair return. Two We need to have a hard cap of 500 for non primary units. Non primary units are what impact the housing market. Most in percentage is dangerous because it legislates an annual increase. If we assume that the city of Long Beach will build more housing, which it must. And three we want a reasonable and accessible opt out mechanism for neighborhoods. 50% plus one to property owners in a given census tract is reasonable when you take into consideration the thousands of property owners that exist in one census tract. And if a community wants to change that in 2 to 3 years, they should be able to because there should also be a 180 day rolling petitioning period. Please do not vote to cannibalize existing housing stock, especially after we voted down a bond that would have built more affordable housing here in the city of one. Thank you. Is tongue qi here. So the next five, please line up. John Choi. Q Jamari is Susan Morales, Ofelia Gonzalez and Myron Wolin. John Choi. Q Jamari hey, Susan Morales, Ofelia Gonzalez and Myron Wolin. Great. J

ohn Choi, policy manager for Airbnb. Thank you so much for the opportunity to move forward with regulations. Airbnb is excited to partner with the City of Long Beach on reasonable regulations. Just a couple of notes for me. In April of last year, we entered into a tax collection agreement, and in the short eight months since that agreement took effect, we have remitted to nearly \$2 million in new taxes. Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt you. Is it possible, Mr. Vice Mayor, that we can ask the audience to be respectful of all speakers? I don't appreciate the hissing. Everyone deserves a right to speak here. Thank you. Could you guys please follow those lines of what is, of course, out of total respect? Please, you guys. We asked you back. Thank you. Go ahead. So you have another minute. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, counsel. So, as of April 2019, we have remitted in the eight months since through November of last year, we have remitted nearly \$2 million in new taxes to the city of Long Beach, which can be used for incredibly important public services. Our model is also something that empowers local Long Beach residents. Hosts keep 97% of the proceeds and the 93% of our hosts direct guests that visit Long Beach to local small businesses helping to grow that tax base as well. I wanted to state on the record that Airbnb is committed to supporting the city's

enforcement scheme. We've been working closely with the staff. It has been a very productive conversation to take the lessons that we've learned from what has worked in other cities and what has not worked in other cities, and bring that to ensure high levels of compliance here in Long Beach and wanted to urge this Council to support the staff recommendation. We feel that it is a reasonable balance between protecting housing, ensuring quality of life and supporting economic growth in the tourism economy here in Long Beach. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next we go. Good evening, counsel. My name is Pastor Q. I live here in Long Beach, past the D church when I was in Skid Row. And I've seen. People fluctuate from Long Beach to Skid Row. I've seen some of. My folks in Skid Row here in Long Beach. We know that we haven't had a housing crisis. We know that speculators drive up cost. Is this this city? Many of our people, especially people of color. As it relates to the numbers, you look at the national numbers, 40% of the folks who are homeless in the nation, black in the state black. I mean, we say in L.A. that how homelessness is a racial justice issue. So when we look at what's happening here is that we have already displaced people out of this city. We're not talking about protecting housing. They're already gone. People are already gone. Thank you. Thanks, Miguel. Hi. My name is. Susan Morales and I'm here on behalf of United Here Local 11. I have held my job as a banquet captain for the Long Beach Convention Center for the last 17 years. I plan on doing so for many years to come. It is your respo

nsibility to protect our housing and the thousands of workers that are serving this city by adopting an ordinance that has strong enforcement and overseeing and protecting our housing. In your excitement to encourage our new tourism, please do not forget about the workers that have made the Long Beach special. Thank you, guys. Thank you. Next week. I'll be providing translation. Yes. Oh, let me know. Yeah. So you, me and brother unite a local basilica service. Servicio Elementals. Hello. My name's. Ofelia Gonzalez. I'm a member of Unite Here Local 11. The union represents. Hotel workers and food service workers. In my hotel durante dos Santos the long way. And I worked at the Hotel Maya for two years and I lived in Long Beach for 19 years. So the California thing in the event that my colleagues. Southern California is in metal in the middle of a horrible housing crisis. Musical legacy. Your animals. They need a piano. In concert with us. But can't they see as. Long as more efficient? My coworkers and I have had to move aside in finding vacant and accessible and affordable housing in Long Beach is very difficult. Let us have an alternate you, Ms.. Massey. Short term rentals have not made this easier. Last year, though, I kept ribbon la police and my solider. Possibly. We pride. Ourselves. In peace. I urge you to pass the strongest possible policy today to save our future generations. Thank you. And Speaker Excuse me, sir. Before you get started, can we call the next rabbi, please? We have Tom Todd Thurman and Evans Goldstein, Karen Resi and Nadia Tushnet. You please come up in line and line up at the podium, please. What's. Sir? Hello, I'm Myron. Woman I'm president of Long Beach. Great grandmothers, and I'm speaking here as a member of Clue Clergy in Lady United for Economic Justice. Basically, short term rentals eat up housing stock at the expense of long term tenants. We are in a housing crunch and we need all the units we can get to keep our housing prices down. We cannot allow short term rentals to grow at the expense of long term tenants. Especially we were in the middle of a housing affordability crisis. You all said you were in favor of affordable housing, short term rentals, remove housing for transients, not Long Beach residents. We should worry about housing needs of Long Beach residents. Long Beach is behind on our affordable housing goals. We need to be building more housing, not allowing our housing stock to disappear, to be used for short term rentals. Short term rentals can incentivize homeowners. Thank you, sir. One. Yes. Good evening. My name is Anna Evans Goldstein and I'm a researcher with Unite Here Local 11. I'm encouraging you to pass a stronger short term rental ordinance than is currently proposed by staff. Long Beach is behind on its housing goals. The most recent report Long Beach submitted to the state was behind by almost 5500 units just in the permitting process, let alone being built. This is even before the new aren

a goals. We can't afford to. Be scaling up, taking units off the market as they're. Being built. Long Beach was ranked third worst in the nation when it comes to rental affordability. We must address the conversion of vital housing units into de facto hotels by creating a strong short term rental policy. Today, our region is at a crucial turning point that will either see the increasing numbers of residents priced out of their apartments, unable to stay in the communities that they have lived for years. Or cities will take a stand in comprehensively regulating a market that was originally intended to be a home sharing industry. In that spirit, please be intentional today about your decision and do

not take a light touch with this. Thank you. Karen Reside, resident of the First District in a proud Long Beach Gray Panther. One Airbnb site has over 1500. Units registered for. Rent. I mean, we don't even have an ordinance yet. If you figure there's to be at least two people, that's 3000 people are not housed and we don't even have an ordinance yet. We need to have really strong protections if we are going to do. This and really limit the the units that are able to do this. I mean, when I was growing up. Students from Cal State Long Beach used to rent houses down in Belmont Shore, and they would have six students in a house. That option is not available to our students anymore. The majority of this Airbnb. Is managed by corporate interests, 80% not. Local residents. So who do we want telling us how our city should be? Out of the area. Corporations like the Blackstone in the Phenix. Thank you. Much. You push 1/2, call the other. You can go ten now. Just call 1/2 this week. Todd Irvin. Doug Domingo for US Day. Anna Christianson, Pete Marsh, Sydney Clancy and Max Norris. Doug Domingo and I Christenson, Pete Marsh, Cindy Kennedy and Max Norris. Winslow. Okay. My name is Nader Tushnet, and I've been living in the third district for 30 years. This month, it's 30 years. It's the longest I've lived anywhere in my life. I want to speak about two things. One is the quality of life in neighborhoods. Many residents in and around Long Beach never signed up to live near a de facto hotel. And two, a phase. We all talk about parking all the time, the parking pressures and the added noise pollution. I live in a townhouse and if when there is a party going on anywhere on my block, I know it forever. And these short term rentals that become party houses must make people crazy. And I also want to point out many of those are, in fact, the corporate. Owned partner. Rental units. They are not owner occupied or anything like that. And I'm done. Thank you. Okay. I'm Doug Domingo for a stay and I am past president of the CFA. Thank you. City Council Mr. Andrews has left. First of all, compliments to the city development staff for the excellent report. We all know the problems of stars throughout Southern California. Even in non-prime neighborhoods like Long Beach, we've seen t

he deterioration of neighborhoods, the increase in rents and loss of housing stock. Three things I'll point out. One. 1700 units is way too much. That's going to impact the entire city. Second of all, neighborhoods should be allowed to opt out at a 50 plus one amount. And third. This is not about sharing primary residences. This is about corporations who are buying up Long Beach housing and hurting our housing stock. Thank you very much. Or. I don't know. And of course, Hanson. Yeah. Anna Christensen, resident of the third District, are in discussing this proposition this week. I have a friend whose sister was evicted from her apartment house. It was entirely converted to short term rentals. And I have a tenant. Her friend was evicted. I think that. Short term rentals can operate in a city, but we have to preserve available housing in livable neighborhoods. We have to support the right of homeowners to make a reasonable profit from their owner occupied properties, but prevent large scale conversion of commercial rental properties to residential units. Protect our neighborhoods from becoming destinations for tourists who have no investment in our community culture. And I would like to say that. Remember how much you hesitated to even consider. A bond to provide affordable housing. Two weeks ago. Thank you so much. Don't be afraid to hesitate. Tonight, please. We have Pete Marsh and Cindy can for you and then Max Norris, please. Good evening, council staff, citizens. Pete Marsh I'm moving to Long Beach from Redding right now and bringing my small business here. We're in escrow for a house in second district with a duplex. It was kind of a surprise. Not exactly, not what we were looking for, but we would like to have the flexibility to do either long term or short term rentals. I hear the good arguments about housing stock. You have a reasonable protection in the bill that I heard that I heard earlier against the corporate mass ownership. I think that's good. I and essentially, I think a reasonable STR ordinance that allows a peer to peer economy, such as we see in cars and in the gig economy and jobs, is important. Thank you. I'm doing. Can I get those 30 seconds on? My name is that. I came from a sixth district resident. I grew up in 90806 zip code where the average income is \$20,000. The needs of my community are much different than 90803, where the average income is over \$120,000. You know, living in an area where 80% of people are renters, it's going to impact this. It's things like this impact that's way more than, you know, other parts of the city. So other parts of the city have different needs. I think for areas such as mine, there should be some kind of means cap, there should be some kind of median income cap so that if the area is has a certain lower income, then there should be a shorter amount of rentals available for for starters, an issue that I have is that I think that maybe there's I'm okay with people renting out the duplex of th

their home, their primary home. But I think it's a bit excessive to have so many extra properties to be doing the short term rentals. So I hope this is made stronger. Thank you. 1/2, please. You. Would you like to call the rest of the next five? Elsa tongue. Manuela martinez. Catherine Lavoisier. Jean Young and Maria de Soto. Okay. Thank you. You may proceed, sir. Thank you, counsel. My name is Max Norris, resident of District One. I'm here today to speak to the housing crisis. And this bill, this ordinance, rather, should have an opt out at 50 plus 1% and cap it at the very most 500 units. We heard the speaker tonight talking about over 1500 units taken off the market by Airbnb right now. This is unacceptable. And people are sleeping on the streets right outside of this building in our parks, around the community. I understand that people have investments tied up in this, but honestly, I don't care. And I don't think that the majority of the city cares. And I think if this council doesn't move to stop this, that people will start moving to council people. I see my time. Thank you. I would like those 15 seconds of possible. In my 15 seconds. Go right ahead. Okay. Good evening, Honorable City Council members. My name is Ailsa Chang, research and policy analyst with Long Beach Forward. I don't know how many times I've said it or how many times it has to be said, but I will say it again. Long Beach is in a housing and homelessness crisis. Two weeks ago, this council failed to act to end homelessness with homes through a local affordable housing funding measure. Tonight, Council once again has the opportunity to act to alleviate the housing crisis and prevent the loss of long term housing units. Don't waste this opportunity to do the right thing. Specifically, we're asking for three things. First, two total units, one primary, one non primary. Don't put profit over people, especially when corporate property owners are buying properties for the sole purpose of placing them on short term rental sites. Second, a hard cap of five 500 non primary units city wide. Any more than that short term units will any more short term units than that will diminish our housing stock every single year and push vulnerable families out of their homes and onto the streets. Thank you. Members, again, we are in a housing crisis. Let's act like it. Do the right thing. Hi, my name is Jean Young and I've lived in District eight for 26 years. I'm on the leadership team of the Long Beach Hosting Club. We meet monthly to share ideas and best practices and hosting. I'd like to have all the hosts who are here tonight stand. Okay. So we've had three years of public meetings and workshops and what have we found out that people overwhelmingly are supportive of long term residents gaining a little extra income by hosting guests as long as there are rules and the host is responsible. So no optional ban on Unhosted staffers through the petition process. 99.9 99% of hosts are responsible ci

tizens. They care about their properties, hosting help seniors pay property taxes to stay in the neighborhoods they love. And it helps millennials get their foot in the door to afford their first property. So noise and nuisance complaints. When. Fewer than 1% of all complaints are optional, ban on unhosted stars is not needed. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Manolo Martinez. I'm with Leave Room and I am a long term renter in District two. Short term rentals take away available available rental units from the already depleted affordable. Housing market stock. Long Beach is behind on our affordable housing goals. We need to focus on creating more affordable housing instead of allowing our housing. Stock to disappear to short term rentals. Most short term rentals in Long Beach are unhosted or entire homes. This is not home sharing. This depletes our housing stock and puts pressure on tenants already. Vulnerable to a tough rental market. The ordinance, as drafted, allows for one host to have up to. Three properties on the short term rental market. It's absurd to believe that a person. Who owns three properties is in dire need of the rental income to make. Ends meet. Amending this ordinance from 3 to. 2 total units. Is a fair compromise. Community members should also have an option to determine whether or not they want a short term rental in their neighborhood. Many of us signed a lease or bought property to live in a home with other members of our community, not to live next to a near legal de facto hotel and facing additional hardships with parking and noise pollution. Thank you. Next we hear. Good evening. My name is narrator and I have worked at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach for the last six years. And I've lived in Long Beach my whole life. As someone who works and lives in Long Beach, I have seen the effects of short term rentals have on Long Beach, and I've seen so many of my coworkers. Be displaced in the same city. That they work in. The time is now for Long Beach to adopt an ordinance that is a true reflection of what the residents and workers of Long Beach want for this city. Other cities, such as Santa monica, consider the grave impacts of short term rentals have on their housing, stock and hotel industries and made a good ordinance the city council, housing stock and hotel industries have sorry the City Council of Long Beach has a responsibility to

do the same. Do not allow more of the non primary. Residents to be added. To short term rental market and to be taken away from families like mine that struggle. To find. Housing in Long Beach. Thank you. Next, you please read the next slide, please. I'll say Soto or Leslie. And can you please line up when she's calling your name? Just line up. And chosen Marine Po Jose Soto or Leslie and Cantrell. Ken Charlson and Marine Paul. Right. Good evening, Vice Mayor Andrews and Council members. My name is Catherine Levasseur. I'm a resident of Huntington Beach and a founding member of

Huntington Beach. Short Term Rental Alliance. Tonight, I speak on behalf of our members to say that we stand in support of short term rental stakeholders in Long Beach. We know from our experiences that short term rentals provide tourism revenue deep, deeper into our local neighborhoods. Every neighborhood should be allowed the opportunity to have short term rentals in their neighborhood. I personally have offered short term rental stays in Huntington Beach since 2015. Many of these stays were from relatives of my neighbors. It seems that grandparents want to stay within walking distance of their children and grandchildren. Every neighborhood in Long Beach should have the opportunity to have short term rentals in their neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you. Thank you. Hello. My name is Josie. So I am here on behalf of Unite Here Local 11. The incorporation of certain short term rentals ordinance for our city must be done with intention, caution and scrutiny. Government policies around short term rentals should not take. Sorry, I should not make it easy for people from outside our community to come to Long Beach, take affordable housing away from the workers in Long Beach and rent it to tourists just passing through. We are limiting the amount of houses people have, leaving many people homeless. I urge Council to consider the well-documented impacts of short term rentals have on workers in our city and adopt an ordinance that softens the impact of short term rentals than it has on our families and our cities and our workers. I carelessly here. I want to speak in terms of if you do pass this tonight, I would like to see very active code enforcement and a kind of a three strikes law. If an Airbnb has a location that violates the ordinance three times, they should lose their license. Secondly, if when I've looked at the pros and cons on this, it does bring business into the city and offers homeowners and property owners additional funds. It brings them there to tax. But on the negative side, removing housing from the rental market frightens me. With the state legislation that's coming forward and demanding additional housing out of us. So I'm more on the pros and cons side than the pro side. Thank you. Good evening. And Cantrell. I remember when this was Granny. Flats and this sounded reasonable. Put a little house on your property and let Granny live there. And then it became an Airbnb. Rent it out so you can get a little extra money. But the original law that you passed said the owner had to live on the property. Now you're allowing an owner of three properties and he only has to be on one of them, not a 90 days of the year. As I understand it, he doesn't even have to be there at all. The purpose of having someone on the property is to be able to make sure the noise element is followed because these will become party houses. And if all the people in Thank you District three want this, let them have it. I'm not five and I don

't want it. Good evening, counsel. I'm Kent Rossen, past president of the Homeowner's Naples Improvement Association. And I'm here representing Naples, not. Know them personally. But anyway, we have a certain quality of. Life in Naples. That is something that we regard. As is a high priority. We don't need. Short term rentals. And we've had now. Neighbor against neighbor. Which that what it creates, it creates things. So, I mean, if the rest of. The city wants. This, then bye bye, give it to them. But we don't. Want her to. Naples we took. A thousand representatives and we had. A thousand signatures stating that we do not want short term rentals in Naples and there's only 1200 homes. So you see the impact of that. You know, we. Have a special community that we like and we would like to leave it that way. I've had firsthand experiences. Thank you. You call it the next group of individuals. Pedro DeLeon. E.B. White. Laura Van Doren. Alan Crawford. And Johanna Cunningham. I'm Maureen Poe, and I've spoken to the council before on many issues. And and you've always opened your arms to us to help us carve out the things that we feel we need. And one of the things that seems to be appearing is that the short term rental is continually causing problems between people. I know we had a short term rental across from us for a year and there were parties all the time. We didn't know who was there and and who belong there. Even in being able to talk to the host long distance and say your tenants are acting up, did nothing, and we presently have a short term rental behind us and we never know who's going to be in the

neighborhood or the community. But it seems like we could have the thing go through with some carving out of areas where people actually have signed petitions and don't want to have the short term rentals. Thank you so much. Thank you. Laura Lincoln. The proposed ordinance as drafted is a lose lose proposition for the residents of Long Beach, causing neighborhood degradation and is acknowledged in the staff report severe adverse consequences and the availability of affordable housing. One of the most troubling items is the proposal to allow investors to buy multiple properties to operate as short term rentals 365 days a year in effect, and operating unregulated hotels anywhere in our city. The problems are compounded by the unprecedented and frankly, stunning provision that would allow large scale parties and events at these homes and residential neighborhoods. No other town in California does such. Even more troubling is that every one of the investor owned short term rental properties would otherwise be available as long term rentals to local residents. This Council should also be aware that the proposed ordinance is in sharp contrast to the rules adopted in most other California cities, which prohibit or restrict non owner occupied short term rentals. I urge the Council to have the opportunity to review those rules as well as the impact on housing.

sing before making ruling here. Good evening. Council Members. Ellen Crawford. I support Sharon housing the housing hosted chair, but strongly oppose the ordinance as written. With this ordinance we are flying in the face of what our neighboring communities are doing. In contrast to what the woman up here is saying, stars are banned in Huntington Beach and stars are banned in SEAL Beach. Stars are severely limited in Santa Monica and stars are banned in Manhattan Beach. I have an example from Laguna Beach on. Just read you really quickly. This is what Laguna Beach said three months ago. Visitors who can escalate the demand for city services create adverse impacts in residential areas. Estuaries can be associated with that depletion of cities, limited supply of multiple family residential units, incidents involving excessive noise, disorderly conduct, vandalism, overcrowding, traffic congestion can be associated with SDR units require response from city services, police and fire. I don't think we've taken those things into account in this ordinance. Thank you. Before the speaker. City clerk, can you read the next five? Is Pedro DeLeon here? E.B. White, Johanna Cunningham, Adrian Medrano, Viana Noble, Kathleen Brady, Heather Rosman and Samantha Martinez. Thank you. You may proceed. Thank you. Good evening, city council members. My name is Johanna Cunningham and I'm the CEO for the National Short Term Rental. I am here to speak against the opt out provision. I do believe that it does pit neighbor against neighbor. We already have that coming forward. I am a little confused, though. I do have to say that I don't see short term rentals being the word short term, taking off housing for long term residents. Many of the owners that I know are providing short term. So it is a short term proposition for them. I have owners that I know that are using these short term rentals to improve the other properties. If they have a multi-unit building to be able to repair and protect these know these tenants as well as not to raise their rents. So I just don't see the confusion that that surprises me. We do bring tourist income and dollars into the city, and I hope that the city council will continue to address this and see. Adriano Medrano, District two resident Airbnb has allowed my wife to stay home with her newborn. The little extra income has allowed my wife to raise our baby full time. I'd like to add that short term rentals are owned and managed by the people. Contrary to what you're hearing about corporate interests, we are not multibillion dollar corporations. Platforms allow individuals like me to run a small business similar to like Uber and Lyft. According to Lodging magazine, the hotel industry had record profits of \$80 billion in 2018, but yet opposed measure that VW which local 11 really proposed. And just to add to that, you know with that kind of money and other backing anti short term regulation. So the proposed regulation addresses the concerns of

those who worry about party houses and or corporate greed. Thank you. Thank you. Next. I'm Kathleen Brady. I'd like to advocate that the. Non primary unhosted. Stickers be limited to. One property. Not to. Long Beach is one of the most interesting coastal cities in California. We have a great diversity of people. And of income providing to. Large. An amount of our limited housing for tourism will cost just. As a community and as a cohesive city. Thank you. Good evening, councilmembers. My name is Heather Rosman with the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance representing area hotels. We are here today to ask you to enact sensible and reasonable regulation on the short term rental market in Long Beach. We agree with our employees and team members that the short term rental industry must be regulated in order to preserve housing stock in the city.

While Long Beach leaders strive to enact solutions to end the homeless crisis. We also urge you to limit the short term renting on one's primary residence and limit the number of non primary. Residences to. 500 units only, and cap the number of short term rental nights to 90 days per year. This ensures existing housing stock will be maintained for Long Beach families and not converted into de facto hotels. Which are not held the strict standards and laws of. Hotel operators. With the upcoming Olympics and other large scale sporting events and conferences. We must be cautious when deciding how many homes one can put out on the short term market. We must not enact policies which incentivize people to buy up housing stock and hold it for short term rentals. Thank you. Long term residents. My name is Lana Noble. I'm here tonight as a resident of downtown and also as an a member and a loft owner in in District one in downtown. I'm hearing an amazing different alliance of interests here, and I sure hope the council is hearing it is. The resident from Naples said in downtown we've done a survey of our folks who are 80% renters and for different reasons. We have a different ambiance and we don't want non hosted short term rentals. We already are priced out of the rentals and those of us that own and have lots, we are governed by what are called C, C and R's in our multi-unit buildings and some of us have been lucky in that we have got rules that say you ain't going to rent for less than 30 days, but you're going to have an impact on. Thank you very. Much. Of people. And this is a neighborhood issue. A community issue. Assuming she. Does not. Think. You have private property. You. Do you in a coma? People ask you, we call the next five. Can I have Diane Sandstrom, Myra Garcia, Cortez, Tamara Romeo, April Rivas and Dana Bill. Hi. My name is Samantha martinez. I represent. The American Hotel and Lodging Association. And I really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you. American Hotel Lodging Association is extremely proud to be. Part of this diverse coalition. Of labor, community organizations and housing organizati

ons. And we all applaud your efforts to regulate short term rentals. We know Long Beach is a very special and a very desirable place for visitors and tourists to come and enjoy. But Long Beach is also home to, I believe, about a half a million people who value their communities, our quality of life, housing affordability and availability. That's why we feel the Council must pass these short term rental regulations to protect the quality of life, housing and communities, as well as good paying hospitality jobs. We support limiting short term rental to one's primary residents, and we believe that people should be able to do this in their own home and make revenue. We are concerned about allowing this in non primary residents. If you do allow them non. Primary residents, we urge. Thank you very much. Only one and capped at 500. Thank you. Good evening. My name is. Maya Ocasio-Cortez and I am with District two. And the Coalition for Good Jobs. Short term. Rentals can incentivize homeowners to convert residential units. Into ad hoc hotels. This especially impacts vulnerable populations like seniors and students. As myself, most staffers in Long Beach, our entire homes are unhosted units rather than home sharing owner occupied residences. This depletes our housing stock and puts pressure on our tenants already vulnerable to a tough rental market. Ms.. Pearce, you started this. Agenda saying that tourism in Long Beach is rising, but how can we. Focus on tourism if we can't accommodate our own people? I was recently affected by an eviction order and I was close to losing my home. I do not want other people to go through what I went through. I have a disabled brother and I speak for a handicapped seniors and all students that cannot thank you. Hi. My name is April Reavis, and I'm sorry that so many of you are opposed to Airbnb. It has been a dream come true for me. It's allowed me to purchase a home and supplement making the mortgage payment by having guests. My experience has only been positive, and I think my neighbors would also say that I've worked hard to improve my property. I'm a good neighbor and I'm. Proud of the city I live in. I want to share it with guests. And I'm not a big corporation. I'm arranging flowers and fruit bowls and writing nice notes and my. House is not a party house. I think I've improved the neighborhood. My guests are often my neighbors whose grandmother wants to come visit, who needs an extra bedroom. I laughingly call my Airbnb the extra bedroom for all of Long Beach. Thank you very much. Yeah. Good evening. My name is Tamara Romero, District ten, resident At a time when our city faces historic crises around homelessness, gentrification and displacement, destroying housing, stock and displacing tenants is akin to pouring gasoline on a raging fire. I'm here today to talk to you about short term rentals. Short term rentals, eat up housing stock at the expense of long term tenants like myself. Nobody would be able to pay more

than two properties and the short term rental market. There has to be a hard cap along with a way for neighborhoods to opt out. No more than 500 non primary units should be allowed to make sure we don't further put pressure on vulnerable families. This is also about the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Many residents in and around Long Beach never signed up to face additional parking pressures or additional noise pollution or fires, which is something another resident of our city experienced at one of these short term rentals. Thank you, my friend. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Diane Sundstrom. I live in Belmont Heights and 60 seconds is pretty short. So hopefully you've read the statement that I submitted, but I'm strongly opposed to the short term rental ordinance. As written, I support short term rentals in owner occupied or hosted stays. However, allowing up to three short term units is excessive by any measure, and this ordinance is being considered at a time when the mayor says we need 8000 new housing units. Christine Pettit was quoted in the grunion as saying the city is in a severe housing and homelessness crisis. Rent has written to risen 28% in the last decade. The rental vacancy rate has gone from 5.2 to 3.8% in the last decade. And our homeless population is about 19%. So it seems to me that the last thing Long Beach needs is to lose housing. But that's what this ordinance will do. Development Services estimates, we estimate we could lose like 1900 units. So I think this ordinance, it's not good governance. Thank you very. Much. And that the requirement for Long Beach residents should be reinstated. Good evening, councilmembers. My name is Dana Bell. I'm a 47 year resident of Naples. I think there is a an enormous difference between hosted short term and unhosted short term. And I'd like to say that I don't believe that unhosted short term rentals belong in any neighborhood. They destroy the cohesiveness. They are hurting the rental affordable rentals in Long Beach, in our neighborhood, on our block, the 5700 block of Camp Walk. In the last year and a half, we have lost two single family homes and they are now both party houses. So I hope that you understand this difference and there is a great deal more thought put to unhosted short term rentals and the damage it does to the communities and the damage it does to our city. Thank you. Thank you. Tom Cruise called the Nets and Anderson. Braden Phillips, Gerard Anderson, Dave Have and Hank Snapper Anderson. Braden Phillips. Gerald Anderson. Dave Have. And Hank Snapper. And Anderson. One minute. We have lived next door to a short term rental in Naples for several years, renting illegally. And I can tell you it's a nightmare from hell. When aged ten, strangers arrive every few days and a business is created three feet away from you next door. All kinds of things happen. Partiers drinking, drugging, strangers wandering around day and night. You just can't imagine who in the hous

e next door to you. Instead of becoming a family, house becomes a business. Please don't allow those. I know in many surrounding cities have now totally banned unhosted rentals. Now Unhosted are really terrible. In this case, people go across town and rent an expensive apartment there by taking a unit off the market. It's just a terrible situation to have in family type neighborhoods. Really? I can't urge you enough not to do it. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. Members of council. My name is Braden Phillips. I may addresses on file. I am currently serving as the President of the Peninsula Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Our neighborhood, like many others, rarely achieves unanimous consensus on any issue. That's also the case in short term rentals. Last year, we surveyed our residents and asked whether they favored short term rentals on the peninsula. Nearly two thirds opposed the regions. They opposed as the we are a densely packed community with as little as six feet between houses. We leave our windows open and noise from rooftop decks carries and creates an adverse quality of life. We are also a parking impacted neighborhood and when SDR renters come in and bring two or three cars with them, it simply exacerbates a problem that we live with every day. It's doubled in the summer. I think allowing the neighborhood to exercise the opt out provision and restrict operations to those that are hosted is very important. Hosts are generally thank you, sir. They're familiar with the neighborhood norms and they've got skin in the game. There's a vested interest for hosts to maintain quality of life. Thank. My name is Gerald Anderson. I just want to thank the city and the council and and Councilwoman Price in particular, for making sure this petition provision got into this. This ordinance, contrary to what other people have said, the petition is not going to be splitting the neighborhood. It's the unhosted stars that really, really cause the tension between neighbors. And and we've had plenty of experience with that in in Naples. So again, I just want to thank the council for having this this petition provision in here and urge you to keep it there. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. My name's Dave Hough. I'm a resident of the third District, and I came here to support

the opt out petition part of this. Yes. TR After listening to a lot of people, at a bare minimum, it should stay how it is. I agree with several people that it should be a 50 plus one. As far as the petition goes. And what I would really like to see and it would address the whole issue of corporations is not allowing on hosted stars in the city of Long Beach. Thank you. 1/2 before you start. Claire, can you hold up the next five? Giovanni Barron. Jordan Wynn. Fred Sutton. Michael O'Toole. Alex Contreras. Giovanni Barron, Jordan Wynn, Fred Sutton, Michael O'Toole, Alex Contreras, thank you. You may proceed, sir. My name is Hanks Nipper. I'm a longtime member of home owner Sp

inner. And in the 25 years that I've been there, we've always, from the very beginning, have had a rule to prohibit short term rentals. And if you know the community at all, you'll know that our homes in many cases are three, four or five feet apart , number one. Many of our homes are on our own, right on the verge of boat docks, which are our favorite party places for younger people. And there have been a number of nights that we were up until one, 2:00 in the morning because of all the noise up there. It's of great concern to us. Property values is really the main reason for having a homeowners association. And we ask that whatever you do, please give homeowner's association your authority to prohibit short term rentals. Thank you. Honorable counsel. My name is Fred Sutton. I'm here on behalf of the California Apartment Association. Housing providers face a variety of issues as it relates to illegal subletting, and we have serious concerns as it relates to the preventative measures in the ordinance, specifically the prohibition list and the consent form. Los Angeles just started enforcing their ordinance late last year, which have those same provisions. But we're finding owners that have put their properties on the prohibition list or are being cited by the city for a possible fine. We're also finding that the consent form is not being collected by the city and reviewed to determine whether someone is actually getting consent. So in both of those cases, you have housing providers saying cigars are not allowed here on this property and not giving consent. The enforcement mechanism here is operators and property owners shall be held jointly accountable. Housing providers should not be held accountable for illegal activity. They're trying to prevent in the in the building, the platform or the host should be held accountable and the consent form should be changed over to expressed consent. Thank you. Hello. My name is Giovanni Perrone. Thank you for your time. I am a host on Airbnb. I am a homeowner in Long Beach. I've lived here nine years and I'm very grateful to having the opportunity to host my home. And obviously it has actually taken the place of my job. About five years ago I lost my job, so I now use this as my main source of income. So I do appreciate everything that I've gained from it. I definitely have hosted people. At my house where. There are families that come in. I've hosted local residents at my house where they have property emergencies at their house. I have so many different experiences with that that I can go on and on. But I obviously support the ordinance as it stands and I do appreciate your time and possibly I like that 1% that you guys have in there. Maybe flip that around if you really need housing, maybe you ask the hotels for 1% of their rooms for people that need. Hello. My name is Michael O'Toole, the third district. I'm actually the president of the homeowner's association in Naples, Ireland. And one thing that I've

seen today mostly is we're all saying the same thing. Nobody is complaining about a hosted home. Everybody's complaining about a non hosted home. The opt out is really designed for a community, for a very tight knit community. That might be very unique, too. Can you address the council, sir? I'm sorry to have the opinion of their neighborhood. They know it best. Nobody knows it better. A lot of these signs that I see that say opt out. They don't know our neighborhood. They don't live in that neighborhood. We know it. We love it. We can protect it. We're not kicking out or saying no non hosted. But the hosted is the problem. And so if we can just keep the neighborhoods with a choice, I think the neighborhoods will be happy and I think the whole entire city will be happy . Thank you very much. When I call the next guy. Can I have Jordan Wynn, Myra J. Garcia, Leah Hogan, Jeff Hoffman and Olga Allred? Good evening and thank you so much for taking the time. My name is Alex Contreras. I'm original organizing director with California MI. And while that normally means we're advocating for all kinds of things in our backyards, I'm here representing the Long Beach MI team who are very concerned that with the limited housing stock available, this current ordinance , as is, will further drive up the rate, will further restrict the amount of rentals for long term tenants. As everyone here, I believe, can acknowledge, we are in a housing crisis and what we need is more housing now, not more short term rentals. So our recommendations are to two total units, one

primary and one non primary. A total cap on all last year until Long Beach. Build enough homes to house everyone who lives here and wants to live here. And like the city of L.A., adhere to a 120 day annual renter cap. If it's supposed to be a short term rental, then it should be a short term rental. Thank you. Thank you. Next. Good evening. My name's Leah Horgan. I'm a resident of District two, and I want to echo other advocates of stronger regulation tonight and. Really highlight that this. Is a struggle between. People who sort of want the most. Freedom to make the most money, the easiest way on multiple properties. That's what this regulation addresses. It's not about single home sharing. I think that's sort of a misleading turn. This is a struggle between profit maximization and those of us who are looking to keep rooves overheads month to month and ensure that there's. Housing for residents who keep the. City running. There are many, many ways to make profit from property safe. For instance, by renting long term and study after study demonstrates that short term rentals cost. Cities. As taxes and regulations are evaded and burdens renters and low income folks as housing costs or in a way that really only benefits statistically white well off property owners. I study this. I'm a PhD student and I have seen the effects globally, so I really want to urge you to consider acting on behalf of renters ton

ight. Thank you. One of them lie to me number that made other people. Then listen to those. Good evening. My name is my I and I live in District two on the rebels. I'm here from. Coalition for good. Good jobs, liberty and liberty. If the people cannot affect the mutual in early to the good thing only the short term rent. I am here because I have in short term rentals is affecting us greatly. They concluded that the animals will not receive 3%. There is the regulation. If you think that were having a crisis right now, wait till you pass this regulation. When I think that a 12% of discapacidad is living a normal internally minimum, this is going to affect all people. With disabilities who. Aren't able to make more than minimum wage. I lost personal majority of elderly people. Yet the person is relatively monolithic and the rest of the people who cannot live on minimum wage but apparently be prepared to see more homeless people on the streets. Emanuel was homeless and more six or more break ins in the city. You'll see in contrast to the proposition I am against this proposition or effect on mi familia because it affects my family in the in my unethical these capacity elderly people and people with disabilities. Thank you. National convention. Good evening, Mr. Vice Mayor. Members of the council. I'm Jeff Hoffman, lifelong resident of Long Beach. First of all, Councilwoman Pierce, I don't think you were crazy to bring this up three years ago. In fact, I think getting in front of it was smart is giving the city an opportunity to spend quality time looking at the issues , having the group meetings, which we now see a very quality proposal in front of you. But we also talk about Long Beach being a collection of unique neighborhoods. And the different neighborhoods have their own special qualities. And some neighborhoods lend themselves more to having the short term rentals versus others. So I am in favor of the opt out. I think that way individual communities within our city can decide if they want to have the short term rental. Thank you very much. We have Brad Michaels, Sam Gribble and Shawn Black. Boy, please. Okay. My name is Olga Al Arad. I had a big speech, but I'm just going to make it really quick. I'm highly against the opt out. I think it pits neighbors against neighbors. And if we are going to implement a two strikes, you're out. Why would we need the opt out? Long Beach has collected \$2 million from. We're not big businesses. We're just people trying to pay our mortgages, you know, trying to make ends meet. And so this, in essence, we've been paying the treaties. Why don't we use the treaties that Long Beach has already collected from us? Small little business people? We're not even business people. We're just homeowners. And why don't you guys build housing? You guys are collected already over \$2 million since April from us. Little people that own our little homes use that money and also get it from the hotels to to build housing. Don't tak

e it from us. We're just trying to make ends meet. Thank you. I yield my time. Oh, okay. Okay. Why don't you use the world? Good evening. Council Members Brad Michaels, Suzy Price, District three. Thank you very much. You all are very intelligent people. I'm a business owner, so I'm going to boil it down to reality check. Okay. A lot of unions here, a lot of people have a lot of different priorities. I'm a small person, okay. I'm trying to get a retirement, have a house here in Belmont Shores. My dream to move here mid-year, five years. We turned a drug house into a house that now people come from all over the world saying. Oh, it's a beautiful house. For 3 minutes from the beach. We poured over \$200,000 to repair our house. So, I mean. We improve the neighborhood. I am against opt out. I don't want one or two people having a voice or I don't want the little group of Naples

having a voice of all over it. Long Beach dictating their views over what we can do with our own property. I do believe in the in the Constitution that we have freedoms. To do with our property as we will in the housing crisis. No such thing. I can swing a dead cat and hit six units that are for rent right now within my within my block where I live. Thank you. No minor town, but thank you very much. You. Could you please cause any more? Sam Gribble. Sean Pollock is the last speaker. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for having us here today. Thank you for the studies you've done, which has proven that stars is a great thing for the community. I am against the opt out. For some reasons I feel like if SDR is going to have an opt out, the art also long term rentals should have the same provision because I have a party house. Ten doors down. Our neighborhood cannot deal with them because we have no rights. So when you talk about party house, is the long term is it the long term rentals or is it the short term rentals? Because most of the people that come, we have several Airbnbs in our. Area, their family. Nice, nice with their kids, everything. Very, very few party houses are based on SDR because there is no proof the city can prove it. But we can show proof that the long term rentals have a lot of party houses going on with the police reports. So it'd be nice to compare apples to apples. Thank you. Thank you. Now I'm going to turn it back to the maker, Mr. Spears. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I want to thank everybody that showed up tonight and spoke. I want to thank everybody that has been participating in this process over the last several years. We know that we embarked on this to try to create a Long Beach model. And so I want to be honest and transparent with everyone. We've had lots of conversations, both with community members, with housing advocates, with Unite here, with Airbnb, with neighbors, and really trying to figure out how do we have that balance between protecting our housing, ensuring that we've got people that live in the city that can really use their home for short

term rentals so that they can make additional income and also benefit off of the shared economy. I have a couple of questions that I'm going to ask staff, and then I've got some motions to make so that we can have a conversation behind the dais, again, reminding everyone in the room that the goal is really to protect housing but have a Long Beach model. And so one thing I do want to remind folks is a lot of the people that spoke tonight talked about what it meant for them to have their own unit. The Long Beach ordinance, as written right now, allows for unlimited nights for a primary resident. And that's something that a lot of cities don't have. And so I want to applaud the council for really seeing that that hosts that live in our communities are our neighbors. And we've got to know a lot of them. A lot of them are seniors or people that are maybe taking care of somebody in their home and that the city has done something that other cities haven't done. And so I wanted to keep that in the back of everyone's mind. Staff I'm going to ask some questions, if you could try to answer them kind of quickly just because it takes up my time too. Why were business licenses removed from the requirement? Killing me. This license removed from the requirement because of the small number of units that we are going to allow SDR operators to operate. Currently, people that do rentals, it starts at four units, so it would have to go back to the voters. Okay. Thank you. That. And there was a residency requirement for additional units and that has been removed as well. Can you explain that? And I'll take that one. The reason we removed that is we didn't feel it would could withstand a legal challenge because they are property owners, whether they live in the city or not, so that they pay taxes like the property owners that do live in the city. So we felt that would be not fair. Okay. And the reason I ask that question, because when we had this item in front of us last time, we had said that we wanted you to be a property owner in the city of Long Beach to be able to have an additional unit that wasn't your primary. Now that that's not true, I think that that has an effect on where we end up as a council with the number of non primary. I don't know what that number is yet. But I just wanted to point that out for the council that that at least was where I was at last time. There seems to be some misunderstanding on requirement of what? Is it a requirement that everybody pay to yacht to the city or only those that are entered into an agreement with the city? Everybody is required to pay if the ordinance passes. Okay, great. And for those people that might not put their short term rental on a platform like Airbnb or Expedia, how do we expect that we'll collect that Totti? Well, typically through an enforcement process, it's generally fairly easy to find out who is renting properties on a short term basis. And when we found that out, if it wasn't on a platform, we'd tra

ck that down, go after the person to collect it. It'd be an enforcement process. Could the city, you know, if we can turn to an agreement with with platforms, could the city, say, encourage everybody

that doesn't start in the city to listen on a certified platform? We'd have to do a little bit more research on that and see what other cities are doing. I think we probably could do something like that. Seems like it's for the platforms that are working with us and providing us with Totti and as was mentioned, one point something million already this year seems like it would save staff time. A lot of process. If we require those stars to be on any platform. I don't care which platform but one that we know we're collecting Totti from. So I look forward to maybe hearing some more about that down the road. Getting to the issue of, let's see, of the number in the caps. So one thing that I think was also missed from the last time when we had this discussion was my intention with making sure that we weren't putting additional short term rental units on the market. If our housing stock was not healthy. And what's known as a healthy housing stock is that we've got about 8% housing vacancy. Two years ago, I think the vacancy was a much lower number. The staff have an idea of what our housing vacancy number is now. It's roughly six and a half percent, 6.7%. 7%. And the reason why that that's important is because we know when the housing market gets crunched that rents can go up. And we have what happened in 2017, which was a big turnover. Excuse me, that. Yes, you can cue back up if you like to. Look at 17 seconds. Where. Now the second year of the motion. Can I yield 2 minutes, please? Well, I'm just looking at those two rows. I see. So the screen up there and the screen over here is different. So this one still says, I've got 30 seconds. Okay, you got 30 seconds, got 30 seconds. 2 minutes and 30 seconds. You don't have to use the whole 2 minutes. I can use that, but. Oh, my gosh. That's why. Okay. So I wanted to have a little bit of that context. I will have some other things to mention. I'm not sure if I can read all my changes and in 2 minutes all my motions, but I will begin. Was I done? I'm like, I guess the one other part I wanted to mention was not only our housing vacancy, but the where our hotels are at. And so I appreciate that the hotels who love me so much are here advocating for something tonight. But from my conversations with the CVB, this morning is on any weekend that we have something big like the Grand Prix, we're at 100% capacity. And so I wanted to ask if down the road not tonight, but if down the road there could be some conversations around increasing whatever number we come up with tonight for a very, very, very special event so that we're not losing out on top, but an opportunity that might arise. And I don't know what that is yet, but I, I wanted to ask Steph if that was an option for you to explore. Down the road. We can certainly

investigate that. Thank you. Okay. I have 2 minutes. With all of that said, very quickly. I have some extra minutes. Okay, I'll stop them. I'm going to let Suzy talk, and we'll go from there. I'm going to keep it simple because I know everyone on the council probably wants to add something to this. First of all, thanks for everyone. Thanks to everyone who came out. It is indeed a very unique collaboration effort, and I'm pleased to see it because we honestly don't see that enough. The biggest concern for me is that short term rentals have been the Wild West in the city for a long time, and they're illegal and it's impossible to enforce them because the residents have to be the the evidence gatherers that's putting neighbors against each other. Right. They're out there taking photos of violations and things and it's very difficult to enforce it. So for me, whatever provisions we come up with tonight and I'm going to queue up again. We need to have a strong enforcement mechanism because if we don't have a strong enforcement mechanism, it doesn't matter what rules we come up with here. We can come up with rules all day long, but if we're not enforcing them, then, then that's a problem. The number one concern that I've heard from my residents is your vacation rental unhosted non primary residence that's being rented out all year long and there's no vested interest by the property owner to care for the use and enjoyment of the property of their neighbors. And so to me, that's what we want to limit, and that's where the opt out for me makes sense. What I'd like to do is right now the proposed opt out in the provision is two. Thirds. Of voters in the census tract. I'd like to reduce that to 50% plus one. However, however, I would like to ensure. That the people who are. Circulating the petitions are property owners. Because what I don't want is petition gatherers to be paid to infiltrate neighborhoods, to get them to get the number of signatures they need for the petitions, because I don't think that's going to help your use and enjoyment of your neighborhood either. So if it's and I want the city clerk to be involved in determining who the signature gatherers are, who's petitioning to ensure that their property owners in that census tract. So that's very, very important to me. That's that's my number one concern in regards to what my residents have reached out to me. I'm in favor right now as the ordinance is currently written. It allows for somewhere around 1700 of these vacation rentals in the city of Long Beach. I think that number is absurd. I'd like to limit that number. I want to hear from my

colleagues on what they think that number should be. But I think 1700 at this time is absurd. So I'd like to hear from my colleagues on what they think about that. The other thing that I want to talk about is on the prohibition option. So multifamily units, buildings where the property owner gets on the prohibition list, they don't want their t

tenants to sublet and serve as a short term rental, while the property owner should not be fined if the platform is posting that location as an as a site to be rented when they're on the city's prohibition list. So I really want to work on what we can do about that if the property owner is doing everything they can. Thank you. Thank you. You can queue up again. So Mango. Thank you. I want to appreciate everyone who came down tonight. I know not all of you have come to a city council meeting before, so you should know that we've imposed rules upon ourselves to limit ourselves to 5 minutes and then recue for the same reason that we want to hear all of you, which is why we reduced down to one minute so everyone could stay in here, everyone's opinions and the final vote. I think it is absolutely absurd to use a census track as the determining factor. I spoke against this at the last meeting. Some census tracts have a couple hundred people in it. Other census tracts have 3800 homes. And it would be absolutely impossible for a community that is made up of I'm sorry, a census tract that is made up of multiple neighborhoods that have completely different vibes and feels to be the determinant of your ability to have a piece of housing which is across a major street away. I mean, literally, some of these housing tracts go across Studebaker. It's ridiculous. So I pulled an example. My neighbor who lives on Val Verde just moved to Naples. And so I pulled up an example. So Naples is housing track 5775.01. It is consistent of 1788 homes in that housing track. Of that 1788 homes, the voter district that overlays which remember there can be 1 to 3 voters in a household. Makes up two housing tracts. I'm sorry, two census tracts. And there are only 1200 registered voters. I mean, so your barrier to actually banning a as a bad landlord is very difficult. So I would like to have a discussion around is it the 300 homes closest to the short term rental or something like that? We kind of talked about it at the last meeting. I drew pictures for development services about my opinion and why, and I asked questions in advance to get this housing census tract. But I don't know that anyone here would think it's reasonable to gather signatures from. 1000. It's almost 2000 households to ban a house. And on top of that, I don't know about you, but when I was running for office, there may be two yard signs, two people running for mayor in the same household. And if you only get one vote per household and your vote is split, how does that even work? I just don't think the process is well thought out. And so for that reason, I'm I petition slide eight. Also, we've requested numerous times that all the slides are numbered so people can follow along and, and follow up. So if we could just make sure that that happens. So slide eight. I just I can't agree to census tracts. It seems unreasonable. And Cantrell, you said give it to the third district. Don't give it to me. Your census tra

ct has 864 homes in it. There's no way, you know, half of those people or that they would know if your neighbor was a bad landlord. I have concerns about tenants forging paperwork to use their rental property as an Airbnb. So if I'm a landlord and I have a tenant and that tenant wants to use it as an Airbnb, I would love to have some kind of mechanism where a landlord can just mail in somewhere and say, I don't want any of my units ever to be available as an Airbnb so that if their tenant wants to violate the rules, there's some kind of barrier to forging documentation and so on, because that has happened extensively from what I hear. I love the idea of a incentive for weekends that are Grand Prix or certain conferences that sell out the whole city. Heck, my husband and I might leave and go stay in Carson for a week when the Olympics is here and rent out our house for some exorbitant amount of money and pay our mortgage for a couple of weeks so that our kid can be in swim lessons or whatever she wants to be. And so something like that I think is amazing idea. The last thing I want to say is we talk about limiting the number to 1700. Without a legitimate process in place. There are 1300 in the city. So if we wanted to limit the number by housing track, I could see something like that where you're not overpopulated in any particular community, but I would prefer it be my neighborhood and not my housing track because I don't believe people across the major street have the same feel and lifestyle as others. Thank you. And I yield my 47 seconds. Thank you, Mrs. Index. Thank you, colleagues. This is a very, very important subject. And yes, thank. You to everyone who. Has come out here in support. And and, you know, just being here makes a big difference. It's a very difficult decision for us upon the dias to make a decision this big just by ourselves. So please know that your participation tonight and reaching out

to all of our offices is very important because we really want to do you justice. With that being said, I, I just feel that, you know, the 1% is outrageous. It's too way too much. To. Enforce something like this. I think that, you know, being from a district where affordable housing is. Impacted in a big way, I think that, you. Know, one thing that I would like to do is actually make an amendment to the motion. I want to make sure that that we don't overdo it and be and that. Sorry about that. And I want to make my amendment so that we. I'm going to say this slowly so that the total number of non primary residence for short term rentals. Ah that our issued ah, 500 or less. I'm sorry. 500 at a camp. An hour issued by the city. Yeah. That was a. Woman. Okay, fine. Mm. But as of this point, I think Councilman Councilwoman Pierce indicated she was going to make a motion when she queues up again. So as of right now, unless somebody has adopted the motion, the recommended action, we really don't have a motion on the floor to amend. So. It could

be a friendly amendment to somebody else's motion. Or if you wanted to make a standalone motion, that would be perfectly fine too. But as of now, we don't really have a motion. I'll make it friendly so that we can discuss that. Okay. Is that it, Mrs. Devine? You know my time. I see. Ranga. Oh, that's. It gives me. It gives me 7 minutes. Seven. I'm all kidding. I'm not going to take that long, actually, because I see that the cast members, Pearson Price, have recused. And I know they have a lot of things to say or continue to say. I want to go ahead and keep it short. The only the only thing with me about about this whole issue is the fact that, you know, we are a coastal city and we have a lot of Airbnb housing that takes place along the coast. And one of the issues that I see up and down when I as a member of the Coastal Commission, is this battle going on with the cities that the want to have Airbnb or want to get their total tragic occupancy tax. And I don't want to use a short term whether or not you understand what I mean. But the thing is, is that. It's all about access and access to the beach. And our access to the beach here is it's an area in district three, district two. And maybe a sliver of this one. So those are those are the ones that I'm concerned about in terms of what ever plan we come up with that that we keep in mind that there are going to be people who want access to those homes because they've never seen the beach before or they want to experience Long Beach. So my question in this sense is, is there or has there been a study or maybe it's coming where we know what those rates are? Is it a bifurcated rate where we have one in four coastal zones and one's more inland outside of the coastal zone in Long Beach? Do you answer that? I'm not sure what you're referring to when you're referring to a rate. You mean a rental rate. Retail rate, like how much Airbnb homes go for or a. A rental along the coast is old versus both versus inland. I don't think we have data on the actual rental costs that are bifurcated by the coastal as opposed to the location. We do have some data. But not broken out in that manner. My concern would be that making sure that. If we are going to have a plan here in terms of how many we're going to have, whether it's a thousand or 500 or 1% or have a percentage point, I want to make sure that whatever we come up with that. At least half of that or a good number of that. That along the coast, along the coastal zone excuse me, along the coastal zone are affordable. Because that's one of the major reasons why cities up and down the coast are are struggling with this because there's there's that there are there are neighborhoods or areas. For example, the Del Mar. Del Mar is a very expensive place to be. And there's nothing there. They would be affordable alone. They are more. Yet you can come to Long Beach. I have an experience and it would be a lot more if not experience have an opportunity to. Yeah. That's

tr that would be provide a good experience for families that there have been there before. So I will just throw that out there because I think, you know, for you, especially in the District three, that's going to be that's that's a that's a big concern. And I know it is for for me in the sense that, you know, if I if a family of four wants to come to the beach in Long Beach and they see that there's an extra available pretty close to the beach or on the beach itself that they want I would want them to have that good experience and want to make sure it's affordable. So all that to say is that I want to make sure that where I would come up with, whether it's my poor kid or not and I don't know whether we need to barricade it at that. We provide continued access to a to the beach. And I yield my 50 seconds. Okay. And this is worse. Councilman Turanga. Count towards my time, by the way. I guess my only response is I haven't seen any ordinance up and down the state that actually attempts to regulate the affordability of units that are put on the market. What I have seen, and you would know better than I from your experience on the Coastal Commission, is that the Coastal Commission will not approve a short term rental ordinance if there is some outright prohibition

against allowing them in the coastal zone. And the Coastal Commission, as you pointed out, in wants to encourage that kind of use. But what the Coastal Commission has been approving are restrictions that restrict it to hosted only and it seems like the Coastal Commission has been okay with that. But I haven't seen an affordability component in the ordinances. That's correct. In terms of hosted. But in there that element of affordability as well. That's one, right? Yes. Thank you. Thank you for answering my my questions earlier. And thank you to the conversation so far. And I would like to make a motion now and hear from my colleagues on where they're at with it. There are some. Quick little things and then I'm going to actually read the ordinances as we went over earlier today. Mr. Mayes. I want to make sure that it's clear that the total is a requirement and not an option. I'd like to create a certification for platforms that pay TOT and work with the city on enforcement. So that we can list that and have host work with those platforms. I would like staff, whatever number we come up with today. And those in the audience know that these last four days have been probably the hardest four days of my term on council. It's been very tough. I would like us to get to a place where we have a cap today. And that. In in light of how this item came forward, that staff monitor the housing vacancy rate and when the housing vacancy rate reaches 9%, that staff agenda is an item in front of this council to discuss if we make a change to the cap. This way. The item that's been in front of us for the last two years where we've been talking about a percent, can come back for a full discussion. But for me, wh

en the 1% came up, I didn't register that 1% with 1700 units. And that's something that I cannot in any way as a housing advocate support. And so I'm trying to find us a place where we can get a cap today. 500 is on the floor right now. See where we get. But that staff be the one to actually agenda, is it not a two from four. And that if that were to be supported by this council, that it'd be the same time every year that we revisit that housing vacancy. If it's every January or every march, that there's a process in place to have that discussion. Now I'm going to get into the more specifics here. On Section 5.77, it should read. The SDR operator shall not operate more than one primary residence ACR in more than one non primary residence stars in the city. Section 577030 before. This is the total number of primary residents. Hold on to yes, this is the total number of non primary residents. I'd still like to hear from my colleagues on where they're comfortable. Item or. It's 577050. Unhosted stays in a str shall be limited to 90 days per year. All stays in a non primary residence shall be presumed to be unhosted. I know we've had lots of debate over definitions, and I wanted to make that clear. This is a significant change that I want to hear from my colleagues as well. Hosting platforms. This is 5770708. Hosting platforms shall not process or complete any booking transactions for stars unless the ACR has a valid current ACR registration number issued by the city to the operator. We would also like to list the date that that permit is valid on the host platform. I'd like to. I think that these things are the following that I'm going to talk about are are assumed in the ordinance but not teased out. Hosting platform shall not process or complete any booking transactions that would exceed the number of days in section 577050. We talked about that today. I am comfortable with Councilmember Price's comments around allowing the clerk and the process of 50% plus one support that. I'm not sure if we don't have a census track how we are able to get there. I think based on all my conversations with city staff, it has to be a census track. And honestly, like if you get four neighbors at 4000 homes, they can they can figure out a way to get it if it's something that is is a priority for them. So I support your comments on that one. Enforcement. So we know that in a lot of cities we have a discussion about we finally have regulated, but enforcement is lacking and we're really struggling. So I want to make sure that there's no gray area here. Yes, you'll have to queue up again. Okay. I'm sure my council colleagues would like me to continue and I can stop talking for the rest of the time. I think you have to queue up again. All right. Councilman Price. So I wanted to clarify one thing about the opt out provision, and that is the opt out provision should only apply to non primary unhosted. So the vacation rentals. So if there are residents who are home sharing,

if it's your primary residence, the opt out is not to pet you against your next door neighbor. The opt out is to prevent location rentals coming to the neighborhood. If the neighborhood wants to petition for that. The opt out provision is supposed to be the intent behind it is to allow neighborhoods and neighbors to have a voice in this process. And so reducing the threshold of how many signatures they need to get makes it a meaningful voice because the two thirds number in a census track is nearly impossible to achieve, whereas the 50 plus one is a much more realistic number. And if we

have safeguards in place to ensure that it's property owners, it's those who have property values at stake and long term vested interests in the property. That will be the ones that will be able to circulate petitions and get those signatures. So I think that. That addresses that. Excuse me, Susie, can I stop for just 1/2? Can I address the vice mayor? Vice Mayor, I know we have the time limits in place and we have them in place for a good reason. But I don't think we ever contemplated that we would stop someone from Make in the middle of a motion. And the reason I say that it's going to be impossible for the city clerk to follow it. I'm having a hard time following it. So I feel like we should let the maker of the motion finish her motion, even if it goes over the time limit. And then we can impose the time limit on further discussion so that we have one cohesive motion that people can understand. You're the city attorney, so I think that's a good idea. Thank you. Okay, good. Appreciate that. So, Mr. Mays, should I yield my time to Councilmember Pearce? Yeah. I don't know if it's so much yielding time. I think we should just let Councilwoman Pierce finish your motion without regard to time constraint within reason, and then just impose it as we go through the discussion. Did you make a note of my comments, though? I yeah, I think so. Okay. Listen, part of the motion. Plus you have 2 minutes and 46 seconds left. Well, I have until I finished my motion. And Mrs. Price. Okay. I was talking about enforcement. 577090. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in chapter 1.3 to the fines shall be 1000 for each violation. Each separate day in which a violation exists shall be considered a separate violation. Section 577.090. If three fines have been issued against a host, so I'd like to remove the word STR and replace it with a host within a 12 month period. Blah, blah, blah. The rest of that piece. 577090 should read any person. Or host. Hosting platform or SDR operator convicted of violating any provision of that of the. The city may issue and serve administrative subpoenas again to any person, any host hosting platform or SFR operator as necessary to obtain a specific information. The same thing for section 577090j. Any person, any host hosting platform or ACR operator. I know this is assumed, but I want to make sure it's clear. It's unlawful to be a host unless the

responsibilities of 577.070 are not fully complied with. I know it's implied, but want to make sure it's clear noncompliance with any stated responsibility under section 577.07 will result in a violation fee of \$1,000 per day. Per violation. Ladies and gentlemen, that is my motion. I do support the low. The lower number. I look forward to hearing from my council colleagues again, reminding us that we have unlimited amounts on hosted stays. But understanding, you know, this has been a long conversation. So I'll come back up in a little bit. And who else do we need a second of that? I'm seconded. Okay, fine. This is Bryce. Yeah. I did it. Okay, so in addition to the opt out lowering the threshold that I already articulated, I'm hoping my colleague is amenable to that change. I would also like to request that under section 5.77.070 hosting platform responsibilities. I believe that it should be a. Responsibility of the platform to remove any multifamily property owners who have requested to be on the prohibition list. And I believe if the property owner has exercised due diligence to place themselves on that list, they should not be fined and the platform should get a warning that it is not in compliance with the city's regulations. So I'd like to add that as a friendly as well. In addition, in terms of the number right now, the ordinance as proposed allows for 1700, roughly 1700 non primary short term rentals. And I know Councilwoman Zendejas suggested that maybe that limit be 500 as opposed to the percentage that's proposed. I take to heart the comments by Councilmember Ranga because I do represent the coast and I know how important it is to have access to the coast and how important that is for the Coastal Commission. In fact, every project in my district we talk about access to the coast and allowing for access to the coast. So my to be meaningfully compliant with that, my recommendation would be that we, we, we kind of find a happy medium and allow for a thousand, no more than a thousand as opposed to the 1700 or so that would currently be allowed no more than a thousand non primary stars. So that we're meeting in the middle in terms of Coastal Commission's interests and access, because this is going to have to be a process that we're going to have to be compliant on many levels with in terms of access to the coast. So but I'd love to hear from my colleagues on that. Before we go any further, I want to. You did not make a substitute motion. You were making, I think, a friendly amendment to Councilwoman Pearson's motion in Councilwoman. Councilwoman Pierce, do you accept those three changes as a friendly amendment? I accept them. I'd like to hear from my colleagues on the number, though. So I'm not accepting a thousand yet. Okay. So I'm price. Is that it? That's it for me. Thank you. I'm going to an. Thank you. First, I want to acknowledge our staff and everybody that has been involved in getting us to this point over the last few years. I

It's been a long, painstaking policymaking process, which I think we should respect when we are making policy. We should take our time and get it right. So I want to, you know, shout out to the stakeholders who everybody who was involved in this, the hotels, the unions, the host. And we heard from community tonight. There's very few nights that we actually hear from all of the stakeholders in a process. I'm seeking to get to a balanced and thoughtful policy. And as we get there, I mean, I think I can support much of what has been proposed. But I am really interested before we start talking about the number and putting caps on a number. I want to hear from staff in terms of what it's going to cost to administer the program, because I don't want to be upside down there either. Yes. So those are really good questions. I would like to throw out some data to help the council kind of with this this hard policy decision of whether it's 500 or 1000 or somewhere in between. We looked at data from 2010 and 2015 about how many units have just been historically used for seasonal and recreational use, where people are leaving them vacant because they're snowbirds or they're traveling or others. That number has been consistently about 1000, so that is what is currently not being really put on the housing stock. It's been about a thousand. We also heard through for hundreds of people throughout this process who owned cars who have come to our community meeting. So I'm going to guess that number is probably been in the 3 to 4 to almost 500 of actual people who have engaged in this process. And the enforcement is a tough one because right now I think Councilmember Price mentioned it is illegal and we have hundreds and hundreds of these. So we know we have around 800 to 900 on hosted. And the point of the ordinance is to try to get a regulatory system that the city can actually enforce. So the lower that number gets, the harder it is for us to enforce because there's going to be more in the black market. So a number like 500 is going to be harder for us to get compliance if there's already eight or 900 that are out there. So I can I'll have Linda talk about the enforcement that we have, but I did want to throw that out. That number is probably, in staff's opinion, somewhere in between the 508,000 and in there getting closer to what we have so that we can have meaningful enforcement. So I heard in public. Oh, was there. No. Go ahead. Please. In terms of enforcement, I think that in the initial proposal for this ordinance and in the last budget, the city council did approve two budgeted positions specifically for enforcement. So we would have staff on board to essentially enforce. Design and enforce the ordinance, as we've. Discussed it tonight. So if we were to to cap and it sounds like it sounds like we're going to be okay but if we would have put a cap that would miss price or councilmember prices her friendly amendment and a thousand would that get us. Will w

e be able to to administer this program with the resources that that it would generate? Yes. And I presume you're speaking from a cost perspective, because the registration fees essentially are what we use to fund those staff positions. And we would enforce the 500 or 1000. I think the amount of compliance that you would get would be higher than at the higher number. So with a for the same amount of staff, we would have to go to more houses and do more compliance. If the number was lower to 500, the higher up that number goes, we would have more compliance or you would add more staff, which, you know, right now we're not budgeted for. So that I'm clear tonight, our action tonight does regulate stars no matter what direction we take. And if we weren't to take an action tonight, we would just have this ongoing proliferation of seizures in our city with unregulated and unaccountable. Right. Got it. So. That's it. I'm I'm in support of what's on the floor. I think a thousand is a reasonable number because I think we need to enforce and account for what is already there. Right. And there was a number that was also thrown out in quotes, I mean, from public comment that I want to just follow up on in terms of what is actually generated in stories for the city of Long Beach or what has been, because I'm understanding that there's already been some revenue generated. Yes. So there's been approximately since we started collecting it in past in April, approximately 1.8, \$4 million in total generated. That's being split 50% between the general fund and between the SRP. S&P; and why the S&P;? Did I say that wrong? So the way. The Todd ordinance works at the voters it or that is on the books is that half of our total goes into special advertising and promotions, half goes into the general fund. So that's not something we can change in this ordinance. So in light of and I am sensitive to the to the comments about taking away existing housing and and obviously our need to build more housing. Is there any flexibility in the TLT to be able to set aside or dedicate moneys toward housing or affordable housing? So that's a policy choice of the council. There is some ability to do that, I would believe, as the revenue source grows. We would encourage you to look at that along with all of your other needs. If you remember about

two years ago when we were facing some service cuts, the council wanted us to look at revenue . And so we put I'm going to estimate the number. I think it was about 750,000 in the general fund as our estimate, and we're right on that number, are actually a little bit higher as more dollars come in. You know, that really should be something. You look at the budget, should it go to housing, should it go to preserve services? You should go for enhanced services. But that would be a policy decision. Well, we're making policy tonight, so I'm okay with making a decision in that regard. I am concerned also just questioning. So since April, we've collecte

d \$1.8 million. Right. And that's less than a year. On how many hosts or stars were were. Actually contributing. So right now the top collection is limited to those hosted through Airbnb. We have a voluntary collection agreement with them. I don't have an exact number on the number of hosts that are paying the total. I'd have to work with business license staff to try and get that number, and we'd possibly have to go to Airbnb as well. So that's just Airbnb. There are other platforms that are still operating in the city that. Yes, we are actually in the process of working with HomeAway to enter into a voluntary collection agreement as well. They're the they're the two biggest right now in the city. Okay. Well, I'm going to again, I think 1000 is a is a reasonable number. But I'd also like to hear from my colleagues as well in terms of how, you know, you'd like to proceed with with the TLT, if that's I don't know that it should be dedicated just as happy. And I think in light of what we've heard, there's a lot of sensitivities around housing stock, our ability to to generate an income to to to develop more affordable housing. I think this is a source that we need to look at as a as an option as well. Excuse me. Excuse me, Councilman Austin, I just want to clarify one thing Tom said. The way we read the current tax structure is the only money that would be in play for dedicating to a housing purpose would be the 6% that's not dedicated in the ordinance to the SRP. If we took money that's already dedicated tax that was passed before Prop 218 and tried to re reconvert that to a different area, we have a problem. I'd like to make a friendly amendment to use that 6%. Yeah. Remember we can use it. Always use that we already have the ability to do anything with as far as a general fund expense. And just add on to that. One of the reasons we do encourage you strongly to look at that as part of the budget discussion is that's currently supporting general fund services, the money that we have. So we wouldn't want to create a whole tonight. If you could give us a direction tonight or put it somewhere, we would need to come back then with reductions somewhere else in the budget. So we expect this funding source to grow over time, especially as we bring on HomeAway and other platforms. And so that that be we strongly encourage you to look at that as part of the budget. Looking at my budget oversight committee chair, she's mouthing all kinds of things to me right now. But I do recall that the SAP fund has a very significant reserve and it's a healthy fund. I think we could it would be the moral thing to do for the council to look at appropriating more money for housing. So I'm. Absolutely. Huh? Huh? Did you know? Fine. Thank you, Councilman Ellison. You know, I think listen to all these. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight, because this is the kind of conversation we should have all over the city, because the fact that the crisis that we're in an

d the city we were talking about, you know, I don't think anyone should be denied when especially when your homeowners tell you how you should or should not, when you're asked what you should do with it or being able to rent it out, you know, form it out, that's your house. But as far as homeless and the housing that we have, you are sitting watching that we in any extra money that we get. I'm just hoping all of you feel the same way that all of us feel is that we must put it back into that situation. So while I know that most of these short term rentals are in other districts, as a district with high, I am a district with high rental population and I'm a firm believer that we need to find a balance that allows the market to compete. But also, I did not want to displace our residents. You know, in my district we are building housing at a rapid rate. And I want to ensure that this city is also increasing the housing stock, not just even in and out to open up for the market too much. So we also need to preserve the character of our neighborhood. We need an oversight to ensure that we're not allowing party houses to become a nuisance. But lastly, I also need to ensure that our hospitality industry is not diminishing with these short term rentals. What I'm hearing tonight, everyone is for what you should be for, because the fact that you are homeowners, you work your life out to get what you are today. And for our individuals for affordable housing, we're going to have to look at that and we look at it very hard and we know we have a problem and we're going to have to be able to work with that problem to make sure that we in the city of Long Beach are not one of

those who said we forgot about affordable housing because we are very, very serious about that. And you home and I want to thank every and every one of you who are very considerate and compassion. But we're trying to do for the city of Long Beach. So beautiful city. I love it most of my life. Probably all my life. But what I've seen, I love it and I hope we continue to do the right thing by residents, especially by affordable housing. And thank you guys very much. I'm going to give this to Mrs. Mongo and that feeling any time. Because that. Yield your time to her. Councilman. Councilwoman in Diaz. Amelia, my time to you. Thank you. I don't need too much time. I just have a couple questions. Thank you, Councilmember Austin, for that recommendation of maybe having that 6% go to affordable housing. As a affordable housing advocate, I think that would be great. I wanted to know, is that something that realistically can be implemented? And then just procedurally that issue we can't decide tonight hasn't been agenda ized at all. That is usually something you would typically do as part of the budget process. It could be expedited. It could go to the Budget Oversight Committee for a recommendation. And I maybe didn't make myself clear before, but what I was trying to say is there's a total basically

of 12%. Six of it currently must go to the special advertising and promotion fund. So the only other revenue is the other 6% that is currently earmarked for anything that the council wants to put it to towards the general fund. So it's that 6% we're talking about, we need to agenda. Is that for another evening for discussion of how that goes. But that money could. Or a percentage of that 6% certainly could go into some form of affordable housing if the council wanted to make that policy decision. And what I'd suggest as staff is what you're asking us to come back with some information. I'd like to come back with you about what's already in the budget, what is the projection, how much is going into general fund versus SRP? And then that will help you and look at our budget context that will help you make some decisions when we get to that point for budgeting. Thank you. And I would like to I am very interested to see on how that would look. So if you guys can please do that, that would be great. Another question and just procedurally. If you could make that as a friendly that, I'll make sure that it gets into the motion. Yes, I would like to make that as a friendly. Thank you. And also, you know, with considering that, I still think that something. Is. Way too much. Obviously, I would prefer because being an affordable housing advocate and in the first district again where we have a big like it's been said over and over again in the in the first district especially, we have a big affordable crisis, affordable housing crisis. So I would I don't support the 1000. I think that, you know, I could I could see why maybe 500 would be too too much of a drastic move for us right now, even though that's where I want it. But I don't know that I can have the support for that. So I moved that. At least we do. Maybe now let's not do any more than seven 750. As a family. Mm hmm. Hmm. Okay, before we go any further, Councilwoman Pierce, are you acceptable of those two friendly amendments? One has to do with bringing back information on the budgeting process for the TOT tax. And the other is to reduce your thousand cap to a 500. A sorry to a 77. 750 would be the friendly. Okay, so that's what we're sitting at. 750. That is an admission they are. Yes. I mean. That's 750. Just to be clear, we're talking about 750 UNHOSTED unit agents. Limit the mix. Of non primary residents. Yes. Yes, procedurally, but that also had to be seconded by the second. There are the motion would. So it's you know. We're rolling with friendlies today. I know we don't always. But procedure, that's all we need. We need to know that the second of the motion is fine with it as well. Oh. I mean, if. Or from my other colleagues on that, because I think that this five minute limitation, everything is kind of piecemeal right now. So I'd love to hear from everybody before we land on a number. Okay. Sorry, Mrs. Diaz. Yes. Thank you, Councilman. Mongo. So let me help with Mr. Mays. Mr. Austin. Council

man Austin and Councilwoman Zendejas item. As chair of Budget Oversight, what I'd like to see, and I think would be helpful in the discussion related to affordable housing. When Councilmember Austin talked about the ACP funds and the surplus that we have that that was a voter, it would have to go to the voters. But we just had a discussion about housing. So what I'd like to do is, as a friendly agenda is at the February 11th EOC meeting, a discussion about. Affordable housing. Receiving a percentage of the revenue from short term rentals. Would you be open to that as a friendly? And then I can make sure that report comes back that has all the details related to what the process would be, how much it would be separating it out by hotels versus if you want to do SDR only, or if you want to do the full taxation amount, what those numbers would be, we have those from a previous BOC meeting. You're talking about total funds for fairly. Affordable housing.

Housing. Yeah. I mean, I think that the I agree with staff that it needs to be done in the budget process. So I don't think it's something we can skip ahead to. I mean, especially after. Me reallocating funds last time, how upset some people were. So, I mean, I think it makes sense for that to come back through the budget process, whatever time you want to take on the B or C to explore that and go for it. Thank you. As long as. Okay. And then I think one of the challenges for us in the fifth District is we do have some amazing Airbnb landlords. We met this weekend with one of our neighborhood associations, the ranchos. They have some amazing, unique homes. But if we put the cap at 700, there are currently 1300 participants. Participating without a law. And those individuals who are not participating because they're waiting for a law won't have a chance. And so I think one of the things we might want to consider is similar to how we did spreading out dispensaries. It would be great if we could spread out the stores. So they're not all concentrated in downtown or they're not all concentrated in the shore. Ms.. Tatum. We have three enforcement areas. For development services, correct? Yes. Those generally. Correspond to. The police report. Police districts as well. Wonderful. Well, police. Previous police districts before we added South Division back. Great. So that means that there are three areas of the city. And so my proposal would be. Until housing stock reaches. Councilman Pierce, can you remind me what you wanted it to be? Each 8%. Until housing stock reaches 8%, that we limit the number of short term rentals. 2.6%. That is less than the 1%. It comes in somewhere around, I think, 950. However, you would limit the number in any district. So in any development services district to no more than. 500. So that means that. That means that in part of the second, the third, the fourth and the fifth between the four of us, the East Division, there would be no more than 500. It doesn't increase the limit o

f the whole city above the 950. But it also means that. North Long Beach, who has very few, if any at all right now, would potentially be able to have someone who say runs out to a student September through June. They'd be able to do their short term rental in the summer. Right now, they would not be able to. Anyone who is not currently in the platform or aware of this discussion has no chance of participating. Well, there's currently, according to Ms.. Tatum's discussion with me earlier, 1300 people participating in the process today. And if we take it down to 750 or 1000, that means that of the people who are participating today. A third of them won't be able to participate legally. So to answer if I accept this one, is that no one's operating legally right now. And so the idea that we would grandfather in or give people that are currently acting illegally, which seems to me like was part of the conversation, I think I have struggled with this so much the last four days. I'm good with the cap. I cannot support a thousand and I'm good with coming back with the percent discussion. When our housing stock reaches 8%. I'm trying to not reward people who are currently participating. I'm trying to reward the people that are not participating. The comment that you said that there's no way that people that are currently participating. No I'm saying the people who are not participating because it's not legal. Mhm. Are not going to have a chance to participate because. Currently that's not true. Because what's going to happen is city staff could you answer the question of how we would give permits to two operators or to host. So it's going to depend on how the how we set out what that number is going to be. And I think if we're going to set a number around 500 or 750, a low limit lower than who we have currently operating in the city, we're going to probably have to end up doing it by lottery. So it ends up being fair to everybody. So is there a reason why we wouldn't do a first come, first serve? Because how are we going to know, you know, if we have already? So in terms of the 1300s that are operating about. 890 or so our non primary, the other ones are hosted. So let's say that we have this number above and everybody comes on the same day. How, how are we going to really determine which is that first one, you know, if. That's my problem. I'm not sure if we are going to have to step back and. Really look at this issue. And I was trying to get that lottery to be more neighborhood based, right? So like in the ranchos, if there was a limit that they wouldn't have more than and I didn't want to get too complicated. I don't want to say, okay, the ranchos is 1400 homes. No more than 1% of the ranchos can be used. It just got to be such a linear level. That was too complicated. So I tried to stay at the top level, which is enforcement districts. And the reason I thought enforcement districts made sense is development services is going to be doing the enforce

nt. And so if we wanted to say, well, allow a thousand units and no more than 33% in any enforcement district, that helps, too, because there are going to be districts that are never going to reach that maximum. They're are just areas that aren't as popular. So it kind of limits it in a way that

also helps with housing. I was just trying to come up with a solution so that we don't have I mean, here we are again, fistfights in the lobby because there are currently almost 900 and those are the ones we know of. And then I'd like also to talk about something that I have not seen covered here. I want to know how we ban. Platforms that don't abide by the rules. If you are a platform and you don't abide by the rules, I want to ban you and give you a two year probation or whatever it is. But if we have a neighbor who has been put on notice that they cannot host and that. Platform continues to post their unit that platforms should be banned from our city. And otherwise I don't know how we continue to enforce it becomes too expensive. And if. That is your wish, that should probably be included in the. Motion. So I'd like a friendly to have the staff come back with some kind of process for ensuring that when platforms do not obey our ordinance and participate, that there is a probation and banning process. And I'm supportive of that part. I don't know how we get to the other part. I'm just throwing stuff out there. I've as I said, I've really struggled with this the last several days. And and the thing that I know that I'm comfortable with is a low number and exploring a percentage at a later date. And. You know, I've done a lot of work on this over the last almost three years and. I know that we're not going to get to a place where everybody agrees, but when we're struggling on housing, questions like the bond last week, it makes sense to me that we're protecting our housing stock. I would like to get to a lower number. So what if we propose half a percent? That would be 850. Like I hear from my. Colleagues, there's 890 in the city. That means only 40 of them would be. Theoretically not that those should get priority. I almost feel like the people who are not on a platform right now should get priority. But I don't know how to do that either. Or if you could get a letter of support from every neighbor that touches your property. So with that, we've got a couple other folks queued up. I'll do one more round of that and then see what I can accept. So I just use me. Councilwoman Pierce, before we move on to another subject, I want to. I was hoping I could get some clarity when you first mentioned the percentage of rental housing stock that you are concerned with, the number you gave us was 9%, and then that over time morphed into 8%. So I don't know if you missed. The housing the healthy housing vacancy stock from all the housing advocates. And I believe the city said it, too, is 8%. Okay. I do not want to chip in to that 8%. So maybe you can come back when t

he housing market is looking at like it's 8%. I had said nine because I thought if we started exploring a percentage at nine that it would make sure we protected that 8% and didn't dip into it with stars. So that makes sense. A little bit. It makes a little bit sense, except your motion was at nine nine. And I want to make sure. Are we. I'd like to keep it at nine. Okay. Thank you. So my friendly is to be at a half a percent until housing stock reaches 9%. And then it would come back to the council agenda used by the staff to potentially go up to 1%, which means it doesn't automatically go up. I definitely want to make sure it doesn't automatically go up. I would like to ask staff I've heard four different numbers and this will help me get to a place with you. I've heard four different numbers on how many non primary units we've have. Where does that data come from? This was data that was put together by a host compliance. When we initially started this, the study. When was that? When was that? Yeah, I mean. It was March of 2018. My question is, more than that, we have a data set, and I know that there's another data set that other people have talked about. And perhaps whenever we're looking at this data, we could make sure we're comparing, you know what? Whether I don't know what the other platform is that people have used to compare data, I know that it's difficult to get. The second part is. I lost my thought. I'm really trying to to get to a place where I'm comfortable tonight. Having the percentage go up. I want to make sure that it's it's a process that this council has to go through again. The percent is still an issue, a challenge. And I'll give one more round to hear from my colleagues and then and then see where we're at. And my last question is, you made a change, I think, to limit all vacation rentals in the entire city to 90 days. So. In my neighborhood. I have a neighbor who lives here part year and they live in Utah part of the year. So they wouldn't be able to rent out their home anymore for part of the year when they're gone. And so is there any flexibility in allowing people who use it as their primary residence? So when. They. Rent it, when they're. If it's their primary residence, they get 90 days currently in the ordinance. The goal was to make sure that we're not having big companies come in. I don't know if they're if staff wants to talk about another process that might be able to help somebody that lives here half time. So the problem with that is not in your side, but the staff determined a new a new made up rule of what a primary residence is. It has no legal or taxation standing. And so they determined out of their analysis, 275 days make something a primary residence. And that's means

that you go out of town for maybe the summer. But that's not the experience of people who take care of family out of state and all those. And I think it's the majority of experience. And when we start trying to govern for every half of

a percent of a population, then we get in a sticky place. I would just argue and again, against development services, no disrespect, I appreciate the work that you did. In my talking with platforms, I think that the average number of people for a non primary residence and again the definition of non primary is completely it shouldn't be named that but. The number of days they extend to their property does not align with what development services staff are saying. That's all. Thank you. I am going to ensure Bruno. Thank you. I'd like to follow up on the 90 day rule. Consider for at least the east side. Think of the north neighborhood north of Cal State, Long Beach, north of Atherton, between Olivetti and Bellflower. So our stories are, I would say, primarily student housing. So classes started today at Cal State Long Beach, and they'll end on May eight. And that, I think is 108 days. So if there's nothing magical about the 90 days, you could extend it to, say, 120 days and accommodate student housing for a semester. A little different than the folks giving up their house for the summer. You could actually accommodate student housing this way. And then I just want to get in the weeds a little bit on the petition issue. As I said, we don't have a lot of good experience in the fourth year. We have a lot of experience with petitions, and it has to do with preferential parking districts. Every street that dead ends into Atherton from Palo Verde to Bellflower, is a preferential parking district street. Every one of those streets had to have a petition signed by the neighbors. And what we found through trial and error, and this was at the recommendation of public works, is do this by mail. A lot of speakers here warned about pitting neighbor against neighbor of you send neighbors out with a petition. You have two problems. You're welcoming arguments. And also you might have a sales job on behalf of the person circulating the petition. We found very few neutral petition carriers in preferential parking. So I guess maybe since we're in the mode of friendly amendments, if we're talking about petitions, I would make a friendly amendment that this be done by mail. Thank you. Fine. And are you going to. Oh. We're going to go with these emotions. We're going to wait to everyone finish The Apprentice, because we've got about nine of them. And when we go see the attorneys, we're just going to continue until we make the final motions. Right. I don't think we're there yet. I'm not sure if I understood. Counsel man super, super, nice, friendly amendment. It is to require that a petition be circulated via email right then door to door. So, Councilwoman Pierce, is that something that you can embrace? So it would require a petition to go out via mail rather than a door to door solicitation. I think I'm okay with that. Okay. You've got to think a little bit because it's the first time I've heard it. Okay. I'll. I'll speak at the very end and reconfirm. Okay. I want t

o minimize. It's an interesting concept because it doesn't require the residents to circulate the petition door to door and get themselves in a confrontational situation. I like it. I'm wondering, is there a way that we can validate the signatures and, you know, make sure that the the property. Address matches up with the property owner that's on the signature and all of that. Is there some sort of verification or maybe an affirmation that can be included in the petition from the person who signs it? So typically we would probably on a going forward basis, if this were to pass as part of the implementing regulations, we would probably draft a form of a petition that would include an affirmation swearing under penalty of perjury. As I understood the main motion part of what Councilwoman Pierce wants is for the city clerk's office to take the responsibility for verifying the signatures. They're well versed in doing that. I assume they can do that in this case. Yep. Yeah. I think that actually would work out a lot better for the residents as well, because they don't have to put themselves in a situation where they're having those uncomfortable conversations. I like it to the extent that that matters. I like it. I did want to also add. Councilmember, I hate to interrupt, but we should bring back to you some of the cost of mailing as well. That currently is when we do preferential parking that's passed on to the people who are doing it. It's normally a pretty small area. If we're talking of a larger area, we should get you that information so that you have it. I think that would be important, but I would like it to be included in the ordinance. We can discuss it when we do, when it comes back to us and we have to vote on it. But I think that the neighborhood. Organizations that want to circulate the petition can bear the cost of that depending on what it is. But I think the cost of mailing is, is, is probably manageable. But I am interested in seeing that now. Right now, the ordinance as proposed says the timing of the opt out petition process is 180 days

after. I don't have the language in front of me, but after the law is adopted, is that correct? Yes. But. Including Coastal Commission. It's 180 days after Coastal Commission. 180 days after coastal. Right. So laws adopted approved by coastal 180 days after. Is the statute of limitations in terms of when you can bring up circulate a petition? I think that's problematic because if you look about look at this and look at generations to come, you know, maybe the neighborhood is okay with the vacation rentals in their home today, but maybe future generations aren't. So what I would like to do is add a provision that allows for residents to file. A, quote. Request for consideration to circulate petition. After the. Timeline has expired. So if the timeline has expired, they can petition development services for a request for consideration to circulate petition. If that was permitted. The threshold would

be two thirds of the. Property owners in the tract, not 50 plus one, and they would have to get signatures gathered and submitted within 60 days. So it allows for the neighborhood to continue to have an interest in circulating a petition in their neighborhood, but requires them to petition development services for the opportunity to do so. It raises the threshold. So that there are protections in there to ensure that there's enough outreach conducted on the law, since the law won't be fresh as it will be 180 days out. So as I understand, that proposal is in essence, there will there will always be an opt out provision, if you would opt out within the first 180 days with 50% plus one anytime after that, you could opt out with the census tract. Two thirds. Yes. And with a request to enter. With a request to develop an observation. I guess that was a question to me. Add the proposed ordinance and I can tell you what page it's on. It says that the 180 days are after it's approved by Coastal Commission. So right now, as the ordinance is written, you have 180 days from the date, whatever date that is, that Coastal Commission approves it. Right now, as it's written, there would be no more opportunity to petition. So ten years from now, a neighborhood couldn't petition for an opt out. This is saying that even once that statutory period has run, you can apply for consideration to circulate a petition. So just for clarification, the way it's currently written there is and correct me if I'm wrong, but there is an opt out provision after three years. So if they were off or if they were. If the. If an area had actually opted out, then three years later people would come back and it could be repealed. So the onus is on the people that want to repeal it to circulate a petition. That's for those that have already opted out. Correct. Not for a fresh opt out petition. I would like opportunities for fresh opt out petitions as homes change, generations change, characters change, etc.. Thank you. This woman appears to accept that as a friendly. I guess my one question is on the. Mike is on the two thirds versus 50%. So originally you're okay with 50%, but not for the latter period. I mean, it would make sense to make some consistency. So if you could make it 50% plus one, then I would be comfortable with it. Sure, I'm the owner and I'm open to it. The only reason I was trying to do that is to distinguish petitions filed in the initial petition hearing from those filed after the petition period. And so it's placing upon the petitioners an additional burden because they've fallen outside of the petition period. But I'm happy to. I mean, if we're going to just make a 50 plus one, then why even have a termination period? Well, I mean, I think that that was some discussion around having it always be available, but not wanting it to be all the time. You know, if it was 180 days rolling, then you would be able to maybe every 180 days have an option, I guess. I don't I d

on't like the two thirds number. I feel like that is difficult. So. Okay. And so we. Can make it 50% plus one for the petition. But I think there should be a petition process because even look. I'm good with the process. Yeah. Yeah. The property owners who are choosing to rent their house out as a vacation rental and going through the city process to get licensed and following the rules, also have rights that we need to honor and respect. And they need to be able to have some sort of notice of when their restrictions on their property are going to change and their opportunities. As I've said before, this was the one area that I, I was really trying to focus on the caps and the other areas. So this is where I dug in. But it just makes sense to me if we're going have 50% that it stayed consistent, if that's where we're at. So I appreciate that. So. So now the the I guess the accepted friendly is that at any time a neighborhood could opt out at any time with 50% plus one. So whether so we would. Right now the way it's written is they would have to choose to opt out within 180 days after Coastal Commission approval. But if we remove that restriction, they would be able to opt out at any time with 50% plus one is that I just want make sure that's understand. I think that's where Councilmember Pearce is comfortable. Yes. And comfortable with the mail piece as well. Thanks. Still have to petition if it's outside of that window. Okay. So the only. Okay. So. So the only

difference is, after 180 days, they would have to request permission from development services to circulate a petition. But they wouldn't have to do that in the first hundred and 80 days. Excuse me. No, we don't have. Company. I'm. I made a friendly. It was not accepted, so it was accepted in a different form. So I'm really not sure where we're at. I want the property owner to be able to have some notice that there's going to be petitions circulated about his or her property and to have some understanding of when that might come so that it's not in perpetuity. And so I, I assume that happens. Putting forth an appeal process would allow them to put forth the effort, but would have a different standard than the initial statutory period. But I'm open to hearing ideas and thoughts because maybe someone else has a better pathway for us to get there. Okay. So we're not there on that particular friendly yet. Okay. And just thanks, everybody, for going through. This process with us. Okay, fine. Councilman, your anger. Thank you, Vice Mayor. The the excuse me. If I missed part of the conversation, I had to take a bio break. Yeah, of. In regards to the discussion that we had earlier, I didn't hear any more about the number versus the percentage. And then there was a discussion again about reintroducing the percentage and forget the number. So where are we with that? Is it is it is it a number or is it a percentage? What are we looking for? I don't think that we've settled on anything. There's been a

lot of discussion. We've talked about 950, seven 5500, a half a percent, a 4%. So that's still up for consideration. All right. In terms of the current discussion that we had just finished right now. Just wondering if. We're still looking at census tracts when we're looking at opting out or we're looking at there was a. We can't decide that one either. Okay. I am missing nothing. Right? I'll. I'll come back later. We got Councilwoman Cindy us. Question was answered already. Sorry. Up if I thank you. Councilman Austin. So from my observations and just to quote our city attorney, I don't think we're there yet. And. In the SEC for the sake of time. And I don't know if we're going to get there tonight either. It just sounds like there's a lot of a lot of open ended items still here. And, you know, Counsel, we can we can just queue up and keep showing up over and over again. We have to land on something. Right. And I understand, Councilmember Pearce, you are you know, you said you don't you don't feel good about certain things that have been proposed. But I'm really appealing to us all to find some compromise here. I think the original plan from staff was 1700, which was obviously not a number that that I'm hearing that there's consensus on a not another number was thrown out in a thousand because that's 1% and there's no real consensus here. I'm not hearing that. Then I heard a half a percent and still there's no consensus on that. Okay. Yeah, I think I mean, we have to land somewhere and I will. I don't want to. My district, there's not I'm not hearing a whole lot of rumblings from my constituents around this particular issue. I recognize that this is an issue that impacts our downtown and our coastal communities. And so I'm giving a lot of deference this evening to my colleagues who represent those those communities that are most impacted. But we have to get somewhere. And I guess I'm just I'm appealing to you guys to figure it out. You sit next to each other, you're talking to each other. And again, you know, our time is limited. And so I'm not going to take up my 5 minutes. I'm just going to say that that I was willing to go with 1%. I'm willing to go with 5%. I want to move this issue so that we can have some clarity for for many stakeholders that have come out here this evening to advocate for one position or another. Oh, thanks. Thank you. I know no one. I knew that like we go into tomorrow on this, but it looks like that's what we're going to do. So I'm going to take this back to. This is mango. We are going to get emotional and eventually we. I think if possible, I'm okay. Right. So to kind of wrap in Councilman Price's comments. Councilman Pearce proposed that every year this comes back to the council. And so what I would request is that 180 days resets every year at the time that it comes back to the council. So let's say and the staff will know more if we land on something. Soon. Meaning tonight? When would this come back? As an

ordinance to be adopted? And when would that go into place? Well. There's a lot of changes. I know a lot of changes. I mean, we would try to get it back within a month and there's going to be a lot of drafting to to get it in order. But. So we're talking February would be a potential first reading. March would be a second reading. It would implement in June, July. Technically June or July. But honestly, this involves the coastal zone and wouldn't become effective in the coastal zone. And typically we don't like the bifurcates. So I see it a year in front of the Coastal Commission before we had a finalized ordinance and I would not be surprised if the Coastal Commission sent us back some of their own changes. Okay, so let's start with this. I propose that we target implementation of

October one. The reason this is significant is it is also the beginning of the budget year. So if we do decide to siphon off a percentage of funding in a way to something or the other, that means that every year on October one, that licensing period resets. And if we change from 1000 to 500, we'll be able to reset the budget at a coordinated time so we can change the amount we expect to receive in total. So my friendly would be that. The ordinance. Hopefully implement on October one or if any other date in future years. It come back to council by July 1st for consideration of the housing stock, for adjustments of availability that we start with. I'm just going to put it out there because it sounded like people had a kind of consensus around 1,006%. Okay. No, no. I see two no's, but I don't see any other noes besides the 2%, the two one. So if I have to. Okay, I'll make a substitute motion. My substitute motion is and I know this is hard, but I think we can get consensus here. And I'm really trying to work within the framework you started. I'm open to going down to half a percent, if that makes you feel better. Which is. 850. Don't make a substitute. Okay, so here's my. I want to land like I we got to land on something. I do have s here is my district. Not nearly as many as the two of you, but I have had very heated conversations about these. So resets every year brought back to council with the housing stock in July. That we start with point a half a percent. Half a percent is 850. Which is less than a thousand, which is way less than 1700. It's half of 1700 until the housing stock is 9%, at which time there would be a recommendation to consider increasing it. And I think that there's importance behind the housing advocates. The less units you have in the market, the less amount. If we really get to move forward with putting the money into affordable housing, the less money there is for the affordable housing side. So I think that's something to also consider, right? And then that the ballot process start with a petition that opens every year in July. And is mailed to the situs address. That's the landlord's on record address at the assessor's office of the 100 closest

residences. And the reason I say this is right now we have a process in development services that both you and I have tried to work on that costs people \$5,000 for a permit to get something done because they have to mail to 1000 feet of the permit. And so I am 100% supportive of the mail idea. But I also think it's really important that we not make it so expensive that neighborhoods can't afford to start the process. And so I was I'm open to the 300 closest residents. I'm open to 100 closest residents. When you call the assessor's office, you give an address, they draw a circle around it, and they send you an Excel file that has the address, the situs address of everyone that is in that GIS mapping zone, and it costs like \$29. So that would solve the problem of people who don't live in your neighborhood making decisions for you. Because my census tracts are large and some of the ones in downtown are extremely large. So that would be my friendly counsel. And can I just add that it will be a lot more practical? Is the radius around the that the the area. That's what I just said. You said the 100 nearest. Did you mean a radius. Well it would be a radius, yes. But the challenge is the radius around one unit in Councilman Pearce's district is going to be way more units than in mine. Not if we're talking about you have 38. The way we do it right now, it's a radius around the property, right? It's a distance radius. Not it doesn't consider the number of units. It's however many, many units are within that radius. Right. And respectfully, the assessor's office can draw a radius and when it hits 300 units or properties, they can push pause. X. Hartline is the guy who does it. Yeah, I'm just saying because otherwise if you take one property in Councilwoman Pearce's district, she could theoretically have 3000 mailers. So if you want to ban an STR in second district in census tract and I have the exact census tract, it will cost someone thousands of dollars to do that mailing. It would just be prohibitive. And I was just trying to be respectful to people who have a bad neighbor that's a bad landlord. So or I'm also open to a substitute motion to bring this back in two weeks where staff do an idea of all the things they've heard tonight and bring it back again. But I also want to be respectful of the people who are here for the pool and all the other items tonight too. Councilman Mongo The radius mailing works very well with projects that we have coming before us because we draw the radius from the project itself. But here, I don't know where you'd start drawing the radius. In other words, would it be the person who had the idea to institute a potential ban? Would you draw the 300 the. House you'd like to ban? Well, you want to just ban a whole neighborhood without a bad landlord. Well, yeah, that's what we're that's what we've been talking about, that that whole neighborhoods, even though they may not even have a urban or a role, could. Could petition to op

t out of this entire process. So that is not what I discussed at this dais when this came last time. So just as the heads up that I made a friendly or discussed this other alternative, and I'm shocked that it didn't make it into the ordinance because when I was trying to talk with staff about how do you have. Good landlords. And then 3800 people who they don't know get to tell them they can't have it. Even though they have a point of order. It's my time. So and you're but a few minutes over. And so I waited for two months and that's. The chair's decision. That is so true. Now we're going to move on. I also have the ability to do point of order maximum. And first. I would like to call a question and see where we're at. Okay. So I am going to you know, yes, 1700 was what was on the table before. But we've had somebody here make a motion for a thousand and we've had someone make a motion for 500. So I would like to make a motion. All the things that I read earlier, the small changes, and to include a max cap at 750. With the male opt out. Census tracts. With 50% plus one. And I accept the the petitioning annually from my other two council colleagues. That seems like that's where the support is. And I want to I know that this has taken a long time, but I needed to hear from my counsel colleagues before making a final motion. So that is my motion. Can I get a second? I've already second in the motion and I'm okay. Or is this a brand new motion? I was the motion we did earlier, plus what we just talked about. Okay. So I'm the second of that motion. I accept that. I do ask staff to if you could please clarify what you believe the opt out provision means in light of the amendments, because I wanted to make sure that that was clear for our residents. I think when we envision. The opt out provision, it wasn't based around a bad actor, it was just neighborhoods. Having a sense of whether or not the. Neighborhood collectively wanted to have non hosted or non primary actors in the neighborhood. It was not at all based upon a problem property. It was just the concept. Do we want them and do we want to support them or. Do we not? And non primary ACR would be in layperson's terms, a vacation rental where the owner is not living there. It's being rented out up to 365 days a year. Okay. 19 is correct. For the non primary, nine primaries, not 90 days. I made that motion earlier. Yes. She wants to make it 90 for everyone. I tried to. I must have missed that. I thought it was vacation homes could go. I'm talking about non primary vacation rentals. Yeah. As the ordinance is written, that's how it is. I called it hosted Unhosted. That unhosted be. 90 days across the board. Oh, I can't support that. I'm sorry. I must have missed that. I can't support that. Point of order here. There's a motion that I see here that was not seconded. Does that motion die? Yeah. There's not there's not a motive. There's nothing here. Right. Right now that Councilwoman Price has made a moti

on. Councilwoman Pierce has seconded the motion. There's been a number of friends. Sorry. Councilwoman Pierce has made the motion. Councilman, Woman Price has seconded the motion. There have been a number of friendlies, some of which have been accepted, some of which have not been accepted. One of the first notes I took from Councilwoman Pierce's motion was that there would be a 90 day max across the city for Unhosted rentals. Now. The other part. Is that. She called for the question. We didn't vote out of question. She went on and made another motion. No, added to it. Look, I know I don't think she made another motion. I think she was revising her motion to reflect the comments of the other council members so that we could at least land on whatever the magic number is for. If we can. The total number of short term rentals that we would have in the city. I think the better way of putting it would have been instead of saying kind of question you say, I want to amend my motion. I wanted to amend my motion to add that. We keep. The comments. Yeah, that's fine. It's been a long discussion. We've talked about a lot of issues. I want to. I do want a vote, which is why I said call the question, because I would like to take a vote and see where we're at with 750. With the changes that I made to the 90 days and with. That being able to be petitioned annually. So the things that we talked about. So I want to be clear on the petition. So. Any time after this has been implemented, this ordinance has been implemented. Anyone within a census tract could start the process on an annual basis to opt out. So yes. Are we still having a first opt out period? In other words, are they required to opt out with? It's currently written that they are required to opt out within 180 days initially and we could keep that. And then on an annual basis, people could choose to initiate that process. Is that what you're intending? I think that that's the intent of on some price. Yes. Yes. Okay. So the initial period, they have 180 days to opt out. That would re trigger every calendar year after that. Correct. Call the question. Just have the. Vote. I. Okay. So is that okay? Can you make exceptions up to this point? I'm not sure if Councilwoman Mongo because I can't see the board if she got a second for her motion. Daryl gave her a second. So, yes, there is room for a substitute. Substitute. And Councilwoman Pryce indicated that she's

going to make a substitute substitute motion. Thank you. Yet the proposed ordinance, I'm going to request that the 1%, which is roughly 1700, be amended to 1000 maximum non primary rentals and that that number can change is subject to change based on the vacancy rates of the city, which shall be reported to council on an annual basis. My motion also requests that. The opt out provision that is included in the proposed ordinance be changed to reflect a threshold of 50% plus one instead of two thirds of the property owners within the census tracts to b

e petitioned by mail option. Cost of that will go to the census tract and will be reported back by council at the next meeting. My motion is that the platform. Be expected to remove the name of anyone that's on the prohibition list from their site and that they be expected to work with city staff to update that list on a regular basis as determined by development services to be. Appropriate. Let me just look at some of my other. Well, she's looking at that. I have another parliamentary question here. There are some aspects of the substitute substitute motion that I like and others that I don't. We break it up. We vote on it. Piece by piece. When we break up, for example, though, break out the 1000. More on that. Break out the. That's how we did the friendlies the other day. The. Without a doubt. About. Yeah, about 50 plus one. I like that. But you see, there's one motion there that I don't like. So if I wanted to write the baby with the bathwater, I'd rather use throughout the bathwater and keep the baby. Hmm. That's a good idea. I mean, what? I mean, that's up to you. I mean, I would work better with that if we go down a list. Yes. Yes. But I need further clarification on your motion, because I want to make sure your motion is rather compact, which I like. But are you are that's the totality of your motion, right? So there were a bunch of friendlies and things that cause that were in relationship to Councilwoman Pierce's motion. That's not part of yours. No. But I want to make sure that the opt out is specific to non primary. Properties. So Unhosted whatever we want to call it, the vacation rentals. So so your motion is in essence to adopt the staff's recommendation as reflected in the draft ordinance, except for the basically two points that you just raised. Yes. As to that. Yes. So if if so, basically, my motion has two components, the number of properties that can be available for rental as a short term rental and the opt out provision. So that's my substitute substitute. I'd like to keep it as simple as possible if if the city attorney's is amenable to it, I'd like to take those two items and take them as separate votes. You could make a motion to divide the question and also was willing to divide the question. I make a motion to divide the question. Is there a second? Okay. With that, I make a motion to reduce the staff's recommendation of 1% of housing stock, which would be roughly 1700. I'd like to reduce that number to 1000. Non primary short term rentals cap. Are we ready to vote on it? Yes, I. So is there a there's there is second to that. Okay. Mongo is second to that. So all we're voting on now is the cap. And the motion is to approve a cap with a limit of 1000. Nine primary. That's the motion. Look got. Yeah. You can discuss it. Yes, but you will get the vote. Can you discuss it now? Yes. Do we vote? You can discuss it before you vote. I'm in support of this item of seconding it. While I would prefer 0.6%, which is a thousand units,

so that as we add units to the market, more becomes available. Would you be open 2.6%, which is approximately 1000? It's between 950 and 1020. I don't know the exact number. I'd like the numerical cap at 1000 to try to get. I'll still. Support it. And. Okay. Mrs. Occupy's peers actually got it. Well, I was on the speaker's list. I see that I have a real hard time with a thousand considering I just made a motion for 750. So let's, let's vote on a thousand, and we're just gonna have to go through this process, guys. Okay. The vote on whether or not to accept 1000 is the cap. Yes or no? The motion carries. Okay. I'd like to make a motion that the opt out provision that's listed in the staff's recommendation have a lowered threshold to allow for 50% plus one of the census tract of property owners, and that the property owners have the opportunity to circulate the petition on an annual basis. This cache all. Motion carries. That concludes this item, basically. And we will bring back an ordinance as soon as we can. I'm sorry. Yeah. And that included I clarified with Councilwoman Pryce that that her motion included the staff recommendation. Save for those two items that we voted on separately. So I. Okay. You got me, guys, because I thought that we had passed out being able to vote on different things and there were some administrative things that I wanted to get in. I understand the support wasn't there for the for the 90 days, but it would be a courtesy if I could read back and have voted on the other items that that are about enforcement. We've been doing this for a long time today. I would I mean, I have no objection to that. But to be. Fair. We can do that, can we? To be fair. I think there was an agreement for the 750 that you were recommending. But then we got tied up on the opt out process and it got very confusing. So the

substitute substitute was an effort to try to simplify matters and narrow the issues. If council colleagues want to open that up and look at other issues, I'm happy to do so. But I think we were we had a lot of agreement until we got into some disagreement at the end and the conversation wasn't moving forward. And I would hate for one minute to throw off a lot of work that was done previously. And I was not clear that that this part was not going to be part of that vote. No, because that's not. The way this will come back for a new first reading. So there would be an opportunity if the new first reading to further tweak the ordinance from a minor. I mean, you know, you have to pass it, but you could make minor tweaks to it. Certainly if you wanted to accomplish what you're suggesting, Councilwoman Pearce, someone would have to make a motion to rescind the action we just took and opened it all back up. I just wanted to be quick, so I'm going to make a motion so I at least so we don't have to wait an order. Can we follow the speaker's list? Motion for reconsider place. Several speakers list. Can she does you have to queue for t

hat or no. No, but it would have to be somebody that voted in the. I guess you did vote in the majority. Did you vote for this? Yeah. You didn't vote for the first part. So it has to be somebody that voted for it to make a motion to reconsider. Make a motion to reconsider to allow Council member Pearce to put the items that she feels are important into this record. Okay, so do we have a second for that motion? Yes. All right. So we have a second now. Let's take a vote on the motion to reconsider. Yes or no? Comes membership in our. Watching carries. I right. I was the second year of the motion where reconsidering. So now. I'd like to make a motion. I will read this as quickly as possible. Point of order. It's a substitute. Substitute, so I think it's friendly. And we could still play for Kate. That's correct. Yeah. This would be a friendly. This is mainly administrative things that that we talked about earlier. We'll leave out the 90 days. So I would like to add and I read these sections earlier, so I'll try to go fast under section 70, a hosting platforms shall not process or complete any booking transactions for any ACR unless the ACR has a valid current registration issued by the city to the operator. Hosting platforms are required to list the SDR registration number and the date that that permit does expire. Hosting platforms shall not process or complete any booking transactions that would exceed the number of days in Section five zero partitioning ten Section 90. D. If three fines have been issued against an STR. We want to replace the word STR with a host. Section 90. And Section 90 F, I and J. I'd like to replace the words any person with any person, any host platform or SDR operator in all three of those. It's unlawful to host unless the responsibilities of seven zero are not fully complied with. And those are the changes that I would like to have a vote on. But friendly. I accept them as well, but I would like to be able to speak through the speakers list. It's up to you to. Anyone copy the question? Because all for the question. It's my last comment. I just wanted to thank everyone because I know it's a frustrating process for you, but I know that even though many of us are frustrated, I think this has been one of the most rewarding policy developments that we've actually gone through. I know that it's unfortunate that it has to go through a substitute and a substitute substitute. And I don't want people to think that because they weren't the maker of the motion, that there's not a lot of recognition and support for the way that the policy was brought forward. So I just think that that's important because I know that we don't always agree, and I know that the crowd doesn't always support everyone. And I think that eventually we got to a place that was great, and I just thought that that was really important. I just want to be clear before we vote. We're not dividing the question this time. We we're clear on the question with t

he friendlies that were accepted by Councilwoman Pryce. That would be my request. Yes. We are good. We can cover the vote, please. That's when the subpoena. Motion carries. Now let's deal with short term rentals. You guys are my. If you look at them. Yeah. Okay. We're going to take a three minute break and come back to Belmont Pool. I'll be here for the pool. You know. Absolutely. Councilwoman. Right. Councilwoman Sun has councilmember peers. Councilwoman Price. Council Member. Subpoena. Councilwoman. Mango. Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilmember Muranga. Councilman Austin. Councilmember Richardson. Amir Garcia. We have a quorum. All right. Is. Excuse me, is that number 22? Okay. Yes, we're going to we're going to move some call 22. It's going to take us about 5 minutes. And then we're going to go to the big oh, my pool item. Thank you, Mr. Memo. Now we're going to move on to do we have any motions on the second to approve this consent calendar? Well, okay, fine. Well, we'll move on to item number two. We're going to move two items, 1 to 2024. So we move to item 25. Craig, would you please? Regarding Item 25 Communication from Councilwoman Mango. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the

Special Advertising and promotion fund group in the City Manager Department by \$6,000 for their support of the annual Giving Gala 2020 event at the Long Beach Exchange. Thank you. I am so proud to support this great community borne initiative where the language exchange joins forces with 18 local educational and charitable organizations to host a main event fundraiser. This has taken place at different locations throughout the city and we are excited that it will take place at Long Beach Exchange this year if approved by the council organizations consisting of local neighborhood associations, educational foundations and booster clubs, parent teacher, student associations, youth music programs, animal welfare groups, disability and grief support services and more have all come together for one big event. Join me in supporting a good cause and enjoy food tastings of restaurants at the Long Beach Exchange. Music will be provided by ROC for Vets, an impactful organization which provides much needed music therapy to our veterans. Opening for them will be Millikan Gold Jazz Combo, a student jazz group from our very own Millikan High School. And the event is open to the public and allows for greater connectivity and support of the organizations that are most invested in our greater Long Beach community. If there's any additional questions, I am open to answering those questions. Otherwise, I urge my colleagues to support this item. Thank you, Councilwoman Price. I support this. Thank you. Hi. Let's called for the vote. No, let me come in on the second. There is no public comment on this item. I didn't. Anyone, please call for the vote. Motion carries. Thank you. And thank you all for for being out here this evening. We've had a request to move up item 23, which is, I

believe, a reading of the ordinance that was adopted at the last meeting. And so we will do that. Madam Court. Item 23 is Communication from City Attorney Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to just cause for termination of tenancy and declaring the urgency thereof. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading City Y. Thank you, Mr. Motorcar or Mr. Park. Any. Any reports? Yes. Time. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, very quickly for your consideration as requested last week or as directed last week. Before you is the proposed ordinance, I think exactly in accord with what you asked me to do. Just to state what might already be self-evident by the council letter. There are two ordinances attached. The first one is a clean ordinance which would be adopted if it passes tonight. The second one is a Red Lion, intended to show in easily readable contrast exactly how the ordinance that is before you tonight differs from AB 1482, otherwise known as the Tenant Protection Act. With that, I think the council letter is self-explanatory. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Mr. Monica, do you have anything else to add to that or. I think we're ready right now. Councilman. And do you mind if I go to a public comment or did you want to speak first? Okay. We have ten speakers, which will be down to 90 seconds. Let me take the first five speakers in this order. Not a Tushnet, Fred Sutton, Katie, Alma, Sandra Tommasini and Roberto Lopez. Please come forward in that order that a Tushnet, Fred Sutton, Katie Romer, Sandra Tommasini and Roberto Lopez. My name. Name's If I could talk. My name? My name's Nader Tushnet. I live in the third district. I fully support this. The hole. In the state law. Is very wide, and this closes. It. It doesn't create an extra. Burden for anybody, but it does protect tenants. Who are doing what they're supposed to do. Paying the rent. Being responsible. And it allows for rehabilitation. Major rehabilitation, but. It. Also demands that people show that they're going to do the rehabilitation. So I fully support this measure. Thank you very much, Speaker, please. Honorable City Council Mayor Fred Sutton with the California Apartment Association. Thank you council members and agents for meeting with us last week. But I do want to express our disappointment in the process. There were 72 hours before this was put on the agenda last week. There was no real input. And something like this should go to at least some sort of a stakeholder meeting because there was no data provided and there is no indication anything has been done illegally. It's unfortunate because I think we could have found a way forward and we can still find a way forward. It can take time, as was mentioned last week, for a permit to actually get processed. And now we're being told that once you get that permit, you have to you can't actually start work. You need to wait 60 days if

everything goes smoothly to be able to start that work. That doesn't really seem to make sense. There could be another way forward to figure this out. A.B. 1482 has substantial legal remedies. There's noticing requirements already in there and there's mandatory relocation. Upgrading is very important for the housing stock. I urge you to have a process that is not overly cumbersome and isn't designed to halt needed work. There is a middle ground here. If we just have discussions on it,

I don't think this is something needs to be Rush. I share the same goals. We do not want anything illegal being done. We want things to be done appropriately. But this is going to cause issues when someone's ready to begin work. It makes a lot of sense sometimes for it to actually be vacant before you get that permit. We can find a way forward. Appreciate you listening. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Sutton. Next speaker, please. Keep the comma. I wanted to thank you all again for moving this forward and being able and listening at our original tenant meeting. We had someone stand up and say, What? You're going to city council? That's not going to do any good. They won't do anything. And I said, You just wait. We have our neighbors on city council who understand what we're going through. So I thank you all for for listening and taking action on this and to the point that the gentleman just made. It doesn't really make any sense to me that you want people out before you get your permits. Isn't it better to be collecting the rent that's going to pay for those permits before you apply for the permits, rather than waiting and then having to wait another 6 to 8 weeks with nobody in the apartment before you can start to do any work. If you get the permit in advance, soon as somebody is out, you can start, which seems to make a lot more sense. But I just wanted to say thank you and also bring to attention that in this ordinance there is an expiration date in 2030. And I didn't understand why that's there, what purpose that serves that we have to go through this again in ten years. So if maybe if somebody could address that. Thank you. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi, I'm Sandra Tommasini. I know all of you have heard from me, all of your offices. I want to thank you for your support last week on this. I know you've heard from me again because I also take issue with the expiration date on this. SB 1482 doesn't expire. I'm not really sure. Why this does are as much fun as this has been for all of us. Don't really want to go through it. Again ten years from now. But if it's nothing over ten years, I'll take the ten years. And yeah I agree that there with Kate that there's really not an argument for. Not having to have permits beforehand. Permits take time to get. You can be getting rental income in the meantime. And again, it's just holding landlords and owners accountable for actually having the money to do these substantial renovations for actually. Go!

ng through the process of doing this has potential motivations and is not leaving it to the tenant to, after the fact. Somehow go through the civil court system to get. A remedy if it doesn't actually happen. So I think it's fantastic. That this is going. To be voted on tonight. I hope that you're going to continue to give your support to it. And again, thank you very much for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please, Roberto Lopez. And before Mr. Lopez goes, if I can have the next final five speakers. Those are Lopez, Jordan Wynn, Max Norris, believe it says Anki Zwirner Curtis and Mike Murchison. If those folks can please line up at the podium. Mr. LAWRENCE Hello, everybody. Councilmembers and mayor, thank you so much for your support on this. And all we're doing is just clarifying the law and addressing one of the loopholes on AP 1482. I do appreciate the bold step and helping protect the tenants in the city of Long Beach. I currently as a project. Director, Lieber have 40. Cases of folks with 60 day notices. And, you know, I'm open to working with any offices and providing some of the addresses, if that's something that folks want to look at. You know, 40 is way too many, right? And it's 40 plus like the people that live in there, the kids that I have to go through, the stress that the parents are passing on to them. And, you know, the you know, owners can actually go into the units and look at what needs to get done as long as they get proper notice. And I think they're taking this step. What we're doing is just clarifying the law. And I appreciate you for doing this. And on behalf of Ray, you know, thank you so much and have a good one. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Lisa Lopez and I am a Proud Dissector resident. I moved to Long Beach in August to continue my studies in CSO B and it didn't take long for me to fall in love with the city and its people. I would love to continue to live and grow in the city and would be sad and to have to move to another city due to an unjust eviction. I know there has been an ask for data and as we know, that data is not available, nor does it reflect the realities of tenants who have been evicted and are affecting. And I have been affected by existing loopholes. Today, I'm here. To thank you and ask you to continue to support and pass item number 23 of the agenda to help protect not only myself, but my neighbors as well. I was here last Tuesday and was proud to see the amount of support that this item received from you all and from community. Members that were here as well and. Those who cannot make it. Thank you for your time and I truly hope that our voices, stories and love for the city are taken into account when making your decision. Thank you very much. Next speaker Jordan Wynn. Hi there. Jordan Wynn, District two resident I stand here in support of item 23. I want to thank you all for last week. Taking

the unanimous step on helping enforce the letter of

the law of the land of California and helping make sure that we clarify and keep families safe and keep families home. I want to keep this short. I really am looking forward to another unanimous passage on this, and I'm hoping that we continue to protect all of our residents across the city. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, Mr. Norris. Good afternoon, counsel. Mr. Mayor. I usually speak from a general place of ethics and morals when I come up here, but this weekend I had a very personal experience with this law that was very disturbing. I was looking for an apartment and I went to speak to an individual renting a space on 10th just near the supermarket there. Just what is that, west of Long Beach Boulevard. And there was some kids playing outside. They were a little rowdy. I had no problem with that. But he seemed to think that I did and assured me that they were being evicted and that they wouldn't be an issue once I took possession, if I were to make, you know, to be in this unit, I dug around a little bit and play devil's advocate with him. And this was how he was doing it. He didn't have permits. He was just going to paint the apartment, you know, and he was evicting a family. It looked like at least two, three very young kids, two of them running around in diapers. And he didn't seem to have any qualms with it. Now, I understand that people are buying a property and seeking an investment here, but the role of the government is to protect the people who are the weakest. And that's not being done here in Long Beach. And it may be too late, I think, but some action late is better than nothing. I would support taking the ten year cap off of it and moving forward as a small step towards bigger steps in the future. I thank you for your support on this measure. Thank you. And are the last two speakers to support. Did. Mayor Garcia. Dear Congresswoman and a councilwoman and councilman. Sorry. I just moved into that city. I've been working at UCLA and USC, and I wish I could stand here with my husband, who was a history teacher at Cal State Long Beach for 30 years. He cannot be here because he's teaching. He has class tonight. And we're very supporters of the arts in that city. But we've been kicked out of our apartment. Just last week, we carried boxes from A to B because we found a new place, which is nice, but not all of our neighbors had the same possibility. So I would also would like to come back to what was discussed beforehand, that we have to spend a lot more money for our new apartment, which we would like to spend for L.A. Opera or Long Beach Opera, Long Beach theaters and culture. But we cannot, because we have to spend it on rent. So the first thing we discuss or you discuss today goes along was what we're discussing right now. Thank you so much. Thank you so much on our last speaker. Good evening, mayor and council members. My name is Mike Murchison. I'm here on behalf of the Small Property Owners Alliance and the Apartment Ass

ociation. I want to call your attention. It's under the red line that Rich Anthony called out if you have a chance to look at it. So on page six of your red line document, I'm asking for you folks to consider kind of a balanced approach here, something that is a level playing field, especially for the rental property owners who got hit with this. The thing I'm looking for is if you look at under it's page six, under two D, it talks about reasonably detailed information needs to be provided to the tenants. Who decides what's reasonably? Whose definition is it of reasonably? It goes on to say why it cannot be reasonably accomplished in a safe manner with the tenant in place. Who decides that? Is that the city of Long Beach? Is that code enforcement? Is it a civil remedy? The final one, it talks about why it requires a tenant to vacate for at least 30 days. Again, what if a tenant disagrees with what you determine is substantial renovation right now in the city of Long Beach, you get a permit it last 90 days. There is no way if you put this on the books that that permit is going to be valid. It's going to expire. Yes. Development services will tell you that you can get an extension. You can't get that extension. From what my understanding is online, you've got to come down to city hall. How many times does a rental property need to come down to City Hall? I ask you to please look at page six on that red line and ask yourself who is the final arbiter? Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman in House. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you all for coming and speaking on this item. I do have some questions that I would like clarification on. Right now, we have a moratorium on evictions covered, covering all notices since January 1st. Is that true? Councilmember. Technically, technically, that's not true. Last week you did not take an action which prohibited notices. But if this passes. But that's a technicality. If this passes tonight, then all pending notices as of tonight will be null and void retroactive to January one. Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Also, I have had a lot of residents contact my office about the notices and to vacate that they are expecting, you know, expiring very shortly within the next couple weeks and beginning of March. Before this item gets

hurt the second time. So. What can be done about that. So it's kind of my second question. Is that answered by your your answer to my first question? No, I think if I understand you correctly, you mentioned a second reading of this ordinance. If the urgency component of this ordinance, which will be done via a separate vote, if that passes tonight, five votes, then there will be no second reading. It will be immediately effective as of today. Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, customer Pearce. Thank you. Again, thank you, everybody, for coming out and speaking tonight. I have two very quick questions. One on the the comments made by Mr. Merchants and on who decides.

That's a judge that decides. Is that correct? Yeah, that's my understanding, the way that it's written. You take issue with what's reasonably. We tried to get some general language in there which provided some detail, but not too much where it would be onerous. You're right. Ultimately, it would be up to a justice of the superior court handling unlawful detainers to determine whether the notice was valid or not. Wonderful. And then can you just give us some clarity on the expiration date? Yes. Notwithstanding what the speaker said, it caused me to question myself for a second, but I just looked up the log in 1482 Section 1940 6.2 J of the Civil Code clearly states that it sunsets January one, 2030. Great. So we've taken the state. We've barely touched this, just closing that one gap. So really thank you, colleagues, for the unanimous vote last week. I hope that we can count on the same today. And thank you, everybody, for being. Engaged on this. Thank you. And Councilwoman Price. I do have a question for Miss Tatum this this period of time that the permit is good for. I know the extensions can be given, but is it possible to extend that period of time from 90 days to maybe 120 days? What would that entail? What impacts would that have if we were to modify that in terms of this discussion? Or if you're talking about a code amendment, that would be a separate amendment that would have to come back to the city council for consideration. I would just give you a little bit of background. That time period, let me just repeat reiterate last week's discussion about the process. The in reality, the practices that once a permit is issued, staff generally assumes that they have a six month time period within which to act on that permit. Technically, the code does state 90 days. However, it doesn't hit anybody's radar until six months. And at that point in time, if any applicant needs an extension staff very freely. Grants extensions. It's never been an issue with anyone requesting and receiving an extension of a building permit. And the purpose behind having that 90 days, which was changed, I'm going to say a couple of building permit cycles ago because the city felt that there was an interest in once a permit is pulled rather than having a building being in a condition of disrepair. The city council asked that that number be reduced from the previous six months in the code to 90 days in order to have a lever to try to help move projects along in term, and so that they don't sit in a state of disrepair for a lengthy period of time. And again, in practice, staff has always been extremely flexible in granting extensions on any building permit. But to answer your question briefly, it would require a change to the to the city's municipal code to extend that time from the current 90 day time period to 180 days or any other time period. Okay. So thank you for that clarification. It makes a lot of sense to me. So what I'm hearing you say is that although the

code has the permit be in existence for 90 days, our custom and practice is to not initiate any enforcement action or contact until six months. But we would because the code requires 90 days. We would obviously respond to complaints if if for some reason our property there was nothing happening on a property that 90 days had expired. So we will be reactive, but we won't necessarily be proactive unless that six month period has passed. That is correct. Okay. That makes a lot of sense. And then the purpose of shortening it from six months to 90 days was it's probably a bad analogy, but just to keep a shorter leash so that we can go in and give a gentle nudge to keep things moving along. That is correct. Is there any way that we can make the extension process more user friendly? Can we make that an online application? That is something that we are currently exploring and I'm certainly willing to look into that in a little bit more detail and bring something back to the city council. Okay. So I think if it's. Would that require another reading? Mr.. Anthony. If we requested that that if I offer that as a friendly to come back to council as a TFF. Yeah, we certainly can't make any changes to 18.0 4.060 tonight. It wasn't agenda ized, but if you want to request that as a friendly or a substitute to direct to council or sorry staff to bring something back, you can write. I don't want to amend the ordinance, but I do want to request the TFF. So what would be the best way to do that without having to notice it as a separate item at a future meeting?

You can just give the direction tonight. Okay. I'd like to give that direction if unless there's any objection from my colleagues. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes, thank you. I may, first of all, like to think, Councilwoman Cynthia, to bringing this item forward, because this week I made some house calls with the Long Beach, you know, housing and and my residents, the sixth District was being displaced under this significant improvement clause. You know, I checked these permits and denim had been pulled. And you can tell that some of these places I've already was able to visit, they were already being vacated. And so with that, I just wanted to let you know that these things sometimes people think that this really is not the truth. And I have one of my residents here in the audience, because the fact that he was in one of those situations where you had the eviction notices given to you. But all I can tell you that I think that this clause, that's what we're talking about. I know it fits. And I think it's a good clause that we really need to be using. So I just want to let the housing of Long Beach. I'm just glad that they were their words when they see that these things are really going on. So I just hope that we continue to keep up the fight. Thank you very much. Thank you, Councilman. Councilman Supernormal. Thank you. I just wanted a little bit of clarification on Councilw

oman Price's amendment here or motion. Would this be all encompassing as far as what comes back? The earliest meeting would be March 10th, I think is the next time we meet. But would we be able to look at everything on this, like whether or not we should change the timeframe? Are we looking at specifics on this? Well, let me just first say, my understanding of the friendly in Councilmember Price can correct me if I'm wrong was effectively the motion on the floor is to adopt staff's recommendation but to direct I'm sorry the ordinance that was brought back but to ask staff to bring back a24 from memo at some point in the near future which wouldn't really come back before the council in a meeting. It would just be a TFF a memo to the council members regarding the status of online permit extensions. Just allowing people to. Okay. So thank you for that clarification. So we're not talking about an extension of days we have here. What we have is practice, but the letter of the law is 90 days. If anyone ever wanted to enforce that, that's my understanding. That's my understanding of what's before you right now as well. And Councilmember, we can add in the two from four if it helps for clarity purposes what the process is right now that you're explaining that we give six months time to be able to before we start initiating that so that there's some written record, that that's our practice. That's exactly what I'm asking for. So thank you for that clarification. Oh, dear. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. I appreciate the clarification. I was supportive of Councilwoman Price's friendly. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. So memo appears. Bush and Kerry. We need two motions of urgency and then the substance. So. So in case it wasn't clear that motion was on the urgency of the ordinance. We have a second motion now. I just need a second on that motion. And members. Bruce Gordon Caster. Votes. Ocean case. All right. Thank you very much. Moving on to the rest of the agenda, we're going to we're going to jump to item item 16, which is a report on the African-American Cultural Center, which is is is very exciting. Meeting can proceed. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Mayor, thank you very much. We will have John Keiser and Teresa Chandler available to give a short staff report. Essentially, as we all know, during this COVID 19 crisis. One of the things we are also looking at is how we can shelter additional individuals. We are looking at social distancing our homeless individuals, too, as they come into the shelter. So this will allow us to do that. I really want to thank Duncan Bryson for the support and using the North Library and we essentially would be contracting to do beds out at the North Library and the approval of this is recommended so that we can move forward with that. So that's the short snap report. If you'd like anything further, John and Teresa can answer questions. Thank you. Before I go down the road, I know Councilman Austin i

s in your district. So did you have motion? Well, first of all, I like to say a lot about my personal property to be able to accommodate the homeless population, global financial crisis or external crisis. And so I think my sense is, of course, we will hopefully with nominal support. I will just say that I certainly support the the efforts to. Expand more broadly and speak for those who are on the environment and social justice dealing with this. That will certainly help us in that regard. I know there are some differences in terms of how this has been traditionally used, and I think that will. The salt was welcome to the shelter for the past two years. No, no. We understand how the operation will work. But we will run this operation and we have experience doing so. And they have been

remarkable partnering with the city for the last couple of years, particularly working out of the old library, running the shelter there, and confident in that partnership. The only difference in this is that this will, I understand, be run 24 hours. And so I'm taking the motion. But I would love for you to also talk a little bit about how these operations are going to be different and what considerations we've given to public safety as well, because the model lives in the community and the impact in a residential area as well. So again, I make the motion, I absolutely support that. I would love to have some dialog with the House and quite the commission on how operations are to operate moving forward. Can I get a second please? Councilmember Pearce. Refer to. It by the second, by councilor appears. Everyone else put their phone on mute. Mr. Modica, can you answer Councilman Alston's questions? Thank you. Yes, council on behalf. And we take that very seriously. We realize these are in neighborhoods and that they have to be very well-run and well managed, and we've had a lot of experience with that. So I'd like to turn it over to Theresa Chandler, our interim deputy city manager, to talk a little bit about those provisions. Teresa. Hi. Thank you. This is Teresa Chandler. First of all, I want to thank Councilmember Austin for your support in allowing this opportunity for the winter shelter to move or relocate to the north facility. We are working with the provider us that's and the funder Lizer to ensure that the neighborhood stays safe and our community members who are utilizing the shelter stay safe. There's 24 seven security guards who are onsite, as well as a full staff of case managers and folks who are doing triage and intake throughout the day who will be managing the site. We will also be working with our partners in the community. Are the quality of life officers in that area and all of the the other supports that we have available to ensure that everyone stays safe at that time. Also, in light of of COVID 19, just making sure that social distancing is practice. So during the day, we do encourage people to go to the multi-service center for showers and there

's, you know, space in place there as well. So not everybody will be staying at the shelter all day. They have opportunity to go to the multi-service center for showers and in case management and things of that sort. Let me let me go ahead and move down to our government option. These are questions get answered. Thank you, y'all. Appreciate it. Okay. Different one. Thank you, Mayor. I think that this is very important. Obviously, with social distancing, that's something that I was really worried about because it's even more scary to see how it could be spread through our homeless population. And like I said, that's really scary. Me son, glad to see that we're making, you know, moves and in an effort to really respect this social distancing again, which is what is needed of us right now. So I'm totally in support of both of them. Thank you. Dr. Pierce? Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I was happy to second this item. I wanted to thank North Long Beach and also the first District and the seventh District for always really being the location where we're able to find either shelters or resources places for people to keep their belongings. The multi-service center and recognize that you guys continue to have the majority of those services in your district. So I wanted to thank you guys for that. I wanted to take a moment just to ask staff in the second District and putting up close to the third. We obviously have a strong homeless population. Echo Park have been a bit challenging lately and recognizing sometimes it's difficult to get folks to move from Bixby up to North Long Beach. Can you just take a moment on this item to speak to how we are looking at new facilities or locations during this crisis? And I'm particularly asking I know Tom and I spoke this morning about this. Yes. Councilmember So we also have some resources coming in from the state. This has become a statewide priority to fund continuum of care, just like Long Beach and large cities too, with funding to be able to open up additional shelters. We are working on that right now. We hope to have another shelter open up later this week. And that's something that we've been putting a lot of priority on. And we are still looking for other opportunities as well. So we're trying to be creative and not just looking at the typical sites, but with a number of sites that are out there now that do not have the public in them. What can we be using to expand sheltering opportunities? So that is a priority for us. And as we identify sites will be, we'll be rolling those out as we can. Right. Thank you. And I just, you know, a comment to some of our small businesses that might have bigger properties. You know, I know we've got school facilities, but this is a time whenever we should be opening up as many facilities as possible. So if folks can think of locations, we should definitely be communicating that with our city staff. And I welcome whatever resources we can have in the Second District. But thank you, Co

uncilmember Austin, for partnering, obviously, with the city to make sure that we have another site provided. Thank you. Think about this for three. I do want to echo the comments of my colleagues and thank city staff for working on the winter shelter and extending the winter shelter. I will say that Councilman Austin Kaplan, Mungo and I had an opportunity, I think it was last year, to do a site visit at the winter shelter. And it was it was a really great opportunity for us to see the operation and see the work of us, that very, very impressive work that's taking place there. I also want to echo the comments of Council on that morning course. I do know that every single council member, every single one, whether they have facilities or not, is certainly open to and having communications all the time with city managers regarding how we as council members representing a specific district can be part of the solution. And so I want to thank all my colleagues for that because I know that to the extent that we're offered opportunities to be part of the solution, we're usually very amenable to doing so, at least this council. AS And one example of that is for this winter shelter. Councilwoman Pearson I actually added a pick up and drop off location for the winter shelter in Bexley Park, which borders our two districts. So I think that's been, you know, really the first time we've had a pick up drop off location for homeless in the third district. So I want to continue to look at opportunities to incorporate different types of solutions in every district so that we can work together on our common goals. And again, I want to thank Theresa Chandler and her team for getting us to this point. Thanks. Thank you. Just before. Thank you. I'd like to thank. City staff also. And a special thank you to Councilman Al Austin for stepping up once again. And I yield the floor. But I just also want to thank Alfa's work. Thank you. With respect. So thank you for stepping up to the plate. You know, the winning shot has been a success before two years. And so I'm thankful that we are joining us now and I'm excited for the energy to open on the scoreboard soon. So you guys get ready. Thank you again. Our great job. Thank you. District seven. I want to extend my appreciation to the staff working on this. I know that they're looking at other sites as well around the city so that we can ensure that those resources are vulnerable. I will try to help. Thank you very much and thank you all. Thank you. District nine. I'm sorry. District eight. Anything else out? No. Let's think of votes. Okay. And then finally, Katherine Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Sure. Thanks, Councilman Austin and Seth, one thing I want to I want to read up. So if I understand that there are some additional costs associated with the way that we do social distancing and all those things always happen into those \$80 for that. Or we going back to the funder. To. Those. I've checked in with us based and othe

rs about this and I know that this is a concern. Thank you. Do. Councilman. Yeah. That was a question for Sam. I know, I know. I stop answering that. That's your. Yes, Theresa. My apologies. The question is, are we looking at you directly? Accuse me utilizing other funding? Yes, we are working with the state and they have sent down the emergency funding. We received the award letter today and we're working with our internal team to figure out how to best allocate those funds. The funding is specifically for sheltering in place and isolation as needed and also looking at shelter opportunities. And so we just literally just received the funding awards and we'll be working through that this week. Thank you. And just to be clear, we could connect offline. My understanding is that there is a gap with the winter shelter, given some of the new considerations on COVID and social distancing. And I just want to make sure that those that us that and others know that we have their back that will be a backstop because they're deploying our resources right now to make sure that they just get it up and open. We want to make sure that the funding that funding is available to help close that gap so we can connect. Thank you. Okay. Yes, we are having those conversations and also with the latter, who is funding the winter shelter programing? The PUP shelters are funded differently. So we can definitely talk offline about that. Perfect. Thank you. Thank. Thank you. And we're going to take a vote. Madam Court. Roll call. Council District one. Oh. Council District two. I. Council District three. I Council District four. I. Council District five. High. Council District six. Arts Council District seven. High Council District eight. High Council District nine. All right. Motion carries. Okay. Great question, Kerry. Then moving on to 39, please. Report from economic development. Recommendation to execute all necessary documents to amend the EDA Revolving Loan Fund to create the Long Beach Emergency Microenterprise Loan Program to assist local microbusinesses impacted by COVID 19 citywide. Okay. This is a report from staff. Yes. Jon Kate Blair, director of economic development, will give the staff report. Yeah. Good evening, Mayor and members of the city council. This is a really good, positive change. In response to the current emergency, we've operated a revolving loan fund program since the Los Angeles riots of 91. We

established that fund in partnership with the Economic Development Administration, a federal agency with an initial \$1 million grant. Over the last 30 years, we've made \$10 million worth of loans off of that initial \$1 million grant for this particular emergency. We've asked the Economic Development Administration to change this program and in the terms to allow us to make a much smaller \$10,000 and less loans. We've also changed some of the terms for repayment so that small businesses will have up to seven years to repay these \$10,000 loans. This allows t

he city council to make a lot more loans to local small businesses with five employees or less. Typically, these are the businesses that are unable to secure SBA loans. The bigger loan programs that you've been hearing about and fills an important gap for both for profit and nonprofit micro businesses in the city of Long Beach . So we're asking for your approval to modify what's called the Economic Development Administration Plan. This will occur during the period of the emergency. After this funding is loaned out, of course, we'll seek repayment. We'll provide technical assistance to the borrowers and hope that we don't experience a lot of loan losses and see the revolving loan fund be capitalized at the end of the term. So with that, I'll end my report and happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Governor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to start by thanking John. We have had a lot of conversation about this, but I think it's important that as we first of all, as we look at the different sectors of response and there's a lot of support, federal response for, you know, credit worthy businesses and this is already happening that these are, in fact, the things that really make a difference. This action is also in alignment with the city council economic relief package this week. One of the items that we asked to come back from the road to see just how we would quickly we understand the economic impact that that's taking place on our businesses. And I think that the way that we're approaching this as Microsoft flight mode makes a lot of sense, either by five employees or fewer. And even we think we've really been be concerned about the hard time that the folks to deal with are readily available messengers of many of our vulnerable communities, as you know, from from the beta, you know, and what we've been doing. Those are the people we need working with. And they're all having a very difficult time. By late, House staff will work to find ways to make this program more accessible, more flexible and more responsive. I like that there's no theme. I like the image, the format. I love the cap on interest rate. That's one half percent. All of these modifications make sure that we remove barriers to make sure that makes sure that this actually ends up in the hands of the businesses and not the. And I'm happy to make this motion. Thank you. Customers. And they have. Thank you. And there I would like to second this motion. I, I absolutely love the idea of converting an existing and successful program to meet the demands of this crisis that we're in right now. So I'm in full support of this program. Thank you for stopping to start placing your office, for being innovative and quick thinking and and remembering those businesses that are not contracted by our SBA loans. So thank you. And I'm happy to step into of them. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Thank you. I'm happy to support with as you know, there are many small businesses in my district and

throughout the city that are really, really hurting at this point. And this type of initiatives actually brings, I think, help and hope for those businesses that are that are really taking it hard with this effort, home shutdown that we're experiencing. And so I'm happy to say that this. Thank you. And Councilmember Pearce. Theme, happy to support, happy to give props to the Economic Development Department. And John, I know that we had a good conversation about this on Friday. And I just want to highlight, you know, whenever people are applying for these grants at the state level or the federal level, it has been so frustrating for so many of our business owners. But the feedback I've gotten from the Second District businesses that have applied and been approved for grants or loans through the study is about how helpful our staff has been, how quickly they got a response. And so the more that the city is able to be nimble and provide these opportunities for our constituents, I think the better. You know, I think there's a definite role for for the federal government to play. But really in Long Beach, what I've heard is just that we are really setting the model for how to be nimble and how to make sure that we're doing things in a way that makes sense to the everyday user. And so, again, just really proud of the work that you guys are doing during this difficult time. So I'm happy to vote yes. Thank you. And that concludes public comment. I'm sorry, I can't comment on this item. So, Madam Clerk, roll call vote, please. District one. Hi. District two. I. District three. High District four. By. District five. I. District six. By District seven. So District eight. High District nine, high ocean carries. Hi. Motion carries with you now item 90. Item

19 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 20/21 Budget Performance Report City Wide. Mr. America. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. We will have a report from our Director of financial management, John Growth, and our budget manager. Manager Great Noon. Essentially, we provided a document to the public and to the council about the impacts of COVID 19. And that's something that we'll go over with now with our with our finance team. Good evening. And member of the city council. This is Greece. This is the first performance report of our flight and includes an initial assessment of the COVID 19 pandemic impact on our flight to finances, as well as the potential impact on outyear budget projections. This report, as our city manager just mentioned, is based primarily on the April 13th, 2020 memo that is needed as an attachment to the performance. The COVID 19 pandemic, along with the measure and litigation, has exacerbated our projected budget situation. The Budget Office, under the direction of the city manager, will develop a plan to address the situation, which may be a multi-year plan to be implemented over several years. The size of the projected shortfalls indic

ates that there will likely be significant impact assessments beginning next year and at FY21. Long Beach is not alone in this. As many cities in California and across the country are dealing with the financial crisis caused by the pandemic and having to consider similar major actions. This projection is based on assumptions and information available during the early stages of the pandemic. So it is important to note that the economic and. Can't hear anything. Hi. This is John GROSS. I can continue this. Can you hear me? Okay. Go for it. Okay. So but Grace was saying is it's important to note that the economic environment and impacts are constantly changing and we will be impacted constantly. We will. Shortfall at the end of. I think Greece is coming in and out. Let me continue. For this report. We anticipate that there are five funds that are impacted, the general fund measure a special advertising and promotion entitlement and the airport. Yes, Grace. I'm continuing because you're going in and out, so it might be easier for me to continue. So we expect about 38 to 44 million in overall revenue losses or unbudgeted expenditure increases across the fund, across all these funds for the general fund we're talking about for FY 20 potential shortfall of 14 to 22 million. If no corrective actions taken in Greece, then the manager will be taking some corrective action. This shortfall takes into account potential revenue losses and expenses related to the pandemic that are unbudgeted and not reimbursable. And it does not include any costs that may come from assistance to businesses. For Measure A based on the current projection. We're expecting a shortfall in revenues of around \$7 million, but due to strong up by 19 performance, we are expecting to end on budget based on current projections for Measure eight. We just don't have extra money for special advertising and promotion fund. Were anticipating a revenue loss of about \$2 million and by the end of the year the funds available may drop from 5 million to only about 900,000 at the end of the year. The budgeted expenses in FY20 are not reduced. We still do have an operating reserve of 5 million set aside for operating profit fluctuations and the future Olympics. Four Titans. There's going to be a revenue shortfall of at least \$6 million, primarily in oil revenue. And future projection updates will also take into account the potential loss of ancillary revenue used to pay debt service entitlement fines, which include potentially the aquarium, the Queen Mary and Rainbow Harbor. For the airport fund. We're expecting a revenue loss of about \$10 million in this year due to low passenger volume. And there is currently a very high cash stream due to both that revenue loss and the cost of capital improvement projects. And the airport staff is reviewing those actions. We've been really helped recently by \$18 million from the CARES Act and that will really help the situation. Other funds are anticipated to be im

pacted by the pandemic, but with a lesser overall impact. As the manager and a decrease talked about, the city manager is implementing budget actions with regard to the pandemic spending to protect the city and its services as much as we can. We will certainly spend whatever we need to spend to address the pandemic. The actions we may take and the is looking at is evaluation of one time projects for saving, reduction of non-pandemic operating expenses where feasible, and actively looking for funding and other mechanisms to offset the cost. In addition, if we need to, we may need to go look at using city's operating and emergency reserves at the end of the year. The bottom line is that the pandemic is having a significant and severe impact on our finances. We will continue to update our projections and update City Council on new development strategies and actions being taken, and that includes the staff report. And hopefully Greece is back on the line and we're available to answer questions. Yeah. Thank you, John. I am back on a daily there this time,

so hopefully the connection will be better. But thank you very much. Thank you and thank you both for a great presentation. So I want to just briefly just say that I'm just so impressed with our finance team. I think we all have nothing but great things to say about this team. And you guys have been just really fantastic during this crisis. What's the most important thing in this emergency is to ensure that we are providing assistance to the public, making sure that public safety resources are out there and that we are doing everything we can with our resources to take care of the public and make sure people are safe and healthy. And you guys have all been quick to make that adapt, to make changes, and to then begin preparing for the future. I think we should all be prepared and understand that the budget this upcoming year is going to be tough, it's going to be hard, and we're going to have some tough decisions to make. And I know that the Council is committed to centering and ensuring that people remain safe and healthy as our top priorities. And it's going to require us to also reprioritize other things that may have been important in the past. And we need to know and be certain that that the future of our city has to be being prepared to take on these large health challenges to stay, keep people safe, and provide those basic services that people expect. And so I think all of that is going to be in front of us in the future, and I look forward to those discussions in the months ahead. Councilmember, your anger. Thank you, Mary. I think I totally support everything that you said. The staff has been doing an excellent job and making solvent through a move to approve the report. Thank you. Could somebody cue up a second, please? If I can get a second and a second by Councilman Richardson. But then government. Do you want to add anything? But for the most. Okay. Councilwoman, I'm going

to give anything to add. I just want to thank everyone for the work. And I think it's going to be critical that the reimbursements come in. And the second tier on a multi-year approach, I think is the most. Prudent. Way to handle a lot of these big challenges. And I think that we're just going to need to be patient. With Aaron and pitch in. Because we need to come up with a way to make sure that we. Protect our. Workforce and our city services for the taxpayers. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce. I support the motion and I really want to thank the team, both the finance team and POM. I think you guys have done a great job. I'm really happy that years ago somebody decided to put together an additional fund, so I know that we'll end up relying on that. Hopefully not as much, but I think everyone's done a great job. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. No comments, Mr. Mayor. I was just a little late to the game of extending the motion. No, no problem. Catherine Ashton. They also want to just congratulate. Well thanks down for for this is very very clear look at our budget projection over the next fiscal year. I want to go to the summary of actions. It's certainly support this, but I did have some questions regarding this four points in the summary on the staff report and the three. As far as where people place a hold or counsel discretionary one time pandemic related expenditures, which I certainly support and suggest that we should avoid starting or expanding to what are discretionary and structural programs. I would absolutely support reduced budgets, structural costs, while support that improves because you see savings in that piece. I want to kind of get in on what exactly does that mean? Mr. GROSS Increase simplification. That means we're going to institute potentially hiring freezes. A couple. Remember at this time we are not implementing a hard hiring freeze, but that is definitely something. We are working with the city manager's office to evaluate and consider what we mean by increasing vacancy savings. And we are taking a much harder look and scrutinizing requests from departments to fill positions that are currently vacant right now and evaluating the filling of those vacant positions to ask whether this position can be delayed in hiring due to the redirection of staff to respond to the COVID response? Or is this something that we could put on pause longer term? And as we evaluate each case on a case by case basis, and if there are positions we delay in hiring, that will naturally create savings within the department's operating budget on a one time basis, at least for now, within FY20. So in approving this item tonight, are we giving staff the go ahead to move and take these actions? Implementing actions. Just remember we. So Councilmember this time. So we're essentially just kind of outlining what our strategy is. The council is going to be fully plugged in before we start canceling any major projects. So we're in the evaluati

on phase. We're managing the budget kind of on a daily basis. So in terms of, like great said, we're going to evaluate whether we need to fill positions or not. But we if and we're looking at every single expense about whether or not we should move forward. So I am placing some holds on those so that we can generate savings. But before we completely cancel any projects that, you know, you'll

get a report from us on, on what our recommendations are and be able to weigh in on those going forward. Thank you. I just need that clarification. Thank you, Councilmember. I think that concludes our coverage of the questions, councilman, often about. Okay, great. We'll do a roll call vote on the motion in a second. Madam Clerk. District one, district two. By. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. District seven. II. District eight. Art District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. Motion carries. Thank you for that. We're going to have a had a request to move item 28. So we'll go ahead and move item 28. Adam Court. Thank you. Now we'll take up. Vice Mayor Andrews will be recusing himself for the next item. And our item 18 promotion. Any second, please. A move by Councilmember Ranga to approve. Can I get a second? And then moved by Councilmember Richardson on the second. Let's do a roll call vote, please, Madam Clerk. District one. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I District five. I. District six. District seven. Hi. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you very much. That concludes the consent calendar. We do have one hearing, so I didn't 23 and so we'll go ahead and hear that item, please. So let me let me get into some of these other items or more quicker. Item 26. Madam Clerk. Report from Economic Development Recommendation to award two contracts for as needed real property acquisition, relocation and related services in an aggregate amount not to exceed 2 million citywide. And I get a motion and a second, please. I'm joined by Ringo. Can I get a second? Can I get someone second? The motion. Janine us? Oh, no, I got it. Second, it needs to be in the queue. Thank you. There's a motion in the second. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote by roll call. Madam Clerk. District one. All right. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I District six. I. District seven. District seven. Are. Yes. District eight. District nine. I do that. All right. Motion carries or she carries. Next step will be item 28. Right. Thank you. And now let's go ahead and do item five. So, Madam Clerk, through the roll call. Recommendation to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District to conduct an 11 week summer swim program. Districts three, five, six, seven and nine. This is a report from Parks, Recreation and Marine. Do we have a mover and a seconder? I have emotion. I have emotion by Councilmember Richardson and a second by

Councilmember Ranga. So let's go ahead and do a Caldwell's District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. All right. Ocean carries. Thank you. Motion carries. Now I will be taking up item 21, which is the Harbor Commission appointments. And I'm just start by just briefly allowing Vice Mayor Andrews so I know the committee heard the items to, to make the motion. District nine. Thank you. Item 17, please. Report from Development Services Recommendation to Adopt Resolution to accept and expand permanent local housing allocation program grant funds in an amount of 17,560,704 over a five year period. City wide. Thank you. I have a motion. Bye bye. Richardson a second by Bazemore Andrews. Please do a roll call vote. District one. District two. I District three. I. District four. I. District five i. District six. District six. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I. Ocean carry item 20, please. Actually. I'm sorry, I. I'm 19. Thank you. City Council. I think that's going to be a great relief for a lot of folks. Appreciate that. Let's move on to the rest of the agenda. Let's see. Next up is item 16, which is. Stars. Report from Development Services Recommendation of declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code related to short term rentals. Read the first time and lead up to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading and adopt a resolution to submit the ordinance amendments to the Coastal Commission citywide. Thank you. I think this is a staff report. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We do have a report to give you kind of the history and the background of staffers and remind us of kind of where this where this sits. I will ask Linda Tatum, our director of development services, and Charles Staver from Development Services, to go through the report. An evening Mayor and City Council. We've had a team working on this. Project for the last couple of. Years, and that team includes the Our Administrative and Financial Services Bureau manager Lisa Fall and Jill Stauber, our real estate project coordinator. So Jill will give a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. All right. Good evening. In January of this year, staff presented a draft ordinance regulating short term rentals. And we are back tonight for a new first reading following that discussion. This brief presentation provides a recap of the proposed regulations and also highlights the changes requested by council in January. With the slide forward. Okay for some background in 2017. At the request of City Council staff conducted research and recommended hiring a consultant to conduct a more thorough study. Throughout 2018, we held a series of community outreach events. An online survey conducted several case studies and

presented our findings and recommendations to City Council for discussion. At that time, Council instructed the city attorney to draft an ordinance in 2019

. Staff responded to additional questions, created a phased implementation plan, and executed a voluntary tax collection agreement with Airbnb, and ultimately drafted an ordinance allowing for limited staffers . Then in January of this year, the Council discussed the item and requested some changes to the ordinance. So here's a recap of some key elements of the ordinance and establishes that we vocal annual city registration and fee protects the housing stock by limiting the number of non primary residence staffers citywide to no more than 1000 units. Includes enforcement provisions and a mechanism to remove individual bad actors. Requires a limited event permit to exceed the maximum occupancy limits. And allows residential property owners to petition for a prohibition on Unhosted staffers in their neighborhood. The slide shows the maximum number of stars any one operator would be allowed to operate. As a reminder, a primary residence star is defined as the unit where the host resides at least 275 nights per year. And during that time, any guest stays are considered hosted and there's no limit on hosted stays. So that would only leave up to 90 days maximum per year in which that unit could be rented as an unhosted stay. By definition, it's also worth noting that the majority of operators in Long Beach are currently operating only one unit. Here are just some of the basic regulations, including collection of transient occupancy tax. Homeowners associations may request inclusion on a STR prohibited properties list. Occupancy is limited to two guests per legally permitted bedroom plus two with a maximum of ten guests and staffers are prohibited and deed restricted. Affordable housing units, dormitories and adus. Yeah. And the enforcement provisions of the ordinance are the key to dealing with operators that do not abide by the rules. Violations would be subject to \$1,000 fine per day, except a 30 day warning period shall be provided for advertising in store without a valid registration. And of course, you only get one of those. There is a 24 seven complaint hotline with a live operator upon issuance of three fines. The STR registration may be revoked. Violations include but are not limited to failure of local contact to take action to a complaint within one hour of completing a booking transaction without a valid city issued registration number. Violations of STR. Maximum occupancy. And conduct. Or activities that constitute a public nuisance. In order for the program to be successful, we'll need the cooperation of the hosting platforms, particularly for removing listings that have not registered or have had their registrations revoked. So hosting platforms cannot complete any booking transactions for an STR. If notified by the city that a valid SDR registration number has not been issued to the operator platform, so remove any listings upon notification from the city and on a monthly basis the platform so provide to the city. The SDR registration n

umber of each listing name of operator address of the SDR unit number of days each unit was booked and the total price paid for each rental. The petition to prohibit Unhosted stickers is one of the areas that the council asks us to take a closer look at in January. So there are a couple of changes the property owners can petition to prohibit unhosted stars within a census tract or block group, and I'll discuss the group in more detail in the coming slide. Is now a simple majority of the residential property owners that must sign a petition to prohibit unhosted stays. Upon request for the city to initiate a petition, signatures will be collected by the city staff via US mail. If the petition is approved, the restriction remains in effect for three years, at which point the restriction can be lifted by a similar petition process. The initial petition process is available within 180 days of the effective date, and a new 180 day petition process period shall be established annually thereafter. The boundary of the prohibition we had previously recommended using the census tract. But there is some concern that a full census tract was too large an area and also that the corresponding cost could be prohibitive. So a census tract is still an option for your consideration tonight. But what staff is now recommending is using the census block group. A census block group is a geographical unit used by the United States Census Bureau, which is between the census block and the census tract. All census tracts in Long Beach consist of between three and eight census block groups. Using block groups also increases the petitioning party's chance for a successful petition for those more localized neighborhoods that have a strong desire to opt out. To give you a visual idea of a census tract versus a census. BLOCK We're going to show you two maps of the same census tract. So this map shows one residential census tract surrounded by the black lines. And the next. And this is the same census tract showing the census block groups within that tract. So there are six block groups within that census tract, their smaller geographical drop geographically. And this is the the

boundary that we are now proposing. So pending council action tonight. This would be our updated timeline for implementing the ordinance. If the reading is approved tonight, then the final reading would be June 2nd. But the ordinance would not go into effect for an additional 121 days or four months, during which time the registration process would be set up. And we would select the compliance monitoring consultant. The initial registration period would last 160 days over a six month full register, full enforcement would begin at the end of that initial registration period. And just to clarify, the initial 180 days is not the only opportunity you have to register. People will be allowed to apply for registration after the initial 180 days. The next step would be to adopt an ordinance amending Title 21 of

the municipal code. That's the zoning code, submit the local Coastal Program Amendment to the California Coastal Commission for approval and develop the implementation guidelines, which would be the actual registration process. That concludes the reports. We are happy to answer questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. Let me. I have a motion and a second, Councilmember Pierce, and then a second I think is going to be by Councilman Price. But let me turn this over to Councilmember Pearce. Great. Thank you so much. I really want to say how much I appreciate staff's work on this and. Hey, Robert. Oh, man. I like when people use video. I appreciate staff's work on this. I appreciate the years that we have trying to get this right. And I think it's unfortunate that we're bringing this forward in a period of COVID, because when we brought this forward, it was a time when our economy was strong, our hospitality industry was around 78% occupancy. Our housing needed to be looked at. We saw housing prices increasing every month. And so today it is not that reality. But I want to recognize the value that short term rentals have for mom and pops that, you know, if they need the additional income that they're in their house and they're saying that we want to make sure that this is something that that can bring them that additional revenue. And so I say all of that because I think that it's important that we realize that we are not in the same era that we were when we brought this item forward originally and I moved my motion. So they are so organized and I got unorganized. Okay. So trying to find the balance in between small business owners who host their homes, the native visitors that desire alternatives to hotels, the necessity of the city to protect our neighborhoods while allowing us to in the budget needs for enforcing this ordinance. This council has worked very hard to strike that balance. And COVID 19 hit. Our hotels have been hit hard. They've stayed engaged, working with the city, working with the health department to implement training and cleaning standards within all of their hotels. Meanwhile, we have not had a substantive conversation about what the future of stars means in a COVID era. So before I make my motion, I actually have some questions for the city staff around the health orders and how short term rentals fall into to play within our health orders. Are they deemed essential? Do we have cleaning standards for them? And so staff, if you could answer some of those questions for me, that'd be great. We do have the city attorney on the line, Councilwoman Pierce, and he is prepared. To respond to that. That question regarding the city's health order. And that is city attorney and deputy city attorney Mike Mays. Thank you. Mr. Mes or Ms.. Galatia. If. They're not. Okay, Councilman Pierce, member of City Council. Can you hear me, Mike? Yeah. All right. Currently, the health order, the city's existing health order does not directly mentioned

short term rentals. It is not considered to be an essential business. So therefore, under the order, if the ordinance was passed tonight, under the current order, short term rentals would still not be allowed until the order is released or amended once, but several more times, probably. So it's not directly covered. The ordinance itself, as you said, Councilman Pearce was drafted in a different era before COVID. So there are no standards written into the ordinance that pertain to cleaning and sanitizing anything of that nature. It was just assumed that the operators would come. So there isn't any guidelines in the current ordinance to address that issue. Right. Thank you for that. And I expect that as businesses are coming back on, as the phases are changing, that there will be new standards applied to each one of those at that time. I do want to offer for transparency. I want to share with everyone that I did ask if there was a way to postpone this item so that we weren't hearing it in the middle of COVID. But we do have other items that are really important, like the Mello Act and our inclusionary housing and staff has worked really hard on this, and from the presentation that they just shared, it is going to take, you know, 120 days to be able to get this program up and going. And so we know that it wouldn't be like tomorrow. We just signed this and it

would go into place. So with that being said, with the consideration of our local economy. One other note before I make my motion, I'd also like to note that that I appreciate the hotels being at the table, but I also recognize that thanks to measures like Measure W hotels have cleaning standards in place, that we understand what the workload is and that there's oversight. I think we've all. I know most of us have probably stayed at an Airbnb by now or a short term rental and have great experiences. But we all have that one experience where something wasn't clean to the tee. And so I think this is a good time for us to pause on non hosted and really make sure that we have a good policy in place for the health and safety of anybody that might be staying in one. So with that, I have a motion that I'd like to make and I know that Councilmember Price has some comments to. I, I'd hope that you guys hear this motion with the full belief that that we should move forward with a program that is respectful of our tenants, of our small business owners, and of all the work that we have done through the years. So with that, my motion is to adopt the ordinance as written with the following changes only permit the operated operation of hosted expires at this time in accordance with Long Beach's COVID 19 health orders and related protocols. Request staff to work with the hosting platforms and other regulatory agencies, including the city's health department, to develop cleaning and sanitizing protocols specific to the operations of short term rentals, with an emphasis on standards for non hosted rentals. Pr

hibit the operation of non hosted staffers for a period of at least six months until and until city staff presents a report to the Council for a vote to reconsider amending the ordinance to permit non hosted stays. The report should contain the following information. Proposed cleaning and sanitizing protocols as recommended by the Health Department. Information regarding the economic impact of COVID 19 on the tourism industry in the city of Long Beach. A report on the transit occupancy tax paid to the cities by hotels and staffers during the last three years. The number of registered permitted staffers in the city since adoption of the ordinance in the city's housing rental housing vacancy at the time of the report. I've spoken with the city attorney's office and it's my understanding that these changes to the ordinance that could be made because of the motion will require that the ordinance be brought to City Council for another first reading and hopeful adoption. I. I hope that there is support for this. I feel like it's measured, it's thoughtful, considering where we're at and considering that it would that it would be only really two months of hosting while staff has the opportunity to do the work on the back end, to set up the structure, to make sure that there is enforcement and registration and all of those pieces as well. I think the work that we did the last time on the council took a lot of work. But I believe that the language that we have in place right now is the best language for our our city, based on my conversations with development services and their wish to maintain the language as we have it now. So with that, that's my motion. So I look forward to hearing your comments. Thank you. Thank you. The second is by Councilwoman Rice. Thank you. Can you hear me, Mr. Mayor? Yes. Okay, great. Thank you. And thank you to the staff for your comments on this. And thank you to Councilwoman Pierce for making the motion. I want to reiterate that I spent quite a bit of time talking with staff about the proposed ordinance and making sure that the preferred language that they have proposed is what I encourage my colleagues to adopt tonight. These are. These are novel issues to some extent for the city. And I think staff has included language in here that will allow the staff to better regulate this industry in the city as we as we welcome it as a as an operating and legitimate business in the city. So I think having staff's preferred wording in here in terms of the regulations of both the STR operator as well as the the host platform I think is very important. And so I am going to be asking my colleagues to support staff language. I do have a couple of clarification points and I think I know the answer. But just for the record. Councilmember Pearce, the unhosted stars that they would face in no earlier than six months from the adoption of the ordinance. Is that correct? Correct. So that would allow hosted to begin and get phased in, which would

d take about 120 days. And then somewhere around then is when I imagine staff will give us a report on the Unhosted regulations and the items that you thoughtfully included in the report back. And then hopefully then at that point is when we would go into the Unhosted phase, which would be about two months after the hosted is already online. I think that timeline's. Right? Yes. Okay, great. Okay. So for staff, I have I do have a question. Slide seven of your presentation, is that consistent with the language in Section 5.7, 7.50 sub a? I just want to make sure that the language on Slide seven is consistent with what's proposed in the ordinance, which is that the burden would be on the

hosting platform. My understanding is. To make sure that they include the registration numbers that. Correct. That is correct. Is the the the ordinance that's proposed includes that language. With a burden on the platform. Okay. I just want to make sure because when I looked at Slide seven and again, I'm looking at it very quickly here in the course of the the meeting and haven't had a chance to analyze it. But I just want to make sure that we're consistent. And it's my understanding that although the hosting platforms may not prefer that model, that's a model that staff believe will best allow it to enforce the order. Is that correct? That is correct. And I say that because a major component, Councilmember Pearce and I, I believe it's districts two and three that have the majority of the short term rentals that we know of right now. Is that correct? That is correct. And I know that one of the issues that we have to balance, in addition to the requests and the desires of the hosting platforms that I know have contacted, council offices is the needs and the interests and the concerns of the residents. And regulation of the stars and neighborhoods is very, very important. So I just want to make it clear, as I have from day one, that my goal would be that staff would have the tools that it needs to help easily regulate this industry so that we are mitigating neighborhood impacts such as noise and parking and public safety . So I just want to confirm I know that the. Hosting platforms, you know, maybe want prefer different language. But I did speak with staff and I know staff has a strong preference for this language. Correct. That is correct. Okay. And then I. And so I'm going to support that because I want to do whatever I can to help regulation be as easy as possible for staff. And I do know that staff is also willing to sit with with the hosting platforms after this ordinance is approved to figure out how to make that particular requirement and that language hopefully workable for all parties. Yes, we've made it very clear that we'd like to sit down with them and explore best practices as we develop the administrative procedures associated with the ordinance. Okay. And I know you will do that. But since this is perhaps not language that would have been selected init

ially by the hosts and platforms, I urge you and your team to do whatever you can to try to have a meeting of the minds of how to best effectuate your intent in accordance with how they're used to running their operations. If there's an opportunity to to have a meeting of the minds, I would I would hope that that can be accomplished. And then on page 12, the language about the 180 dead. Oh, by the way, my I would like to offer a friendly to this motion that we adopt the opt out provision as to census tract blocks , not census tracts. So hopefully that's okay with you, Councilwoman Pierce? Yes, that's fine with me. Okay. Can we clarify, Councilwoman Pierce, that you meant the census block group, the the lower level. Councilwoman Pryce and Councilwoman Pierce. Yes. We want the census block groups. Okay. Thank you. So my question in regards to that is the 180 days I know I talked with you about this earlier, Ms.. Tatum, but on page 12, you know, the the language of how that 180 days would roll out. I understand the intent of it, but the language of how that would roll out and how neighborhood associations. Or block. Neighborhood track blocks would know when the 180 day period is up. I'm not sure if there's a way to fine tune that language a little bit more. Councilwoman, we we actually have proposed some language that fine tuned it and the city attorney is proposing to use that language. It does not change the intent or the substance of it in any way. The language is just rewritten to be a little bit clearer. Great. Thank you. That's. That's all I wanted to make sure. And then with that, then I have nothing further. And I just want to thank staff for their excellent work on this. Thank you, everyone. Thank you, Councilwoman. You see, I got. Next on the list is Councilwoman Mongo. Are you muted? Councilman Mongo. Okay, I'm moving on to Councilman and day house. Hello. Hello. There she is. Go ahead. Oh. Thank you. Thank you. Um, I guess I was hoping to find out the. Safer. The safety of our residents is of utmost concern to me and the safety of our residents, especially our hosts. Obviously, they can choose not to participate and not host when people come into town. But I would think that from a COVID perspective, Unhosted would be safer than the hosted. Now, I don't want to change the motion. I just think it's important. The lifeblood of a lot of these neighbors income is completely zero right now, and they are hoping that they're able to get the supplemental income or primary income in some cases back in place. And so I appreciate the balance. I also see that we've received communication, that there are already cleaning protocols that have been issued to some of the platforms limf hosts. I think this is important because right now across the region, we have first responders who are being sheltered in a lot of these platforms, vacancies during their COVID quarantine period. So they're cleaning protocols are there. I want to make sure that we keep tha

t in mind and don't give a misunderstanding or misconception to the community. I actually think that measure while it did provide a limit on the number of square feet that can be cleaned by a hotel, I don't think it came with specific cleaning protocols. And if it did, I would imagine that COVID would potentially even increase those. And so I rely upon the management of those organizations to do a good job in bringing that forward in the same way that I would hope that these platforms would bring forward that work. And I say that because our staff is extremely overworked right now with COVID, it is very, very difficult for me to see additional time to be carved out for issues like this. And I appreciate Councilman Pearce's statements related to not wanting to put it on hold again. They've done so much work so far. I would just be cautious about the depth of the amount of information and what's available and the cost of that information. We often have to outsource that to vendors and consultants and that consultant. Money on those reports could be kept in-house to pay for our plumbers and our carpenters and our parks and rec staff. And so \$100,000 report to me is not that high of a priority. So I guess what I would ask Councilman Pearce to do is put a financial limit on it for it to be gathered through city resources only because when we're at the chopping block where we're cutting park programs and library hours. I think we all just need to work hard on pulling data from the sources that are out there and really limiting our contractors. Is that something you'd be open to? This is Pearce. Yeah, I believe there's two things that I've asked for, and these are all things that either our health department, our economic development team or development services team could provide. I appreciate that very much. I know that the city manager had previously a previous city manager often used his management consultant fund. And I just didn't want us tapping into that under any circumstance like this. I think that that kind of consultant is really more important to be paid towards our city workers and the time that we need them. Next, I'd like to kind of just repeat something that Councilman Price said. I completely agree that the platforms are really responsible for telling us who that we if we tell them there is a violator. Miss Tatum, in our discussion the other day, if we tell them the following, 15 homes are in violation of our policy. Is it your understanding that the language in the ordinance today states that it would then be the time for the platform to remove them from the platform? That is that is correct. The ordinance has been written with a couple of purposes in mind. If we identify an unregistered ACR, we can ask them to remove it and they would be obligated to do so. However, the first premise of the ordinance is that they should not put up on the website any stars that do not have a city registration number. So we have

come at it in the ordinance from both directions. And then if a person were to lie with a fake registration number or type in the registration number, that's not truthful. The platform is also providing us on a regular basis some data about who is on their platform that we can verify against our own sources to let them know that there's a piece of a host that's not appropriate. That is correct, as well as the additional resources of a consultant who specializes in data mining and having, I guess, a way to check that information. So, yes, we would have that available and the ordinance calls out for that specifically. And then if a host is potentially violating the 90 days, we would possibly get a report from neighbors. And then we would, as a city, let that platform know or let multiple platforms know because they may be only doing 90 days on one platform but say 90 days on another platform. But we would let all the platforms know and then the platforms would be required to let us know how many days that facility had been rented. That is correct, because the 90 days is a 90 day limit on the unit, not on each platform. Right. So then we as a city would have to take that data in to verify. Okay. On this platform, they did 50 days and on that platform they did 50 days. So thus they're in violation. And then we would then notify the platform that they are in violation of the city policy and they need to be taken down for the remainder of the year. Or would they lose their permit? They if they violate or exceed the 90 days and we can document that they would indeed be cited for a violation and that would count as one of the three violations that they're allowed before they would proceed to the revocation step for the as to our license. Just before we continue, I think that there's maybe a crickets or maybe someone's outside. Diane. The crickets are really loud. Oh, I'm sorry. It's okay. It's the baby's inside asleep, though. And when I talk, I'll wake her up. Well, we'll take have as the sounds of the fifth district. Thank you. I just want to make sure that that was. Maybe that was catwoman's life. Just everyone else's muted. That's what those are. That sound is. Ah, crickets. So that's fine, you know, really. Crickets. Thank you. And then just to provide some additional clarity and. When? If we pass this tonight, it will come back for second reading and then implementation will start in six months from the second reading. With. Once that

implementation happens. Then the. Unhosted. Right after that it sounded like a council in Pearce added in an additional vote to the council or something, because I get some clarity on that. Yes. Councilmember Mungo. The motion that I made says that staff need to do a report with. In six months. And at that time the council would vote on what would be appropriate for non hosted stars. And the reason for that is that this entire ACR policy was crafted when we were in a very different economic situation and a very

different situation with our hospitality industry. And so giving us some, some more tools in the toolbox before we decided on what that appropriate number is. So yes. Oh, you're saying? I guess my concern is if we're only allowing a thousand citywide and we're only started starting with. Posted. Theoretically, all 1000 spots could be filled by hosted. Is that correct? That is not correct. Okay. Help me. Posted is on unlimited. It said that the number that thousand was non-votes. Got it. Okay. Thank you. That helps. This motion allows for hosted to go forward now, and there's not a limit on those. And then it says, let's look at the economics and then come back and then have a discussion about what what non hosted looks like. And our housing market might be very different. We have no idea what it will look like at that time. So it makes it very difficult to bring on an entirely new, quote unquote new industry to the city in a time like what we're having right now. The question would be to Mr. Modica, we have been budgeting revenue for and hosted and hosted and we've been receiving that revenue. So what is your prediction if the motion on the floor to pass in the amount of cuts we would need to make? Due to the loss in revenue of. Potential. An Unhosted. Non allowable. Airbnb, the RBA, whatever. Yeah. So that is something we want to bring back to you at the first reading when this comes back. So there's two components of it. One is the. On General Airbnb, which they had just been it been we had done the agreement and it's gone the general trend that certainly has gone down because of COVID. So that's one impact. The second is we were planning on charging the cost of the program to the thousand units for non hosted through a registration fee as well as hosted. So with the reductions the Council is making, that's going to be a smaller amount of people who are going to be paying those registration fees. So we will come back with an estimate of how we're going to do that. It will likely be a smaller enforcement type program. So we know we may not be able to do all the enforcement that was originally envisioned until we get to a larger program and we'll report back on that when this comes back. Councilman. What was the number? I'm sorry. Just one quick thing. Mr. Modica, do we know what the number was that we were projecting in those registrations in fiscal year 20? Well, 800,000 was the TOTY, I believe, or. I'm sorry. 800 stars. You're. Yeah. Lisa forward would say that under the mike. I don't think you could hear that. As part of the Fy20 budget process, we had made a conservative estimate that there would be 800 staffers registered. That was because when we were first doing our estimates, we had assumed that. Only property. Owners in the city would be allowed. But with the change to the cap. That number then did increase. But we did not change the budget estimate with the registration being \$250. The total revenue budgeted for FY 20 was \$200,000. Mi

lillion, 200,000 and registration fees and 800 and top of which the total is split 5050 with the city. So that would be a 100,000. No, the 800 was the number of stars generating the 200,000 and. In registration fees. The estimates for total. I'm not sure what was budgeted this year. But I. Believe that. So far this year, 1.6 million has come in for FY 20. So that would be the 800,000. That would be the 800 split into the two different funds. So 800 and general fund, 800 in SAP. So that's the numbers off the top of our head will reconfirm that when this comes back. And so, Miss Pearce, are you okay that we're going to move forward the way we are now? And would you be open to the process coming back September 1st so we could still record that 200,000 of revenue before year end on the registrations? I think that there's. There's a couple of things that maybe need clarifying. One is that we're only talking about a two month period in between when hosted would be on board and the conversation would come back around on hosting. It's a two month period. It's not a long period. The second piece is that these projections and these numbers staff is giving you are based in an economic time. When our hotels were at 80% capacity, nearly 78% capacity when the economy was strong. We have a stay at home order right now. So it doesn't matter what number we say right now. These are still not deemed to be operating nonessential businesses right now. So what I'm asking for is for us to consider the economic time that we're in right now and and be able to have that conversation in six months. So I don't think that the calculations are as big as it would be if we would have made this decision in a non-covid time, which I think is why Councilmember Price

and I are. You are here. And I think we need to just move the motion as it is. I've tried to be really thoughtful about the entire process and all SDR, so I'd like us to move forward with the motion as it is, as supported by Councilmember Price and and hear what my other colleagues have to say right now. Okay. Mango. Anything else? Well, yeah, I'd like to finish my sentence. I'm not asking for the delay. I recognize 60 days doesn't seem like a lot, but it's a difference of ending a fiscal year upside down or right side up. And I know 200,000, \$250,000 doesn't seem like a lot, but \$250,000 is two or three or four plumbers. And so I recognize that this is a time and again, this is I'm not talking about the million dollars that 800,000 times plus \$800,000. Those are both also a big risk of loss. But again, registration fees are a person paying a fee, even though there are no reservations. And so my ask is only not to approve the unhosted today, but just that the Unhosted presentation come back September one. A couple of things. At least you'll still be on the council if it goes into November, you won't. And I thought you'd want to still be a part of this discussion. The presentation could be September 1st. Still, a deci

sion doesn't necessarily need to be made that day. And again, it still could be two months later. I was just asking for the presentation to come back sooner because so many things are changing so rapidly. I appreciate that. I don't think that the presentation coming back that soon will give us a full understanding of what's happened to the tourism industry or be able to provide us with the data that that I've requested in my motion. So I. Okay, well, I'll think about it. And if I feel strongly, then maybe I'll agenda it as a separate item. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman in Dallas. Aaron, I'll keep this really quick because I know that we have a lot on the agenda. I just wanted to say thank you to staff for all of their years of working on this. And thank you to all the council members who have brought this item to where it is today, especially council members Pierce and Price. Thank you very much. I think it's very important that we realize that there's going to be a lot of cuts that are being done and that in the next six months, maybe another, a lot of people will be using these short term rentals, the unhosted ones, because we are all you know, we all have to be very careful of traveling right now our, you know, just for safety reasons. So I just wanted to say support this item as is. And thank you very much for bringing it forward. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman de Haas, Councilwoman Press. Sorry. I do have one quick question, and that is I just was looking at the audience right now, and I cannot believe that I missed this. But in regards to the area that where we talked about the opt out. So on page 11. 5.77.080 since we're going to be adding some different language for the 180 days and since this is going to come back for a first reading anyway, I wanted to have some language in there that made it a little bit clearer of the fact that you need the majority of the property owners for the petition to prevail. And also, we had talked on January 21st about the fact that I wanted to make sure that those who were circulating the petitions were property owners, because one of the concerns that I have is we don't want people paying folks that don't have a vested interest in that neighborhood to be circulating petitions. So that was something that was that that was very clearly an intent of mine. So I'm wondering if Councilmember Pearce, if you're okay with them clarifying that intent, which was the intent from January 21st under somewhere under section 5.77.080 and making it clear how many votes are needed to prevail on this. Councilman Price, I'm sorry to interrupt you. But I'm on. Section B of that section, page 12, line three. It talks about the petition must include the signatures, printed names and addresses of a majority of the property owners of residential real property. Does that address your concern? Yes. Okay. So that's good. I see that that wording there now. Thank you. But what about the prohibition against signatur

e gatherers? What? Anyway. Because this. Is being done by mail gathering. Signatures. They wouldn't people. Would be stopped in the street to get the signature. And we will be it would only be by mail. Yes. Tonight. Okay. Got it. Thank you. I appreciate that. Those are two things that I wanted clarification on. So that makes sense to me. Thank you very much. Thank you. Roll call. Vote, please, on the motion. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. High District five. II. District six. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. I. Ocean carries. Thank you. All right. We have a full agenda, so I'm going to go through the next ten items we have. Should be rather quick. And then we have two items that will take a little more time because they're both a presentation. So let me go to these other items. They should go rather quickly and then we'll get to the other items. Item item 15, please. Thank you. We're down to our last two items. Let's go ahead here for item 14 next, which we'll have a short report. I know. And then we'll move on to our largest

item of the night, which would be 13. So let's move on to 14. A report from city clerk and City Manager recommendation to receive and file an update on the status of the Independent Redistricting Commission applications citywide. I'm talking. Thank you, Mayor and Council. Tonight's presentation on Redistricting Commission will be given by JT Nagi, Jamar and the City Work Department. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. We will be presenting. An update on the Independent Redistricting Commission recruitment and the possible timeline changes to the process in 2021. When we last came to council on December, we presented the redistricting plan and an overview of the process. Since that presentation, we have ramped up our outreach efforts and opened the Commissioner application. On April 1st. I'm excited to announce that as of this. Morning, we have 186 applications submitted. We have far. Exceeded our expectations halfway into the application period. Heading into this, we expected around 100 to 150 total applications, which is similar to the number of other cities of our size as received during the entire application period. But we have received a great response and are now in the fortunate position where we can target certain. Demographics to create a more. Diverse pull back bookings. Since we have met the charter's applicant. Pool requirement. The application period will close. On June 30th. And won't be extended. Anyone still interested in applying can apply on our website or request a printed version of the application which is also available. In my Spanish inter-government. In the next slides. We will break down the demographic information provided by the applicants. The charter mandates that the pool of applicants. Reasonably reflect. The diversity of the city and defines diversity as including, but not limited to racial, ethnic, gender and sexual. Orientati

on. We have a fairly well rounded. Group of applicants for the demographic. Categories of gender, income and age which are included in the staff report. So we will be focusing on the results by Council. District. Race and race and ethnicity and sexual orientation. The following chart reflect the data. Collected by Collected for the. Staff report as of May 8th, when we had 154 total applications. On the on this first slide, we have the breakdown. By council district. The highest. Number of applications by. District are from three and five. And we will be working to increase our numbers specifically in districts one. Seven and nine. The results also reflect one. Applicant who does not live in Long Beach. On the next. Slide, we have a breakdown of race and ethnicity. A majority of the applicants. Identify as white or Caucasian. So we will be focusing on the minority populations within the. City to create. Greater diversity in the applicant pool. On the last slide, we have the demographic breakdown. Of applicants by sexual orientation. Most of the applicants identify as heterosexual or straight. So we will be conducting additional outreach to the LGBTQ community. To achieve these results. The early outreach, education and motivational. Phases of our. Communications plan was focused on outreach events and spreading the word about new about the new commission. We began with the Budget Committee budget meetings last. August and since then have attended 36. Events, including 18 in partnership with the census team prior to the cancelation of public gatherings. The main portion of this phase began in January when we launched our Long Beach Transit bus, shelter and airport ad, along with the airing of. The TV PSA. We are now in the activation. Phase of the communications plan. During this phase, we have partnered with community groups through updates and presentations to the Long Beach Center's Complete Count Committee. Hosted a webinar, launched the social media campaign in English. Spanish into garlic, and included a flier on the city's utility bill, which has been our most. Successful outreach tool. The next part of our outreach. Phase will be focusing on the specific demographic. Groups we. Have highlighted earlier. Specifically, council districts one, seven and nine. The Asian and Pacific Islander, African-American, Hispanic and LGBTQ communities. To target these. Communities. We will continue to partner with CBOs and neighborhood groups. Utilize targeted social media ads and increase outreach and. Compassion to call it through various. Media outlets such as the TV and the My. Post. Now. Deputy City Manager Kevin Jackson will. Continue the presentation. Thank you, J.T.. Good evening, Mayor, and members of the council. As part of this update, we just wanted to acknowledge some probable changes to the Census 2020 schedule that more than likely will have. An impact on the redistricting process in some form. Or fashion. And so I just want to share a few hi

ghlights about. The proposed schedule. Changes and also acknowledge that the schedule changes would have to be changed, would have to be approved by Congress in order for them to be effective. So the as you can see on the screen. The census response. Deadline, according to the

new schedule, would be extended from July 31st to October 31st, 2020, about about four months. And this would shift the apportioned the time frame that the apportionment counts are due to the president from two I'm sorry, to April 30th, 2021, instead of December 2020. As a result, the states would receive redistricting counts four months later than expected on July 31st, 2021, instead of April 1st, 2021, like we originally anticipated. So also, I want to point out that, you know, according to the city charter, the new maps must be approved by the commission at least six months before the next election in order for them to apply to that election cycle. So if the proposed modification to the census schedule is approved by Congress, which is very likely, and the 2022 primary election date of March eight is not extended, then the Commission would likely have less than a month to finalize the new maps. If they are to apply in the 2022 election cycle, it would be practically impossible for the Commission to complete the work of redrawing the maps in that timeframe. However, I want to point out. That right now there is a bill under consideration in the state legislature, SB 1970 that proposes to move the primary election date in 2022 from March to June of 2022. And if that were to occur, the Commission would have sufficient time to complete the redistricting process. However, the the the the planning time frame would be about one month less than we originally planned for. So it could have some impact on the number of meetings that we originally planned to do. But overall, the Commission if the primary changes from March to June of 2022, the Commission would have sufficient time to complete the redistricting process as proposed. So with that said, I think we'll just close out and J.T. will highlight. Some next steps in the process. Thank you. Thanks, Kevin. The next steps following the close of the application period on June 30th began with the initial review of the application to determine which applicants are eligible. After the initial review, the Ethics Commission will then create a sample of 20 to 30 applicants from the pool of eligible candidates, including at least two from each current council district. Once the sample is established by the Ethics Commission, the chair will then randomly select the first nine commissioners, one from each current council district. Those first nine redistricting commissioners will then select the remaining four members and two alternates for the remaining candidates in the sample. Once the Commission is fully established, training means will begin in December 2020 and the redistricting process will commence following the release of the cens

us tract data according to the possible timelines Kevin mentioned. Thank you. And we are available to answer any questions. Thank you. Great presentation. So appreciate all of that. Let me I do have a motion to receive and file the some of your ringa in a second by Councilmember Austin. Let me turn to customary ringer first. Thank you, Barry. And it's a great presentation, but I see that the districts one, seven and nine have more work to do to get a more representative pool from the API Hispanic and African-American communities. The Asian, of course, one of the things that were questions that got asked during the presentation obviously was was the timing of the whole thing. And 2022 is a non presidential election year. So I'm hoping that the Legislature will proceed to move the election from March to June. If I recall correctly, that was already in in place, if I recall correctly, in terms of the legislature having presidential elections take place in March, in the presidential elections taking place in July. That is that correct? Or am I imagining things? So, Councilmember Your Honor, this is City Clerk Ponytail Garza. To my knowledge, that is not in place yet. Again, there is a SB 970 is addressing that, but nothing is set to change the election date in 2022. From March to June. Okay. I guess I was just ahead of myself. Then I'll be hoping they would do something like that. The numbers look good. Again, we need to increase in those underrepresented communities, including the. The. Gay community as well. So other than that, good presentation work. Good work. And let's keep it keep it going. Thank you. And then make the motion. Thank you, Councilman Austin. I think you are happy to support this and happy to hear the report from staff. I just want to commend the city clerk's office for the outreach effort. It. I think it's reasonable to think that people may not be paying attention to redistricting as much as they probably would be under normal circumstances. And so I would just. They continue the efforts. I've seen the advertisements and I think they've been very creative on social media and everywhere you look. And so hopefully we get a good candidate pool. I'm I'm encouraged by the numbers that I see so far. Obviously, I think we do need work to do. And I think council offices can can help with that. I know myself we have committed to getting that information out in our now daily newsletter constituents. And I'm very, very important to participate in this process. And let's just go back to the vision behind why we have a redistricting commission. It is to engage residents. It is to empower residents, and it's to take the politics out of redistricting. City council lives in our city. There's a great

opportunity in front of our. And this is a great exercise. I hope that we get good residents to step forward and so happy to support this and I'm glad to hear the report. Thank you very much. Thank you. Councilman's in Dallas. Thank you, Mayor, and

thank you very much, staff, again for this awesome report. I'm really looking forward to this process. One of the things that I saw that was not in the report was people with disabilities. I think that that's a very important voice to have in this process. So I really encourage that. You please look at applicants who do have physical limitations and that could provide a unique perspective to this process. So please keep that in mind as you go forward. And also, I'm more than happy to help out with more people from from my district as well. So thank you again. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Richard. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think I think those are sentiments, my colleagues. I think they'll be I think the representation probably would have been more robust if if we were in the middle of this pandemic. So we have to double back. I think there were a couple of missed opportunities with some of the of COVID 19 and the black community, Latino community, AAPI communities to touch on some of these topics, to make sure that folks do know that, you know, this process is going. You know, I'm also reminded of we had the census presentation a couple of weeks ago and we saw the same areas of town. We're underrepresented in the census as well. So I love this. I think this is a wake up call that we need to double back with our communities, both on census and on this redistricting commission staff. I would say if there are other things that just have slipped through the cracks during this moment, we need to flag them so the council officers can do what we need to do to help get the word out. So please send me whatever information that you have. I'm going to work, you know, work together and get the information out as best as we can. Thanks. Think you got somebody ringer to you. Yeah, well, I think they left out was precisely the point that Katherine Richardson just mentioned right now. And that's the sense is itself that we really do need also to redouble our efforts in getting people to fill out to complete the census forms. The latest report I saw that we were around 64, 65% complete. Some areas in my district are very low in terms and returning their their sense of data. And I'm sure other districts had the same issue. So we need to also ensure that we get get get out there and tell people to fill out their census forms . So that's going to make a big difference for us. As we know, we missed out an opportunity to get some federal funding because we were just short of the 500,000 population threshold. And the census makes it that much more important for us to make sure that we get as full, accountably, complete count as we can. So let's let's also redouble our efforts in getting people to complete census forms. Thank you. Thank you. And next up is Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to appreciate Mr. Jackson. I know that I've taken an interest in the census and the redistricting thing, and I appreciate that he's made the calls and we've

been able to meet on their budget and their process. I've even had the great pleasure of attending a meeting. And so I thank them for what they're doing, and I'll continue to stay tuned into this process. It is the real backbone of our democracy that we have fair districts. So thank you to all who have volunteered. Please tell a friend. And Councilman Pearce. Yeah. I support all the comments, appreciate staff's presentation. I know a lot of district residents that enjoy watching or listening, and so I really want to encourage the district. I think we're behind the rest of the city in our census numbers. And so definitely want to remind everybody that we need to make sure that we we complete that. So thank you, guys. Thank you. That concludes council comment. Great report to everyone. Let's do the roll call vote. District one. District one. District two. I. District three. I district for. Hi. District five. It sounds like Darrell's got the crickets now. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. All right. Ocean cares. Okay. Thank you. We're going to our final item, which is item 13. Please read that item. Okay. Motion carries. And now we're moving on to item 26. Report from Health and Human Services recommendation to ward a contract to curative for COVID 19 testing kits and lab services for a total contract amount not to exceed 2,342,813 citywide. I'm going to mention in a second, please. Notion. Bye bye. Pure second about your ringa. Roll call vote, please. District one, high district two. I District three. I district for. I am. District five. I. District six. Hi. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. Our immediate. Motion carries. Motion carries. I 18, please. Report from Public Works recommendation to execute an amendment to contract with plenty area properties. Modifying the conditions of final occupancy district to. Can I get a motion in a second, please? Motion? Councilor Pearce. Can I get a second? Second recount from Sunday has. Well covered. District one i. District two i. District three. I district for. All right. District five. I. District

six. District six. All right. District seven. By. District eight. I. District nine. I know. That's fine. So why don't we go ahead and move to item 28, which is the framework for reconciliation item? Communication from Councilmember Richardson. Councilmember Pearce. Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilman Austin. Recommendation to request city attorney to work with City Manager and Long Beach Office of Equity to draft a resolution that articulates the city's commitment to adopting the framework for reconciliation and Long Beach. Thank you. With that, let me turn this over to Councilmember Rex Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to start by just acknowledging this moment and the urgency of this moment. We are facing a crisis. We're facing an emergency. Over the past two weeks, aspects of structural racism have caught the attention of our entire community. It dem

ands change. It demands leadership from our local community. It's a moment that we can't ignore. Much like the rest of the nation, Long Beach is facing a crisis on three sides with the COVID 19 pandemic that disproportionately impacts African-Americans and seniors economic impacts of the pandemic. That really draws into the question into question the fiscal structure and status of all local governments. And then finally, the impacts of systemic racism and the evidence of police brutality across our all across our country. Racial equity needs to be a top priority, fully embraced by the city. As we respond to this pandemic, as respond to civil unrest, the racial inequity in our health and our economy. It's a public health emergency. It's exacerbated by COVID 19 and requiring an immediate response by the highest levels of our city. Now we all witnessed the brutal killing of Mr. George Floyd by four Minneapolis police officers. And all across America, people are protesting an unjust system where evidence demonstrates demonstrates that the system is tilted against black lives, white bodies, and the opportunity for black communities to succeed. This is not political opinion. This is backed backed by science and data and our own eyes which confirm it. There is no way to deny institutional racism. We are having this discussion. Because impacted people have stood up. That's what has brought this conversation to the forefront. This incident in Minneapolis, it's eroded public trust in every institution of government in America. We've all condemned it. We've all acknowledged it. But we need to acknowledge that public trust has been eroded in our own institution and every institution in America. This moment calls the question on every American city, including Long Beach. To restore that trust. That means every city. Let's take a look under our own hood to ensure that the instruments and the laws are in place to identify and eliminate institutional racism. A complete culture change that embraces this as a professional standard, a public health emergency, and ensures that this is essential to our vision of moving forward as a city. And here in Long Beach, we need to meet this moment head on. We need to restore the public's trust, restore the confidence of our community. It means we need to review our own practices across the city. It means that we do not gloss over this moment and that we publicly acknowledge that the efforts are moving forward, are centered on the experiences of impacted black people in our community and our city cannot move forward until we examine our history with race and listen to the voices of the public. Institutions are driven by laws and systems. Those systems are laced with race, gender and the values of those who are in power, who write laws. It means that we take this time to reevaluate our own mission and our own values and our organizational philosophy, to prioritize racial and economic equity and science and data. The five most c

ommon social determinants of health are economic stability, education, social and community context, health and health care and the built environment. Studies show that the environments we're born into. But where we learn where we work, where we play and where we live impacts the health and quality of life outcomes. This is very much apparent in America. It is very much apparent in Long Beach, where there is a seven year difference in life expectancy for residents living in East Long Beach neighborhoods compared to those in north west and southwest parts of our city. There is a deep segregation in divide and to narratives within our city. And life expectancy is also disparate across race and ethnic lines in our city. As black black residents are among the lowest rate at 79 years. In comparison in comparison to the citywide average of 83 years. The same socio economic factors are evident in the disproportionate impact of COVID 19 on African-American communities across our country. Cities like Chicago, Washington, DC, Madison, Los Angeles and Long Beach. They show that African-Americans overrepresented in COVID 19 infections and deaths compared to the share of the total population. Long Beach has the same overrepresentation as African-Americans here in our city make up 12% of the city's population and 22% of the city's

COVID 19 deaths. We need to commit our system to ending the narrative of the tale of two cities in this moment. We need to acknowledge our own history of racial inequity, not shy away from our history of police brutality and reform and modernize our laws, our policing practices, our policies across the city to align and restore public trust and basic standards of dignity for every resident. Now, when I say institutional racism. I believe that we are one agency. We should have one vision. This is not about calling out any individual. This is about calling out our own institution. So this race crisis that deserves as much attention and resources as the COVID 19 response, we need. We need a high level analysis and decision making. We need a clear reporting structure. We need transparency. We need accountability to the community. And we need a framework that will put the City Council in the position to take action on comprehensive reform, to ensure our own laws and our practices reflect our values of our current city, acknowledges institutional racism, acknowledges our own laws and practices that perpetuate the tale of two cities, two very different Long Beach experiences. It means that we commit publicly to our people to comprehensive reform. That means systems change, placing values of racial equity and public trust into all of our systems, including our charter, including our municipal code, including our city manager departments, including the police department, and including our city budget to make sure it aligns with the standards of the modern American city. Now, tonight, the framework presented is a four step process that require

s the city to critically review departmental policies and practices, engage affected communities, and prepare an action plan that will institutionalize racial equity in language. The framework should be data driven so that we can pinpoint disparity and prepare solutions. What are we reconciled folks to say? Why do we call it reconciliation? We can call it what we want to call it, but what we are reconciling is the gap between the experiences of public people, the impacted people, our current policies, and how they stand up against national standards and best practices. We are one agency. We should have one vision to be the best city in America for everyone, not just centered on not just some. And it should be centered on the experiences of our most vulnerable in our community. So the first step outlined is to acknowledge our city. Our own history with racism and commit to a process of doing that. Furthermore, we should acknowledge our own histories of police violence, of systemic inequities, lack of investment into certain communities north central west Long Beach, and commit to reforming those things. Next. We need to listen. What that means is we need to hear the voices that have been protests in our community in a formal way and put it on the record. We need to hear from the experience of affected communities. We need to listen to the stories of impacted residents. These will be difficult stories to listen to, but it's important that our organization listens to the stories of impacted residents. We need to listen to our own employees as well, across every department, including the police department. We need to convene and follow the listening. Following the listening, we need to meet and convene with stakeholders, starting with the black community and impacted people. Our community is not monolithic. Do not cluster all the black community together, but rather give impacted families the space to engage in this process in a meaningful way. If the faith community, the space to engage this discussion in a meaningful way, give the youth an opportunity to in the space to engage in this discussion in meaningful way, need to also engage an independent third party organization to help us facilitate the process of convening, to add and ensure public trust, as well as the process of reviewing our citywide policies and presenting those recommendations. For example, today we received a letter of support from Policy Link, a National Research and Action Institute that advances racial and economic equity, offering their expertise in structuring this process. They help the city with our local My Brother's Keeper process, which resulted in a nationally standard national, nationally recognized local action plan. We have a great relationship with educational institutions. More specifically, we have a strong relationship with Cal State Dominguez Hills, the only CSU founded in direct response to civil unrest in the 1960s. It serves the populations of north and cent

ral Long Beach. It's within their mission to address civil rights and racial equity. We should engage them in this process. Finally, the culmination of listening and convening will result in an action plan of immediate, short and long term recommendations for the City Council to enact, such as put us in a position to take action and in that comprehensive reform. This means systems change, placing our values and public trust into all of our systems charter, municipal code, city management departments and our city budget to ensure it aligns with the standards of a modern, equitable American city. Next, we need to recognize the urgency of the moment and take into consideration

the timing of our current budget process and the timing to meet the deadline to place a measure on this November's ballot. Now. Now we're not starting from scratch. Let's just start with that. In recent years, and I've particularly paid attention to since I was elected in 2014, we know that there's been a national movement, there's since the death of the death of Trayvon Martin. There's been a national movement that has really thrust cities, including Long Beach, to really talk about racial equity and police reform. And we've taken a number of steps. The equity toolkit, a number of body cameras and other policies are safe. Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, My Brother's Keeper, our economic inclusion plan. All of that has come from that moment. We have to acknowledge at that moment it took a tragedy of it took a tragedy of the death of Trayvon Martin and then President Obama announcing My Brother's Keeper. And also a pivotal point that we should acknowledge is that is the same moment that the Movement for Black Lives was established. And since then, every indication our city is that we're heading in the right direction. Are police statistics the things that we've doing is heading the right direction. This moment calls for us to accelerate and reform and commit to meaningful policy change, meaningful systems change consistent with this moment, consistent with our values for the future. So tonight, I'm asking my colleagues to support this framework. I'm asking them to commit to the framework, but throw into the kitchen sink the types of things you're you've heard , the types of things you want to see reviewed. We want to make sure we have high level staff ready to receive these things and make sure they're considered into this process. If you have thoughts on what needs to be reformed in our city, throw it into the kitchen sink, throw it all into this kitchen sink. And immediately following this, we want to be clear, and I encourage my colleagues to echo if echo and let the city manager know that this is a top priority for the city council and that is urgent and should be treated as an emergency. That said, those conclude my comments. I would like to hear from my colleagues on what reforms they like to see within this come out of this framework or what types of things we w

ant to evaluate, what are the things that we want to commit to explore and what types of reforms that our intentions are clear at the very beginning. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next up is council member Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And first of all, I want to acknowledge Councilmember Rich and his team for putting together a very, very comprehensive item. That I think of the covers most of it. I mean, that's a very good job of doing that. And so so I salute him in his esteem for doing that. I was happy to sign on to go on sponsor of this item. Obviously also want to acknowledge my colleagues, the rest of the city staff for their acknowledgment and understanding of this very pivotal time that we are in. I want to thank you all for your collective commitment to change on Long Beach, but also being a catalyst for change for our entire country. We can show people how it's done. We are a special city. And this also I want to acknowledge those who are taking action today and have been taking action over the last ten or 12 days or so of protesting for change. Outraged by what they have seen. Today we are grieved as a nation of the horrific death of George Floyd. May he rest in peace. Today we began a difficult and we begin a difficult process of preparing for reconciliation, which will frame the pathway to justice, the systemic change. Today, Long Beach has a responsibility to George Floyd, his family, really every black person in this city in America to acknowledge that his life mattered, that all black lives matter. This tragic event has awakened the world to this country's ugly truth. Nation. With white supremacy at its foundation, a nation that is not equal to everyone. A nation with great wealth. Where oppressive black people and poor people are. Nor a nation that is and is fatally flawed. And has fatally flawed systems. Economic systems, health care systems, education systems and policing and in 2020 still do not afford liberty and justice for all. Today in our city, we have a duty to advance equity and opportunity and to create a place where every resident has opportunities and feels respected regardless of their race or socioeconomic status. As a city council, we have a duty to be smarter and more intentional with our decisions. The resource allocation. My responsibility today is to help lead this city through this moment. Then my life experiences perspective, I believe, has prepared me for very well. And I feel like our work presence on this council at this time more purposeful than ever with the work before us. And so I don't take this duty casually in any way because I recognize that this is. Arguably the most impactful work they will do. Together as elected leaders in this city. We've made progress certainly in this city. We have lot to be proud of. But in light of what we are experiencing today, it's put a light sunshine and we still have much work to do to improve conditions for a large percentage of our city. And to the communit

y. I would like to say I'm accepting this charge. I'm prepared to listen and listen more than I speak. I want to learn. I want to act accordingly. My actions on this council do advocacy with our state and federal partners officials, because that is where a lot of change will come as well. We won't be able to breathe it as a city until we deliver and deliver on the promise of liberty and justice for all. So we deliver on the promise of racial equity. And we work to truly. Change the systems that have oppressed so many for so long. And, you know, like I said, this is a a major moment in our city's history. No more wrecks you challenged us to will throw everything at the kitchen sink. And I have an item coming up which I think will be a great first step because we have a civilian oversight process. That I'm not sure that everybody is aware of. I'm not sure that everybody has full confidence in. But that is one area that I want to see us immediately tackle from an administrative standpoint. And then talk about opportunities to to change potentially change the charter in doing so. And so I'm going to reserve my comments for now because I want to hear from my colleagues as well. But I'm fully in support of this item, happy to second it and look forward to the discussion and the progress that we will make together collectively as a city, as a city team, but as a community to really address the ills of the past. Thank you. Thank you. Council Member Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. You know, if you were at the city hall today at 9 a.m.. I just want to see Tom. And they said came. It was the beginning of some transformation. Having lived through three rides in the city, the inequities have occurred across the country. I find it very hard to form words. So I'm just going to talk about the issues that bothers me and the things that I fought for in my community every day. I don't really talk on this subject that much. I believe that being on the stage is about opening the doors to the community and the respect we have, the privilege and the honor to be voted in. And I want to share the battle and the challenge. I see because this is a listening tour reunion, the stakeholders coming forward. There are things I would like to see Long Beach do better, and I am committed to doing my part to see the change. I mean, no disrespect to any of my colleagues. If some of these issues seem foreign to you, the kind of issues that affect the success and the community of color and you may have to do not have to deal with them. But I brought up. Against these issues every day. And I drive in my community and sometimes I feel I'm the only one. How is it that the minorities make up the large part? The Refugee Team. I'll get. Okay. And it is a career that gets many people with their record in the door to be part of a city team. How can we do more to bring local and diverse hiring practices for permanent positions with the benefit to the community of corporate? How is it

that someone can live in our community but still don't have experience working in certain parts and dealing with that of the community? Yet they continue to accept a supervisor position because they do not have a college degree. How is it that our Workforce Development Department and Youth Workforce Office is one of the most provincial areas of the city? And we started by saying we can't issue people that live in the inner city bus passes to get there. How is it that we have a nonprofit that simply asked to help relocate and do work in partnership with workforce partners? And we cannot come up with additional aid. How is it that we. Yes. Now I'm trying to strive for the African American culture in. How did the city police complaint in Michigan? Does that have an opportunity to have someone who's actually been arrested to serve on it? How? That we can take away community watch programs like Grit. How is it that we do not have a gang unit yet? We continue to see our black and Latinos get. While under arrest in Japan, getting watches on this list. How is the world going to work with our city prosecutor in city attorney office and talk about expanding the level of the playing field and make it a level playing field? How would you say we are going to, you know, incorporate all the commissions like the Civil Service Commission to be involved, the change that we're going to do? Are we going to work with the school district to start these conversations about community and policies? Are we going to diversify our budget so that the rate does not have to do the work? They don't have the current staffing for. I did set up standup outreaches in the Mecca and even go to knock on someone's door because their neighbors has a problem. There was a time when it came out the police would play basketball with former gang members. And because we wanted to we wanted to brag about this because those conversations and get away from this people that you are we grew up that we did not we do not fight this we we did not. But just to go ahead. Why are we having these kind of policemen if we need that in our justice? The policy caused this policy cause we look at My Brother's Keeper and what about my sister's keeper? Let's talk about women and about elevating something like that. I know I've talked a little more than usual, but this is a great item. I want to highlight that even though Rhett and I do not always see eye

to eye, our hearts are way in the right place. Just do up by community and not forget where we came from. We are from three different areas, but we are brothers and it is an honor to serve with them on this diocese. And I want to thank everyone for giving me a chance to speak on this island. Thank you very much. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I wanted to make sure. Of course. I don't think it's lost on anyone. Of course that we have three three amazing council members, of course, three members from the black community that have long histories in the city and and a his

tory of leadership. So I want to thank the three of you, Councilman Richardson, Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Austin, for all, of course, coauthoring the item and for the leadership that you guys are all displaying in this crisis and in the past as well. I know we have everyone queued up to speak. Most folks get up to speak. And so I want to before I get to that, I'm going to make some some general comments and then I know we're going to get into more of a discussion. Just let me just begin by saying that they said also last week, I join the the peaceful protesters in expressing my grief, my outrage over the death of George Floyd. This has been a very, very difficult time for not just Long Beach, for our country and for our community. What we're seeing in America's streets is a call for action and demands for justice and racial equity. And there's no question we still have a long way to go to achieve Dr. King's dream of equality for all of racial justice for black Americans. And so it's up to us, I think, first and foremost, to acknowledge that we have a problem. And that's how you begin a fixing are the systemic issues that we have in our institutions by acknowledging that we have a problem. We know that for far too long. And then really every aspect of American life, black Americans have not experienced equal treatment. I mean, this is the case not just in government institutions, which we run, obviously the city, but it's true in our education system, too, and workforce. It's true in in the nonprofit world, black Americans have not experienced equal treatment. This is not that Long Beach is not accepted. Accepted by that. We Long Beach is no exception to that and there are no exceptions to that. We know that the peaceful demonstrations that we've seen are an important part of our local history and the civil rights movement across the country as well. And we also know what is what we're hearing out in the community. It is demands and action is being asked of us as a city. I want to commend this. This concept of a framework for the city. This framework for reconciliation. I think the most important part of this is that it's been obviously put there's a lot of thought that has gone into this framework. I know that the key piece of this, of course, is acknowledging the existence of systemic racism in this country, that we all know that to be true. And the listening piece and I think that is something that I think is really important for us. One thing that I've heard from our black friends, from black organizers and community members is before we get too far ahead of what we think should happen, it's important for us to listen to the community as to what actions need to happen. And so I respect and honor that. And we started that work. And just I just yesterday I was with a variety of young people and youth that were sharing their stories with me. And I want to thank them. And, and those young, young people from the YMCA and the youth that real

ly shared their stories of growing up in Long Beach and their challenges and fears. And I want to uplift that and continue to do that. Listening. And I think what's great about the opportunity to listen is it gives then us an opportunity to really ensure that the entire city is part of that process, including our management team and our staff. And I want to thank I know, Councilman Richardson, you uplifted that and mentioned that, and I support that. In this process. And in the listening piece, of course, you listen to bring people together and then to to have action. And there needs to, of course, be assurances from the community that we are going to have an action plan out of this. And I think that's part of this process. I also want to go back to something that Councilmember Richardson was alluding to, which I think and I think he's right. I think, you know, we we we know that the Long Beach Police Department has come a long way in in reforms. You think about just the last five years there we have every officer that's trained in de-escalation. We know that mental health and racial equity are now trained within the department, and there's a lot more accountability measures in place. This council has been a leader on body worn cameras, and so has our rank and file officers who've been involved in that process. And if you look at issues just around use of force, for example, use of force incidents just last year, I believe, were the lowest they've probably been in many years, and including the use of force, which has declined, but also the officer involved shootings have dramatically declined. And so that tells me that at the rank and that there is progress. And like any organization, when you have progress, you still have more and more to do.

All of us, all our institutions have a long way to go to get better and to meet the needs of our community. I want to say that and it's important and it's important to note this as this discussion has been going on, that all aspects of American life and our institutions need to be reviewed. It's something that all of us as a city need to listen to and uplift. We know that we are committed as a community to reforms. We want to strengthen them. And I look forward to the conversations in the weeks ahead with the community, with black organizers, with students to address this crisis facing our nation. We will listen. We will dialog, and then we will act. And so I know our community and our country are counting on us. And I look forward to discussion ahead this evening. And so thank you, Councilmember Richardson, for and I'm taking a leadership role in the framework. And to the other members that have put this this agenda item together with the community. So thank you for that. And with that, I want to turn this over to the other members of the council. Next up is council. Councilwoman Pryce. Actually, I think you remember that. Senator Pearce, I know you were an agenda item this week next or

did you want to wait? I'd love to be able, sir. I see you. Go ahead also. Okay. Are you sure? I don't mind. I can wait. Yeah. Let me go. I thought I was next so I would go. Go ahead, please. I'll go after you. No problem. Think about the system as that. You never know where you are in the queue. So you only lie on point like. Can I go to the bathroom? No, not yet. Okay. Thank you, guys. Really, I want to ground us in the words that were said before you and I, Mayor and I really appreciate the leadership and the big picture vision that Councilmember Richardson has put in front of us. And that really is process. And anybody that knows me, I always talk about process and how important it is to listen. And so to hear each of the areas of deep concern for our African-American council members, it's really important that we root this conversation and that. And so I want to thank you for that. Of this item. You know, I know it kind of moved fast and so many pieces of it are critical. The acknowledging, which was powerful to hear council council member, powerful to see the work that Tom Modica has done to really make sure that our city employees, possibly for the first time ever, have been told race matters, you matter. And I'm here to listen to you this morning was very powerful to see all of the words and the thoughts, to hear from our own city employees that have said, my brother was arrested. My cousin was this I experienced this oppression. And it really is when we talk about the whole city. It is systematic oppression. When we think back to how this country was started, it was formed. In a way that was built on oppression. Our railroads are built on oppression. A lot of our buildings are built with that. Our roads, our cities, the foundation of them were built on believing that somebody else was less than us. And I, when we ground ourselves in that, I think it gets really emotional because I don't think that anybody on this council or in the city government believes in that model. We all want to believe that we're not racist. We all want to believe that the system is fair because we've had the 13th Amendment, because we've gotten out of what we would call Jim Crow era. But we haven't. And the way that we know that we haven't is in our very own numbers. L.A. County alone. Councilmember Richardson spoke to COVID. So the numbers of COVID in L.A. County alone yesterday were blacks are dying 2 to 1 to whites. 2 to 1. Two to me. In our county. We know that these numbers are real. We know that black women are spending 63% of their income on rent. Can each of you out there listening think about spending 63% of your income on rent and maybe you're a single mom, maybe you have a kid, maybe you have two. What that means for us and why we've been fighting in this city for so long on some of these issues, we know that in the city of Long Beach, we have a life expectancy difference of 17 years. That's from our own city report. Councilmembers Richardson, Austin

and Dee mentioned, we know we've got the tools in Long Beach to address these issues, whether it's everyone in, whether it's the Office of Equity, whether it's issues around our housing. My Brother's Keeper. My Sister's Keeper. But it's been it's helped. And I don't want to diminish the work that it's done. But until our entire city says racism exists within our bones, we will not change it. So we realized that in 2014, blacks were arrested four times more than whites. In 2015, we were the most violent. In 2016. One which had a killing rate of 10.6 persons per year. And I agree, Mayor, that this city, from the time that I got on the council to today, I feel like our numbers are probably really great. But telling my community members and my neighbors that our block or my neighbors that have had their kids go through some part of the system, hey, guess what? We're better today without any facts in front of me. It's really hard. And so as we talk about listening, it's taking those stories of our black community with us into every meeting that we take. Even if we think nothing

about race in that meeting and I'll lift up health and our climate. We got a lengthy letter today that was authored by SONA. One of our environmental committee members are Sustainable Commission. And she lifts up these numbers about health, the fact that African-Americans don't have the same level of access to health care, that the number one cause of death for many of them are diseases that are caused by poor environmental quality. Like heart disease, like asthma. These are the numbers that tell our story, Long Beach. Our story is not, hey, we're doing better in this one department. Our story has to be that we're doing better for everyone because we know whenever the person that is the most oppressed in the city is doing well, that we're all doing well. We should all all of us in the city of Long Beach be thriving to make sure that the person that is the most oppressed that is on the streets of this city have every access to better health care, housing, education, because we know for them this moment is the moment that's going to matter most for them. So when we talk about what to throw in the kitchen sink? Councilmember Richardson The first thing that we have to do is we have to get data and it has to be transparent. I have said many emails to many people inside City Hall asking for numbers, and I've been told that we were going to get numbers and that we would have a report. Over the last ten years. For. I think in my heart that we have done better in Long Beach PD. But I'm a data person and I don't see those numbers. And so the first, I want to make sure that we are building transparency and trust with our police department. And that's going to take them sharing everything that they can. The numbers of use of force, the demographics of who has been involved in those, both on the officer side and on the public side. We want to know the best practices in the country. What ar

e the best practices in the city that in cities that have made sure that these numbers have gone down so that our police officers can walk down the street proud? Because I'm sure right now this is probably a really tough time for all of them, but it's been a really tough time for our black community for 400 years. And so we're going to have to go through an uncomfortable process, and it has to be genuine. I want us to make sure that we're talking about, as mentioned by also by Councilmember Richardson. The four areas of our city where we can really make structural change. Our budget. There's a lot of words being thrown out there. The first thing I want to say is we need to know what's in our budget. I have personally, I don't have the details of what's in our police budget. And so I don't know what even to say about that. Right. And I know that we've got youth that we've fought to get \$200,000 for youth funding for them, which we got, which was great. We've got a youth strategic plan that needs to make sure it has a race lens on it. Right. And that we're talking about how do we how do we make sure that crime doesn't happen in the first place to make an excuse to be able to have more officers than we might need? How do we make sure we're investing on the front end in our health department, in our kids and our job program, and that we're really thinking outside the box. To do that, we need data. And I've said that since I've been on this council. And so I'm very excited about this opportunity to hopefully be really transparent with our city budget. I know this budget year is tough and it's going to be fast. I'm looking forward to our charter conversations, but I understand that charter changes are going to have to wait because we don't have an election coming up that we can put charter changes on. So then I'm really going to ask staff to put everything and every thought into it. Whenever we talk about the muni code, what are we doing on the muni code that we can really make sure we have some community oversight because every city is funded by the taxpayers and the taxpayers are undocumented residents. There are people that come through our city and our tourists, their residents. And I've lived here forever and they're tenants that have lived here. And so what are we making sure that in our muni code that we are creating, if possible, a civilian oversight committee that is free from the city structure that we have. I want to see what that looks like. I want to see the best practices in the whole country for how we can make sure we do that and have real, clear transparency. Because when we have situations like today, people are speaking up that we never thought would speak up. We have commissioners and almost every single commission that the city has, it has said something about how they want the city to be moving forward and we have to listen to them. And Tom, I know that sometimes I get a little mushy with you because hiring you was a big deal to m

e. It was my what I thought was going to be the last big step that I took as a council member. And one of the biggest things that was an issue for me as a white woman was you being white and being in the city for so long. But I am so proud of the courage and the dedication that you have made to everybody in the city. And when I say that comment, I hope it doesn't trigger anybody, but

it's just diversifying. Our leadership is important so that we can have black stories leading the conversation. But we also have to recognize that you are extremely skilled. You're extremely thoughtful. I think you've been great for the city, and I think you're going to be wonderful leading us through this process. So I'm so proud. So those four areas being able to look at them and really talk about them is the most important. We have transparency that we're talking about budget items that we're talking about our use, that we're making sure that our conversation goes outside the city walls and we're talking with educational institutions and business improvement districts. I know one of my birds is so excited about going through this reconciliation process with their own community members. We have to do this not just for George Floyd, but we have to do it for Tyler Woods, for Hector. Or Dante. I'm sorry for Hector. Moran for Dante. Jordan or for Ross. Moran for Noel Aguilera. For Aerial Smith, Vermonters. For Martin. Corrado for Berry. Brock for Jason. I know Gibson for Kerry. Michael found some for Louis Ramirez. For Jordan. Michael Griffin for Katherine Gomez. And for Marcella Byrd. For Frederick Tapp, who was killed by a white supremacist. We owe it to these people to make sure that we root out systematic racism and acknowledge our own racism within ourselves. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson, often, Andy, for bringing this item forward. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. I know I've got obviously everyone queued up, so when I get to those, I want to just to clarify something also, I think that I think Councilmember Pearce, you you and I both asked this question on data. And I think just so that you get one of those answers now, I think that the police department is working on. My understanding is, remember, they've done back now, I think about five years. They're trying to go back ten years. So, Mr. Modica, I think that's something from I heard earlier today that the request that's being made by the Council is coming to the council pretty soon. Is that right? Yes, Mr.. Mayor. So we see this and we we hear loud and clear that data is important. We couldn't agree more. There is a lot that we have to share, and that data does take some time to get together. We have started already. We can provide some of the use of force statistics and officer involved shooting statistics. But we do understand and you know, there are some requests from the council, but we're really going to be launching into kind of a review of the data. We're going to be asking our innovation t

eam to help us with that and to actually help display it and make it understandable and transparent and have have that available for this part of the discussion. So we we are going to be making a commitment on that and and providing a lot of those data. Thank you, Mr. Modica. Thank you. And I hope that also answers whatever comes your questions. Let me go to the queue and I know some people are queue to back up, so we'll get to everybody first and then we'll go back around. Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Can you hear me? Yes. Okay. I want to thank my colleagues who have brought this item forward, especially my African-American colleagues, because no matter how many experiences we share in common, there are many experiences that we don't share in common because of our backgrounds. They may not ever know the experience of a child who came to America during a revolution in her own country and learned to speak the language with her mother as they made their way in the new world. And I may not ever know the conversations that each of them had at their dinner table with their families and their children that I may not ever have to have with my own children. And I want to thank our city manager, because he did. Right. Send an email that was just so profound and had a few points in it that really I've thought a lot about over the last few days. And that was one of those points. I'm grateful for this opportunity to listen and to learn. And I like what Vice Mayor Andrews shared earlier in his comments, which was acknowledging that we may not always agree or see eye to eye on every issue. But I think having worked with this group of people for six years that I can say whole heartedly with every fiber in my body that every member of this council is a good person and cares about this city. Even if we don't agree on every issue. But this is an opportunity where I think we are all aligned and we all will be focused as we move forward as a city. The events we have seen locally and throughout the nation require that we be on the right side of history and take this moment seriously and focus on the important issues of justice, accountability and fairness. These are issues that should be at the heart of everything that we do. That should always be the case. And it's very tragic that it took the life of George George Floyd to remind us of that important value. We must make significant progress to ensure that our city is at the forefront of responsible and accountable policing, as well as on the focus of residents in the city of Long Beach. Every single one of them knowing that they are protected by our police and can trust in the integrity of our system. Nationally, we have seen the devastating misuse of power by a minneapolis police officer against George Floyd. The impacts of

that officer's actions were, of course, devastating and unconscionable for the Floyd family. But the impact has been so much broader. And I can tell you that as a prosecutor of 20

years, that is not the type of justice I signed up for. Like most people in this country, I, too, have been able to reflect on the tragic and violent events that we have all seen, highlighting the need for more action. And as Councilman Richardson said, an opportunity to listen and meaningfully dialog. One of the things I really enjoyed from reading our city manager's email is an ask that he made of the city employees that we have honest dialog without fear of saying the wrong thing or without fear of being judged. I know that his council members. There are times when we have very passionate people inside the council chambers advocating for something that's very important to them and a simple disagreement, even though it might be stated in the most respectable way, respectful way can be misinterpreted as not caring about an issue of the fundamental heart of a discussion that we're having. And I'm hoping that this opportunity is one where we allow one another to speak our minds and be heard and ask questions without judgment. I am saddened, deeply saddened by the police officer related tragedy that resulted in George Floyd's death in Minnesota. I have also spent hours and days and years, decades working with police officers as well as victims and their families. Dedicating my entire career to seeking justice and to ensuring that families who are victims of crimes get closure that they deserve when they are the victim of a gang crime, sexual assault, or a homicide, which are my personal areas of specialty. My life is devoted to the pursuit of justice. And when we see real acts of injustice perpetrated by those meant to serve and protect, it shines a further light on the vast divides we see throughout America today. I think most Americans can understand the frustration and sense of anger felt by many protesters as they pursue this nation's goal of a more perfect union. I cannot support riots, vandalism or burglaries at any level while local small businesses are struggling during this pandemic. But I understand the deep feelings of fatigue and frustration in protesters throughout this country that have not seen the prosperity that's been promised to them in the American dream, and instead may feel a sense of an ongoing injustice. We have recently seen a significant moment in Long Beach develop into a historic movement around the nation to confront real issues and seize on opportunities to improve our existing systems. We have the opportunity to evaluate our current models and make necessary changes for our system to improve. But we have to do that as we also continue to run our city. We do want residents to feel trust and not be fearful of officers. And we cannot allow for a system that protects those, misuse their powers as defined under the laws and the protections of this nation. As the city of Long Beach depends on the trust and faith in our police officers and their commitment to working with the community every day to keep us safe. As a council

member, I'm committed to help our city every day with justice as my guiding principle. As the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I will continue to do my part to shine a light on these issues. And in addition to pushing for body worn cameras with my fellow committee members. Councilman Austin and Councilman Super Doll. And before that, Councilwoman Mango and other tools such as public outreach and education and community policing, which have been topics we have discussed. Our committee is committed to looking at best practices and helping our police department continue to adopt best practices. I will say that it's been stated a number of occasions already tonight that our police department has continued to evolve and develop best practices in the six years that I have been here. This is reflected in their current statistics, and in my personal opinion, the improvements in the statistics is a direct result of the investment that we have made in our police department. The commuting, community, policing and transparency measures that we have employed throughout our department has been significant in terms of budget impacts. But those investments have resulted. And better statistics and improvement all around. There is still a lot more to do. We are a community of many races, ethnicities, life experiences and beliefs. But from this varied spectrum, we share one community, we share one city. And people often talk about this term. A Tale of Two Cities. I'll be honest, I don't like that because I think it unnecessarily divides us. We are one city with opportunities and challenges in each area of the city. And areas that we need to help promote, build up and support so that we can continue to be better as a city together. We share a common desire to see our homes safe. Our families protected and representing the needs of everyone, regardless of what part of town they live in. Everyone should expect basic services and protections from their city. Long Beach is a strong community and the peaceful protests we have seen in every corner. Of this. City brings so many residents together to support our city, charting a course towards positive

changes in the future. I believe that we are one family. Yes, all nine of us, as well as our mayor on this council. We have served together, many of us, for six years. And I believe that together we can honor the message of needed and prudent and realistic progress. We must act deliberately and with purpose, while bearing in mind that public safety and protection of every resident in this city remains a core responsibility for our city. I want to say that we are going to, as a public safety committee, start this conversation, this listening, this educating and this exploration of best practices adopted throughout this nation. On June 23rd, when we have our public safety meeting. I expect to have a number of proposals that I won't be asking the police department to evaluate and consider in terms of adopting some changes f

or our own public safety teams. This item read beautifully. Councilman Richardson The item was written beautifully and I appreciated the elephant comments of many of my colleagues. As I shared with Councilwoman Richardson, I do have some questions about some of the specifics of this item. So I'll put it out there, and I'm sure somewhere it'll come back to Councilman Richardson or perhaps the city attorney to weigh in on what exactly are we voting on tonight. Because, for example, when it comes to the ballot measure, I really don't have any idea about what the ballot measure. Well, I don't even really know what the subject matter of it would be. So that was discussed and I missed it. I apologize, but I do want to have a conversation about that because I don't feel comfortable voting on something that I've never seen. And we're going to need to do public outreach and communication. And I know that it was referred to the ballot measure being maybe a placeholder so that we can bring a ballot measure in the future. But I'm not sure from talking with the city attorney whether that's possible without some substance to the item. So with that, I want to thank you, Mr. Mayor, for giving me the opportunity to talk on this topic. I look forward to hearing from my colleagues and a little bit more specificity on what exactly we're voting on tonight. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Next up is council member Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. And everyone is so eloquent tonight in their comments because it's speaking from the heart, just like I was speaking from the heart, just to put a little bit of our historical perspective on things. Of course, remember, again, Vice Mayor Rudy Andrews somewhat brought it up about being involved and having experienced other. Riots, if you want to call that disturbances that we've had in the past. We certainly had hours here in Long Beach this time around, but we also had one in back in 92 of the Rodney King situation. And then when I was a kid growing up in East Los Angeles, there were the Watts riots that that I lived through. So we've all had our experiences. But what I can say about Long Beach is that when we had our disturbances here in 92, there were some positive things that came out of the African-American, Latino, Asian communities came out and work together. We got together to say that, you know, we have issues here in Long Beach we need to work at. We need to do better. We need to improve on it. We can only do it as one community working together. Oh. As a result of that, we had a new police chief at the time, Tony Batts, and that was the beginning of community policing back in those days and that was strong. We also established back in those days of Community Advisory Committee to the Chief of Police and fire and to the city manager, where we had people from the community actually meet with police, with police chief and with the city manager to talk about issues of great concern to our communities. And each one wa

s important and added to that. We're the LGBTQ Advisory Group of Seniors Group and other various stakeholders who also met with the police chief and city manager to determine what is going on and what is it that we need to change in our community to make it better? And we are at a crucial moment now in this point of our history where what's being put at the table today and what we're going to be looking at is an opportunity. And the opportunity is to once again visit a lot of the the changes that we're implementing before and see how we can make them better or improve upon them or at this time, things that we weren't able to add before because we're in a different era now. What I discovered the last couple of well, the last week or so that we've been experiencing all these these. Events is that is different. I know we're in the social media age and what's going on is that this this these protests have been much more peaceful, much more peaceful than we've had in the past. Yes. We've had our moments of of looting and rioting, that sort of. Goes with with everything else but the protests themselves. The protesters in cells were focused and they and they were they were poignant in what they were bringing about and being very attuned to what changes are out there. And we've now come to accept the fact that a lot of the biases and prejudices that we meet, that we're confronted with are systemic. They've been around for a long time and they've

come to the surface. I was reminded this morning of our issue that I marched on and protested back in 1996, which was a proposition to name the anti-Affirmative Action Program. Our proposal for Proposition eight was put forward by then Governor Pete Wilson. I marched against that. I fought against it. And I wanted to get it down because I knew it was wrong. And what they tried to do was basically saying that affirmative action programs were illegal and did not serve any purpose. And getting rid of those kinds of programs would level the playing field. Well, what have we learned in the 26 years between then and now that the level of the playing field is still not level? In fact, it is even more a level now than it was even then. And there's an effort now with another bill that's being introduced in the legislature is to repeal it only because it's still on the books. And that's part of the systemic issues that we're dealing with, is that there are still items on the books that are counterproductive to where we need to be, to where we need to get. So I'm saying that in providing the historical perspective in the sense that we still have a lot of growing to do, we still have systemic bills and pieces of the legislature that are in need, dire need of change and repeal and new ones to go forward. And this is our opportunity to do such. I know Councilwoman Pryce mentioned that it was very unclear as to what specifically we might be looking at. But that's I think that's the whole point, is that we need to

have that discussion. We need to look at what we're going to do in the future to make us better, to make the city a lot stronger. We need to be a strong city and I believe in this. I love this town. I'm not going anywhere. I love every aspect of my community that I've been here, been able to build lifelong friendships since I came to Long Beach as a freshman and Long Beach State and made many of them. And like I say, one of the other things that we want to look at and it wasn't institutionalized then, but perhaps this is an opportunity we can do that now, is to institutionalize these advisory committees or advisory groups that we're looking at, because they seem to come and go with whoever is on the chief's chair or whoever sits on the city manager's chair. And they ebb and flow with something that's more permanent or stable so that these discussions are ongoing from here on out, that we don't have to have these types of services and nobody has to die in order to bring this to the forefront. We say their names. And Janine, thank you for mentioning seeing all those names because they're a part of our history. And as sad as it makes me feel and at times angry, to want to go out and do something about it. But we have to do it with logic. We have to do it with data. We have to do it in a way that's such that we are going to be effective. And I have been an example of great proponent of institutionalizing our health department, for one. But we also need to look at institutionalizing these types of committees as well, these types of groups that would provide a voice and a venue for people to come forward and voice your concerns. And it has the city council or manager or the police chief move on them. So this is a beginning. I see this as a start. And it's also, at the same time, a continuation of where we've been before and what we need to get. So please look at this as a way of growing as a way of learning and as a way to also. Go again. To get to a place where we need to be. With that, I guess some. Done here. And if I had to come back and say something more might come back to me, I don't know. But at the same time let's work together. And one of the most proudest moments that I've had thus far is that we have, if not the most, one of the most diverse city councils around. Basically unique. You name it. A community and is represented in our city council. We have immigrants, sons of immigrants, daughters of immigrants, African-Americans and LGBTQ. We're all represented here. And we are we ourselves are a reflection of our community. And that's what makes us strong. And that's what's going to keep us strong as long as we keep that focus that we know we have a large community here where half a million people, you're probably grown a little bit more. And it's going to be again for the people out there who are listening. Important to fill out the census. It's going

to be important for us as a city where we apply for these grants and we apply for federal funds that we need to. To move forward with. With getting the sense is that we account for our son. So with that, I'll leave it there. I'm sure there's going to be more discussion. And as we move forward with this, we decided we're going to be having a lot more a lot more discussions. And hopefully when we continue these discussions, there'll be we'll be in a better place than we were last week. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Next up is Councilman and Diaz. You. May I? Thank you very much. First and foremost, I like every American. In the past weeks, I've been absolutely devastated to see another video of an armed, unarmed black person being killed

by an officer who is sworn to protect their community. This is just one of the small pieces of our country's long and violent history of systemic racism and white supremacy, a legacy that continues today to impact every aspect of our society. The revelation so many people have experienced over the past few days. I think the black community has known and organized the struggle for decades, and I think that it's important that we recognize that some of these steps are going or some of the steps were taken right now are long overdue. I'm so heartened to see the parts of the items that request concrete action in the face of racism and injustice, as we have seen in our streets and around the country. It's not only time to acknowledge the problem, but also to implement solutions. I look forward to working with my colleagues and staff to create reform in our city from the way we are governing to the way we are policing, to the way we allocate resources to our community. I am proud to stand with each of you in this first step, but I know that there are many more steps to come and eager to get started. I want to absolutely thank our my council colleagues, council members Richardson, Austin and Andrews for Vice Mayor Andrews for bringing this item forward and also for their their contribution to our city as African American from the black community. I think it's very important that we see them as role models for other generations, them that were elected into these positions and are able to make certain changes within our city. This is what we need. And I'm very proud to serve on a very diverse city council. And I, like it's been said by my colleagues before me at times that we may not see eye to eye with each other. But I do believe in from the bottom of my heart that today we stand here before you all in agreement that something needs to be done. And I'm I'm very, very proud to be on the city council. Thank you. Thank you, councilman and de haas councilmember supernova. Thank you. And I'd like to first thank those who brought this item forward. And I'd also like to thank Councilman Richardson, Councilman Austin and Vice Mayor Andrews for their eloquent and heartfelt remarks. I think the

serve as a perfect opening to this discussion. I'm like Vice Mayor Druse and Councilman, you rank. This, too, is my third episode of Civil Unrest involving Long Beach. Um, and I can say that this. The aftermath of this feels very different to me. Uh, Councilman Franco referenced social media. Perhaps that's it. But this is the first time I. See this broad. Recognition of systematic. Racism. And obviously. The killing of George Floyd has served as a catalyst to bring us to this moment. Um, I think we have, um, we should be very hopeful. And again, I don't mean to sound repetitious, but maybe it's because we've lived through it. Councilman here. You were going to mention how there were many changes made after 92. And I'll go back to 1965 and the Watts riots. And, um, in the aftermath of that civil unrest, money flowed to Los Angeles. Federal dollars flowed in Sacramento. Dollars flowed in. I'm not sure how many of those dollars made it to what. But I think we can improve upon that. Now, as Councilman Frank said, so many improvements after 92. And maybe this is it. Maybe this is the time where we see everything, the discussions happen, the plans in place. And as I referenced, we just need systems in place on an ongoing basis to make sure that the changes we enact are sustainable. I don't think it is. Just from my background, I know the coffee of the the chair of the Sustainable City Commission was mentioned. Having served on that commission for seven years and also served as chair, I think the topic that was brought up generally is environmental justice. So to concentrate just on the things that we're going to throw in the mix here. Not that that's the only thing, but I feel an obligation to bring that forward. With my background also, I currently serve on the Public Safety Committee and we will be working on that. As well as Chair Price. Mentioned on the 23rd. So those are some of the things we'll be bringing forward. For those of you who don't hear me, normally my my signature is brevity. I just didn't want anyone to think that because of my style, that reflects at all on on my position on that. I choose. This is one of the. Critical moments for our council. One of the most important things that has ever come before us, and I look forward to helping shape these changes for the future. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I want to start by thanking both Mary Andrews, Councilman Austin and Councilman Richardson for your continued leadership in our city. I appreciate the heartfelt comments of all my colleagues. So much has already been said and I won't repeat what has been said. But I will say that over the last few weeks I continue to listen. I believe that true wisdom comes from listening and that we as a council need to continue to keep listening at the forefront of the policies that we will work towards and develop over the next several months. The only thing that I have to add is in reading the items and in list

ening to what? Government agencies and community partners are doing across the country. I see some significant value in coordination and I think that institutionalizing that coordination would be imperative. We can't do it without our partners. And so if there was a way to ensure that we. As we work through this process, make presentations to our partners, the school boards, the trustees, and for them to make presentations to us on where they're headed so that we can ensure that where our agencies progress crosses, that we institutionalize the solutions across all of the groups together so that the investment goes the farthest by ensuring it. That we build on each other and their successes and the listening. So with that, I want to thank everyone for their peaceful demonstrations over the last several days. And. I think that it is poignant that our city is on the forefront of this as we have been on so many things. And it would not be possible without the community leaders that have supported this and so many other equity and equality issues. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Next up, I have I'm going to go back to I think everyone has. Has made their comments. Let me go back to Councilmember Pearce. Thanks. Mayor, I wanted to just I realize that I left out a part that I wanted to talk about as far as the city's thinking about process. And when we acknowledge structural racism, we acknowledge that so often the black community has not felt like spaces were safe for them, that they were not safe for them to speak up, that they're not safe for them to participate in. And I reflect back to the land use element and what those spaces were like and also what those spaces were like for our African-American staff. And so I am not sure that Thomas spent a lot of time thinking about what the process will look like in dealing with this this health emergency. But it is so important that black voices are heard. I would say first that if organizations, even if they seem like organizations that the city has never worked for before, like Black Lives Matter or anybody else says, Hey, City, we're ready. We're ready to talk and we want to listen that we go to them and that we make sure we engage them in a space that is safe and that they can and work in and that we do that with our youth. I appreciate that you visited our youth yesterday, but really recognizing that for so many this the city isn't the same across the whole city and that we really have to get ourselves out of our comfort zone to hear these these black voices so that we can, you know, change where where we put our priorities. And we do that with our resources. And that includes city staff time and how we function as a city. So really wanting to make sure that the black community that is diverse is the one leading on this reconciliation. Otherwise we will not have the trust of our diverse black community and all of this will be just a process. So that's my thoughts. Thanks, guys. Thank you. Councilma

n Richardson. Sorry. It's muted. Okay. So I want to take a minute and just so earlier, I needed to kind of just make sure that I presented the framework correctly. And now I want to just take this opportunity to kind of refocus on what we're trying to do here. So so one, the reason we put acknowledgment out there first is because what we do and what we say from this moment forward, we can either acknowledge or we cannot acknowledge. And we have to be a model and be an example of how we do that. So we yes, we are one city and name, but the reality is our systems perpetuate two realities and two different commitments from our city to a race. That experience is not the way to start this process. Ignoring that point means we're not grappling with real issues, which is what this moment demands and is what Long Beach is clearly demanding. We need to focus on inequities in order to bring equity. If we are truly one city and we and we do not want to be divided. Then we have to look at the disparities and data that divide us and put in strategies to close gaps and bring us closer together. So yes, we are one city, but this conversation is not about that. This conversation is about the differences so that we can truly be one city. Secondly, in terms of acknowledging history, I think it's important to acknowledge on the front end that we haven't even in the last last five years, we haven't truly acknowledged this stuff. You know, we're a city that like, it's okay to acknowledge our history and acknowledge that the KKK marched down Ocean Boulevard and Long Beach three years ago. We commissioned a report on economic equity in Long Beach. I commissioned this report. It acknowledged that history, that language was removed from the report by our city staff. That simple action in and of itself is an example of institutional racism. Therefore, it needs to be called out in that process so that in this process there is integrity. I want to say that as professionals, we should not be neutral on certain things. Embracing racial equity should be a professional standard, just like acknowledging sexual harassment is a passive professional standard. That standard has evolved over time. Acknowledging sexual harassment in the nineties 1870s looks different than it looks today with MeToo and Time's Up. This is one of those moments we need to, as professionals, acknowledge that we cannot advance in our organization. You cannot

be advancing your career. We can't advance moving forward from this moment without mastering it. And mastering it takes training and acknowledgment. Acknowledge that institutional racism needs to be named and called out. This is our chance as leaders to change the direction structurally and meaningfully. Also, we should acknowledge that we have. Due to COVID 19, we haven't been able to take public comment. There are people and voices that want to be heard right now. So we are I know we are taking steps to get back open, but it is important that this lis

tening process is public and on the record. It was mentioned earlier the land use element, when there were a lot of anger around the land use element, the city stepped forward. The city put up tents and listened to people and let them vent. And that process in and of itself was stand up. And that process had its own integrity. Separate from the speeches that we give as politicians. The staff owned that process and they listened and they created the work plan from that. Next, we need to clarify the integrity of this process. There are a lot of separate process taking on and off the state legislatures doing things. I know the federal government is doing things and we are going to watch and track all of those efforts. And that means sometimes our committees, state ledge, fat ledge, public safety committee, all of those have individual committee work directed by individuals, directed by committee members and elected officials. And those are important and they are relevant to the discussion. But it's important to note that the framework in this motion is directing city staff to have a process separately from all the other processes that are happening. And that process needs to maintain its integrity all the way through and be centered on input from the public listening process on the record and the convening process that is important to clarify next. I think just, you know, this is a moment where we are redefining what resiliency means is no longer just about preparing for an earthquake. When I walk through Artesia Boulevard, if I look down on Pine Avenue, I see businesses closed due to a pandemic . When I walk down pineapple today and see board businesses boarded up and murals on there, it tells me that this is is a public health issue, that public health and racial equity, if not addressed, can be as dangerous to our community as an earthquake. So this is a moment for us to redefine and be an example for our region on how to redefine resiliency and prioritize. Public health, economic inclusion and racial equity is a process that we're setting forward today. It's about translating the voices, the demands of the protests in our community into a strategy for local action. And that's why public comment on the record is important, that we capture this moment in our city's history, that we acknowledge this moment, we acknowledge our past, and we move forward together. That is incredibly important in this process. Thank you. The last thing I want to say is I want it reflected in this motion. I want it reflected in this motion that this is the city council making a statement that this is considered a public health emergency. Thank you. Thank you. I'm Tom Richardson, and thank you to the entire council for the comments. And it certainly is a public health emergency. With that, we've concluded our council comments. We have, of course, some other items that are related. And so if I can, please go ahead and get a roll call. Actually, Councilman Price. So I ju

st want some clarification either from Councilman Richardson or or the city attorney in regards to the ballot measure. Are we voting? Is there anything we're doing tonight in regards to a ballot measure? I can clarify intent, if that's okay. Sure. Perfect. Okay. So, as I mentioned in my comments, all of this should be able to land in systems change. And system change to me is defined as changes to charter, changes to the municipal code, changes to city manager pilot policies as well as budget. All of those are the systems in which guide our government. And so whatever recommendations may come out of that, the instruments to train, change, those all have different requirements, for example, charter change. So we know that the PCC requires a change to the charter. If you want to eliminate it, if you want to reform it, it requires those things. And so they would have to be preparation for an election if if that is something the city council chooses to do separately. We know that there are certain things, some things that require changes to the municipal code by ballot. For example, some of our cannabis laws, you know, we don't have a reputation of having a cannabis equity law that is as progressive as it should be due to the limitations placed on us by the voters and how they did that. That is one example of something we can place on to truly ensure that of the cannabis businesses reinvesting in communities have been impacted by that industry for many, many years. Those are the types of things, types of strategies that may come out of this process, looking at reinvestment of cannabis equity and and looking at barriers in our system that stop that from happening. And so this motion says, look what the city

council in a position based on whatever comes out of this process to take action, don't let the deadlines of ballot measures and all of those things. Don't let this process stop any of those opportunities for reform. And so we know we have two immediate opportunities in front of us. One is our budget. Two is the upcoming election. And we also know that some things we can just enact outright as a city council, we have the power in some ways to do that. So that's the the reason I mentioned ballot measure, because that may be a requirement in order to change some systems. Okay, I get it. That seems pretty clear to me and I thank you for clarifying that. So we're going to do this listening process. We're going to engage in meetings and we're going to talk. And if there are some best practices that we think we want to employ, then we might propose some specific ballot measure, but we don't know yet what that's going to look like. We don't know what to make of it. We don't think that's going to be of the process. True. Got it. Okay. Thanks. Councilmember Pearce. Thanks, Mayor. I wanted to just reflect, Councilmember Richardson, when you asked that your motion be clear that this is a health priority in crisis, that there's also the resolution attached. An

d I'm not sure when that's going to come back, but I think that it was included in there. But more importantly, my my question is for staff, there's one piece, you know. Councilmember Supernormal mentioned it. I mentioned it. The health inequities around our environmental piece, the city has done an excellent job of preparing our plan. It has sat on a shelf now for a year. I know part of that debate because the cap basically says that in order to reach our environmental goals, we have to have a CPA in place. And so it's it's been sitting there for a little bit. When is the timeline coming back on the two from four on the CAP plan? Because it has a you know, it directly impacts our black community and communities of color. A question for Tom on the Climate Adaptation Action Plan. Yeah, looking to see if Linda Tatum, she was here just a second ago. Linda, there's a question about the cap plan and when that might be coming back. So Linda Tatum will answer that question. All right. We are preparing a24 from. That'll go out. It'll be sent up to the city manager's office. I have a draft now. We're looking to get that out either this week or next week. And in that, it will outline the the remaining schedule to complete the cap and bring it back to the city council. Great. Thanks. Didn't want to get us too far off topic, but just recognizing that we have some tools and toolbox. Thank you guys. Very excited to take this vote. Thank you. Councilmember Pearce, before we go to a vote, I know that the the city attorney, I think had a had a clarification. I think I know the answer. I know that as far as the city attorney think, you're you're you're you're wondering about the the declaration of emergency. And I understand that that's not a formal action that the council can take tonight. But I think that Councilman Richardson, correct me if I'm wrong, is talking about this in general terms, that that's what the moment that we're in. Is that correct? Councilman Richardson. Yeah. There's a few things. One, it mentions the priority and urgency of the moment. Two, we're already in a COVID 19 pandemic. We know that we're operating under a state of emergency. We have we're connecting based on data. We know it has a disproportionately disproportionate impact on from the health standpoint in African-Americans, as well as the economic fallout is disproportionately impacting African-Americans and many, many people. So there is a direct connection to the emergency we have. Those are important in local government to declare and to and to define. So that's what we're doing. So we're not saying declare a new emergency, to be clear. This is directly connected to the emergency you're in and it should be received with the same level of urgency. That is my point. Yeah, I hope that I hope that I'm interested in turning to that. Clarify it for you. I believe so. I think that the way I understand the motion is it is not an actual declaration of a health emergency. The council membe

r is saying it could be and some of these actions taken could help assist in the current emergency. But those emergencies have to be declared by the health officer. And so if if the health officer makes that declaration, then it would come back to council for approval of that declaration. So there's not a formal process that would come back to you unless the health officer declares it a formal emergency. So as I understand it, the motion tonight are your four items, and there's definitely several items that will be coming back to the council as staff progresses through these phases of the resolution articulating it. The public statement, I think, has already been made the formal listening and then convening the stakeholders and out of that then there'll be items maybe separately or all at once, depending on how the city manager does it comes back to you for further action. And this is time just to add to that. I think that's right. The way I'm understanding the sense of the council and the motion is you want us to consider this to be one of our absolute top priorities

that we were working on that was loud and clear today. We are committed. We're ready. I do want to point out that that comes with a price. When we put this ahead, we put other things behind. And so we are going to be taking that action. We will move things around. We will treat this with urgency. You're asking a lot in this motion. I think it's very good. I think it gives us some good structure. And it's an it is a very aggressive timeline. So we will be putting together structures to to treat it with the importance with which you have all spoken so eloquently tonight. And it is our job then to let you know what the other things that we will have to manage around and we will ask for the council's patients on that as we prioritize really this our COVID response and our budget, those are our three main things. And I think the point that Councilmember Richardson was making is that there are shared themes in all three of those that can be interwoven together, and we will be looking for those. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Modica. And then as we as we turn to the vote, I would also add this is something that Councilmember Richardson and I have talked about, and I and I agree, and I think we've mentioned this as well. Mr. Murdoch, I think as you begin to put together this plan, and I think you've acknowledged the importance and the urgency of the plan by the Council, we have incredible talent in this organization. We have incredible our rank and file employees in every single department in the city and managers and leaders that that love this community, that are part of this community and that and feel the same pain that we talked about tonight. We have a members in our public works crews. We have librarians. We have firefighters. We have all types of employees that really can help lead on this issue. I'm thinking about our our black or black employees or black managers that really have, I th

ink, a unique perspective. So as we move forward in this process and we move forward to to really put together this framework. I'm also hopeful that we can tap into their immense talent and commitment to our city, because they're going to have a very unique perspective on the work ahead of us. And so I thank you, Mr. City Manager and the council and to Councilmember Richardson kind of for spearheading this and certainly to Vice Mayor de Andrews, to Councilmember Al Austin for your leadership and Councilmember Pierce for helping also in the coauthoring this item. We know this was a lot of work and we look forward to getting to work after that. After listening. So thank you all. And with that, we're now going to have the clerk do the roll call vote, please. District one. I district to district three. I strict for. I District. Five. I. District six. By District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. District nine. I got some a record. This thing is muted. Sorry, I. Okay. Great. Thank you. Much information carries you counsel. We do have a couple of items are still a part of this broader discussion. And thank you all for that conversation on the on the general framework. So now we're going to take up item 26. Okay. Great. Thank you. Much information carries you counsel. We do have a couple of items are still a part of this broader discussion. And thank you all for that conversation on the on the general framework. So now we're going to take up item 26. Communication from Councilman Austin, Councilwoman Price, Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Richardson recommendation to request city manager to report back within 30 days on the Citizens Police Complaint Commission. Thank you. Let me turn this over to Councilman Austin. I thank you, Mayor, and I want to thank my colleagues who signed on to this item. And before I start, I want to just preface that I got my start in public service here in the city of Long Beach with the city of Long Beach as a commissioner on a Citizen Police Complaint Commission. I was appointed in 2003 by then Mayor Beverly O'Neill. I was very deliberate about getting on that commission because at the time I was a lot younger and I saw things and many of the issues that we're talking about today were prevalent then it was and I worked on staff were state senator who. Had authored the original racial profiling bill. Driving while Black Bill. And so this was it was intentional for me to get on that commission. I worked to get on it. I talked to my city council member. I talked to the mayor. I realized that there was nobody who looked like me, who was in my demographic at that time, being of young black male. You served on that commission. And so it was it's been this is this was a hard work for me. And so just a little bit of a background. The Citizen Police Complaints Commission was established by the voters in Long Beach in 1990. It came following another high profile incident of police violence against a black man in th

is case. His name was Don Jackson, and ironically, he was an off duty police officer here in Long Beach, not with a lot of his police department, but in 1989, he had been beaten and thrown through a plate glass window by one of these police officers in an incident that was captured on video. At the time, the CPC. CPC was a pioneering effort that was approved by the voters, where anybody,

any person has a right to make a complaint against any employee of the London Police Department, whether it be an allegation of police misconduct with emphasis on excessive force or false arrest complaints with racial or sexual overtones. These complaints are investigated and the CPC PCC was charged to make findings resulting in the recommendations that accused personnel be disciplined, trained or exonerated. Here we are 30 years later. Time for us to look ways at the CPC can be updated and improve accountability, transparency and confidence in the relationship between the community and our police department. It is important that we have a timely conversation now on how to improve the efficacy of the PCC. I would like to thank the IPCC commissioners, many who have served the city over the last 30 years. As a former commissioner myself, I know how much work that goes into reviewing these cases, how many late nights people put into it studying these cases. And and and I will tell you, as council members, you know, their agendas oftentimes resemble ours in terms of the volume of reading that goes into these cases that come before the P.C.C. Their meeting packets are thick. And like I said, it's not thicker than many of our our council agenda packets. I've also had the opportunity to speak with several former and current commissioners over the past few days to get their feedback on this item. I'd like to thank the London Police Department also for their cooperation and collaboration. Understanding that the PCC is an independent entity in the Charter Commission and it is governed by the people. It's been mentioned earlier. If there are any changes to come to this commission, it would require well. Any any functional changes would require a vote of the people. But I believe that there are also opportunities for us to work with the city manager's office because the PCC is under the office of the City Manager. I believe there's an opportunity for us to make some administrative changes as well and make some immediate short term improvements that can improve efficacy, that improve the operations of the Commission, that could add value to all the work that they do. For example, there are staffing concerns with the independent investigators who handle case loads. I'm told that there are two part time investigators that handle case loads. I'm told that we have temporary administrative staff who will prepare the cases and deal with the database, work for that commission. The question arises, should there be more training for the commissioners? Should there be more community? E

ngagement in in the Commission. When I was chair of the Commission 2004 to 2005, I instituted a community training which brought in people to the police academy, residents to the police academy, along with the commissioners, to learn more about police practices and training so that when they were reading these cases, we were reading these cases, we would have a greater understanding about what is in the mindset of an officer. Right. How are they trained? Can we make recommendations on on on on on on on on training? Obviously, as citizens, we're not police officers. We don't have the same level of training. But we should, when looking and reviewing their cases, have an understanding of their work. So I thought that that was very good. And at the time to try to foster greater community relations, I brought in the organizations that were oftentimes at odds or questions, a lot of these police tactics. And at that time, in 2005, we brought in the Fruit of Islam, the captains from the Fruit of Islam to participate in that. And there was. There was was a great understanding and relationship building during that period of time. There should also be timely reports for the City Council, including the briefing of Office of the Office of the Council of Officer Involved Shootings. And I would say at this point, moving forward, any officer involved shooting can be a source of complaint from a they go through the PCC. But I would say that every officer involved shooting should come to the council for briefings and review. We are at that time. We need greater oversight and we can do a better job as a city council. We should always we should also look at allowing video testimony from complainants and witnesses rather than just written reports. The way the Citizen's Police Complaints Commission works is that these cases are investigated. As I mentioned, there are major packets where commissioners have to go through text and review statements from complainants, witnesses. But also offer some statements are not included in that because they're not compelled to give statements, statements. That's something that we probably should be looking at as well. I have questions. How, how, what access to the P.C.C. Now have to have you feel footage from body worn cameras. While CB, S.C. has subpoena authority. I mentioned they cannot compel statements from officers. That is something we might want to consider. The state legislation. I'd like to hear from my colleagues as well. The CPC, I believe, is an important tool for accountability and transparency when it comes to our community's confidence in our police department and and it holds officers accountable. I look forward to a review of reforms

that we can make, make the PCC more effective. And I'd like to just also say that, you know, I've heard from a number of commissioners. They are submitting recommendations on a format, like I said, existing in former commissioners. They are submitting recommendations for or or potentia

I reform. And this is just a start to the conversation. I want to be very clear on that. I'm laying this out there. I've asked the city manager to review this and come back in 30 days. But I'm also open to allowing this and layering this with the previous agenda item as part of the community conversation. That needs to happen as well as the city manager needs more than 30 days, or if we can make that happen with that within that 30 day window. That would be great. But I'm going to be also forwarding the city manager recommendations from other commissioners that that I have received an email and also phone calls. And again, I think we're up to about two dozen recommendations on a potential reforms to that commission and how we can improve its its work. I don't want to. Devalue the importance of that commission when, as I mentioned before, you look at the National Organization for Civilian Oversight Commissions, you know, at least when I served on the commission, it was Long Beach was was one of the model commissions. Right. Civilian oversight has changed significantly over the last 30 years. And so because of that, I think it merits a review and potential reform of our commission. So with that, I would look forward to hearing from our colleagues and hearing your comments. Again, it's not a perfect system. It's our system. It's one that we've had for 30 years. When Ferguson broke out, we were this was one of the first solutions that they pointed to us as as is a need there. And that was just a few years ago, I would say, within the last 3 to 5 years. L.A. County, just the sheriffs just were. Just became subject to civilian oversight. So it's very, very important that we have this conversation. Again, I'm happy to bring this item forward. I think it's timely and in light of everything that is going on. And I look forward to my colleague's comments. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Andrews, you're the second. Yeah. Thank you, ma'am. First of all, I've got a lot of people going forward. You know, as we look at this commission, we really need to use our equity lens now, only reporting bad press. And we have the conversations. I'm looking on the city's website and it says that basically learning opportunity. Long Beach resident speak of equity and have served our communities. Oh, that sounds great. We need to talk about the purpose of this. This commission has the ability to determine here and obviously get trained, but dismissed. This is not a commission one can serve on an entire. You have to take someone complaints and become aware of appropriate and that occurs. And it is a serious problem that needs to consider the side of the story and try to find the best possible timeline of the event and the Act before guidance recommendations. You can not continue to be a boss which when reviewing play. I cannot be just another commission. He place somewhere on this. Yes, James. That is. We have been completely honest. I have never heard it from a single commi

ssioner or this commission. More than one I have ever had a brief briefing from them, like Father Thomas Maser. They swear to do so. This is not a reflection on the commission for this year. It is a reflection on the work that we all need to do to get away from my colleagues. And I am looking forward to the report coming back. Thank you again. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Councilman Price. Thank you. I want to thank Councilman Orson for bringing this forward. This is an example of a very clear and tangible item that we can start looking at and adopting best practices for. So I want to thank you for bringing that forward. Councilman Austin, you have a lot more in-depth knowledge of the workings of this commission than I think at least certainly more than me. I can't speak for my other council colleagues, but you're very well versed in this. So I think it's it's going to be very helpful for us to have that insight. I will tell you that this is the one commission that I have received a lot of concern and recommendations or, let's say, opportunities for improvement on over the last six years. And there have been a lot of questions over the years asked. But I think just even understanding the framework for the Commission and what they're tasked with and what tools they have at their disposal would be a really helpful educational tool for the Council. In the six years that I've been on, we've never really had, you know, a staff reporter presentation on what they're supposed to do. So I think this is a great first step. And I want to thank you, Councilman Austin, for bringing this forward. And certainly this could be something that we could discuss even further if the opportunity arises at our public safety committee and a committee in a public or an a subcommittee type setting so that we can allow for more dialog. Since I know sometimes at council comments are limited to such a short period of time and there's not as much opportunity for a dialog, but that's another venue for you to think about since you know the workings of this commission. Better that

better than I do. But if that's something you want to think about, but it's a great item. I wholeheartedly support it and I hope the rest of the council does as well. Thanks. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you, Councilmember. Awesome for bringing this forward. I know you and I have talked about this commission in the past and it's unfortunate that this moment took this moment to get movement on it. But I'm glad that that you've taken the leadership to get it here. I, too, have over the years had a lot of people talk about the effectiveness or the clarity, the transparency of this committee. And I also had the great opportunity to talk to Congressman Lowenthal about this commission. And, you know, someone that brought this commission forward and him today saying that it needs a great overhaul is also a reflection of how far we've come as a state and as a city. I h

ad a question for the city attorney as we talk about the last item with some of the civilian oversight process and then this commission. I have one commissioners, actually, two commissioners that have been very outspoken about feeling like if we even start on this commission, that it's going to be very difficult. And that making sure that we have a civilian oversight that's really separate of the city would be important. So my question is for the city attorney and to review this and put some changes in if we're able to do that. But what changes require the charter changes? Like what is the trigger for putting this on the ballot? And then my second question is, are there other ways to get civilian oversight quicker than, say, two years that really have teeth that are separate and independent from the city? That does not require charter? And if you could just share with the public those two things. Mayor, members of the council. I will try the basically the charter as described by Council member Austin, who did a great job describing the PCC, was established by the vote of the people in 1990 as a charter committee and so any changes to the powers and duties of that committee require a vote of the people to either repeal it or to amend it or to change it. So as we as I anticipated what this item would be, we would come back with a report that would describe the history of the PCC. And in the Charter it identifies the duties that the and the responsibilities of that commission. And then if there are proposed changes and it sounds like there are already a number of suggested modifications to that committee, those would all require a vote of the people to amend the PCC as it currently exists. If that answers your question. Then it is my first question. So my second question is how are there ways that the city can get an independent oversight police commission that is independent of the city without going to the vote of the people or without a charter change? They're there. Your. I we'd have to look at what what it is you'd want to establish. And if I understand your question correctly, an oversight body of the of the Long Beach Police Department. There could be a under the municipal code, you could establish an advisory committee to determine and to advise the city manager or the city council on proposed changes or policy decisions. That would be the council purview. The I think you do need a vote of the people to establish some sort of a charter amendment, because currently under the charter, the authority for the discipline lies with the police of the chief of police and ultimately with the city manager as your executive director of the of the city. So in order to take those. It sounds like you're suggesting that you would possibly want to remove those two and put them in place with a body. And that would require a charter amendment to to make that happen. It could be done, but it would need a charter amendment. If. If I understood your question corr

ectly, again, it's going to be specific on what it is you would like to do, and we'd like an opportunity to research it and report back. Yeah, I appreciate that. I was asking just because I know that we've all thrown out a lot of dates and a lot of great ideas and we're trying to figure out like, okay, so November, have we missed the deadline for charter amendment for November? That is correct. The under state law, there is a specific, very specific notice provision and period which requires three public notices with certain dates days in between those notices. And that time has passed for the November 2020 election. Right. So that was why I had the other question was just to be having you think about it and I know that we already have the other item, but just publicly talking about like what are ways that we can not only with PD, because I firmly believe that PD is a body of the city and that we need to have some oversight and structure around race and policing in general. So just thinking and letting the public kind of hear that there are other options that aren't charter reform, we need to be specific about that and we'll work with staff to get that back. But that right now we can't do charter reform on November's ballot. That is correct. And just for for clarification, you do have oversight and and review of the police department is currently with the chief and with the city

manager. I think you didn't mean to say there is no oversight or review of that. That and the CPCB makes recommendations to the city manager pursuant to their authority under the charter also. Thank you for that. And I would I would say that. As Councilmember often mentioned, we have not had a report, at least from one of the commission of reports that I had an email from in the last three years to the city council, at least not one that's been publicly discussed. And so, you know, looking at areas that we need to tighten up and make sure that we're abiding by the law that's in front of us in our own charter, and to is that we, the Council, have oversight over our city manager, but our city manager is the one that has oversight over everyone else. And I personally only meet with our commanders and I don't meet with our police chief on a regular basis. We've tried over the last four years, but I don't. And so it it makes it difficult, you know. And so these are all the issues of transparency and access that are important for this committee for us to all be thinking about. The one last part I wanted to just publicly recognize is, you know, I also led the efforts with Councilmember Austin and others around our H.R. practices. And we know that there's a lot of great changes there that need to be made. What I'm hearing from our commissioners is also that they they don't feel like and they have not been presented with at least the chair that I've talked to. Policies and procedures for them as commissioners and for understanding what the policies and procedures are for the st

aff that's supposed to be working with them. And so basic things like that, I look forward to having a conversation with that. I don't think would require charter reform, but just basic, you know, keeping our house tidy. And so I hope to to hear from from staff and from city attorney on on some of those. And then my one last question. As you look to bring this back, are there ways for independent attorneys to be involved with the PCC as it exists right now? No. The under the charter, the city attorney's office is a sole and exclusive legal adviser to the city and its boards and commissions, and we advise the PCC. Okay. Those are my questions. Think again. Trying to move forward to a fuller discussion when it's brought back. Thank you. Thank you. Next up is Council Member Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just want to acknowledge. Acknowledge this effort. Thank you. Councilman Orson, I know you spent a lot of time on the KPCC. Probably more experience with it than anyone else on the council. You know? And I want to I want to say the framework we just voted on separately, we're very clear that, you know, everything needs to be on the table. So reform to see PCC, independent oversight, all of those needs to be evaluated. I think since KPCC is there and we know its charter, I think the questions about how it works now that that's low hanging fruit, they can start now. I think everybody points points to it that it can be know look at the issues with it, but it could arrive at, you know, the charter and they need to change it or the charter may need to like eliminate it in favor of a new process or a different type of process. And so that's what these conversations are. And I want to just encourage people, not the rest of the solution, to let it play out. Let's let's bring up the issues are understanding it and be open to what whatever form this might look like and know that. Those are my comments. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilmember Ringo. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you all, councilmember, also for bringing this forward. It has been 30 years since this commission has been put in place and reviewed. Whether the things that came out of it was also that it is to be in conjunction with each other and with civil service. Most officers that are disciplined are classified employees, and there's a process. They go through civil service, through a hearing. The recommendation the PCC makes is to the city manager. In the city manager makes his decision as to where it goes from there and then it goes to Civil Service Commission if there's a disciplinary action. One of the things that came out of that, that the event that you're talking about comes from Ross in 1989 with Don Jackson was that those two officers, Ramsey and Mickey, called it the Marx Brothers. And they were Mark Ramsey and Mark. Mark Dickey. They they were disciplined. And but one of the things that really came out of it was, for me, shameful is that they were allowed to disability

, retire. They were not dismissed or terminated, which means that as a disability, retired retiree, their pension, they receive their pension and they don't get taxed on it. So basically they were. They left because they said they were stressed. They created that stress by pushing Mr. Jackson's head through that plate glass window and and in the subsequent events he took after that. So we look at it. We also have to look at a charge role and the Civil Service Department's role or commissions role in this whole process as well. So if we're going to look at the PCC and its role in reviewing of cases of abuse or misuse of honor under the color of our uniform, we also have to look at those

other entities that are involved with that as well. Would that require a charter change? I don't know, but it would certainly determine how the other two commission, the whole of the department and the Civil Service Commission relates to it. So we also have to look at and take that into consideration as well. And what's the what's the end game that we want with the PCC? We want to give it more teeth. Or do you want to just change how it functions as a whole? One of the things that that was that has come over the years to me my attention anyway. Is that the CPC has no teeth. It has recommendations, but it doesn't have any authority to deal with the word officers if that in fact is what comes out of the investigation, that that lies directly with the city manager. And and and the chief of police. So we we need also need to look at the role that it plays with the other hiring authorities, h.r. And the civil service commission, which basically is a body that that deals with classified employees when there's any kind of disciplinary action. Just throwing it out there that we need to include that review as well in terms of the role that they play with the CPC and the CPC interacts with those other two entities as well. Thank you, councilmember councilmembers. And. I just want to echo the comments of my colleagues, and I think this is a really good step in the right direction. And thank you so much, council member Austin, for bringing this item forward. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman, I think that has been I think the entire council have made comments. I'm going to come to conclude and close out this this item as we move on to some other ones. Well, let me just first begin just by thanking council member Austin especially for bringing this forward. I think it does tie in with the framework that was also adopted by the City Council and and like most of the council, I've also received a lot of it, a lot of ideas, suggestions from from commissioners and from community members as well. I want to just mention a couple of things. I think the first thing that's important is I want to uplift. I know there's been a lot of conversation about the commission. The commission was, of course, created by the vote of the people, the people of Long Beach. And it's clear that, you know,

decades later, it's time to revisit that commission and and revisit how it works, how it functions, how it can be more community oriented and how we can improve it. I think that's important. Any time that this that the city and the voters create something, there's always opportunities to revisit it and to make them stronger and to meet the moment that we are in. And so I support this initiative at looking at the PCC. I want to also thank those that serve. I think certainly it's easy to for us to acknowledge or for folks to criticize and maybe the commission might work or the way it's set up. The way it works is laid out in the charter. And so we certainly can change the charter or we can make changes to the way it's governed. I think that's maybe an opportunity for the city manager and the staff to see it. Are there ways to improve it that are outside of the mandated functions of the charter? But we've had a I mean, just dozens and dozens of people from all across our community who have honorably served in that commission. And I want to thank them tonight for for serving for for their commitment to to this voter approved body. I'm from that was created. But I also want to be very clear moving forward that I do believe it's time for change. And I do believe that we have an opportunity and a unique opportunity to look at really creating a model commission or system. And I think that what we've heard tonight is a variety of of different ways of doing it. I think you heard that certainly we could go to to the route of of improving it internally through through staff process. There's certainly opportunities to look at is this the right type of body that should exist in in this area should be different. And certainly the the one that I think is the most democratic, which is a change at the ballot box, which makes something very permanent, is a is a charter change or a municipal code change that would really change the way this commission functions and the way that the people on the commission interact with the body. And I will just say that I think this you know, this council has a has a record of a charter changes in charter commissions. We just went through a process last year where this city went all in on on charter change, on creating a new city ethics commission on on on redistricting, on so many issues. And so I think that if we do this and as we begin this process, I encourage us to listen. Let's go to the community. Let's hear from our staff and from our departments what works, what doesn't work. And then let's and then let's really make create something that's a model and that we can really be proud of as a city and really meet the legacy of Congressman Lowenthal, of of then Councilman Lowenthal, who began this work with with the mission of really community oriented oversight and engagement. So I think I believe that we can do that and and we'll be all in on this process and make sure that we get it just right. So, Councilman Au

stin, I also trust that as as the one councilmember that has served on this commission, you're going to have valuable insight as well. So I look forward to your leadership in this process. And so with that, let's go out and take a roll call vote. Thank you. District by. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. All right. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I motion carries i. I am muted the right way this time. Thank you. That that that item passes. And so we look forward to that information coming back. Let's see. Next up is. I think item 27 I believe. Thank you. Next up, we're going to do item 25, please. Communication from Councilman Austin, Councilwoman and Diaz, Councilman Soprano, Vice Mayor Andrews recommendation to require city manager to work with Long Beach Transit to schedule a study session to provide information and discuss Long Beach Transit's relationship with the city and its role with the city's public transportation system. Councilmember Austin. Thank you. I think the item is pretty self-explanatory. A lot of these transit is an important agency in our city that moves through every district. In my time on the council for the last eight years and watching the council for many more years before that, maybe 20 years, I don't recall ever seeing a report or a or any sort of connection between the city and lobby transit. I think it will be very timely because of COVID 19, but also just the changes going on in the transportation sphere that we have a study session to understand how this important transit agency is, is serving our communities, and also give the opportunity for council to give feedback to lobby transit. I would ask for your support. I'm a support on this and look forward to the city manager bringing it back soon. Thank you. That's a motion by Councilmember Austin. I have a second by councilman. The day has come from sun. Has? Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Money Transit is an amazing organization that we should all be very proud of. Have been here in the city of Long Beach. They have been absolutely wonderful. The is the many years that I've been living here in Long Beach and I've been a regular user of them. So I'm really excited to see all the innovative ideas that they have done in recent times. I'm so I'm like super excited to to hear them come before the council and share some of their goals and some of the their previous accomplishments and where they hope to go from here. I also want to give them a big shout out for quickly responding to our our need on Monday morning, when we had a wonderful, big, huge group of volunteers in the downtown area that swiftly were able to help out the businesses clean up in the downtown area. After our devastating night on Sunday night and the Long Beach Transit swiftly responded to our needs for help and provided transportation from the downtown area to North Long Beach, where there was a big was also a clean up go

ing on over there. So I just wanted to say thank you and I look forward to this report and thank you so, Councilmember Austin, for bringing this forward. I think it's very important. Thank you. That's the motion. The motion? In a second. Mr. Mayor. Excuse me. I can't swim in Mongo. Did you want to add anything? Thank you. I just want to say, I've, through the years, done briefings with long term at my 100% wholeheartedly heartedly support this presentation. They're doing some amazing things in our city, and I think it's important for us to have the opportunity to engage with them and their leadership and and hear more about the great progress they've made . Thank you, Vice Mayor Andrews. Thank you, man. You know, I think after all, this is going to be a it's going to be an important as well work to bring Wisconsin together in one central location. You know, for me, it is going to be important that we discuss the quality and our partnership with the working refuge to keep the trash can that the bus can maintain and how we work to keep the area around the bus that great. You know, there are some things that we can do to improve. But I am you know, I've got to say here, this is an issue across the board and not just in this century. I'm looking forward to a study session on this. Thank you very much. Thank you, Councilman Pierce. Thank you. Sorry about that. Earlier that you're going to vote, I had two things. I want to thank the council members for bringing this forward. There one on the president's absolutely. Council member Dan Andrews. I find it very frustrating when we're trying to work with public works and our community partners that want to do beautification projects around our best stops. But then we can't because they're not the cities and what that processes is. So I'm looking forward to seeing how we can make sure that our community groups can better partner with transit in whatever form possible and then to. I'd also like to understand better the process for redirecting busses in the notification, as some of you might have heard that on Sunday when we had the protest, busses were told to be rerouted, but our senior population and some of our disabled population did not receive notification. And so they were stuck in a terrible situation and a crowd of 3000 people without knowing how to get to the next location. And so as we talk about that, and it comes to my mind about notification and I know that the city we

have our alert text, but also just any way that we can alert our transit riders about any changes that might happen and the best way for them to continue on public transit that day if necessary. So looking forward to the study session. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Roll call. Vote. District one. I district to. I District three are gone. I District four. District five. I. District six. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. We now have our last item, which is item nu

mber 23. I think we got all the rest. Item 23, please. District one. District two. I District three. I district for. District five. By District six. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I know she cares. Thank you. Item 17, please. Report from Public Works. Recommendation to award four contracts for as needed stormwater and Pump Station Related Engineering Consulting Services City wide. Can I get a motion in a second, please? I got a motion because we were going to get a second place and second by Councilwoman Price. I'll cover. District one I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six by district seven. I. District eight. District nine. Right. Prosecutors. Thank you. Now we're moving on to item 24. Be. Thank you. Let's see, try to do some of the council items first here that we had a request for. Let's go ahead and do item 15 than 18 because I think our council items. Communication from Councilman Austin, Councilwoman Price, Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilmember Richardson. Recommendation to request City Council to support Assembly Bill 1196. That's when Austin. Thank. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm having a little bit of technical difficulties here, but I'd like to thank my colleagues, colleagues Price Council Member Price Andrews and Council Member Richardson for signing on to this item of. In normal circumstances, an item like this would go to our state led committee. But in light of the moment that we are in, I think it's important for us to, like many other police agencies across the city, across the state, to reexamine in-country, to reexamine the use of force tactics by a police department. I'd like to thank our police chief and a lot of his power, who proactively announced last week that the police department would immediately suspend the use of the carotid artery restraint. Several other police departments throughout the state have taken similar actions recently. It's now time for language to go on record. The support of Assemblymember Mike Gibson's legislation, HB 1196 to ban the use of this tactic by police officers statewide. Karadzic. The carotid artery restraint, also known as the sleeper hold, applies pressure against the carotid artery. They have blood flow to the brain, which can render the person unconscious and can aggravate underlying health conditions that an officer may not be aware of. While the federal government is also moving forward to ban chokeholds, I have joined in Assemblymember Gibson's call for other states and Congress to move forward with California's lead on ending this tactic . And I would also just point out that an L.A. Times article review of the California Department of Justice records from 2016 to 2018 on the law enforcement throughout the state reported injuring 103 people using carotid restraints during those two years. Two, three, two people were actually killed and 91 were left unconscious. Blacks make up 23% of those injured by neck restraints, while co

mprising only 6.5% of the state's population. My council colleagues, I think this is a no brainer. I ask for your unanimous support of this item, and I also would just again thank our council member, Richard Richardson, who was a chair of our state led committee, for signing on to this and allowing us to skip the state legislative process in committee. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and count on Councilman Austin. Thank you for bringing this item forward. This is absolutely lutely the right call to support this legislation, and I'm grateful to the assemblyman for bringing it forward. This is there are so many use of force options available that are less torturous, less cruel and and less harmful. And I am grateful that our police chief was proactive in making declarations regarding this type of use of force. And I'm hopeful that other police chiefs in the region and throughout the state will follow. But I think having this legislation in place is a clear signal to everyone that we're talking about a necessity of use of force . There are certain use of force practices that are more harmful and more dangerous than others and frankly, more cruel when we're talking about depriving someone of air. And we're we're talking about the area of the body that's so prone to injury. So I'm I'm very happy to sign on to this item as chair of the Public Safety Committee. I know we're going to be talking about some of our use of force options and practices and adopting new best practices as we move forward. And certainly looking at how our use of force practices impact different communities and in this case, impact black communities more than any other race. And I think it's very important to call that out. And I thank you,

Councilman Austin, for bringing this forward. Thanks. Council. Woman Council member Richardson. No, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Council members and de Vos, then councilor anger. I absolutely agree with my colleagues. This is absolutely the right decision for this. I'm also very grateful to Chief Luna for taking the proactive steps of eliminating the method, this method in Long Beach. But that's just one long overdue step. And so but it but a very welcome one. I believe we need to rethink the ways that our law enforcement officers are permitted to use force. And I look forward to working with my colleagues to reexamine the way that we conduct policing in Long Beach. Thank you. That's we, Ranga. Thank you, Mayor. And I totally agree with all the comments of the councilmembers, but in a very short way. It's time. The time has come to get rid of this. Abusive force of use of force to control and apprehend individuals. Thank you. Casa Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just a few a few points. First, thanks to Councilman Austin for reaching out. We do have a state legislative process. We have a meeting coming up next week. There's a number of bills that will be tracking with respect to use of force reparations, the repeal o

f Prop two or nine. We've invited the chair of the Black Caucus, Shirley Weber, to come and be a guest on our state legislative committee. But I think it makes sense, given that this legislation was sponsored by a local city council, our local assembly member, Mike Gibson, that represents North Palm Beach. The city takes this immediate opportunity to be on the record in support. I know that when you take a two off, off the table, broadens the conversation and sort of creates the conversation about what do you do if you don't have this tool? And that's the conversation that we need to be having here locally. I support this this activity, this action and state legislative committee will will also be taking this on. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pierce. Thank you. Echo the comments that I appreciate you guys bringing it forward to the council quickly and making sure that we can give the support. And obviously, I think we've all had lots of conversations with the city staff, the police chief and with the public about trying to make sure that our police department is one that doesn't use excessive force. And this is obviously one of those actions. I look forward to community members. I want to just mention the framework and the process that's there and making sure that community members are engaging in the open sessions that are public now, and particularly around the public safety piece and the police section, so that we can have a full conversation about what, as Councilmember Richardson said, tools are there. What do our police officers do? What is the training? And how can we make sure that we are limiting excessive use that might do damage to our residents, whether they're they're black or not? And so I fully support this and really appreciate you guys bringing this forward and look forward to the next conversation. Thank you. Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes. First of all, I want to thank our councilman also for bringing this item forward. I think I definitely think that's the direction that we should be going into. And thank you again. Quentin is for it. Thank you. That concludes council comment. I know that the police chief wanted him some comment as well, Mr. Learner. Thank you, Mayor. Members of the City Council, thank you for recognizing the work of the men and women of the police department and the fact that we issued a special order back on the 9th of June to suspend the use of the carotid restraint. Also want you to know that our work is not going to stop there as we re-envision how it is and what it is to work with our partners in the community. I also want you to know that we issued a special order today that puts more management controls on no knock, no knock search warrants that went out today. We haven't put that out yet publicly, but it will be probably by tomorrow. We're also working on an early intervention system that helps us identify any potential problematic employees. That will be very helpful to us at all. And I just wanted to

comment that when you look at a lot of of the reforms that are suggested, either at the national level, either by Congress or at the state level, and others others that are talking about it, your police department is already way ahead of the curve. And there's a whole list of things that we do specifically in the training realm that we've been doing for several years, such as number one in our use of force policy. And the overarching message is that we have an absolute reverence for human life under any circumstances. That special order went into effect as of this January, and it is consistent with what you hear over and over in the state. Things like we look at my. All of us in here really quick. Or we're talking about, one, a duty to intervene, which is talked about a lot that's already in our policy mandatory that we de-escalate whenever possible. And our officers do that over and over again, that we give verbal warnings. And even to the extent that use any use of force is proportionate to the situation that we're in and also that. When host use of force that the officers

are absolutely required to provide medical aid. That's really important. The training that you hear about over and over, whether it's crisis intervention, training, training on de-escalation, training on implicit bias, procedural justice, the use of body worn cameras, those are all things your police department has been doing now for several years. And I just want to conclude by saying that what we're doing is working. Is it perfect? Well, I have a deputy chief right now assigned to review a lot of our use of force policies and everything that we do to make sure that we are meeting our community standards. And the standards are laid out across the country. And just to give you an example, in 2019, when you look at our uses of forces compared to our arrest and our total stops are our percentage was 1.67 ratio per every arrest we made. That means that our officers were doing an amazing job in very difficult circumstances, specifically when they're dealing with people in crisis, either mental illness or substance abuse, and only 1.67% of the time they use force. Maybe someday we'll get that to zero. But that's why we've got a lot of work to do. So with that, I'll conclude my comments. Thank you very much. I think you also have a controversy here and I think just keyed up also. Thank you. I want to have the chief let him have the last word. But I'll just say very briefly that from as mentioned, Mike Gibson representing Carter Long Beach to Austin, thank you for bringing this forward to our police chief. It's just very gratifying to see Vimy Ridge take the lead on this issue. Thanks. Thank you, Madam Cook, to be a public comment on this item. There is one public comment on this item. Victor Boosie, you have 3 minutes. Vegetables in line 0808. This is my zip code. It's not that the police are ineffective. Many communities, they are harmful. The history of police policing in this co

untry come from slave catchers. It's more than brutality. It's more than reforms. In stark contrast, the drug war, the prison complex, all these things combined bring injustice to black people, especially here in Long Beach. You're talking about Mike Gibson. Mike Gibson was the Linwood cop. The Linwood Police Department had to be disbanded because they were so corrupt and crooked. What did Mike Gibson do in that police department? What did he do for not be a bad apple? Who did he read out? Nobody. So you're telling me a former cop from a shady. Police Department is the one who is going to give me a reform. No, I am not taking it. Reforms don't work. Video footage, whether from body cameras or other sources, wasn't enough to get justice for Philando Castile. Samuel de Bois, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice and far too many black folks are police violence. Reforms are not the problem. The police are the problem. It's time for something new. Community groups in the sixties also demanded civilian review boards better trained in community policing. What happened since the sixties? It took till 2021 to defend it. It took from 2020. But you often see that black lives are sacred. Forget that we don't want your reforms. We want to defund our DPD. That's it. Those are the demands. Understand the demands. We get to take your money. We're here to take your jobs. This is over. We demand justice for all black people in Long Beach. That will bring up all marginalized people in Long Beach. This have gone and not gone far too long. It needs to end. The people are in the streets. Listen to the people in the streets. Too much violence has been borne on decade after decade by police, and the best reforms do nothing to help us. We are still dying in the streets. Black Lives Matter. We would not be protesting for all these years. It's been going on over and over and over again. And every time there's a reform, that's it. It gets co-opted, it gets retired, it gets overturned depending on who's in office. Anything on the federal level can't state. The only thing I can think is taking money away from the police department. That is the only reform that works is to defund the police. That's it. Defund Albee P.D.. Don't give me talking about chokeholds. Are you serious? Now you're banned. Chokeholds. So before this, it was okay to choke a black man to death. Are you kidding me? Is that the reform that you have for me as a black man? To have a black man on the city council? That's all you guys got? Well, thank you. That's a conclusion of public comment for this item. Okay. Thank you. Please go ahead and call the roll call. District. One eye to eye. Three. Eye. District four. All right. District five by district six. I. District seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. All right. Ocean carries. 22. Report from Long Beach Airport Recommendation to award three contracts for as needed engineering construction management services various development projects at the Long Beach Airport

in an aggregate amount not to exceed 4 million District five. Okay. Can I get a motion to make Councilman Mango so I can make Councilman Ringa? Roll call vote, please. Is there any public comment? I'm sorry. There's one Republican. There's one public comment on this item. Dave Shukla you have your start now. Oh, I said everything I had to say previously. Black Lives Matter.

Thank you. That concludes public comment. Roll call vote, please. District one. I just like to shine. District three. IV. District four. Right. District five. I. District six. Five districts. Seven. I. District eight. District eight. District nine. My motion carries. The next item is item number 25. Or from Public Works recommendation to approve the city's Safe Streets Long Beach plan citywide. Thank you, Mr. Monica. Staff report. Yes. So we know the hour. It's a little late, but we do feel this is an important plan and that we want to try to give a brief staff report. And so I will turn it over to Diego and his team to get the report. Thank you, Mr. Modica. We're here today to give you a presentation on the Safe. Streets Long Beach program. As you recall, in 2016, the city council adopted the city's Vision Zero Initiative. And this is the plan to bring a Vision Zero to Long Beach. I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Carl Hickman, our traffic engineer, and Ms.. Rachel Junkin, our transportation planner, to provide you with the report. Thanks. Thank you, Diego, and good evening. Mr. Austin and council members. I'm sure many of you have heard of the term Vision Zero before. Over the past decade or so, it has been a term a vision, so to speak, an idea that agencies can eliminate traffic fatalities or severe injuries over the course of a certain period of time . This has been a topic of major discussion in cities throughout the United States and actually in large cities throughout the world. One thing to remember or to think about as we move through our presentation is that not only are we focusing on reducing those types of collisions that I mentioned, but we are also focused on focusing on the idea that we are trying to improve the level of safety for all users of the roadway. So as we move forward, we'll have Rachel Junkin, one of our transportation planners, start our presentation. And about midway or so, I'll jump in with the engineer speak. So thank you. All right. Thank you, Mayor. Members of the city council. So in 2016, Council adopted the city's Vision Zero policy to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries within ten years. So the action plan before you tonight was developed in a very data driven approach. We analyzed collision data from 2013 through 2017 to identify which transportation road users are most vulnerable. Where our most severe crashes are happening. And what crash types or circumstances most commonly lead to a fatality or serious injury. So in addition to these findings, the plan also recommends seven Keystone actions, and Carl will outline those la

ter in the presentation. And these will help us meet our goal through a combination of engineering, design solutions, safety, education, as well as traffic enforcement. And it's important to note we aren't reinventing the wheel here. There are 11 cities in California and 40 throughout the country that have adopted a similar Vision Zero plan since 2014. And we do know that the cities that have invested heavily in Vision Zero, like San Francisco in New York, have seen marked decreases in serious traffic collisions. So the Vision Zero philosophy was started in Sweden and basically reconsiders this standard assumption that all traffic fatalities are somehow inevitable and and reframes this as as these deaths being ultimately preventable. So this includes a few things refocusing engineering standards to ensure health and safety are higher priorities, then vehicle efficiency and speed, which are also very important but not nearly as important as health and safety of our residents. It also acknowledges that humans make mistakes and that we can't prevent all crashes. But the goal here really is to ensure that when a crash does happen, it doesn't result in a serious injury or death. And this effort is especially critical now, as you can see from the chart on the right road, fatalities and serious injuries are increasing each year in Long Beach. And to provide some context. In the past few years, we've seen similar numbers of homicides as we do traffic fatalities in Long Beach. Last year, we had 30 road fatalities and 34 homicides. And it's also important to note, beyond the tragedy of lives lost, there is also a significant economic cost to consider when we talk about traffic crashes. So based on calculations from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration between 2013 and 2017, traffic collisions in Long Beach cost about 1.46 billion from expenses related to medical care, emergency services, property damage and lost productivity. And so over the course of the last year and a half, staff has conducted outreach throughout the city to get feedback on the plan. We hosted pop ups throughout the city at events, and we also had a number of focus groups and community meetings with neighborhood associations. We brought a listening bench to our events. You can see that in the photo on the bottom there where folks could sit and record their stories of how they've been impacted by traffic safety. And many of those stories are quoted throughout the action plan. And again, this is a very data driven effort, but we wanted to see what safety issues people were most concerned about in the city. And you can see on the in the pie chart on the right, the top concerns were distracted, driving, speeding. And third being the need for bike infrastructure that further separates vehicles

and bikes. And about half the community also wanted to see engineering solutions used to solve these problems. With the other half kind of split between wanting to see more education and

enforcement. So moving on to our technical advisory committee, so we convened a task that met multiple times throughout the drafting of the Safe Streets plan and contributed their expertise. So we had staff from city departments, including Fire, Health, Police, Department Services, Economic Development and the port. We also had external agencies at the table, Long Beach Transit and Metro staff, and we also had advocacy and nonprofit groups. The Long Beach Gray Panthers were represented. They advocate for older adults, walk Long Beach, walk bike Long Beach and bikeable communities. And each partner played an important role, especially when we got down to crafting the recommendations. And many of these folks will be instrumental in seeing that these recommendations are carried out. And so what? We have a lot of work to do and we highlight some of our existing street safety projects in the plan. I also wanted to point out some of the education and encouragement programs that our partners in the Health Department continue to do each year. These include things like bike and pedestrian safety workshops, rodeos, pop up events, free giveaways, helmet giveaways, lights. They also oversee our annual walk to school week back to school week and Safe Driver Awareness Week. And it's a lot easier to do pedestrian and bicyclists education because you can kind of stop people on the street. But it does get tricky when it comes to driver education. So I'm excited they're launching a Drive Safe Long Beach program later this year, and this will include both drug impaired driving prevention as well as distracted driving prevention. So we look forward to working closely with health and all of our other city partners as we start implementing this plan. And with that, I'm going to turn it back over to Carl Hickman, our city traffic engineer. It was great. As Rachel mentioned prior, our report, our study and the things that we had to look at were very data driven and we had to determine exactly how were the majority of our collisions occurring in the city. And what we found was that speeding was the most frequent violation. The next problem was that people were not complying with traffic signals or signage. And then we also found that bicyclists were colliding with vehicles because they were traveling on the right. The bikes were on the wrong side of the road. Many times there are a lot of other factors involved in. There are collisions and sometimes we don't know exactly what they are. But those were the main three items. And then, although it seems to make common sense that if you get hit by a car going at a high speed, the damage would be worse. We did do some research and we found these interesting numbers where if you were hit by a car at 20 miles an hour, there would be a 13% likelihood that she would you'd experience a fatality or severe injury as speed increases at 30 miles an hour, that likelihood increases to 40%. And then if you're hitting a car doing 40 m

iles an hour, there's a 73% chance that there's going to be a fatality or severe injury. So, again, if a pedestrian is struck at a high rate of speed, there's a very high probability that you're going to have a severe injury or fatality. And then we went a little further and decided, well, who was getting involved in these collisions? We looked at what could be done to protect the vulnerable users of the road, and we found that bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists make up 14% of all of this, all but 65% of severe collisions. And we also looked at equity concerns. Many of those who walk or bike for transportation do so for economic reasons or disability. So you can see the charts on the right where we have the percentages of the different modes of transportation and the fact that, again, bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists are the largest number of vehicles, I'm sorry. And people who are individual are involved in collisions. So we look at another important factor, which was who was getting involved in these collisions. Is it men? Is it females? Is it people who are older? And what we found is that men and young adults are more likely to be killed or seriously injured in collisions, and that we can target these target groups, the same men and young adults, to try to reduce collisions. You can see the chart on the right that shows the different age groups and clearly the red or the the males in this study are the higher prevalence of collisions. Then we then we looked at the charts that show where are the collisions happening? And we can see that the majority of the collisions are happening on our major arterials. And there is also a high concentration of collisions happening in downtown and central Long Beach. Again, 73% of high injury collision corridors and there are 83% of the intersections are in disadvantaged communities. So we have a very good idea of where these collisions are happening. And our next task is to figure out what we're going to do about it. So we have seven Keystone actions to to discuss in our plan to help address this issue. First, we have to dedicate resources to the safe streets, Long Beach effort,

increased staffing and funding for traffic safety programs and projects. We have to address speeding. And to do that, we have to look at arterial road designs. We have to consider additional enforcement, as Susy Price mentioned earlier. If you don't have that enforcement, at the end of the day, all of the things that we are doing sometimes just are for not. So it's really important that we have our officers support us in our efforts to enforce our posted speed limits. And then from an engineering standpoint, we have to do a better job in our street designs. We have to reduce areas of conflicts at intersections. We have to build comfortable bicycle infrastructures and routes. And we have to have shorter pedestrian crossings to allow pedestrians to get out of the street so that they can avoid conflicts with vehicles. We

also have to have additional education about walking and biking large scale campaigns again targeting drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and efforts tied to street reconfiguration projects. We call them roadway safety projects, and we have to do a better job communicating to the public about our designs and what we're trying to achieve. Item number five of our Keystone actions. We need to collect better data. Again, everything that we do in traffic engineering is very data driven, so we have to get better information about how these collisions are happening. We need to improve and be able to be more transparent, providing before and after data to the public and also to the folks that we work with to mitigate these issues. We have to partner with local, regional and different stakeholders to support safe street efforts. Talk with Metro, Caltrans, etc.. Work on grant programs. Different resources to get funding. As I mentioned, funding is critical. So we've got to work on these different stakeholders to get more funding. Also, we've got to work with our state partners to discuss, to consider automating enforcement techniques. There are ways through automated enforcement that we can achieve some of our ah of our safety goals. As you know, in the city of Long Beach about five years ago, we discontinued our use of red light enforcement systems. Maybe we should reconsider that or think about that or discuss it. And there are other options as well as far as automated enforcement goes. Item number seven, we need to emphasize automated enforcement and maybe we try to work on getting some automated speed enforcement cameras. Work on these things at the state level to maybe change some rules, change some ideas. Sometimes these these ideas are controversial at first. But, you know, we can make changes that will be positive and decrease the number of collisions if we increase the number of tools that we have on our toolbox. Again, we need to increase community engagement for our transportation projects, and we need to think about bicycle citations, diversion programs, as opposed to citations or fines. The next steps would be to formally adopt our plan to move forward with safe streets. Long Beach. We need to evaluate resources, priorities, implement Keystone actions. We need to encourage Long Beach community to sign safe a site. I'm sorry. Encourage the Long Beach community to sign Safe Streets pledges, basically as a resident committing to doing things that will make our streets safer. Promise not to use your cell phone when you're driving. Promise to have your phone in your pocket or you're not using it when you cross the street. Have individuals commit to making lifestyle changes that are going to make our streets safer. Again, safety education campaigns continue with traffic advisory committees, and we're going to also have annual progress reporting regarding our collisions. The numbers that we have and a similar data that we've discussed so far. So, a

gain, looking for formal approval of our plan and we look forward to making an improvement on our streets in the city of Long Beach. And we're welcome and able to answer any of the questions that you might have. Thank you, Mr. Hickman, for the great report. We have a motion by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Turanga. We're going to go to Councilmember Pierce. Thank you so much. I'm very excited about this presentation and this action step tonight. I know that this was something that started with my predecessor in trying to ensure that we had a plan for safe streets. During my tenure, we have talked about Safe Streets. Almost every community meeting that we've had, particularly around Seventh Street, where I know we've had a lot of incidents, but also around Broadway, when we decided to slow Broadway down, it was using this lens, even though we had not yet passed a Safe Streets policy. So I'd like to. I know that it's late into the night. I definitely would like to sit down with staff and go through the agenda item and the the policy in more detail. I did have a question on what you the next steps are after we take this vote, how are we engage community members? And then is there a tool kit that will be used as we're addressing other street improvements? I know that we won't have as many as we had, you

know, two years ago or three years ago. But knowing that we do have a lot of key areas that need improvements. I think what's important is that any particular safety concern that any of the council members might have, you know, we can address those items one by one when we understand and get a better idea of what the specific problem is. And we do have a so-called tool kit in mind where depending on the issue or the problem that we have to mitigate, we do have certain steps that we take, certain data collections that we have to do, and then we can, you know, determine what our solution will be. There's a variety of things on the table that I'm sure you've all heard of traffic calming. And there are different things that you can do in regards to traffic calming. But I think, again, the report that we presented this evening demonstrates that our data shows that our biggest problem is speeding in our city. And that's a unique issue that requires unique solutions. And again, I would like to partner with our law enforcement friends and do the best that we can to see that we are enforcing our posted speed limits. Let me ask. We have Seventh Street as a main corridor that kind of takes you from, you know, four or five all the way into downtown. And that's the exit you decide to take. Mm hmm. And I know that there's a lot of traffic. I think there's a couple of fatalities. But I know incidents because we did have Alvin come and present to our seventh Street group at maybe two years ago on a street like like seventh Street, where we have been denied in the past for things like crosswalks that like or Zorba and things like that. Could

we now go back and revisit our traffic counts with this lens and possibly get approval for additional changes? Well, one of the important things to remember is that any of the changes that we decide to implement, let's say it's a crosswalk, or let's say it's even as extreme as a traffic signal. We do have rules and regulations, guidelines that are given to us by the state of California that we need to follow. So, yes, we can always go back and take another look at things, but it's not going to change the requirements that we have to meet to make those things happen. So we can investigate. Again, any of the problem areas that you might have, problem intersections, whatever it may be. But at the end of the day, even though we re-investigate or take another look, I mean, the rules and the regulations that we have to follow from an engineering standpoint are still the same. So, yes, we can take a look and we're always open to that. Well, in case this might be my last public meeting where we talk about safe streets, I would just like to say that Seventh Street needs a lot of TLC, and I hope that we can revisit how we have safety through that entire corridor. So again, thank you for all the work. I know this has been a long time coming for Shayna. Thank you. Counselor Bergeron. Good. Thank you custom Embraer and thank you for this report is very timely and that last point you made in regards to from an engineering standpoint and you had to follow rules and regs. That's the most frustrating point for me. I've had a number of traffic accidents in my district that have just really been heightened, the importance of safety. And I'm talking about a stretch of road in my district between the 17 Freeway and Santa Fe, where I've had at least five fatalities within the last two years. But it doesn't make a threat to you have any kind of. Traffic calming measures such as a sidewalk crossing or a traffic light. And that's that's become very frustrating for me because I got situated within that area who are getting very frustrated because the fatalities are happening not only like in the early evening, but there's a market and a and a convenience store nearby, a little strip mall where people have to cross the street and there is nothing there for them to cross with. No crosswalk, no traffic signal, nothing. And so what ends up happening is that the cars are speeding. It's about a mile stretch and the cars are speeding along and they don't see pedestrians and the rest is history. So that's a bit of a frustrating issue for me in that respect that the engineering may not be there, but yet we're looking at this program for Safe Streets. So, I mean, I'm I'm looking at with a jaundiced eye on this world because of the fact that if engineering and regulations are going to come into play, I mean, it's going to be frustrating all along the way. So we need to look at that. The fact that when a death occurs and there is a propensity for accidents in that area, we need t

o look at it from a different lens and be more accommodating towards what is something there. And of course, the big question is where we going? How are we going to find out? Where is the funding going to come to put up a sidewalk, to put up a streetlight, a turn signal, whatever? That that's the other frustrating portion of this is that, you know, funding is going to be critical in this in this era of public safety. And yet, you know, during this pandemic and crises that we've had, I mean, is critical going to keep? However, I do appreciate this coming forward at this time. It's important. But again, I'm looking at with a jaundiced eye because I don't see that we can really have real significant

change and improvements if we still have to follow by some outdated rules and regulations based on engineering. So I'm just throwing that out there. And if I sound frustrated and because my community is frustrated and angry as to what's happening in these areas. Question I remember years ago, I recall seeing some kind of report where all the streets in Long Beach were visited and there was like a ranking of the top ten most dangerous corner streets in Long Beach. And the reason I know that is because when one of those top ten streets was on my my district and the intersection of Wardlow and Long Beach Boulevard, and that was that I want to say about maybe seven, eight years ago before I came on council. Does that report still exists and will you be looking at that? Councilman Turanga I'm not sure what report you're referring to, but I would be willing to take a look to see if I could find it or I would be able to go out and do another investigation of that intersection. Again, I respect your comments about the streets or the intersections that you're concerned about in your district. So please feel free to contact my office and we can open up a fresh investigation of those locations. And again, you know, we do need to follow engineering standards. I won't get into all the discussion and the explanation and the reasons why during this meeting at such a late hour. However, again, I welcome any investigation that you can present to us. We'll definitely take a look. I appreciate your response tonight. And I do appreciate the fact that the hour is late. And I am talking specifically about marriage in my district. So there will be a hopefully it will be a time where I can sit down with you and my staff and revisit some of these areas of concern. Thank you very much. This is Rachel Junk. And I would just like to point out in the action plan in appendix B, I believe it is, we have a ranking, I believe, top 40 intersections and corridors that came out out of our 2013, 2017 collision analysis. And that's where we'll be focusing a lot of our attention going forward. So Appendix B has our high injury network. Thank you. Councilmember Mongo, you're up. Thank you. A couple of things. Let's talk state law since state law regarding speeding. Does this plan talk about an

y items that we can bring to the state legislative committee for consideration and advocacy? There were recent attempts by many agencies within the state of California that presented a bill to legislature to change the way that we set our speed limits. That bill last month, I think it was in early June, was shot down again. Many of the folks want to keep things the way that they've been for many, many years. I won't go into the way that we set speed limits again. We'll be here too long. But. So that item has been looked at and the idea got all the way to the state legislature. And then it was shot down the way that we set our speed limits. Now, what I will say about speed limits is that to support our plan that we've presented this evening, we have already proactively started looking at streets within the city where we can reduce speed limits under the current guidelines that we do have. And we're looking at locations, corridors, segments of roadway where we can reduce speed limits on average, typically a five mile increment reduction. So we are already started along that path where we can reduce some speed limits. Councilmember Alston, who's the maker of the motion to deliver and file. I remember also your muted. Councilwoman Pierce is the maker. Of the. Baker. Okay. Great. So I would like to initiate a receiving file city clerk. Or it's an adoption. This is an adoption of a group. So I would like to add a friendly amendment that the plan include strategies to continue to pursue with state legislation. Oftentimes on bills come forward. They don't last their first or second or third time. And we need to be persistent in continuing to change those laws. There are more locally elected individuals who are currently in the state legislature than almost ever before in our history. This is a very recent thing in the last few cycles of elections, and so those individuals are more likely than ever to understand the perils that we deal with in cities like this. So I would love for that to be a part of the motion. Except in. Great stuff. Are you able to tell me, does this plan identify any specific. Implementations. I hear the strategies that are considered, whether they're lane narrowing or any of these things, but it doesn't say we're going to do a road diet on the street or we're going to do this on that street. I think there's some misinformation out there. This is more like a tool kit. Is that accurate? Well, I think that this plan is a very comprehensive plan, city wide. That's a very macro level. Look at some of the ideas that we have to solve our issues. You know, it doesn't get into the specifics of a project, one or another. However, as we do move forward with this plan and its adoption, we will be getting more specific with our projects, more transparent, more sharing and educating of the public to make sure that we're making the right moves and that our funds are being spent on projects that are accepted by the community. So again, what? Go ahe

ad. So that's exactly where I was looking to go, because when I was elected, I was quickly met with an implementation of a previous plan that I was not even notified about, nor was the community. I will say in the last eight weeks I've received more compliments on bike bollards than ever as an elected because I think that people are biking to and from. But I still feel that the presentation needs the determination, the implementation needs to have that connectivity that the plan prescribes. And never before have I had people actually ask me for protected bike lanes implementation. And my answer to them is, please share with your neighbors and see what kind of feedback you get. But you're not the first person to tell me recently, so I'm just for consideration. As we move forward through COVID, I know some of our council offices are open to allocating some funding, but we need to connect some of these bike lanes to parks because individuals are stuck in their homes or having less opportunity and access than ever. I know that on any given days on our bike is our only way we leave the house. So just some things to consider, but most importantly, that council office notification and community input will happen before any of the strategies included in this plan are implemented. And so as long as that is affirmed, then I'm more comfortable supporting the plan. And Councilmember, this is Tom. I want to jump in on that. So you're correct. We are not picking streets or specific projects in this plan. That's very clear. But you are tonight and we wanted to give you this presentation because this is a policy shift. And this is going in the direction of Vision Zero. And we wanted to make sure the council understood that. And so when staff are looking at projects and designing them and thinking about things and doing those outreach, they will be looking at it with this in mind. And so we wanted to make sure that you all were aware of that and had a chance to give input. And then of course on specific projects, we will be doing some more that engagement and trying to get some community buy in. But it will start with a kind of lens of doing some things that are a little different than just a traditional street in every single, you know, and for every project. But looking at some of those more creative ways to lower accidents and to make them safe for everybody. Well, I'm confident, at least in the presentations I've had from Elvin and others that come to our community meetings, that the team is doing the due diligence that's necessary. And I appreciate us discussing that in detail. Thank you, Mr. Modica. And with that, I will be supportive of this item. Thank you. Next up is Councilman Richardson. Thank you, Councilmember. So this is you know, I've been paying attention to this for a long time. I think the first conversations were back in 2014. The data at that point showed that consistently one of the deadliest intersections was Atlantic and Artesia.

I like where we've come since then. I look at this plan. There's a lot that I write that I like to highlight. So specifically, under each of these Keystone actions, it calls out very easy to understand it because of the timeframe, whether these can be complete within one year and three years. That's really easy to understand. I love that. It points out whose responsibility is it to do each part of this plan? It calls out, you know, where does the city council have to take action? Where does the public works department or the health department have to take action? I think that's that's really good. I'd like to see that utilized more. When these plans do come back. We do we deploy a lot of plans where it says ease of implementation. I think, you know, it's some are very easy. Some are very difficult. And it helps set those expectations. So those are really good. I love that. It acknowledges acknowledges equity. It talks about barriers and acknowledges I don't feel like that. You go to the appendix rather than showing just like the worst intersections in the city, it's more clear and talks about which ones are more dangerous for bikes, which ones are more dangerous for cars, cars versus bikes and all these other things. I think it's easy for us to look at it and see that there are certain parts that you see that pop up a lot. I just look at these three or four lists. I see. Well, Street comes up often. I see Artesia Boulevard, the Alamo. That tells me that we need to be making sure that our investments align with those corridors so we can make them safer. If the priority is really to preserve life and have a safer experience, we get what the data tells us. So know I'm hoping to see our teams report above our for example. I mean, that project, it's funding, it's been funded, you know, through metro coffer projects for years and you know, haven't seen a lot of movement on it. I would hope that when we go forward, we can prioritize, you know, projects like that, big projects pop up on every one of these lists. Yeah, a lot of these Boulevard Artesia down the avenue in Atlantic of Artesia just takes the street. Take the money. It's the street. Make it safe right there where an elementary school and high school is. Make it a priority. Make it safe. So I like this plan. I like it a lot. I think I think the message that I'm from I support a Vision Zero since 2014. I support it today. And I think we should just now get to work. Yeah, I think that's that's all I can for my

comments on this. Thanks. Thank you. Members in the House Unified. Thank you. Council Member Austin. I guess this is a really great presentation and plan. Thank you. To go in your department for this very, very detailed presentation. I think that, you know, it's very needed at this time. I know that we have a lot of accidents in in my district and particularly, you know, some of them are because of reasons you've already explained in your presentation, like, you know, driving t

oo fast. And I mean, just just weeks ago, we had one of my residents was killed and his his. Dog was killed on Sixth Street and Magnolia and. You know, it was just horrific. So if we can try to, you know, think about things before this happen, that would be great. I know that, you know, sometimes we we are kind of forced to look at things after someone has passed. But I think that with this plan, I think that it'll be very, very good to help us in in kind of foreseeing what could happen so that we can prevent. That's another thing that that's been happening in a lot of my in my area is, you know, street racing, which is not good, or showing off with what neighbors call cars doing donuts in the middle of the streets or in the corners, you know. Is there anything in the plans to address that? I think it's important that we address those items with support from law enforcement. We do get notified a lot. Residents tell us that people are doing donuts in the middle of the intersection and that there's, you know, regular speeding and may even know who the person is is doing this. So, again, we're going to be looking to law enforcement to provide us that support to to mitigate that problem. Wonderful. Wonderful. Yes. And I I think that one of the things that was mentioned, like you said in earlier items, was the enforcement part of it. So I think that that in conjunction with this plan is going to really help us prevent some of the accidents that could happen. So I'm really excited to see this plan coming forward, and I look forward to having you working really close with my office so that we can assist and also tell you what our problem areas are. And you so much for speaking with us to this very late being. So thank you for that. Thank you. Councilmember Price. You council in Austin. I just wanted to just take a moment and thank staff. This is a project that I've been aware of for years through my day job and working with knits, and I'm really glad that the city is taking part in the initiative. I know staff put a lot of work into tonight's item. I know we're all really tired and we're going to want to pick apart this data. I think individually for our own districts. I was particularly interested in that slide that you put up, Mr. Hickman, showing where the majority of collisions are, the the collision activity throughout the city. So that's that's a chart I'm going to want to take a look at with you down the road to look at mitigation measures in my own district, for sure. But I just wanted to take a moment to thank staff. You guys are just fantastic. And I think one of the most difficult conversations topics that I have with my residents is centered around traffic all the time and changing traffic patterns and traffic calming measures. They seem to be the most passionate conversations that we have at times, certainly before COVID, they were. And so I think that having this presentation tonight and showing where we're headed in the future is really i

mportant. So just to thank you and appreciate the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Supernormal. Thank you. As staff reference the hours late. So I'll make my comments very brief. I did have one question about the presentation. I think it might have been on page ten or slide ten, and that is the chart showing the years of the total fatal and serious injury collisions. Is there a reason we don't have data for 2018 and 2019? Sure. So this effort began in late 2018. So we utilize 2013 through 2017 data. Of course, we work closely with PD to keep our collision database fresh in public works. But the in-depth analysis that really fed into this plan was based on that 2013 to 2017 data. So if you have specific questions about more recent data, we'd be happy to supply you with that. You know, I appreciate that. But we have a major policy decision in front of us tonight. It's almost 11:30 p.m.. Beyond that. We've had a lot of experience with some of the principles here, as is applying to our bike boulevards and whatnot in our district. And every conversation I've had has been with a former director of Public Works. So it's a little unfair to staff who's here tonight to go through this stuff. I guess for that reasons, you know, I'll agree with your anger. If I sound a little frustrated, it's because our residents are and as you mentioned, that ours is late. And for those reasons, I won't be supporting tonight. Thank you. Okay. Well, I'll take the opportunity to weigh in as well. I did have a couple of questions. And looking at the appendixes, I'm a little confused. One street that I think is the major, major issue, and that is the Alamo Boulevard. And I don't see that on the corridors of high injury or intersections or. Of bicycle corridors or motor vehicle or motorcycle intersections. But in the report on page 38, there is at least two deaths on Delamar Boulevard at intersections. So I don't want to challenge the data here, but maybe I am challenging their data. The Alamo is a is a

street that is as you know, we've we've seen multiple deaths, multiple collisions on that street as a result of speeding. And to your credit, Mr. Heckman, to the department traffic engineer, we've really been creative and bold and tried to mitigate those issues. My question is regarding where we're now. Tonight, we will adopt a plan and I expect it will be adopted. It's a major policy shift in direction and there will be potentially some resource budget implications. I'm curious to know what we have been doing leading up to this moment. Have we not been implementing this philosophy of Vision Zero and how? Will after we adopt this tonight, will things change? That's a very good question. And let me answer by saying that as a professional engineer and the engineers who were before me and my predecessors, I'm 100% confident to say that they had safety on their minds. That was their number one priority as well. That's the ethical code that we follow, that, you know, safety is our num

ber one priority for everything that we do. So I highly doubt that there's any change there. However, what we're doing tonight is adopting a formal policy that city wide. We are moving forward with a formal policy to to create change and to create new ideas and to be open to to possible things that we may not have seen before in our city. So I think that's the main core of what we're trying to accomplish tonight, is that we're we're formally adopting a policy that's going to allow us to have a little bit of freedom and possible funding, as you mentioned, to move forward with some of our ideas to make changes that are going to improve the level of safety on our streets. Maybe you can speak to it or. I know I had a conversation with the city manager just a little a little earlier today, a but earlier today, maybe about 10 hours ago. But can you talk to me tell us a little bit about the funding for for the Vision Zero projects that we identified, where we would find those find those resources. Well, as many. As I mentioned earlier. You know, one of the sources that we do have is we we regularly apply for grant sources of of funding, whether it's through Metro Caltrans and even other smaller amounts of money that are available out there. And when we get these these funds, we apply them to projects and we try to implement our ideas that we're talking about this evening, things to make our roads safer. And there are projects out there that champion our causes that we apply for. We compete statewide, and we are successful in many occasions on getting what we call other people's money. And additionally, we will be moving forward to approach our city manager and others to find additional funding sources to accomplish many of these goals. So as we move forward, we want to make a positive change. Councilmember, as you and I talked about, this document that you're approving does say that you want us to invest in this and look at this. It does have those kind of goals and aspirations there. The good thing is there are a lot of funding sources out there that are non general fund that help with our transportation. But the budget is the overriding document. So every year we have a lot of plans and say these are all our needs and this is what the council has priorities for. And then we look at that every year in the budget. What can we find to move those initiatives forward and then what the priorities are? So you're not committing today to anything specific. This isn't putting it on a on a automatic payment plan or anything like that. It's but it is saying that this is something that's important and we should continue to look for funding. Thank you for answering that question in the clarification of city clerk. Are there any is there any public comment on this? Yes. Our first speaker is James Rossi cello. Your time starts now. Yeah. James Rash. Hi, folks. Too late. The agenda is document states. City Council action on this matter is not time critical. There's en

ough controversy surrounding road diets and the vision zero vision that it be in the best interests of the people alarmed to postpone action on this item until after the November election. Excuse me. I'm a resident of the second District, directly affected by the modifications to the Broadway corridor. I'm especially interested to see the city remain uncommitted on this issue until after either Mr. Fox or Ms.. Allen is elected as they hold largely opposing positions on the benefit of the modifications and their debate should benefit citizens of all districts. To the traffic engineer. What does your data tell you about virtually no motorcycle traffic cops issuing citations? No radar speed enforcement cops issuing citations? I don't recall the last time I saw a cop citing a driver like for a rolling stop, which have become ridiculous. There's almost no stopping anymore. What is your data tell you about that? Could increased enforcement by live personnel be constructive there? Finally, I'd like to encourage the council, mayor and city government to honor the spirit of full transparency in their work for the public, not just the letter of the law. Government's got a long way to go to regain the trust of the people, and that's probably the best and simplest way to begin the journey. Thanks. Thank you. Our next speakers and control your time starts now. Good evening. And Cantrell. And

who doesn't want safe streets? But. Street. Narrowing road diets and roundabouts may help reduce speed, but it seems to me they cause different. And. Serious problems. Take Ocean Boulevard. When it was reduced to one lane in each direction, it resulted in motorists backing out of diagonal parking spaces into a bike lane and on growing traffic. Having only one lane on a busy street, results in emergency vehicles having to go against traffic. And slows. Response time. The roundabouts are hard to see, especially at night, and cause a traffic hazard. The narrowing of Broadway. Resulted in many accidents until most drivers learned to avoid it and use other streets. This. Staff report says that. 40,000 deaths, traffic deaths. Or nationally. And tonight, I think I heard Mr. Hickman say that in 2019, there were 30 traffic deaths. In Long Beach. I'm wondering how many of these deaths. Involved alcohol use. Phone use. Many of these things that we can't change. And I really doubt. That all of these efforts to slow traffic down. Are going not going to be worth the. Amount of money that it's going to take. My idea of a safe street is one with no potholes. So I would suggest as. Some others have. Indicated that you postponed. Approval of this plan until there's a lot more information about where the money's going to come from. I don't think you can rely on grants. This sounds like it's way too expensive. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Okay. Thank you. Any other comments from the council? Uri Nunn. Let's go to a vote. District one. I. District two, D

istrict three. I. District four. Nay. District IV. I. District seven, District eight. All right. District nine. I. Motion carries. Okay. So our last item of. Let's go to item number 26. We're so members, we have six items left. We will go on to go to item number 29. Regarding communication from Councilmember Appearance Councilwoman Zendaya's Councilwoman Price Recommendation to direct city attorney to amend the City of Long Beaches Eviction Moratorium Ordinance on commercial and residential units to extend through August 31st, 2020. So member Pearce has made a motion their second on the motion. Second by price. All right. We have a motion in second. Councilmember peers. Thank you. Glad to be bringing this item today. I'm happy to have Councilwoman Pryce on this agenda item with us. We know that this week the government has shut down more businesses, more people are going back on unemployment. And the situation is not exactly what it was a week ago. Last time we brought this up, I had hoped to do to do more. And this item extends this moratorium until August 31st, which I fully support. If there's support for something beyond that, I also would love to hear from my council colleagues on that. Second on this item is we had a lot of debate about the areas that we wanted to include and exclude, and we had previously excluded the Tidelands area, and that was for our intention. I believe our full attention intention was for larger leases with the city. It's come to my attention that that has not been the way that it panned out. And I have several businesses in the Pike area that are excluded from a moratorium. Meanwhile, we've got small businesses and restaurants outside of that area that are included. So we do not have consistency with our eviction moratorium as it is right now. So I'd like to make the motion to include in this moratorium to extend the eviction moratorium to the tidelands area. Following the guidelines and making it retroactive to March 4th, 2020. I'd like to extend the moratorium on penalties and late fees to be retroactive to March 4th, 2020. And if at all possible, I'd like to require that master holders within the Tidelands area enter into a forbearance agreement with leases in the Tidelands that would near what we have at the airport where food service companies are paying a portion of their gross revenue. So that's the motion on the floor. I know that Councilmember Price and I have had several conversations today. Look forward to her comments and look forward to our city attorney's comments. I did not have a chance to run the words by the city attorney, but we ran it by in concept. So with that, I ask for your support. The second part of the motion is Councilmember Price. To Councilman Austin. So I support this motion. I think it's prudent for us as a city to have our own eviction moratorium ordinance, because I am concerned that anything that we would fall into with the county would take into consideration a lot of the discussi

ons that we've had as a city that we have worked really hard to try to mitigate impacts for everyone involved. And so I think it's important for us to have our city ordinance be the one that guides this particular discussion. A few things I want to talk about with the Tidelands exemption. Council member Pearce is accurate. She's absolutely correct that we exempted Tidelands, but at the time at least I'll speak for myself. I envisioned that it would apply, that the Tidelands exemption would apply to all master leaseholders as well as the sub tenants sub lessees. And I did not articulate that.

And so it created a loophole such that the small business owners in the Tidelands area whose landlord is this, is a master leaseholder and not the city, have really no advantage and no opportunity to further rents. And I don't think that was the intent of anyone on the council. The purpose of this moratorium is and has always been to prevent and reduce evictions and specifically to prevent evictions as a result of COVID impacts. And so those businesses that are located in the tidelands area that would qualify as commercial tenants and small businesses should get the same benefits as commercial tenants throughout the city and should not be penalized because of their location or because of who their landlord is and that it's not the city. So I think that's a loophole that we identified. And I want to make sure that that that loophole is corrected. I also wanted to note that the retroactive provision that Councilmember Pierce just mentioned is retroactive in terms of the intent of the ordinance, which was to prevent evictions. So anyone who received an eviction notice as a result of partial payment or nonpayment, this moratorium should extend to those individuals in a retroactive manner for entities or lessees who have already paid within the Tidelands area. Those lessees, those tenants, have received the benefit of having paid and presumably not received an eviction notice. And also they have received a benefit in that the amount of money that they will have to pay back in deferred rent will be lessened by the amount of money that they have already paid. So the intention isn't really to for the city isn't really to get into any sort of accounting of rent payments at this point. For those who have paid or have not paid, the entire legislative intent of this legislation is to avoid evictions. And so that's the aspect of this ordinance that should be retroactive. And I want to make sure that legislative intent is clear. Also, I wanted to just make her ask one question. Councilmember Pierce, I know you put it out there as a discussion point, if we wanted to extend it beyond August 31st. I'm not comfortable doing that. I think this is one of those items of legislation that we do need to continue to revisit because of the fast pace changing nature of this pandemic. And so I would feel much more comfortable. I think all of us have the same intent to try to do every

thing we can to help prevent evictions that are based on nonpayment of rent due to COVID impacts. I think we all are in agreement on that. So I think that as long as we're continuing to bring it back regularly, we can revisit the issue. So I'd prefer to keep it till the 31st. The one question I did have for our city attorney is it is my understanding that there needs to be some sort of documentation to show a COVID related financial impact, whether it's a direct impact, such as the loss of a job or a collateral impact, like needing to secure childcare because you're an essential worker or something of that nature. Can you provide some clarity on that requirement, Mr.. Anthony if you're on the call. Certainly. Can you hear me? Councilmember Price? Yes. Yep. So I am on the call and you've stated it correctly. The original ordinance adopted back in March, I think it was, and extended on May 26, requires there to be some sort of a COVID related impact. And you may recall that we had some discussion, the council did, about exactly what level of specificity we would include in the ordinance regarding what constituted legitimate documentation. And we didn't get into too many specifics, and I think that was by design because we wanted kind of landlords and tenants and the courts to figure out what was legitimate evidence of a COVID related impact. But certainly there needs to be some evidence of a COVID related impact. Tenants just cannot defer rent willy nilly. Okay. I got that. Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. I don't think, Mr. Anthony, is there anything that you need further clarification on in regards to either the retroactivity of the tidelands provision or the extension of the moratorium? There there are there are two things, and thank you for asking. So this question I think is directed at Councilmember Pearce, but it will need your input as the second dir. Councilmember Price and that is tidelands tenancies will now be included in the moratorium. I get that I'm comfortable with it being retroactive provided that and I think Councilmember Price, you were clear that rent that has already been paid, the landlords are under no obligation to pay that rent back or otherwise credit their tenants due to this retroactivity that rent has been paid and landlords keep it. But what I'm what I think both of you intended, but I'm not sure I'm looking for this clarification is that you do not want to include tenancies administered by the harbor department in the eviction moratorium. And technically those are within the Tidelands. But when Council originally considered this exemption on May 26, I think Harbor Department Tenancies were considered separately from Tidelands. So I don't want to put words in the mouth of Councilmember Pierce, but I think when you say you want to include Tidelands, it's all the tenancies within the Tidelands that are not administered by the harbor department. Is that correct? Correct. Okay, good. So those would still remain exempted.

And is that okay with you? Council member Price. Absolutely. Okay. Good. So that's one piece of clarification I needed. The second one was I didn't quite follow the last portion of Councilmember Pierce's motion regarding requiring the master lessees, who I guess would be the sub landlords to enter into some sort of forbearance agreements. That gives me some pause, but I'm not sure I quite understand that. Yeah, I. I had hoped to. Yeah, I think the first two are great. And I guess my question, I should have put it in the form of a question instead of a motion. Is there something that the city can do in working with these master lease leases to allow for when they're coming back, paying their rent, that they're paying it based on a percentage? And I brought that up because I know that I looked at the airport lease with our food service and they pay a base amount and then they pay a percentage so that they're not paying the full rent that they were paying pre-COVID. And that might be too much for this motion, but at least one to give staff direction, to have some conversations with the master leases, to make sure that there's some conversation happening between them, because that's not happening right now. I think. Okay, I think that would be better if it's out of the motion with respect to the ordinance I'm going to bring back before August 1st, which will evidence this extension. But it can be its own kind of stand. It can be part of the motion, but it will have nothing to do with the ordinance amending Section 8.100. It will be just direction to staff to work with cities, lessees to work with their sub lessees, as you just described. Does that does that make sense? That that satisfies me, yeah. Okay. In with that. That's that's the clarification that I needed. But I'm certainly standing by to answer any further questions that may come up. Oh, yes. We have a number of members queued up. We have a council member. Super. Not now. Thank you. And I'd like to thank the makers of the motion for bringing this item forward. I stand in support. I would like to introduce a friendly at this point, and that would be to request to send a letter to the congressional delegation urging forgiveness of mortgages until the pandemic is deemed over by government standards. You know, we keep talking about the balloon payment and whatnot. I don't know if anyone has attributed a number to that yet, but if my calculations are correct, I think with this motion it'll bring that amount to \$9,000 on average per tenant. And another way to look at that number would be this is what the property owners would be out. And so I think it certainly brings some relief to both sides if we could at least make this request and that that is my motion. Thank you. Friendly amendment are freely accepted. It is accepted and I would like to add something. I feel like we've all talked in circles about wanting to have the state forgive mortgages, and I thought that we had already given

direction to staff to communicate. That is was that happened or not happened? City Manager No, I don't think that ever was in the form of emotion and direction to staff. So that would be if you're if you're looking to do that, that would be added into emotion tonight. 100%, yes. And is that supposed to go to the federal government or the state government? Oh, okay. Great. So next up, we have Councilmember Richardson. Thank you. Just a couple minutes. So I'm support I'm obviously supportive of that that letter to the federal and state government saying we need federal action. The state government is limited in what they can do. You know, the banks are governed. They are regulated secondarily. So. So what I'm supportive of that they are going to say is I think so just looking at the way that our agendas have set up separately from, say, the county that were dark on the last Tuesday, the month. And even this action today is going to require us to come back and take another action next week, and then we'll have to come back. We're going to continue this. We have to come back the first or second year in August. There's only three council meetings in August. We have to come back, revisit this in a matter of two weeks. Revisit the very same issue. I, you know, I'm open to. I'd love to see this go forward for 60 days. I don't think the dynamics are going to change in the next 2 to 3 weeks. If they do, we can agenda it. What I don't want to do this is a full conference. This has been a full discussion. And I think we're going to end up with a unanimous vote like we have on just about every one of these these eviction moratoriums. I don't know that we need to come back to relitigate this every three weeks because, again, we don't have a fourth meeting. So I'm okay with going to 60 days. I'm afraid I'm gonna put that on the floor as a friendly amendment to the making of the motion. Councilmember Pearce. I accept the friendly. Okay. Now, does the secretary of the Motor Media accept that? Well, I guess I reluctantly accept, but I'd like I'd love to hear for the rest of my colleagues, but I guess I would accept for the moment, and I can always withdraw my second, but I reluctantly accept. We have, as I said. Okay. Well, next up is council member Deronda. Thank you, Councilmember, to remember that guy was headed

towards that way because I saw August 1st right around the corner and there's really not enough time as I was looking at extending it beyond August or September. So I am totally supportive of the friendly crew for 60 days. You know, these difficult times, a grim, difficult decision. So I think we're one of those. Positions right now where we have to think creatively and not take the box and be as accommodating as we can to our business owners and our and our residents as it is. I'm very supportive of the motion on the floor assistance. Okay. Thank you. The sun has. Thank you. Council member Austin. This is this is a really critical time. I think that we

were all hit really hard on Monday when we had to do the whole re re closing down of some of our businesses and stuff. And I've gotten so many calls, you know, all of the business owners throughout the district that are just so distraught, you know, with this this newest order that obviously we can't do anything about because our hands are tied. Right. And, you know, so. So I think that this is very important. And one of the biggest concerns that they have as business owners and as residents is, you know, not being able to pay rent and having to be evicted because of that reason. Unfortunately, I do not see things getting better in the next couple of weeks. I'm hoping that that's the case, but that I don't see it. So I, I think that it would be best to actually extended for the 60 days only because we don't have much time in between. And that way we can have staff really focus on how we're going to get out of this. All right, this crisis. Maybe they can use their time and their resources to be able to focus on trying to find ways to help our not only our business owners, but our residents and everyone else to get out of this crisis. I unfortunately, I think that we're not at the end of this crisis. I think that with everything happening in our county, around the nation, that we're only in the midst of our of this crisis. And that really concerns me a lot. So I also support what's on the floor right now. The comments are unless we have what Councilmember Mungo. Thank you. We are at a disadvantage with our council meetings being without a meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. We may want to consider that during this pandemic we shift and move maybe the second. Median of the month to the last week of the month so that we're in a better position to tackle these kinds of items. So I would just leave that to city staff. I know you have a lot of items already piling up on the agenda for August and September, but for us to maybe look at starting in September and moving the calendar later in the month for this particular purpose to allow us to be more in alignment, especially as other agencies are doing those kind of things. So that would be my friendly is to include city staff, to address potential adjustments of council meetings, to accommodate a more timely consideration of this policy in the future. Those are my comments. Thank you. Thank you. City clerk. Is there any public comment? There is therefore speakers for this item. The first speakers, Seagrams. Your time starts now. Hello again, District three. I was pretty put off by Suzy Price's comment earlier about how we should not be as aspirational with our emotions. I think this is the time when we need to be aspirational. I think we need to create new options because it's very obvious that the options that we have as citizens are not serving us, including an eviction moratorium that will end August 31st. We're in the middle of this pandemic. People are not back to work. People do not have m

oney to to pay rent. That's just point blank the facts. This needs to be a permanent eviction moratorium, permanent in order to keep our the citizens, your constituents in their houses. You know, to to not have any more people who are experiencing homelessness in our community. Um, and we need to divest from the police and we need to raise funds. Housing programs. We need to get our own house folks off the street and into housing. You're doing the very bare minimum. Um, and it's a demand of the people of the city that you start being a little more aspirational. Suzy. All right. Thank you. Uh, see you next week. Thank you. Next, we have Leanne Hutchinson. Your time starts now. Good evening, honorable mayor and members of the City Council. Thank you very much for this opportunity to. Support item number 29 and with the amendments, as I have heard them this evening. I'm attending this evening as a member of the Small Property Owners Alliance. We appreciate that this item will extend the eviction moratorium, and we expect that this will. Allow. Tenants and owners more time to work together for a payment plan for the amounts that are in arrears. It should be. Noted that a number of owners are suffering when tenants each own thousands of dollars in unpaid rent and tenants are unable to pay it and that keeps piling on. Thus, this extension will, however, allow tenants time to apply for the rental payments allowed from the city in the rental payment program for a thousand a month. This is a benefit to both owners and tenants. We thank the city for this program. At this. Time, I would like to thank the City Council for

your consideration of this item and and urge. Your approval. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we have Ray Miller. Good evening, council members. Yes, my name's Ray Mailer, the resident of District three. But I am disappointed in my council members. Reluctant acceptance of Mr. Richardson's motion to double the extension. As a small housing provider, I oppose extending the eviction moratorium for small housing providers beyond July 31st. Small housing providers act much more reasonably than the big players with whom city, county and state legislators lump us for small housing providers. Vacancies of any kind are expensive, so we have natural business incentive and personal inclination to negotiate reasonable outcomes for the big players. Tenants are just numbers managed by third parties, like property management firms. For small housing providers, the tenant relationship is a personal one, and with these differences between small housing providers and the big players, your removal of eviction protections for small housing providers removes the one protection we have when a reasonable outcome cannot be negotiated. And tenant's knowledge of this removal empowers those who do not bring good faith to their relationship with their housing provider. The leases and rental agreements in place are based on the existence of our rights with it. Even though s

mall housing providers use this right very infrequently, the removal of this protection interferes with their contracts. Contracts which were reasonably reached by knowledgeable parties. Small housing providers act in good faith and request to be considered the important resource that we are for the city. When this council approved de facto rent control in April 2019, Councilmember Pierce addressed housing providers directly, saying to us, quote, I honestly cannot believe how you can let people you do not know enter your property, then proceed to vote in favor of the ordinance. I need you to consider her point, but not her vote and vote no tonight. And item 29. Thank you. Next, we have Wendy Henning. Your time starts now. Thank you. I hope you can hear me. Well, I'm calling on myself from Idaho. It's a little later than Long Beach, but I have a little in and out. With my phone cause I'm out in the country. Thank you, Vice Mayor and council members for your time. I am concerned about the. Many issues the housing providers have been facing during the. Last. Few years. Now, with regard. To COVID 19. The housing providers, tenants and non or delayed payment. We all know that the. COVID situation is not the fault of tenants, nor is it the fault of housing providers. Many housing providers face losing their properties and other. Financial. Hardships due to nonpayment of monthly rent. In my. Particular case, my husband and. I retired from our full time jobs about five years ago after working very hard. All of our lives and our rental property is our retirement. We cannot afford not to receive monthly rent. Since the mortgage, maintenance, etc. etc. etc. must be kept up and paid on time. Poorly because we are aware, because we are 73 and. 77. We no. Longer. Have or receive other regular income from our previous careers. The mortgage companies will not allow us to refinance our loan. Many others, small and small. Many other small housing providers are in the same situation as my husband and I. Please remember, most of us are just that. Small housing providers and as small housing providers we have been very. Respectful and good to our tenants and have in most cases a really good relationship. I ask all of you to please consider fighting for a no penalty mortgage for band. Extension for housing providers due to non. For late payment. The action. Would. Help housing. Providers to. Survive this. Difficult. Ordeal. Thank you for your consideration. And all of the efforts that all of you who are devoted to the city of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Okay. Thank you. Before we go to a vote, I just want to make sure that the city attorney is clear on the motion. Yeah. Thank you. Councilmember Austin, this is Rich. I believe that I am. And I do want to make one clarifying point. There was some talk about extending it for 60 days because August has 21 days. I think I'm going to extend it for 61 days and I'm going to b

ring it back saying it's going to extend through September 30th. That's what I'm hearing. Okay. And Councilmember Pearce just queued up. Again. Yes, I wanted to. I accept that Rich and I would ask that we get a report whether it's in a two from four or something about what the county does. I know we all kind of find things out, but I'd like to really understand how their vote goes at the end of this month that pertains to the moratorium. We'll do. Okay. So members in no other public comment or comment from the dais, please. The city clerk after the vote. District one. I district to. District three i district four i. District five. I. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Okay. So the next item, I believe, is the number 22. Our next item is item number 23. Report from

Human Resources Recommendation to adopt a resolution approving an exception to the 180 day waiting period for public agencies to hire Ms. Cathy Pringle for a limited duration to work in the financial management department citywide. Can I get a motion? Move. Richardson second sun has. Molded by Richardson seconded by then they had. I'm going to go to the dial or or Councilmember Richardson. I'm good council members and they are. Supportive. Right now. Councilmember Pierce is cued up. So I'm okay. Okay. Any public comment? There's no public comment on this item. Harriman would go to the vote. District one. District two. I. District three. I. District four. Myself. I. District five. One. I. District seven. I. District eight. II. District nine. All right. Motion carries. District five. By District six. By District seven. District eight, art district nine. I motion carries. Item 32. Could you please meet the 80? A report from Health and Human Services recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing city manager to execute a contract with Fulgent Genetics or providing COVID 19 appointment scheduling, testing and insurance billing services for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$19,000 or in 19,887,000 citywide. Whenever any part of is either. There's no public comment on this item. Yes, we have, councilman orson. I move. Okay. I need a second place. It has. I have one. Thank you very much. Ranga, is that your name? Okay. Could you please call for the bill? District one. I talked to District three. I District four. I took my district six. All right. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. Ocean carries. Thank you very much. Now we're going to go into item 23 gasoline price. Would you like to say a few words on your item? Thank you very much, Mr. Vice Mayor. I'm just asking council support for this item, and if there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them. You know, first in second place. I will move it. Okay, fine. Now, is there any public comment on this item? Clark is the only public coming inside. There's no public comment on item 23. Please, can we call for the both? Sure. Who is the second year of. The Austin Austin

Festival? Yes. Council District one. I. Council District two. I District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. You. All right. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I. Motion carries. Thank you. Okay. Can we please get a staff report and item to increase? Thank you very much. Now we're going to move to item. Could you please read the item? Item 30 Report from Financial Management. Recommendation to receive and file 15 purchase orders or 15 contracts for great plates. Delivered Senior Meal Delivery Program Services Citywide. Any public comment on this item and anyone on the guys who would like to speak. You're not going to have a president second. There is public comment on this item. Dave Shukla, your time starts now. Hello. This people again told me to take up too much for your time is a great program. Great item please supported John Kay for I suspect that you will support. Everyone in this city. That is surprising. Not only to meet the moment, but as we were discussing that the last item. Many times these kind of criteria. I mean, the virus politicized what happens. That's true of other things as well, sir. Thank you for your time. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Yes, that's what gives. It's a great program. The Border Patrol. Councilman Price. I have no comments. Okay, fine. We have a most of my pricing mumbo jumbo. District one, district two. Five. District three I District four. High District five. II. District six. Or. Seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. All right. Motion carries as you please. Item 19. Communication from Councilwoman Pryce, Chair, Public Safety Committee Recommendation or request staff to explore revisiting the fire facility's impact fee ordinance and evaluate other financing solutions that are available. Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. This is this is an item that came before public safety. And we requested a report actually a very long time ago on our current fire impact fees and how those fees are utilized and how much money is a revenue is collected through those fees. In light of the recommendations or the presentation that was made by the fire department, it became apparent to all of us that we need to reassess our fire impact fees and look at alternative methods of funding fire facilities moving forward. Because we don't have really a long term way of preparing for infrastructure needs and building new facilities within the fire department. And as we start to see more density and growth throughout the city, we should be reevaluating whether our fire impact fees, our development fees that include impacts to city infrastructure are appropriate in light of our need. So this item is asking the city manager to evaluate its different financing or funding options, including creative approaches to create revenue creation for fire facilities and a report back to council with options. Thank you, Councilman. Councilwoman Price. Do every fiber come into the c

enter? Yes, we have the issue. Your time starts now. Hello again. I'd like to. I'd like you all to strongly consider this item very carefully, very important. There are a lot of funding options from the case study. Clearly, our Fire and destruction needs to be modernized and updated to reflect the needs of the city. Getting new locations is good. Getting back to planning for how to most effectively meet our needs. The construction and furnishing of new buildings defined by the services. I mean, that's a tremendous opportunity not just to work with storage, but I mean, you know, just a community resource. I mean, there's so many things that can be done when people have to defund the police. I mean, \$10 million a week, \$10 million for some of these properties. I mean, item to get, you know, the purchase of the property which which is a good thing to land is the most important after the city. But how we optimize and utilize that, how we prepare for emergency services and potentiality, that is very, very important. I very much appreciate the councilwoman for bringing forth. Thank you. Any room comfortable in my purse, would you? Actually. I guess I'll second this motion. There's not already a second. And also we only have a second. Okay. I support this item, and I wanted to speak to it just because in the downtown, obviously we've had a lot of development with the downtown plan. There's other strategies that will happen after I leave office around more development throughout the city. And we also have our inclusionary housing policy that we've just adopted, recognizing that whenever we have increased density, which means new development, that we also need to respectfully ensure that we're collecting enough fees to build our infrastructure. And so I fully support this. I don't have the agenda item in front of me right now, but I'd love to see what our impact fees are and what other cities are doing. Thank you for bringing this item. It's been talked about for a while, so appreciate it, Mr. Vice Mayor. Can I just jump in real quick on this one? Yes, go ahead. I just wanted to point out that all the back up materials for this item are actually on the agenda for tonight, including the presentation that was made. So this remote, if I just wanted to point out that staff did follow up on this particular item. Hey. Thank you. I'll consider something. I'll just speak from the side of. Thank you. I support the motion as articulated. Thank you very much. Craig, would you please call for the vote? District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. District six. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. All right. Motion carries. And clerk. Mr. Shoop, when I was the second on this motion. Okay. Now, item 20, please. Thank you. Now we're going to go and go to entry into our continued budget hearing. The 2021 fiscal year we're here from health and opening up for questions from the council member and then parks public c

omment on this hearing will be after all, council questions are answered by each department so we can start off with that. So would you call for the hearing. Report and financial management recommendation and conduct a budget hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2021 Budget for Health and Human Services. Fire and Parks. Recreation and Marine. Thank you, mayor and council. Vice mayor and council. We have Kelly Collopy here to present the Health Department budget, so I'll turn it over to Kelly. A 21 budget. 2020 has been and continues to be a challenging year for our department and across the city. At no time in my career has there ever been an incredible, such an incredible focus on public health and the impact of social condition the COVID pandemic, a declaration of racism as a public health crisis, and ongoing national and local focus on violence. Also as a public health crises and the need to utilize public health methods to address it. COVID 19 brought to light the impacts of underlying health conditions, overcrowded housing and poverty. This year brought us together as departments, employees and community to address common goals. The level of partnership is unprecedented and so essential. I want to give a huge shout out to all the department who are engaged in the pandemic response, as well as their support for racial equity and reconciliation efforts. I also want to give another huge shout out to our Health Department, Health and Human Services Services team for their dedication, commitment and passion for their work. It has really been elevated in these COVID times. The Health Department offers over 40 public facing programs across the lifespan from prenatal to end of life. We work in and for every community in our city. We work to protect the public's health and promote healthy living and to prevent and control communicable diseases such as COVID. We're building systems to improve access to early childhood and older adult services. We house people. We enhance opportunities, policies and systems to address health and social inequities. The Health Department is also a vital component of the public safety continuum in Long Beach. We plan daily to ensure the city is prepared for what we are facing right now. We coordinate emergency shelter, response and services. We lead bioterrorism efforts for the city and the region. Our environmental

health team coordinates the response to hazardous waste threats and ensures all restaurants and waters are safe. We lead violence prevention efforts through safe Long Beach, and we immunize against public health threats. The impact of Cove on our department has been steep. The Health Department's Emergency Planning and Communicable Diseases team is fewer than 15 people in normal times, and they are all grant funded. The COVID pandemic far exceeds this team's capacity to respond, as well as public health capacity to respond across the nation. Given the chronic under-resourcing

of public health locally and at all government levels in our health department, many programs and people were assigned to COVID response beginning in March. Almost all of those that you see are those teams that you see are grant funded as well. Reassignments vary. For instance, ours from our HIV team led the coordination of Medical Reserve Corps for the Rapid Assessment Clinic, worked in the jet, producing information, provided interpretation at the mayor's pressers, and also participated in gear and the race conversations. Our veteran services coordinator is managing the call center. Our Community Health Bureau manager designed and managed the isolation and quarantine site. The list goes on. Ryan focusing on the health department. None of the response could be possible without the leadership, support, engagement and hard work of employees from across the city as they took on their roles as disaster services workers. The city came together in an unprecedented way, in an unprecedented time. And I thank you all. Some of our outcomes and accomplishments through COVID. So in only five months, we've accomplished so much in our city. Prior to COVID 19, the Public Health Emergency Management Team received a grant to support the distribution center, which became a lifeline in our to our city team and managing media partners for PPE and Food. Our public health lab ran tests before any other testing was available. Test sites have served over 88,000 people, and a communicable disease team has investigated nearly 8000 positive cases. The same team, I'll response also responded to 22 skilled nursing center outbreaks, of which 13 have no new cases in the last two weeks. The team partnered with the Venue Task Force to educate more than 8000 businesses, including supporting restaurants to reopen safely during the pandemic. We established a warm line for older adults, family members of older adults, agencies who work with older adults, and others who are self-isolating due to health conditions. The Chronic Disease Team made it possible to distribute £245,000 of food to 3500 households. And we also opened two emergency shelters and isolation and quarantine site for people experiencing homelessness and those who cannot safely isolate at home. To date, we have had no COVID 19 outbreaks among our city's homeless population. Despite the challenges COVID 19 has presented, the Health Department has continued to deliver services in many of its programs. These accomplishments include identifying and investigating the largest restaurant associated hepatitis A outbreak in California in years. This team interviewed over 200 individuals and conducted an extensive outbreak investigation. Our workplace work has grown by over 3200 families due to COVID and now is serving nearly 18,000 households. The Safe Language Team established a collaborative partnership with 15 community based organizations in the Washington neighborhood to address gun violence, neighborhood empowerment

and built and built environment factors that impact people's quality of life. And the Medical Outreach and Health Access Team has enrolled over 1500 people in health insurance. We continue to address mosquito and other vector borne diseases and can take and conduct safety inspections. The number of HIV tests double this year to nearly 2000 tests for our community. We've also strengthened fatherhood skills and families within our family and in families within our city. Many of our direct service programs are now conducted by telephone or video. In terms of homelessness, we're managing \$52 million in homeless services. This includes the \$9 million purchase of the ABC shelter 3.7 million for Project ROOMKEY If that is approved, 1 million spent on COVID sheltering. It also includes a reduction of measure funding at the point of \$2 million. The remainder of the funds are for prevention, outreach, coordination and rapid rehousing. We're opening 125 bed shelter this September, and the MSI has had nearly 8500 visits in this time of COVID, and the CRC has personally housed nearly 1400 people this year. We've also had we also have nearly 7600 households who are permanent housing through the housing authority. And we received 45 additional vouchers this year for veterans and tenant protection. The Family Self-sufficiency Program graduated 21 participants with a combined earnings of over \$200,000. The current health department budget is just under \$158 million. This does not include the one time funds for COVID

19 response. The housing authority continues to be the largest of our funds, followed by the Health Fund. The general fund is now approximately 3% of the health budget. With the addition of the Hart team in the budget. Notable changes to the general fund this year include \$414 for \$414,000 for three new positions as the Hart team restructures to the Health Department and 1.5 million for racial equity and reconciliation efforts. The new structure for the Hart team will allow for two response teams made up of a public health nurse, mental health practitioner and two outreach workers. This will allow for medical and mental health response across the city. Seven days per week, this meets the Council and community requests for increased medical and mental health support for homeless population. The 1.5 million designated for racial equity and reconciliation efforts will focus on youth development, violence prevention and health equity. The Proactive Homeless Initiative will be funded at the same level as last year, with one time funds of \$255,000. The Office of Equity is moving from the Health Department to the city manager's team, and the two FTEs for the cannabis positions there were previously funded by the General Fund will be allocated to the health fund. These costs will be offset by permit revenues. In the health front, we are adding ten PhDs for administrative, finance and accounting supports to effectively manage nearly \$49 million in new grants

and contracts. These positions are grant funded and will continue as long as funding is available in programs across the department. At this time, we're looking at expenditures of \$69 million for testing, surge staffing, surveillance, contact tracing, AP data efforts and homelessness. Our current one time response funding totals \$49 million. So there's a gap of \$20 million. The expectation is that FEMA will reimburse testing efforts to fill the gap between expenditures and the resources. Over the past seven years, the Health Department has efficiently managed its annual budgets to build an \$11 million reserve to ensure we'd be prepared for times like this, a pandemic response, and cuts to budgets outside of the general fund. We expect this fund to take a large hit this year to cover the expenses. Our racial equity and reconciliation funding will allow the Department to open a new Office of Youth Development, strengthen existing violence prevention efforts out of focus on reentry, and continue the department's equity efforts focusing specifically on health and housing equity. The Office of Youth Development will coordinate programs and investments with community based organizations and city programs in Long Beach. This would be staffed by a program manager, a program coordinator and two peer navigators. Funding would go to use serving organizations to create young leaders and also leverage and expand the city's workforce and parks programming for recreation, youth , employment and wellness opportunities. This office this office also creates the infrastructure for future funding and supports to community based organizations to focus on issues such as peer navigation, to increase youth linkage to services, mental health services, and skill development for youth in managing difficult situations, as well as mentoring opportunities for the funding, while also strengthen our safe one beach violence prevention efforts which are currently staffed with one FTE funding with support and additional violence prevention coordinator, as well as a reentry coordinator to lay the groundwork for a future one stop reentry location in the city. Funding would be utilized to support community based organizations to focus on reducing community level trauma and gun violence through violence. Interruption strategies in communities most impacted by violence. The Health Department's Center for Families and Youth in North Palm Beach is currently being remodeled and will house the Center for Health Equity, which will be focused on providing and coordinating services that focus on building health opportunities for communities most impacted by racism. The Department will hire one health equity program manager to focus on policies and programs to address the most disparate health outcomes in the city, and one coordinator to further support the Black Health Equity Coalition further fund currently being funded through the CARES Act, as well as other key he

alth issues impacting those across the city. Funding would also be utilized to increase food access and sustainability, as well as ongoing health department efforts such as fatherhood, black infant health, Medi-Cal enrollment and mental health supports. Health equity has really taken a front seat during these COVID times as we see the impacts of underlying health conditions and overcrowded housing and the case rates of our Latinx population and hospitalizations and deaths among our black population. For housing equity. The Health Department is in the process of hiring a coordinator for the Everyone Home Line Beach Plan. Three Efforts to reach the goals outlined in

that plan. This coordinator will include a focus on equity and homelessness. We do face challenges because the Health Department is primarily a grant funded organization. There's little funding for administrative functions such as finance contracts and human resources. The status makes it even greater challenge to respond to an influx in funding. This is exacerbated by the aggressive timelines of the federal funding coming to the city. Don't get me wrong, we appreciate every dollar coming in and our community needs it, but it requires that we immediately build a capacity to manage it. Our grant funds have been hit as we've reassigned people to COVID response. When this happened, staff are not drawing down their grant funds, which impacts our overall funding picture now and in the future. Staff building to grants isn't an absolute essential thing to draw down the funds that are out there. The state health re-alignment funding to local health jurisdictions was cut by approximately 10%, which is over \$800,000 for the city of Long Beach. The state is working to backfill these funds with approximately \$550,000. This will help but continues to leave our department with a \$300,000 reduction in our structural funding. The uncertainty of the length of the pandemic and future impacts challenge our planning and funding efforts. As discussed before, the department's fund balance is taking a big hit through this pandemic. We do have opportunities. The CARES Act funding brings a real opportunity to partner with community based organizations to provide key supports to people in our city who are most impacted by COVID. We are establishing infrastructures to support food access, early child and older adult supports, basic needs and so much more into our future. The Racial Equity and reconciliation focus on youth development, trauma, violence prevention, health and housing equity will bring much needed structural funding to essential efforts to create a healthier and safer future in Long Beach. Additional federal funding may become available to support response and recovery efforts. The department has been planning for the implementation of a coordinated entry technology system to improve access and coordination of services in the department, as well as improve data on our services to be utilized

for quality improvement efforts. This is moving forward this year. The increased focus on public health planning and services at all levels of government and community allows a broader conversation about health and public safety and the necessity of investing in upstream preventions. Building a social context for Health and wellness. And finally, we also have 107 more permanent housing units coming online for our homeless population. Our Health and Human Services Department stands for the health and well-being of this great city and look forward to partnering with you, our community members, community organizations and our other city departments to ensure all are thriving. Thank you for the opportunity to present a snapshot of our efforts in the midst of these COVID times. That concludes my presentation, and I'm open for questions. Thank you. This is an exclusive question. Greg. Can we hear all the presentations first? Well, let's find out. Does everyone agree to that? Would everyone agree to have an idea? Come to our minds? Okay, fine. Okay. Well, next we'll go to. Thanks. The next we'll have our fire chief Javier Espino giving the presentation on the fire department budget. Is that when you come out? Give us a 1/2 while we clean the microphone area for the next presentation. Good. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Members of the city council. This evening, I will be providing a brief overview of the Long Beach Fire Department's fiscal year 21 proposed budget. Our presentation will highlight the services provided by the Fire Department. Some of our key accomplishments for the current fiscal year. Notable changes in the fiscal year 21 proposed budget and some of the major issues and opportunities that we foresee for the upcoming fiscal year. The Long Beach Fire Department delivers fire rescue, emergency medical services, marine safety response, hazardous materials response, and non-emergency response services. We provide a 24 hour operation 365 days a year. Our personnel are well equipped and highly trained to mitigate all emergencies. The fire department strives to make a better long, to make Long Beach a better place to live, visit and operate a business. Additionally, we work to ensure the safety of the community through proactive fire prevention activities, including code enforcement, fire investigation and aggressive community outreach. We also provide training and education that is essential to the delivery of our core fire and rescue services. I would now like to present some of the fire department's accomplishments and highlights for the current fiscal year. Over the past 12 months, we've responded to over 73,000 fire, emergency medical services, marine safety and other emergency incidents. Since many incidents require multiple units to respond, these 73,000 incidents equate to more than 150,000 unit responses. Included in this number are over 50,000 medical calls and over 6500 fire calls. This number also includes hazardous materials response

s, airport responses and other non fire responses. Our Operations Bureau hired and trained a diverse class of 23 new ambulance operators to state to staff. Our basic life support program in our training division turned out a diverse class of 23 new firefighters. These were both great investments in the fire department's futures. I'm immensely proud of the work that the men and women of the fire department have done this year from the very beginning of the pandemic. They responded, as they always do. Heading directly towards danger and potential harm to the to themselves to do their job, never knowing which patients might be infected with COVID 19. Fire staff has also been critical to the citywide response to this prolonged incident. Back in March, fire staff was instrumental in standing up the incident management team with their knowledge of and experience with the incident command system. Our chief officers led the charge in this area quickly providing leadership and educating city staff and management from all departments in both the Incident Management Team and the Emergency Operations Center, and providing structure to a rapidly developing and changing incident. I would also like to highlight our efforts in the recruitment and education of future firefighters with the City Council's Investment in our Diversity Recruitment Program. Our Diversity Recruitment and Partnerships Coordinator has developed short and long term strategies to recruit and retain the most qualified candidates now and in the future. Short term strategies include recruitment events and providing information to assist candidates in their preparation. Long term strategies include our relationship with the Long Beach Unified School District and the Fire Pathways Program at Jordan High School. The continuation of the diversity recruitment program is critical to continuing to bring in a diverse group of qualified fire recruits and for preparing the next generation for a career in the fire service. In the short term, efforts have resulted in another diverse and highly qualified recruit class. It starts on September 28th. The Diversity Recruit Recruitment Program also provides support for our employees preparing for promotional opportunities within the organization. Our Fire Prevention Bureau promoted community safety and economic growth by conducting over 11,000 residential construction and business related fire safety inspections. The department conducted over 200 arson investigations, which resulted in over 30 arrests. Our Community Emergency Response Team or CERT program once again proved to be a valuable community asset this year. Our trained CERT volunteers contributed over 3500 hours of service for the COVID 19 response. One of the highlights of our diversity recruitment program was our first ever girls camp. This was a one day event at the David Rosa Regional Training Center, where 40 young women were provided information on careers in the fire service. In addition, they h

ad the opportunity to meet with some of our staff role models where real fire, fire turnouts and helmets and obtain some hands on experience with the tools we use in the fire service. Finally, we were able to modify our very popular Junior Lifeguard program to comply with state and County Youth Day camp recommendations involving social distancing and other protocols. The proposed fiscal year 21 budget for the fire department is just over \$133 million. We have a total of 527.7 full time equivalent staff consisting of 401 sworn FTE in the fire ranks. Another 24 full time year round marine safety first responders, over 180 seasonal lifeguards and 26 full time ambulance operators. Additionally, the fire department is supported by civilian staff in fire operations, support services, fire prevention and administration. 76% of our budget is in the general fund, which supports most departmental activities. The proposed fiscal year 21 general fund budget for the fire department is \$101.5 million. The Long Beach Airport provides support in the amount of just over \$6 million for fire and rescue services provided to the airport. And this is included in the fire department's general fund budget. Additionally, the Tidelands Fund supports marine safety activities as well as our fire operations in the Port of Long Beach, which includes specialty programs of urban search and rescue, hazardous materials and marine firefighting. The harbor department provides cost reimbursement for the services provided in the port in the amount of \$19.2 million, and that is included in the \$28.8 million Tidelands Fund budget for fire. Proposition eight funds from the oil production tax continue to provide additional support for fire staffing in the amount of just over \$1.6 million annually. The fire department, together with the Health Department, provides environment environmental protection services that are supported by the Cooper Fund. Cooper stands for Certified Unified Program Agency and through permit fees, provides funding for inspection services and business emergency plan reviews to ensure hazardous chemicals are handled, stored and transported in accordance with current state and local standards. The Cooper budget is \$1.1

million. The Fire Department's proposed fiscal year 21 budget includes several notable changes that I would like to highlight. First, there is a structural reduction of \$1.9 million in Fire's general fund budget in fiscal year 21. This will be offset by a one year delay in the collection of capital recovery charges for our fleet of vehicles. Each year, the Fleet Services Bureau charges the fire department \$1.9 million in capital recovery charges in the general fund, which goes into a vehicle replacement fund. By not charging us these capital recovery charges in fiscal year 21. We will delay a replacement of fire apparatus by one year, resulting in a slightly older fleet over the years. We're operating a relatively young fleet of vehicles. 60% of our fr

ont line emergency response vehicles are five years old or newer, and we are therefore confident that this change will not negatively impact operations. Since. Since this is a one time reduction, we will be required to submit an ongoing structural reduction to replace this in subsequent fiscal years . Additionally, the budget proposal includes a one time strategic investment of \$200,000 to conduct a comprehensive fire operations study, which will identify efficiencies and potential areas of improvement. The proposed budget also includes the elimination of our two heart units and transfer of program responsibilities to the Department of Health and Human Services, who will operate the program with nurses and or social workers. By all accounts, the heart team has been a great success. However, when faced with make with making reductions of this magnitude, it was important to us to instead maintain our core services of fire and emergency medical response. Fire's proposed budget also includes several investments in the general fund. First is the addition of a new civilian fire inspector position. This position will work closely with development services to improve compliance with codes, laws, regulations and ordinances related to fire building and hazardous materials. The position will be funded through fires Memorandum of Understanding with Development Services. Additionally, partial funding is recommended to continue the Fire Diversity Recruitment Program for an additional year. The first year of this program was very successful and we look forward to continuing it. Program Highlights for fiscal year 20 included developing and implementing curriculum for the new Public Safety Pathway Program at Jordan High School. Hosting the inaugural Girls Fire Camp, attending over 30 recruitment events focused on improving diversity, redesigning all department branding to include images of a diverse workforce. Launching the BFD recruitment website to provide information about the department. The examination process and candidate expectations and how to prepare for the hiring process and pivoting to recruitment webinars via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Again, I want to thank the City Council for your support of this important program. Finally, faced with a large reduction target in the title and fund, we had to make the difficult recommendation to reduce seasonal non-career lifeguard staffing by 10%, which will result in 5 to 7 fewer lifeguards on the beach on any given summer day. We're also proposing the elimination of one Marine safety officer, which will reduce the number of year round trained marine safety professionals and will require changes to the way that we manage our junior lifeguard program. The Fire Department put our first heart unit into service in November of 2016 with the mission of reducing the number of fire department responses to individuals experiencing homelessness through rapid response to nine one, one calls for service collaboratio

n with Continuum of Care Partners and Community and Fire Department education. Due to the success of the Heart program, a second heart unit was added as part of the fiscal year 19 budget. Over the past 12 months, the two heart teams have made nearly 5000 mental health referrals and referred nearly 400 individuals experiencing homelessness to much needed services under a federal grant. Hart Team members developed and delivered mental health awareness and training to all fire department employees. And this year, during the COVID 19 pandemic, the Hart team has been helping individuals experiencing homelessness to determine whether they may be experiencing signs and symptoms of COVID 19. They also provide hygiene and personal care supplies and assist in emergency shelter placement. As I noted in the notable changes slide, the fiscal year 21 proposed budget eliminates fires to heart units. With this budget reduction, the four firefighters, four firefighter paramedics assigned to the two heart units will be assigned to paramedic rescue units that have vacant spots and program responsibility will be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services , who will provide homelessness outreach services with civilian staff. The fire department will work closely with Health and Human Services during this transition period. Looking forward to fiscal year 21. The department faces several significant challenges and opportunities. A consistent challenge is to improve response times and response

capabilities and continue to meet the expectations and needs of our community . This becomes increasingly challenging amidst reductions in the budget. Another challenge is that of continuing to protect patients and first responders. This will remain a daily challenge as long as the COVID 19 pandemic last. We remain committed to continuing to provide patients and first responders with all of the necessary personal protective equipment. As became evident last year. Fire staff live in and respond from fire stations and marine safety facilities, some of which are old and have significant health and maintenance issues. This will continue to be a challenge for our workforce as more buildings begin to exceed their useful lives. Additionally, we're seeing an increase in vegetation fires in the city. These have the capability of spreading fast and threatening lives and property. Preventing and managing these fires is a high priority for us. And finally, we will be facing the challenge of keeping our beaches and waterways safe while operating with the reduced staffing that was mentioned in the significant changes slide. We also have some exciting opportunities ahead. While anticipated retirement of our leadership in the management and supervisory ranks creates somewhat of a challenge. It also is a great opportunity to develop the next generation of leadership. We also plan to conclude work on the BFD strategic plan in the coming fiscal year and look forward to implementing s

strategies to support the Department's vision and priorities. Finally, continued investment in the Fire Diversity Recruitment Program creates a great opportunity to continue to improve the diversity of the fire department through implementation of short and long term relationships and recruitment strategies. That concludes my report, and we are available to respond to any questions you may have. Thank you. Thank you very much. No motor parks. Thank you. Please give us a minute to transition and then you'll hear from Brant Dennis, our brand new director of Parks Rec and Marine, who will be assisted by Steve Scott as well, who has been serving previously as the interim director. Good evening, Honorable Vice Mayor and members of the City Council. It's my pleasure to present to you the 2021 proposed budget for the Department of Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services. In just a few weeks that I've been serving the community as your director of the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services , I've spoken to many community members, and they all speak with pride and passion about our over 170 parks, places and open spaces. 27 community gardens. Community centers, nearly 6.5 miles of beautiful beaches, three marinas, recreation programs, and compassionate animal care services. The proposed budget will allow our department team members to continue passing forward their passion of bringing enjoyment to all from infants to older adults, as well as our companion dogs and cats. We do this knowing that we need to be strategic and nimble in order to be effective and equitable in responding to the diverse needs of our community. The court services of the Department of Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services provide an array of programs and places for our residents, businesses and visitors to enjoy. Every corner of our city. Parks are an essential part of our public health infrastructure, and the uneven access to that infrastructure across the nation poses public health and safety challenges. The Department of Parks Recreation, Marina Animal Care Services is committed to making our parks and open spaces essential places where everyone is welcome and can thrive. We're excited about providing programs and services in all areas of the city to meet the evolving needs of our community. We take our role in the public safety continuum seriously and work hard to provide access to healthy recreation opportunities in safe environments for the community's youth, teens, adults and seniors who utilize our programs throughout Long Beach. We're very proud to further promote responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals in alignment with our Compassion Saves model . Animal Care Services is developing a new strategic plan which will provide a roadmap to achieving future success and meeting compassion saves objectives. We're fortunate to have the largest municipally run marina system in the nation, and it's our

goal to make sure our facilities and waterways are in excellent quality for the enjoyment of everyone who visits and recreates . I'm extremely proud of our team members for the many accomplishments this past year as the COVID 19 pandemic struck our city. Our department quickly moved into action. Team members proved their resilience in adapting and responding to COVID 19. This has been shown in numerous ways, such as the deployment of staff to temporary shelters set up in our park community centers and working around the clock to assist city staff in serving our community. Our department also adapted to safety measures mandated by local and state health orders and were

able to provide enrichment programs for youth like recreation, reimagined our youth summer programming model and virtual summer camps as well as virtual recreation, which we called it for all ages. People realize that parks are even more important than ever during these unprecedented times. We kept our parks and restrooms open and enhanced with cleaning and sanitization for our community to utilize. We made it a top priority to assure our communities of Long Beach have safe and equitable access to our great park system. It's an honor to share with you some of the accomplishments delivered by our department. We are able to utilize our connections to all parts of the city to provide over 67,000 meals to seniors at seven various sites. Even during the COVID 19 pandemic, when it was most needed. Animal Care Services continues to improve the life release rate, reduce impound and support spay and neuter efforts. The compassion saves and implementation further promotes our goal of having positive outcomes for all animals in our care. Currently, we have a save rate of 92% and are heading towards ending the year with very good rates of saving animals. Our foster program has been successful in increasing pet adoptions. Once again, we participated in a partnership with Long Beach Unified School District to offer meals to children and youth. This summer, we were able to expand from 23 to 33 sites and offered more than 100,000 meals. Our department stretches across the city and is able to serve all of Long Beach communities. We strive to be flexible and responsive. To be sure, our communities are served to our fullest capacity. As a department, we continue to focus on enhancing park access throughout the city and improving the beauty, maintenance and safety aspects of our parks, open spaces, beaches and marinas. Earlier this year, our beach maintenance division began mobilization and preparation for the Peninsula Beach Hydraulic Pumping Pilot study. Winter storms tend to erode the beach and beach maintenance staff annually transports thousands of cubic yards of sand by truck from the West Beach to the Peninsula Beach. Reducing the truck trips and finding a less disruptive transport method has been a big priority, and we're looking to see if hydraulic pumping could be a viable tool for beach renou

ishment in hopes of curbing natural erosion. Staff is in the process of determining the next steps of at the conclusion of that study. Our department, in partnership with public works, was able to construct the new playground at Jenni Rivera Park, reopened the K-9 dog park that occurred in January of this year. We built a brand new community center at Houghton Park, which opened in June of this year, and developed new parks such as Pike Park, which opened in February, which has the longest, I must say, the coolest slide in the city. As all of you know, Parks boosts the well-being for the entire neighborhood and foster community where everyone is welcome. Recently, we were awarded approximately \$2 million from the National Park Service, which allows us to provide an additional six acres of much needed park space to the communities surrounding Davenport Park. We continue to work with partners to seek funding for future investment in our parks and open spaces for fiscal year 21. Our proposed budget totals over \$60 million across all funds, with over \$35 million or about 30 or 59% of our proposed budget from the general fund. The Department also has substantial tidelands funds budgets to support our operations in the marinas, beaches and waterways. That represents approximately 38% of our department's budget. Historically, we bring in over \$38 million in revenue with significant revenue streams, helping to support our many free community programs. With general fund revenue of over \$12 million from permits, facility reservations, contract classes and golf operations just to name a few. And in the Tidelands funds, it's over 24 million, most of which comes from marina slip fees, which amount to about 21 million. The city is currently undergoing a comprehensive fee study, which Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Services is taking part in. The fees. Study is one way the department continues to examine cost recovery and maximize revenue opportunities. The fiscal year 21 budget process proposes new revenues from youth sports and entry fees. The budget provides for over 427 full time equivalent positions in past years. During our busy summer months. Our team numbers grew to well over 800 people. We employ hundreds of seasonal staff and are proud of our role as a local workforce development engine. This is just another way that investment in your Long Beach Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services is an investment back into the community. Additionally, we provide staff support and act as the liaison to four City Council appointed commissions, those being the Parks and Recreation Commission, Marine Advisory Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and the Commission on Youth and Children. The investments that are included in the fiscal year 21 budget will help our city continue to be recognized as one of the top park and recreation systems nationally. We have the great opportunity

to continue to have a positive impact citywide on Long Beach residents

ts and visitors each and every day by providing access for all to our many programs, services and open spaces. We look forward to the addition of a full time veterinarian to help drive positive outcomes for shelter animals and further improve our live release rate. The proposed budget continues the investment for the Be Safe program at 11 park sites next year, helping to keep youth and families engaged in positive and safe activities on weeknights during the longer daylight hours of summer work. We're excited to continue programming at the Expo Center. This program will further enhance the quality of life for our senior community by providing core health and enrichment services. The Expo Center is located in North Long Beach, which has the highest number of seniors in the city. Last year, the City Council approved the transfer to the city of the previously privately run historic asset known as the Sunnyside Cemetery. The cemetery is an important part of our city history, and we're pleased to make it a part of our park system. The proposed budget also includes enhanced resources for water, which will structurally maintain our current watering needed due to rate increases, as well as one time funds to help manage healthy plant needs, irrigate our park lands and keep them beautiful and safe. Although some of our critical needs have been addressed in the proposed budget, there are also some significant reductions. These reductions include the elimination of support and field staff in various bureaus in the General Fund and Tidelands operating funds. This includes the elimination of staff dedicated to nighttime lockups for mini parks, as well as park freestanding restrooms and also park permit compliant staff in El Dorado Regional Park. It also includes reductions of administrative staff in business operations, community recreation services and marine bureaus and supervisory support in our Community Recreation Services Bureau, as well as the Marine Bureau. Additionally, there will be a reduction in budget for materials and services such as landscaping and tree trimming services in the Tidelands area. There also be a reduction in budget for funds incentive programs during the summer by shortening our programming by one hour. Deferred maintenance, along with the continuing impact of vandalism and abuse of our facilities, continues to be challenged. We work with our partners to identify issues and how to best address them. We also collaborate with our partners to address the safety, health and environmental concerns related to people experiencing homelessness in our parks and beaches. These challenges must be addressed to enable us to provide court services and safe facilities for all of the community to enjoy. It can be a balancing act of resources to strategically address critical priorities while looking to the future. The development the department continually looks for future investment to support park infrastructure and development. We also explore m

ore partnerships, collaborations and funding opportunities which allow us to offer scholarships for programs and classes. Beautification of our public spaces and future park. Development for our great city. With challenges do come opportunities, we hope to positively affect our parks through neighborhood involvement, beautification and positive activation through neighborhood involvement in parks and programs by volunteerism and other partnerships will create more welcoming and safe parks. This is so important because children who live in neighborhoods with safe parks, healthy foods and opportunities to grow and thrive live up to 17 years longer on average, than those in neighborhoods without those resources. That's actually according to our Cities Equity Toolkit, which I think is invaluable. We also look for ways to adapt our city service delivery model and operations to better meet the needs of the community, especially during these unprecedented times. We explore opportunities to take a creative approach to provide safe programming that is accessible for all. Like we've done with recreation, reimaged and virtual programs, we work towards promoting equity and making inequities visible, using data and storytelling. An example of this opportunity is through our Youth Strategic Plan, which emphasizes the importance of reaching out to our youth to identify these inequities and trying to work with them to have them addressed. We're passionate about using nature to benefit our parks, spaces, programming and services. We want to focus on clean water, sustainable park landscapes, clean beaches, and well-managed wetlands that align with the city's priorities. We'll continue to advance the development of the department's strategic plan. The plan strives to engage community voices to inform the delivery of park programming and services. We plan to bring to you the new strategic plan next year. This will further our efforts to be continually adaptable to the Long Beach Community Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services and all its team members remain committed to offering award winning programs and excellent service while providing safe, clean parks, beaches and marinas from all of us to to use

now and in the future years. We are dedicated to our city, our department, and championing a park system for all and for the future. From our recreation programs to animal care services, what we do provides enjoyment to a large, diverse community. Honorable Vice Mayor and Members of City Council. I thank you for your continued investment in Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services. Your support helps us meet the needs of community all across the city. Our dedicated employees and I thank you for that support. And this concludes my presentation. Thank you. And I want to thank all three of the individuals from Park Slope, you know, and for our excellent report. So now we're going to on with the guys, you know, questions. First of. Councilman Rogers i

n there? Yeah, I was waiting on you. Okay. Thanks, Vice Mayor. I'm going to be pretty quick here. I'm just going to have some brief comments for Mr. Dennis and Mr. Espino, and I'm gonna have just a few thoughts and comments for the Health Department. And when we get there, I'd like to pull up page 13 on the Health Department's report. Mr. Dennis, welcome to the team. You've hit the ground running. We have a great Parks and Recreation Department. It's difficult times right now, but I know that it's important to the public. So we want to make sure that we are doing all that we can to make sure we have a top notch world class parks. A few things just to highlight. I think, you know, the Parks Park Center, you know, unfortunately, we're in a pandemic, so the public hasn't been able to really experience it, but we're incredibly excited to have finished that project. It's been more than a decade of advocacy to get there. We're excited also about the Forest Park partnerships that are in the works with Camp Fire and Conservation Corps. I know that I'd like to see in the future just staff spend some time dedicating some focus on grant writing and other sorts of resources to implement the Uptown Open Space Plan. Highland Park took so much, so much energy and attention that it was, you know, that it was difficult to see prop funds and other things go to other other things like playgrounds and Hamilton, Greenbelt and other things. I'd like to see that also. I love seeing that the senior program at Expo and the BSA program, both of those are really popular in the North Long Beach and Uptown community, so I'm glad to see that that's there. So again, welcome and look forward to working with you. Chief Espino Great. I'm glad that you highlighted a lot of your success with the fire diversity recruitment. This was an important priority of the city council. I've been paying attention to this. So great job. You have very visible changes. And, you know, I'm hearing good things about the academy that you've been able to see some of the benefits of the fire diversity program. Can you speak just briefly to how the academy is shaping up? Thank you. Councilman, can you repeat the question one more time, please? Just just briefly, can you speak to the diversity when within like since you brought on this diversity recruiting program, what outcomes are we seeing with the with the current academy? So with the current academy that's coming up, it's a very diverse academy, I want to say on the order of 50%, either by gender and or ethnicity. And that also reflects what we we had just recently with our Engineers Academy with the same graduation rate and typical diversity as well. Great. I'm just glad to see that. And I've been following the Junior Lifeguard program and all those things, so we're excited about the future. Another, we're gonna have some difficult budget years. So moving forward, you know, I'd like to see more creativity in efficiencies and, you know, in revenue op

tions so that we can prevent service cuts. I don't we don't want to lose engine 12. We don't want to lose rescue 12. Again, we saw what it was like without that. And so we know what's up against this next year or, you know, we're all going to have to work together and figure out some creative solutions. You know, I'd love to learn more about some of these. We focus on the heart themes, but those questions will have for for health. But thank you so much. And the other thing is, I love that you spoke to succession planning and training. I think that's really important to maintain a great culture. You really want to make sure that you you brought up, you know, use these opportunities to bring young people up into leadership. So so thank you. And keep up the good work, Chief. Thank you for thinking, Miss Collopy, on health. First of all, thank you for leading with health on the Health presentation. First, I think it's certainly appropriate given what we're dealing with in the pandemic. If we could pull up the health presentation, go to page 13. I think that's where I want to where where I want to start. So I'm glad to see that particularly this year, we're being nimble and responsive. We learned a lot this year about the way health impacts and the way it breaks down is along poverty lines, along racial lines. How it breaks down. One May economy recession. Okay. Okay, so so man it threw me off being I was on a roll. So yeah. Can you just speak to that? I want to speak to as I see these investments and they're really good and I think we'll have more time to talk about them later.

But the housing and homeless equity position, what I see here is that there's you know, we're dealing with a lot with respect to renters nowadays. And we've got housing authority, we've got rental assistance, all these things. And we want to place a focus on homeownership and and we have a homelessness issue. How is Colby? How are we going to make sure this housing equity position is situated to sort of streamline all of those doors into one door? That's easy for people to get to because I'd like to ultimately see one front door housing, rental housing division within the city that can deal with, you know, our rental issues. And I think it applies to racial equity as well, given 80% of African-Americans rent in Long Beach and 70% Latino. So could you speak to that? Yes. Councilmember So the focus of this at this time is really around the issues, around homeless homeless equity. We find an overrepresentation among our black population, within our homeless population. The other piece of it is the Everyone Home plan itself has a lot of focus on bringing forth affordable housing, rental and others. And so I think the starting point would be to leverage the person that is coming on through the Everyone Home plan and then to work throughout this year to establish the single office and bring that back to you for next year to move forward with that opening. Thank you. Thank you, Vice

Mayor. Go for it. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next to councilman, you venga. Thank you, Mayor. And I want to also thank the presenters, come up to speed on Denis for their work on this budget. And it's very tough, a lot of things to do. I'm going to start with health tourism with the first one up. I want to congratulate the occupants and they're doing exactly what I've been wanting to do for the last several years. And that's to welcome to analyze much of the separates is that you make it structural so that they're not always have to rely on grants and other funding to provide the services that they do. So I'm very happy to see that, and I hope that we're able to do even more in the coming years to structurally fund the whole department into the city's family. And that had to rely on grant. So I just want to say that the other part of the presentation did not did not address some of the other bureaus or what of what's going on with law or preventive health and the environmental health services. I especially interested in that one because we still have what we've had as COVID 19. We still have a West Nile virus out there in the comedian. And well, we've been very successful in controlling West Nile. What is the status of the Environmental Services Bureau? Yes. So our Environmental Health Bureau at this time said this past year they've responded to over 500 requests for the mosquito control and identified nine over 900 mosquitoes for vector borne borne disease surveillance. So they are working throughout all of this pandemic, doing exactly what they do every year. We have had one West Nile case in the city that I'm aware of. And it was the you know, it was one of the first ones in Southern California. So they continue to do that work, as well as the food safety inspections are working very closely with the restaurant at this time so that they can comply with the health order as well, ensuring that they can operate safely, you know, outside and kitchens and all those other pieces. So they're spending a lot of time in the field right now around health inspections as well. And then they're doing the pool inspections and the water testing and all the other events that they do. Would I be accurate in saying that the Environmental Services Bureau is doing their work in the capacity and funding that they currently have? Yes, they are. We are in the process of hiring additional inspectors because of the increased demand on their time and work. And they are sort of at the limit in terms of the resources they have available to them for the work that they can be doing. He will. Thank you for all you've done to keep his funeral pyre a little bit about what Councilmember Richardson brought up and Kennedy roommate. Very glad to see that you have that every single plan in place. That's another item that I have been wanting to see over the years to improve and get more institutionalization on there instead of doing it on a per recruitment strategy, something tha

t you're doing year round and always looking at that. How you reviewed what you might be expecting in terms of attrition the next two or three years and what it might look like for your staffing, as well as the possibility of additional academies two or three years out. Thank you, Councilman. So on a normal basis, we anticipate approximately 12 retirements per year. That includes all ranks. We expect to see the same this year just based on our conversations with our workforce, with the academies, the system that we have set up now where we are testing annually and producing a an academy on an annual basis seems to give us a robust workforce, and I think that will keep us in line with maintaining our workforce. Of course, we're going to have to adapt and shift as the situation presents itself. Well, I'm glad to hear that as well as with you have ever seen recruitment.

I'm sure that we're going to be continuing to diversify our fire department at all levels. I appreciate that very much. Thank you. What a pleasure. One minute. One last question, and that is DMSO that you have targeted for elimination. I know I heard you correctly in your presentation. Yes, sorry about that. This whole works with your lifeguards. Would that be severely affecting that program at our class B or C that we had last week? Councilmember Price and I really supported that program. We want to see it continue. And so with this, MSO basically have a deleterious effect on that program. There would be a shift in responsibilities for who is administering the program. It would go from an MSO to Marine safety captain and also an analyst would be assisting with that process. So it would look different. And the responsibilities that the MSO currently has would have to be basically taken on by others. Well, my well, my question really relies on whether there would be a negative effect on the lifeguard program or sea right now. Cabrillo High School, Jordan High School schools up in all that are very well removed from the beach. We need that exposure. So, I mean, it wasn't when you were. Younger, so you could fill up again if you like. Boy, can I just finish up my question and then move on? Okay. Thank you. So, Tom, so basically those are the concerns that I have with the with the local programing. And and you're seeing they might look different. Yes, sir. You have a question? Do you have an answer to that? Yes. So as far as we know, the junior lifeguard program will continue with Mitchell gone. But it would be a marine safety captain, so it's going to look a bit different. We would still have a junior guard system, but it's going to be administered in a different direction. And the responsibilities that the MSL currently has would have to be farmed out to others within the organization. But the to my knowledge, the program that's at Jordan and Cabrillo and forwarding all of that, that will not be harmed in any way. Thank you very much. That's all I have, I swear. Thank you, s

ir. Thank you. Since we're already with Chief Espino, I think so. We'll have to clean the microphone. My question would start with Cuba funds. So are you aware that there were some findings of agencies in the region and they met with the state and were able to designate their fines and fees to a local fire agency? I'm sorry, can you repeat the question? You talked about Cuba funds. Yes. Yes. So are there other a battalion chief for another fire agency mentioned to me that there were some businesses in the region, not in Long Beach, that had some violations. And when the violations occur, there are significant fines levied and associated. Typically, those fines are paid to a state agency. However, there was a recent lawsuit, I guess, that allows them to designate to give those funds to local agencies. Would you be open to looking into that and coming back to us in 6 to 8 weeks with a notice of whether or not we could start getting those funds directed to our agency, and that if we could start sending out letters after violations so that the revenue could come directly to us. Yeah, I would certainly be open to that. As stated earlier in the presentation, there is going to be a study of all things. Oops. All things. Fire department. And that would be something that we'd certainly look at. We're looking at different areas of the fire department as well in regards to billing and fines and fees and recouping those cost. Related to. And the additional increases of gate fees. Mr. MODICA I know that you'd stated that gig fees cannot be levied to one set of zip codes versus another set of zip codes separately or at different price points. But would you be open to creating a program where local residents could volunteer hours at a park or something of the such, where they could become some kind of ambassador, at which time they would be eligible for a lifetime reduced price or entrance fees. So if I understand the question correctly, it should. Can we look at a program where if you're volunteering and helping in the park, you get lower level of fees in terms of access to your annual passes that it. Something like that where their fees would stay the same. I know that our original intent was to raise fees for those who don't live in Long Beach. Since most tax dollars actually are. All support for Eldorado Park at this time comes from Long Beach taxpayers. And so my goal would be that Long Beach taxpayers don't have to pay additional to get into the park. However, other cities have taxpayers whose taxes go to their own parks. But because Eldorado Regional Park is such a desirable location, many of those residents use our parks. I am very supportive of the optimization of the front gate that would come from these fees. But I'm also of the mind that we do have a large number of Saturday cleanups now and other things. And so if members of our community took a pledge of some sort to help clean up the park and or to always follow the rules or any of those things,

if they could get a discounted rate, which would be the current rate versus allowing that increase to go to people who don't participate in cleaning up our park, continue to violate the rules and are not

local residents. Does that make sense? Yeah, I think we can take a look at that. So we need to show that there was some kind of benefit that we received from their engagement. And there are a lot of really good volunteers that help out at the park. So we can take a look at that. And I think the item you were referring to is we did explore whether or not we could charge a higher fee for those who don't live in Long Beach. But because we've taken some money in the past, too, you know, that was kind of either state money or county money. We are not allowed to do that at this time. And I will further bring up that. I know that at the time I brought this up before was not in a public forum. So I think it's poignant to bring it up now so that the community can hear. And there are libraries who have taken regional county funds, hundreds of thousands of dollars of regional county, thousands, if not millions recently from the county and the city of St specifically. And they have a library that only services Cerritos residents. If you are not a Street Post resident, you cannot participate in that library. So I would be very interested to know what. Special thing that they did that allowed for that same kind of. Program right now. That's your. One man. Thank you. That access where our park is not eligible for the same types of restrictions. And then I just want to close with health services and wait. Let me. Youth sports fees. I second the mayor's comments that you support fees to not increase. We're in a time where youth sports is going to be on the brink of being able to survive. They're not able to play competitive play only practices. So they're at a place where they're going to have to reduce fees, not increase fees. And so I'm hoping that the city manager will bring forward alternatives to fix the funding gap created by not increasing our youth sports fees. I don't know what other options we have, but I don't think increasing youth sports fees is going to make sense, especially since they're going to have a significant reduction in utilization. So I think that that supply and demand is going to be an interesting one and it won't solve our problem. And finally, I just want to thank our Health Services Department and all our city employees who participated in the COVID response. I think that you guys did excellent work, and I think you've demonstrated a need that we have in our city to invest in health. Thank you. Thank you very much. Councilman Longo Price, please. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. So a couple of comments. I just want to let me start with fire. And I know that Chief has talked a little bit about the whole program and touched on our lifeguards. I know that both Councilman Pierce and I are probably very plugged in to the great work that our

lifeguards do every day. I am disappointed to see the reduction in their budget, especially in the areas where there are proposed reductions. I realize that we have some tremendous strains on Taiwan's budget right now and that that revenue source is going down and it's somewhat unpredictable because it's reliant on oil. But I'm hoping, Mr. City Manager, that we can figure out a way to fix the tide once. Allocation for lifeguards this year for FY 21 to allow them to continue operating at the level that they were. And then instead of cutting them now, require a proposal that they could submit for restructuring that we can consider next year if their budget is impacted by tidelands declines. And let me tell you why. I don't know if Chief has been our or I don't know if Deputy Chief Medina's is there or available can talk to a little bit about the rescues, talk to the rescue operations that have happened over the last year and how critical those are not just to the individuals who were rescued, but also to the community who witnessed who experienced trauma as a result. And just having the security of having the lifeguards out there, especially with our increased beach activation. So Chief Espinoza or Deputy Chief Medina, can either of you speak to some of the efforts of our lifeguards in the area of rescue? Thank you. Council member Chief Medina here. Just a quick a quick recap on our rescues. Two Sundays ago at the Colorado Lagoon, an eight year old boy and 14 year old sister were playing at the lagoon. And the eight year old boy stepped off a drop off and began to drown. The 14 year old sister, in an effort to render aid, reached down but was pulled down by the 14 year old, by the eight year old boy. Both of them were under water when our lifeguard Cooper got to them. She was able to bring them back to the surface and get them back to shore where we were able to render aid. They did take on a little water. And so our paramedics transported them to the children's memorial. That's just one example. I mean, we had a a choking infant. Alamitos Beach for many of the community that goes down there on the sand, it wasn't a water rescue, but our go render aid delivering and making sure that they had a pattern airway by the time that paramedics got there. They also were transported. And certainly our lifeguards have been involved throughout the year, not just in lifeguard rescue efforts. They've supported the pandemic by staffing many of the clinics, the testing sites, and they plan to return to that line of work once our summer season is over, if needed by the city. So they certainly do a lot

more than than than just the rescue work. They're an incredibly talented team, and the fire department's extremely proud of all of their efforts. Well, thank you for that. I mean, I will say that one of the silver linings that we've seen with COVID and I've actually seen the evolution over the last six years, and I certainly hear from the residents in our parking impa

cted areas, the beaches have gotten a lot more activated. Our water, our parks along the water are just, you know, completely packed with people on the weekends and on holidays and now during COVID, even on beach days. And so I think there is a very important place for our lifeguards and our seasonal lifeguards in public safety. And so, I mean, you. Have the government. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I really want to make sure that that budget is considered. And, Mr. Modi, I'm looking to you for some guidance. We can talk offline about how we can continue to restore that budget through FY 21. And similarly, the junior guard program. I'm intimately involved with that program. I have a child in the program. I think it runs very smoothly and efficiently right now. And I'm very concerned that I've heard from a lot of parents in my community who are concerned about the change in operation. So I'd like to see that staffing stay as is for the next year. Finally, to our prime time, thank you very much for our beach maintenance crew. Cory Forrester does an amazing job with his team, with the sand replenishment project. And I'm very hopeful that the hydraulic system will yield some environmentally friendly alternatives for the future, because having those trucks go back and forth on the beach every day is very detrimental to public health. So think and I hope that's something that public health department can also help support us with because it's definitely a health crisis that we need to address in terms of environmental impact. So thank you very much and I appreciate the time. Mr. Vice Mayor. Thank you so much. Councilman Price Compliment. Thank you, Vice Mayor. And thank you everyone for the presentations. I will start with the Health Department. Very happy that we started with the Health Department on these presentations. Also, you know, the four years that we've been there, I've been a council member trying to get structural funds for the health department has been a top priority. I know it hasn't been everyone's top priority, but I do agree with the mayor when we look at this pandemic and all the situations that we're dealing with. But this is a top priority department to help ensure the safety and care of our residents. So with that, I love the presentation about how we would tackle some of the equity issues. Obviously, I think everyone's heard my questions that I asked last week about the Hart team. As the person that brought the heart team forward. I do know that the goal of that was to coordinate with the Health Department was to make sure that we were doing proactive outreach to our homeless population, but also that we were able to respond to 911 calls. I also know that we purchased new vehicles for that. A lot of resources were put into that. And I'd like to hear from the department how would the help how would the Health Department take this on? And really, I'd love to hear if there's a model that somewhere in between what the city manager

is being proposed and working with what we already have, whether it's, you know, one paramedic with the heart team and somebody from the health department or is there an area in the middle that we can come up with? So with that, Kelly, I'll go ahead and leave it to you to answer. Good evening. Council Member The the current proposed model for the Hart team would be one public health nurse to be able to respond to the medical the medical issues, the public health nurses. Also, we have had one that's been embedded with our with our with our homeless services division. And that that public health nurse has been able to, you know, engage with people at encampments as well as really been able to connect people to levels of service that we have otherwise not had the capacity to connect people to. So we'd have one public health nurse and then one on one mental health, um, one mental health clinician who would join. So each team that would go out would have, we'd have someone that could focus on the physical health and the mental health, as well as partnering with existing outreach workers. So there would be two of those teams, they would be available across the city seven days a week to support the response. And so we would be working with 911 dispatch to determine what the potential is to support through that, as well as people calling at the mercy when they're seeing things. And they would like a response. And this is Tom. I do want to say that we have adjusted a little bit from the original what's in the budget book. We did just say in the beginning it was just going to be public health nurses. As we looked at this further, we really wanted to bring that mental health component to it. And also with the outreach workers, the model is going to be from going about a five day a week coverage under the current model to about a seven day or to seven day a week coverage. So we would have seven day a week with

those mental health and the nurse and the outreach workers and actually have a reduction in savings as well. Right. So am I to understand, you said you'd be working with 911 dispatch, so someone calls 911 and it's somebody that is struggling with their mental health that might be homeless or, you know, out in the neighborhood. Would we be able to send just the heart team or would PD have to go as well? In this case, we're focusing this team is focused on our homeless population. So if a call comes in, we you know, this is we're in early negotiation figuring out exactly how the calls come in. So we would we working with the with nine would dispatch to understand what are what the opportunities are for responding to these situations . I know at this time that the her team often arrives and then the then ambulance or paramedics can return or turn back. I don't know if that's a possibility moving forward. It's something that I would need to work on with Chief Espino and the fire department to understand how that could work. Yeah, it's my understanding when

we have women. Yeah, go ahead. You have one man. Okay. It was my understanding that our team worked really hard with the community to be able to get just one of the Hart teams to be able to respond to 911 calls. And so really, when I when I think about reduction in cost, it's making sure that we're not sending out a fire truck, hart team or a police car. And so I don't think that our health department, from the work that we've done, can respond to 911 calls. And so I hope that we can get that question very clearly answered. And if they can't respond to 911 calls, can Tom work with the health department and the fire department to try to find a middle area work, something that we can do, whether it's one person from the fire team, along with the with the rest of the staff, I'll come back up. And when I come back up, I'll I'll focus my questions at the fire department. So thank you for that. Thank you. Councilman Supernova. Okay. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Well, I'll move right to the fire department so it doesn't feel left out. But I don't have any questions for Kelly Colletti or for Brant Dennis. But I would. Like to quote both of them in my comments. To the fire department. And first, I think Kelly Colby said we're effective, that it's vital to draw upon grants. And I would ask that the same logic be applied to the fire department and specifically the safer grant that we, you know, dig a little deeper on this. If there are waivers, if there are any exceptions made for COVID 19, that we could take a closer look at the grants or that particular grant. Also, I believe Grant Dennis used the phrase maximized revenue opportunities applied to PRM. And I would also ask that the fire department look at that. If we can look at fee structures, fire inspection fees or whatnot, get a robust system in place of collecting those fees that the department generates. So we take the focus out of. Saving or cutting ourselves into prosperity. And look at revenue generation. The chief talked about core services and that that is a focus now that that we've done that we keep solid core services and not cutting into that. And Councilman Richardson made this statement, but we don't want to go backwards. We don't want to use rescue 12. We don't want to lose the equipment we've had restored. And I would echo that. And also, Chief, I want to ask you a question about the community service. And this is not I don't want your answer in terms of equity, which is how the system works. So when we lost E 17, we noticed that Engine ten was going on. A lot of those calls and Engine ten response area, but engine 17 is response area in 90804, which happens to be the densest zip code in the city. So is it fair to say that that without Engine 17 in place, you're taking Engine ten, which I believe is the busiest or the second busiest engine company in the city away from their service area? Is that is that a fair statement to me? Councilman. Yes, that's a fair statement. All of the units that s

urround 17 the area would become busier just for the loss of that engine. Yes. But in particular, I talked about Engine ten. I think Station ten has been on 14th and Peterson in the vice district since the 1930s, I believe, and it has been a very busy station for a long time, at least 50 years. I know of they've been number one and number two busiest in the city. And the concept that we would take that engine company out of that service area and this is something I'll probably bring up under item 14. But I think the irony isn't lost in anyone where we have a robust fire diversity program that we should be very proud of. But to lose core services to the black community or communities of color, that's just an irony I don't want to experience. So I appreciate your time. Great reports all around. I do have one final question for Prime and this probably goes to Steve Scott. On his watch, I was just told that we had funds that went to the municipal bands this year. So you don't have to respond right now. But if we could just look into those that funding and whether because we haven't had concepts of some of that money can can come back. All right. That's all I have. Thank you, Vice

Mayor. Thank you, Councilman Stefano, councilwoman and dance. You miss me or thank you very much for all that great information to everyone. I want to echo to the comments that all of my colleagues have been making, as far as you know. Well, let me start off with Health and Human Services. First of all, I think that it needs to be stated again that our health department really stepped up to the plate and during this raid radically transformed themselves into the operations and capacity in the face of COVID 19. They've been doing an excellent job. And for that, you know, I think, you know, Kelly, you've been you and your team have really been doing a tremendous job. I also wanted to thank your team, you know, because I know that everybody over there has been working really hard on this. Question. I was wondering if there's any way that staff might be able to comment on the impacts of the 2021 proposed budget in the expected. Is expected to have on its city's language access program and whether we can expect services to service levels to change as a result of this New Year's budget. Councilmember. The the language access program has been really tapped through the COVID response. So at the beginning of last year, there was \$80,000 aligned for interpretation and interpretation and translation support. We have quickly gone through that through COVID, and it's being sort of filled utilizing additional CARES Act funding and others for this upcoming year. There is a proposed \$160,000 for language access response, which is double the double the amount of previous years. And so it will expand capacity and ability to respond as long as the COVID response and others continue. There will be a large demand in our attempt to get messaging out to all of our communities. Wonderful. Than

k you. I think that that's very important because Long Beach is rich in diversity and we need to make sure that everyone's informed. So thank you for that, Kelly. In regards to our fire fire department, I also wanted to thank Chief Espinoza for his report. And I just would like to add a follow up. Question in regards to the the junior lifeguards, I know that as Councilmember Price is also concerned about them. I am, too. You know, I think it's a program that really, really helps out our youth and really to some really takes them out of their community and gives them , you know, the expertize to maybe make a choice in in becoming, you know. Maybe life guards in the future or just the experience that they get that makes them be such a better such a better person. So. You know, I was a little concerned about the possibility that that, you know, as proposed budget might be cut. So I you know, I'm I'm just curious to see if, you know, if we have. I guess my thing is that I really want to see that program remain, and I think that it's very important for our youth. And so I hope that we can take a look at it again and really consider our youth that are benefiting from this program. You have one minute, Mrs.. In there. Oh, thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I just want to make sure that also, you know, that when we're dealing with the distribution of the of the budget during these times, that we really focus on equity and see these changes through an equity lens. For the Parks and Recreation. Thank you so much, Director Dennis, that you just came on and already you have this big task. So thank you for that great presentation. And I would just like to add, you know, now that we have COVID happening and you know, there's a lot of budget cuts going on. I wanted to see if if there was going to be still funding to move forward with the Drake Travis Greenbelt project that. Sunday as your time is up. You can keep it like that. Yes. Councilman manga. Thank you. I had an additional question. Someone brought up the life saving measures that were happening on our beaches and the heroic save that our paramedics and our lifeguards did. We appreciate that very much. There's some studies out there related to transporting drowning victims and cardiac patients, and the success rates can be improved with mechanical CPR devices . I know that we have a study coming to look at the efficiencies within our department, but when we come up with any of those potential efficiencies, I think it also important for us to consider the national standards and how they're changing. If mechanical CPR devices are saving more lives, then that's something we might want to consider. And if we cannot afford mechanical CPR devices at this time. Other agencies in Arizona have decided to just not transport when CPR is in process. And so I would just ask that we look at those as a part of our overall picture, because those kind of one time investments are expensive but worthwhile when they save liv

es. So thanks. Councilwoman. Yes. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I'll try to finish up the conversation about the party team. I was just informed that I also received a letter from the DLP and Black Lives Matter around supporting keeping our Hart teams in place. And I think it's not so much like is it a firefighter, is it a health department person, but it's that we have somebody else that can respond. And I'm one one calls that's not a police officer. It's not one of the calls that a police officer needs to

respond to. And so I just want to make sure that I spoke to that. On that point. I said that I had some questions for, you know, and so I wanted to ask. I know that this moment that we're in right now calls for a lot of structural changes, not only to the city budget because of COVID, but also our police budget. And I looked through some of those changes and I was curious. I know that there's a study that's being proposed around our billing and everything, which I completely support. And I think any studies that we haven't been able to do in the last several years should be a priority to make sure that our fire department is getting up to speed with all the technological advances that we are asking of our other departments, including FIRE and including PD. But I did want to ask, I know in the police department there were several positions that were shifted to civilian positions, and I'm not an expert on this. So I'm just curious, outside of the reduction of the 10% reduction for our lifeguards that was mentioned, are there other areas that I know this budget's moved quickly, but are there other areas that you can tell us you might be looking into to identify some other cuts? Yes. There are other areas that we have looked at civilian housing and unfortunately, many of the positions that we have that are not on the floor, as it were, say, like our fleet captain, that's that's a fleet sworn captain that also has all of the specifications for our apparatus. He was a former fire engineer. A lot of the different aspects that we would require of that position. And so we will continue to look at that. As I said, we will do a deep dive on the fire department in general and see if we can come up with some better efficiencies. Okay. Well, I definitely support the diversity work. I know that that's something that you've heard deeply about and this council has led on a lot. Again, just because I am now getting community letters around this hard time, I really hope that maybe in the memo that comes from this meeting that we can explore what that might look like, whether instead of housing and one department that having it as a partnership with the two. And so if that was it for your department. If I can just follow up quickly just to point the the recent pandemic highlighted the effect, the effect of having sworn personnel in different positions, in administrative positions at certain points. During the beginning of this in March, we had upwards of 60 personnel be

yond what we had on the floor, staffing our engines and trucks and paramedic rescues , the ability to go from an administrative position and jump right over into a sworn position backfilling that is huge for us as far as surge capacity. And as you know, we're getting into fire season. We just had a strike team out with 22 personnel. Fortunately, they're all back safely, but they were back for potentially three or 4 hours before we were surveyed. Again, we have not gone back out, but I do believe we're going to have a very busy season. And so it does help us provide the best coverage possible. I understand. Thank you for that. Thank you. And you have one minute. One minute. Okay. One minute, Mrs. Barrett. Okay. Thank you. Parks Rec and Marine. Welcome to the team. I think it's great. I guess my my main point on this is recognizing that both this department and the Health Department lead on efforts with our youth and our senior department. And so this is more of a comment for for Mr. Modica. I know that we continue to talk about how we have these things work together, and I'm wondering if there's efficiencies and ways to make sure that we're fully supporting both of those populations by working with these departments collaboratively. I'm not sure which deputy city manager is in charge of both of these departments, but I think it would be great if it was the same person so that we have coordination there. I would love to hear about the opportunity of moving our. Park Rangers back to the park stalking Marine team. And so I would love to talk about that offline and also hopefully see some comments on that in the memo that will come forward. So with that, I think you guys are really play. Thank you very much. Country mums and dads. Thank you. I just wanted to go back to that question in regards to our Jake Chavis Green Belt project that we're working on. You know, just wanted to see how the budget might be affected on that, if at all. And that's probably for director Dennis. Yeah. Council member. That's a good question. So I know we're going to be when we welcome Meredith back to our team, putting in high gear for grant pursuits. I think there's lots of opportunities realizing what the vision is to expand Derek Chavez to become a more valuable community asset. I think that's our eye on the prize, but our hard work will be seeking out, you know, through research and then making a compelling case to bring grant funding. And also, you know, we're working to have a more robust relationship with partners of Parks. And I think they can be a real key player in helping attract funding to help accomplish that project. Thank you. Thank you. And and also, you know, I just want to also share my thoughts on, you know, the heart, you know, program that we have through fire. I know that when I first learned about it a year ago that I was super excited to have this program helping our

homeless community here in Long Beach, our homeless neighbors. But so I, I really

hope that we can find something in between what is being proposed right now and what what is currently in effect right now. So thank you very much. I think that's a very. Very important program. Thank you. You've seen this so many, ranga. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I really didn't get to finish last time in my speech. I didn't get to address Parks Recreation. But just to finish it with fire, the \$200,000 has been set aside for a comprehensive study of the fire services. Has there been a plan yet in terms of what that study is going to conduct in regards to what aspects of revenue generation or possibilities we're going to look for in that study? Yes, Councilman. To date, I don't believe there has been any communications with city management as far as the actual actual that are going to be coming out in conversations have been told that we are going to put together a team that will identify those things to be brought up in the report, and then it will go out to an RFP and will have an agency come and take a look at the fire department. And. Some of your and I can speak to that a little bit as well. So we have a history of doing these types of reviews from time to time. So we would put together an internal study team and honestly we'd be looking at everything. So this would be looking at cost savings, would be looking at future cuts that we would have to make. As the chief mentioned, we have a \$1.9 million structural cut in the budget that needs to be identified. And then we still have reductions coming up, about \$75 million over the next three years that we need to identify. And so we'd be looking at cost cutting, we'd be looking at revenue generation, we're looking at efficiencies. We could be looking at Tidelands as well, would be a pretty comprehensive review and that would form the basis of the recommendations back to the Council. When can we expect to see that contract come? The City Council? So it's in the budget. So if you approved the budget, we would move forward. We can start a little bit in advance so that we can get going and then we would do the RFP. And if it's, you know, at the 200,000 level that normally comes to the council, unless there are we get three bids and then we would get started in this fiscal year. Okay. I'm looking forward to that. In Parks and Recreation. First of all, I did have a meeting today with Mr. Geithner, so we're very productive. Thank you. And welcome to Long Beach. You can do some great things here with very impressed with some of the ideas you have, especially as they relate to youth. In the budget that we have here. I see that we have one time for the SAFE program. I'd like to see eventually that there's a program that I would like to see institutionalized and provided with structural funding that that program going. I think it's proven its mettle and I think it deserves some structural funding to keep it going year in and year out. And that is my my comment on that. Also on page 57 of the budget bo

ok, there are some comments here made about I'm sorry, not 57, 59 where we have an increase but due to revenue. Q For parking, increase budgetary revenues for new sports by increasing fees and then an increase in budgetary revenues or the entry into account for outlays. But there are parentheses as being identified as being cuts. So I'm not understanding. Can you explain that? Yes. The way that we show those in the budget book is if it is a negative, it actually helps the the issue. So by raising revenue, you actually reduce your deficit. So think of that as a deficit reduction measure which cuts into the \$30 million deficit. That's why it's a negative. Okay. Thank you for the clarification. That's a. Thank you. Thank you very much. Coming from you in a courtroom on mango place. Thank you. I just wanted to say two things. The first one is that under no circumstances will I or the residents that I've spoken with be supportive of allowing armed park rangers to report through a command structure that does not undergo a eight 32.1 training. There is no reason why we should get ourselves into the issues of the eighties and nineties, where we had armed park rangers firing at fleeing vehicles and other escalation of forces. Escalation of use of force that were completely inappropriate, including but not limited to a 16 year old who was held at gunpoint on the roof of his car for eating ice cream at Hartwell Park. Those issues happened when there was not proper training in place and proper supervision from those who are trained in the same command structure. So if this city would like to consider transferring the Parks and Rec rangers out of police, I would also highly recommend them not being PC 32 certified and carrying weapons. So if you carry a lethal weapon, I strongly feel as the only person on this council who's probably gone through the PC 32 training, Susie may have some of it, but I think I'm the only one. That escalation of force needs to be supervised by a person who's gone through escalation of force training. We've had too many incidents in the past that were completely inappropriate that I think that we could recall before we get into that. So that would be my first statement. That was one of the main initiatives that I

worked really hard with a lot of our community members, people. The park rangers are deployed at Eldorado Park. They often serve other parks, all in the fifth District. And the escalation of force issues were always brought to my attention, and they were completely inappropriate. So we have not had nearly the number of issues since then. Before they reported to the police department, we would have reports that the park ranger vehicles were driving around in Los Alamitos and other crazy things that would come in as complaints to my office. And all of that has been handled very professionally by the police department. So I just can't state enough my complete frustration with the potential. Second, Chief Espino, I'm interested

because I actually don't know how our fire department works in this range, but when we do plan on wildfires, are we getting reimbursed back on overtime by our federal FEMA funding? And if so, does that mean that the more often we deploy, the more revenue we bring in? But my guess would be that it would be budget neutral. Would you be able to explain that to me. David? Please. I can't hear. Chief Espino Can anyone else? David Honey, who's coming up? Mike Okay. I heard something. I just wasn't sure if it was an answer. R Thank you. Good evening, Councilwoman Mongeau Thanks for the question. So when we're deployed on a wildland event, the, the positions are covered, the positions that are out that we're reimbursed by the state for the backfill for them. Through state FEMA. Correct. But does that put us on any kind of double overtime or do they reimburse at overtime or do they only reimburse the level of deployment of the individual who's being called in? Is it net neutral? I guess my question and this isn't we know, is it? That's correct. This is David Huntington, manager of administration. So, yeah, so we're reimbursed we were reimbursed for each position that that is out on the deployment. We also recover an administrative fee of about 10% administrative overhead. So it's it's neutral. But for the the administrative costs, we get back. Where it actually is. You have one minute, council. One minute. Thank you. Bye. From there, I hope not to use the whole thing. So we are reimbursed at operation side at net neutral. But theoretically, the more deployments we go on, the greater percentage of our administrative costs are covered by the state funds. That's correct. Each each deployment results in 10% administrative overhead, recovering those. Costs. So do we. How many fires do we budget to go out on per year? Each year we only budgeted a very small amount of overtime. We we budget \$175,000 just kind of as a placeholder. And then when we we usually have well over \$1,000,000 in reimbursement. But not one of the reasons why the fire budget always has a surplus at the end, would it be more appropriate during this exercise to consider budgeting that at actuals? I think that's actually something that. It has been brought to my attention before and I think we've discussed is there a reason it has not been executed? Well, we budget the 175,000 conservatively because we could have a year where there is a very low number of deployments. And in that case, if we had \$1,000,000 and called back over time budget, we wouldn't, you know, we'd be well over budgeted. So we budget that very conservatively at the beginning of each fiscal year. So extremely able to tell. Me what your time is up to you can keep. I hope that we can find out what the five year average of deployment is it potentially budget at that level? Thank you. Thank you, Congresswoman Austin. Your vice mayor. I want to just thank all of the department heads for our great presentation and my colleagues fo

r for asking a lot of very good questions and making great points here. There were a couple of things I wanted to just just weigh in on and speak to. Number one is Parks, Recreation, Marine, the Be Safe program. One of my colleagues mentioned that it should be funded structurally, and I tend to agree and I believe that that is the direction we should be going in for many years. In fact, we have funded Be Safe We Safe Program, which is a summer activity program in our parks for the last seven years, I believe, through one time funding. And so it is a program that that we have depended on that we know works. And so I would agree that that should be a structural consideration. Also, I'm very, very elated to see that that, you know, the recommendation to to add senior activities at the Expo into the structural funding, a little bit about the history. This started about six years ago, five years ago. My office funded it and saw grant funds to get senior programing going. We started at two days a week now where three days a week we have, you know, a few hundred seniors who participate regularly in these programs. And so these are small budget impacts that go a long way with our residents. It's really they're both programs that are investment in human room and infrastructure in a lot of ways. And lastly, I wanted to touch on the heart team because I think, you know, certainly this concept of using nurses and mental health

professionals as part of the outreach component. Heart has been discussed over the last couple of years. I know, and I think our firefighters have done a great job. I'm curious to know how those firefighters chief are going to be utilized because there's a there's a lot of good training these individuals have and there's a lot of knowledge that they have . You know, will they continue to be engaged and involved in in our homeless services outreach in their their roles as paramedics, number one? I guess it's a question for the chief. Yes. Thank you, Councilman. So those four paramedics will be reassigned back to vacancies on current rescues. They will still be used to deliver mental health awareness training to the department and also to the recruits that we have going through the academy as their role with the homeless. We're still working through that. As stated, we're going to work with Health and Human Services on a go forward. But right now there is nothing concrete as far as their continued assistance with homelessness in particular. Well, I would just say I would hope so. And it's encouraging that they're going to be utilized to help train others and obviously share the knowledge and experience that they have with other firefighters. But I would like to see that extended to other city staff as well, because I think there's an opportunity here to go beyond the scope that we're looking at. You know, we have we have homeless in our libraries. We have homeless in our and our parks. We have, you know, those experiencing homelessn

ess along the railroad tracks and other areas across the city. And we have city employees who are engaging or could engage if comes 121 minutes. So I won't need it. They had the proper training, and so that's just my statement on that. Obviously, this is a tough budget and we have to look at creative ways to continue to provide the great services that we do as a city . So thank you. Those are my comments. Thank you very much. Council awesome council person. Thank you, Councilmember Vice Mayor. I really appreciate it. I am cued up one more time because I. You know, I'm kind of in budget for AIDS and and then I'm looking at some of the reconciliation work. And just I wanted to reiterate one more time. It was brought to my attention that this was something that came out of the reconciliation process as well. And so I wanted to say one more time that there's other models, I think it might be called if needs or something like that, that we might need to start from the ground up to build what this response team is, and not only for our homeless, but for people that are struggling with mental health. And so I hope that in the report that comes back from this that we would be able to look and see exactly how many stock are we talking total that would be doing mental health outreach, whether that's quality of life, the fire department or our health department, and that there's real coordination. I understand that we used to have better coordination between our quality of life officers and our fire department and our health team. And that's really going to be where we save the most resources and money and are able to train more people. And so I wanted to mention that I also wanted to mention the rental housing division that was brought up by the people's budget. I know that it's a lot of our resources that have been asked for, but it's something that I wholeheartedly support. I also wanted to mention the language access proposal by the mayor to make that structural. We've been having that conversation for a very long time. I think one of the important parts of this structurally funding it is also looking at when we get grants and different departments, making sure that we have a point person that's able to identify what percentage of those grants might be able to be used for language access because somebody said it before me. But we definitely have had a big surge in the need for language access in the middle of this COVID moment. And so wanted to make sure that I brought those up before we went to public comment. So oh, in the last, the last thing, that's where I could have Councilmember Mongeau mentioned the officers in the parks. You guys probably guessed, but I'm not really a fan of guns, so I definitely would love to understand what it would take to be able to have park rangers without guns. Councilmember Price And I've been working really hard on trying to secure Bixby Park, and I know that we tend to disagree on maybe what that looks like, but we ca

me to agreement on a park ranger. I did not know at the time that park rangers were housed in our police department. I thought they were housed in our parks department. So I am looking for some kind of understanding about what changes can happen to make sure that we have some oversight and somebody that's in our parks consistently. I'm almost done. So if you're about, say, have one more minute, you. Got. And one example today is that I drove by Bixby Park and I saw two of our police SUVs driving through the grass on parcel three where people were laying out and picnicking and throwing Frisbees. And it just is a type of presence that doesn't make me comfortable as a as a white woman. And I think in this moment, it doesn't make people of color or black communities

comfortable either. And when we're having these budget conversations, we have to take real life examples about what makes what makes people uncomfortable and how can we make it better. And I think of park ranger is what we need. I would prefer to be a park ranger that's in our Parks Department. So that is all I have to say. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much, Councilwoman Price. Mr. Vice Mayor. So. I do support park rangers in the park as well. I do not have any issue with them being armed. To me, it's more how they're dressed, not necessarily the safety tools that they have available, assuming that they've received proper training. And as Councilman Mungo stated, that they're working in a department that specializes in training and use of force and so that they're trained properly. But I think whatever we can do to ensure safety in the park and having a presence by someone who can actually assess a threat and have the means to protect themselves and others if necessary, is important. But I think we both do agree that park rangers are necessary in Bixby Park and any sort of ongoing presence in Bixby Park I think would be welcomed, armed or otherwise. But I actually really like the program that's taking place right now. I was at the park with my family last week, the week before, and soon after the commander implemented our our current model. And I thought it was really pleasant. So I didn't have the same experience that Councilwoman Pierce did, not to negate her experience. I just I didn't have the same experience. But anyway, what I wanted to ask about was the health department. There are a couple of programs that I have brought to council as agenda items that appear to have maybe fallen off of the radar because of COVID and other issues. So I was hoping that. Ms. Collopy, could you provide us an update on the real time bed app that we that you and I have met about and had a presentation at Council on and also the Homeless Work Program I know that started in the Health Department. I'm not sure where it landed, but those are two programs that I think really speak to the homelessness and equity issues and do service the entire city, which of course we want every city department to d

o. So if you could speak to those, I'd really appreciate it. Yes. Councilmember So the Homeless Bud app was aligned with the Sturt program, which is the start up and residence program that was intended to begin, I believe, in January and moving forward and I can find out where that progress is at this time. So we did select a vendor to start to build out that app as part of the start up and residence program. The intent was to have that done, I believe, in June, but with COVID and other things have been delayed and I will follow up and get that back to you. In terms of the work program, that program has started. It's working with workforce development. And so while it's it doesn't currently have an opportunity where people are being, you know, meeting at a certain location and going out in teams. I believe that there are connections to individual trainings and other work opportunities. So that is currently being run through the workforce services. Okay. Got it. Are we intending to use any of the funding for the homeless initiatives, the structural funding that we're getting to support any of these creative solutions that have been suggested through Council for Pilot Programs? At this time, none of the structural funding is outlined is focused on that. So the structural funding focuses more on services. All the remaining funding that we have is one time either the purchase of buildings and infrastructure or running different programs such as the Safe Parking Program, that's that's already been implemented. So we can look at funds to identify, to determine if there are some available to at least build off of the kick off point for the for the better. Okay. So for the better app, I must have been mistaken. But I thought we were. We met. I believe you and Mr. Murdoch and I met in my field office, and I thought that there was funding there for the pilot, the six month pilot. Right. In that case. Yeah. And that's going on right now. So through the Sturt program, that is the funding for the creation and the pilot. And then the question became, what would be the ability to extend that? So I will get back and follow up on that with the progress through the start up in residence program to determine where that currently exists and the ability to move it forward. Are there any grant funds or any CARES ACT funding that could be utilized to pursue creative homeless strategies? For. Right now, the CARES Act funding is when millions of dollars of that is going to fund our response to COVID in the congregate shelters and all those. The other million is if we're currently looking at the utilization of that, to maybe support a project HOMEKEY. So permanent housing. So that would be the CARES Act funding piece around homelessness. I think that there are other opportunities to look at some alternate pieces, but most of the things that are ongoing funding, the structural funding are very much focused specifically on on programs such as outreach prevention, rapid r

ehousing, transitional housing, connection to permanent supportive housing. But we can certainly dig in and look and look at those resources right now. That would be great. Price for women. And I'm done. Thank you. Okay, fine. Thank you. With that said, I sense that since we're talking about park rangers, I'd like to know how many do we have and where are they? Station. Could anyone answer that question? About the park rangers. I we have and we're at the station. We have three park rangers. They are stationed in Hartwell Park and in Eldorado Park. Okay, Tom. So since that said, you know, we're talking about equity. I would really like a discussion off time with Tom and read about going to this with that. Thank you guys very much. And now we're going to we want to button public comment. Our first speaker is Adrina Redman. Your time starts now. Somehow I knew that. I was going to be the first. One. I don't know how that is going to happen. And then we thank you all for giving me this time. Long Beach thrives in part because of this black residents. And yet more and more black residents are finding Long Beach inhospitable. It costs too much to live here. Communities are harassed, abuse, overpoliced and killed by HLB. PD services aren't easily known or accessible. For example, the Health and Human Services has a program targeting black infant health. But my understanding is that it has little recognition in the community as it is one of many programs that need greater funding for staff and programing. The Black Infant Health Program deserves at least the funding for promotion similar to, if not greater than that allocated to LAPD for their public promotions. With all evidence from city funded studies like the 2019 equity growth profile is shamefully to COVID 19. And more so, the street uprisings related to the murder of George Floyd. To move the mayor and council to acknowledge that racism is a public health crisis. With the call to defund lbe PD. My organization, Black Lives Matters, Long Beach and others, I was shocked to learn that our health department is primarily a grant supported agency. Shameful that the city, which touts its diversity and is fortunate enough to have a Health and Human Services Department, is not providing the department with the permanent funding it needs. There is something deeply, deeply wrong with this picture. Now, our city elected leaders as city mayors. Thank you. Our next speaker is Caitlin Bellis. Your time starts now. Good evening. My name is Caitlin Bellis and I'm a resident of District two and a volunteer with Sanctuary Long Beach. I'm an immigration attorney with UCI Immigrant Rights Clinic, and I have been doing the paint removal defense in Southern California for five years. I urge you to defund LBP and instead adopt the people's budget. I urge you to invest in care for our community. And I especially urge you to make the Long Beach Trust Fund a part of the city budget for as long as it exists, and to fund it t

his year at \$400,000. The Justice Center so far helped 21 Long Beach families, but I know there are many more who have not gotten the help they need and have been torn apart. The worst part of my job has always been choosing clients. There are so many more people in Adelanto than I and the other service providers can help, and I know that having a lawyer often makes the difference between winning and losing. Between exile and family. And sometimes between life and death. I'm haunted by the hundreds of people I had to say no to. I've seen people with winnable cases lose because they could not gather evidence to prove their cases or present the necessary legal arguments. I've seen others give up their cases out of despair. Both are being in immigration, jail and facing the system alone, especially now. Detention can be a death sentence. Social distancing is not possible in Adelanto. Even before the pandemic, we heard many reports of the medical staff there telling people with serious medical and medical conditions just to drink more water. Rather than providing proper care. Now for an even more horrifying. Report and at the same time, the pandemic has made detention deadly. It has made it even harder for our community to pay for private attorneys. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jodi. And during your time starts now. Hello, counsel. My name is Jordan. I'm a Long Beach renter and resident. I wanted to say that Councilmember Richardson's idea of a centralized housing department is great, but I'm going to address the elephant in the room that the budget you're talking about now. The three departments are critical to the city, but not very important for the budget. And the reason I say that is that the shadow of LAPD's budget is blocking out all three departments I just heard from that are doing critical stuff. LAPD is barely getting a cut this year. They're still getting most of the general fund and other departments are struggling to provide essential services. So I've heard several councilmembers, including councilors Miguel Price and Super talk about various technocratic fixes, minor tweaks to try to keep thing services going. Well, I've got really great news for everyone. There is a \$240 Million BPD budget that needs to be cut as a grant from BLM said. That's been a clear community ask. You're going to talk about that and reconciliation. But honestly, you're just

rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic if you don't cut. Considering the fact that you have a \$30 million budget shortfall, that would only require a 12% cut to his budget to fill. So, for example, you know, Councilmember Pearce said, you know, we need more money for our teams. That has to come out of Lupita's budget. So let me remind you, either you cut LAPD or you just let the city flounder and become more livable for working class people. My time. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Katie Traversal. Your time starts now. Good evening. This is Katie Silver. So on behalf of the

Very Institute of Justice. On behalf of the Institute, I urge the City of Long Beach to allocate funding at the level of 400,000 for the Long Beach Justice Fund and to ensure that it is a permanent reoccurring part of the budget. We have to applaud the city of Long Beach for leadership in providing legal defense to immigrants facing deportation through a model where everyone facing deportation is entitled to legal representation through a universal representation model. This means. Regardless of income, race. National origin or history with the criminal justice system. Long Beach is the first and only city in Los Angeles County that provides legal defense to immigrants through this model. We are proud that Long Beach is one of 18 jurisdictions, a safe. Network nationwide. During the first year of the fund. It enabled the representation of 21 Long Beach community members. But this is to the entire family, into the community. For example, those helped by the fund so far are deeply entrenched members of the community. They live in the United States, on average for 14 years. Over a third of the clients helped by the fund are parents to 21 children under the age of 18. Over a third of the clients are the breadwinners for the family. This means they're responsible for at least half of their family's income. Your investment in the fund will keep these families together and so people can continue to work and contribute to the economy and stabilize Long Beach during this uncertain time. Finally, the public overwhelmingly support. Thank you. Our next speaker is Kim Tee. Your time starts now. Good evening, council members. My condolences to Mayor Garcia on the tragic loss of both of his parents. I am truly sorry for your loss. A concerned District two resident for years has received over 45% of the city's budget funding, leaving less than 5% of the city's health department. The mayor and the city council have admitted that racism is a public health crisis, yet funding has been severely low for the health department. According to the Center for Disease Control. Black women are 3 to 4 times more likely to die from pregnancy related cause related causes. White women are black. Infant mortality program in Long Beach is severely underfunded and have no marketing budget, unlike the million dollar spent by the police and their PR. So even in our own city, black women are not aware of these services and are severely harmed. In local hospitals, they die at an extremely high rate. 2003 to 28, an average of ten babies died annually. This is inexcusable and a direct link to systemic and institutional racism experienced by black women. So therefore, city council members, I encourage you to double the budget allocation for the Health Department by defunding the police and reinvesting LBP funds into our health department. Thank you. Our next speaker is Miles Paisley. Your time starts now. Hello. This is Myles Hensley. I'm calling to call on city council to defund APD. The

proposed defunding of 1.7% for fiscal year 2021 is despicable. It is not enough. LAPD currently brutalizes and kills black and black and other community members in Long Beach, which is unacceptable. The proposed \$3.2 million budget for racial equity and reconciliation reconciliation initiatives. That's only 1% of the police budget, which really shows how much stock you've put in to addressing the systemic inequality and brutalization of the black community as an example of what we can do. Instead, with the police budget, a 25% cut in the police budget would fund 800 new units of affordable housing per year by leveraging state, federal and private dollars. Long Beach needs 15,300 units of affordable housing over the next decade, according to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Furthermore, a 10% cut in the police budget reallocated to the Health Department would fund 300 public health nurses, housing specialists and outreach workers. A measly \$400,000 taken from the police would also help to fund the Long Beach Trust Fund, which would represent at least 80% of our neighbors facing deportation and family separation, which is just a drop in the bucket. And less than a 1% cut in our police budget would fully fund the city's language access policy to ensure that all residents can access vital city documents, services and public meetings in Spanish. My and currently these people cannot participate in the democratic process and they are being erased from the democratic discourse. Just a 2% clip. Thank you. Our next speaker is Tanya Jimenez. Your time starts now. Well, now he's going to be a tough act to follow. I had prepared

other comments, but after reading a piece published by fourth titled Why from the Police, I was inspired to go. As the piece reads, the police are paid for by the people. In theory, they work for the people. With almost half of the general fund paid for by people's taxes and fines, going to DPD with money flowing upwards and then back and forth between those in power. It is helpful to understand the relationship between the public and the police as transactional. The question of why some the police behooves is to consider what is produced by funding the police. What do the people get in return? In light of today's presentations by the Health and Parks Departments, I wanted to pose the question why from the police department to the point of OVERBLOW over the Health and Parks Department? I'd like to see afterschool programing and our parks expanded to 7 p.m.. Most juvenile crime occurs weekdays after school between three and 7 p.m.. I'd also like to see the BFA program receive structural funding. It should not be reliant on one time funding. That is not guaranteed. I'd also like to see all youth targeted parks programing to cater to youth up to age 18. Current afterschool programing is marketed as being for youth ages 5 to 14 only. I'd also like to see free non congregate housing with wraparound wraparound support services for al

I individuals experiencing homelessness, inner city housing with the human rights efforts like the year round shelter and Project Roomkey do not go far enough. Ah, you deserve better. Are individuals experiencing homelessness deserve better? And like I said last week, you all need to do better. Define BPD and reinvest in black and brown communities. Thank you. Yeah. Our next speaker is Tess Parkhouse. Your time starts now. Hello. My name is Cath Parkhouse and I am the president of the Long Beach Lifeguard Association. I'm here today to express our concern over the proposed elimination of the junior lifeguard coordinator and 10% of our ocean lifeguards. A clear safety risk that would result from these cuts. But what the council may not know is how these cuts would affect the progress we've made in increasing the diversity of our ranks. We've been striving to establish a workforce that reflects the Long Beach community by increasing recruitment and accessibility. We identified two main obstacles to the program passing the swim, tryout and transportation to the beach. As always, we created a tryout prep class at Rio and Jordan and developed a partnership with Long Beach Unified to provide free access to both the prep class and the program, as well as transportation to the beach. This program has always been a career pathway for public safety, jobs and lifeguard to fire employees. And now it is a pathway that is highly accessible to underrepresented communities. I want to make it clear that there's no way this program can run safely and effectively without the Marine Safety Officer position. Our non-career lifeguards are a first line of defense against drownings and other emergencies, and they actively engage with our community to warn them of potential dangers and prevent tragedy. Fortunately, unfortunately, the lifeguards that will be impacted by these cuts, our most recent hires who came through that exact career pathway and where the progress that we have made in diversity is most notable in 2020, over half our classes for our junior lifeguards. I urge you to reevaluate these cuts and allow our lifeguards to continue to serve their community. Thank you. Our next speaker is Don McCain's. Your time starts now. Dawn. Hello? Yes, we can hear you. Hi. Okay. Hey. So, um, where, um, some of this additional funding comes from in order to ties are basically housing and jobs and food like a couple of folks have mentioned. Where can these these resources come from? And when we talk about reimagining public financing and divestment from police and reinvestment in community, we're talking about things like the work that police do that does not actually belong to them. I'm really excited, actually. I'm shocked to hear that park rangers are happening under the police department. I would think, too, that they would be under park and that is crazy. Clearly, the police departments under the police department understands what we're saying when we're saying to dives

t because they move the crossing guards into public works. Why are crossing guards even under the police? Right. The quality of life work. If we just got rid of five of those quality of life, folks gave them to the health department, who are the ones just now, as Kelly mentioned, struggling, you know, not struggling, but preparing to figure out how to manage that at work. Even if you got rid of five, that saved nearly \$1,000,000, you can hire 5 to 10 more for the same cost and be able to maximize tending to the needs in the community. You can cut six officers from a narcotic field teams that are just focusing on kids and street drug sales. If we invested better in the programs and services to support their development and learning and other activities, then you might not even need that work. I give that work to the community. That was. Thank you. Our next speaker is

Maniac be. Your time starts. Right. Good evening. This is Maniac Bay, and I'm calling on the City Council. And to defund the police department by at least 25%, because we need to reinvest those funds in community based organizations. We need to reinvest those funds and the health and well-being of the black community and also educational needs of the black community that have been already impacted by racism, the white supremacy, and now COVID. And since racism was declared a public health emergency, we need to understand what racism is, systematic and organized, and it affects black people socially, economically, educationally and otherwise. And this budget does not reflect a real dedication of the city council, the mayor or the city manager, to really address these issues that you claim are so emergency based that you made those declarations. So the community made their voice. They won't be funding. The word defund just means reallocate those funds. You know what they mean? So listen to the community and do what your been elected to do is serve the needs of the community, and the black community is the one with the most need. And this budget does not reflect that. Thank you. Our next speaker is Max Norse. Your time starts now. Although I called to insist that you defund the IBP and adopt the people's budget. We need deep cuts. Another 100 million. At least we can use this money for fire, health and Human Services, Parks and Rec, the Housing Rental Division, Long Beach. Just this one. We don't need to beg for scraps. If we scrap the cops. I was on several of the city's so-called reconciliation calls, and I heard loud and clear from the community that we need to defund LGBT. I was so lucky to get this spot to speak and was also given a spot to speak on item 14. And I'd like to cede my spot on item 14 to community member committee. We need to send our black boys. Does not hang up on them. Thank you. Give us one moment while we transition to the Spanish language portion of public comment. Our next speaker is Betty Ruiz. Your time starts now. Right? Yes. Why not? Why? We're not. Moment of

profound. We're not. Right now. I L.A.. When I started. I mean, I'm blessed by degrees Miembro de la Guardia. And its own miembros de la policia on the verge of being granted the Long Beach. Hello. Good evening. My name is Mary Cruz and I'm a member of the Coalition for the Human about the very for the immigrants of Long Beach. You'll get all of that policy and you can discuss one with the needle or ice or por la policia. And I want to fight for the ones that are detained by ice or by the police. But that's on top of more enforcement and lost interest in attention. Because they are treated very unjustly in the detention centers. That I must be most Quattro means. But I'll point out that this year people may not both me honest but Alexis a medium. We request a 4000 for the for that center in at least 2 million for the access to the language. Then wish access. And of discuss both me and bring on the policy of a long beach. Establish parental separate then at my special man and but officially what I'm in Bible. In the fiscal year 2021. The police is getting ready to have a bigger staff and sworn police officers. Oh, come on. And service your civil mask. And of the member of Salute Biblioteca Barca. This are all your economical. And in civil service. We would like to have more and service, more libraries, more parks, a more for the community. My son Ben also became this born boss. And not only that or Cooper. Because they are not giving enough resources to the UN, they're not giving enough funds to the resources that the community needs. Por favor, keep an eye on both her policy on gun laws and the communities that look local them. We need to be there. Please take away some of the funds from the LAPD and give them to the community for whatever the community is asking for. If want to spiral departamento de salud Barca either stole all your economical grass you. And I funds for the Health Department, for the Parks and Recreation Centers. Thank you. Our next speaker is Elizabeth Gonzalez. And that's us into what, Elizabeth Gonzalez. When I started this May number 77 is going to be that alone. Good evening. My name is Elizabeth Gonzalez. I'm a resident of the city of Long Beach. But I just knew that getting up in that place all along. And thanks for this opportunity. I want to opine in regard to the funds for the city of Long Beach. Consider Angola, Mississippi, Alabama to hamper Mississippi imposing testimony. Considering the needs of our people in these times of uncertainty. You have the legal system over the bottle. Call it the familiar. Thing and the dangers that we are going through because of COVID 19. Get most of Elliot's organs. Quadro Santos needed donor is the handle. This was these. Yeah, they loaned this. We want to have the. \$400,000 funded for the center of justice. You know. Scarcity or not or gender bias was the idea that most of the money that. This would be about 80 cases of help for our community. In the of reporter Seong. And the oth

er part of. And if this is a protection which equals the same as the separation of the families. DACA, the Commonwealth. Yes. Cuomo. If Cuomo will know what that they are when they. This would be like a drop of water into a bucket. Cinco de la policia. In comparison to the funds that the LAPD is receiving. Napoleonic wars are not as lovely as anchors in France and less persona. We cannot ignore the risks that the people are facing. For the GOP parochial, it's been quite resonant of male donors and their position on this. That's why I'm here expressing my opinions of the \$400,000 can be funded to the department. Before that they made a deal that the. A lack of money that the only way. They can have fair help for the community of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Griselda Soto. Your time starts. Oh, like you said, I mean. I don't think it is fair to say they last year are the longest. I see your point as one of them this year. Hello. My name is Chris and I'm here. I'm also from the city of Long Beach and I'm here supporting the justice fund. If I'm going to say I was on the squadron. What is it necessary to separate a man into? I'm also fighting for the 400,000 and to make sure that the service is a permanent one. This unfortunate element that one lawmaker in immigration, not the American media information I said that is sort of the of music get out up on here. Unfortunately what my when my son ended up in immigration there was no one to give me information about those funds, not even the LAPD. You look up at Barcelona, Leicester, they must have ever done that with the lack of passion. There must have been a very effective system at those Wonder Games within a year that Nokia totally passed out. The familiar. Pau Gasol. Yeah. They all come off in a severe oblivion and it's a critical moment the emotions the more important they they're not for there I you that. And me going through the concern the frustration of not being able to do anything. I don't want any other families to go through that. A feeling unable to do anything. We're unable to help. You know, get them in and say, look, these are companies that are policies and getting them as in-a-row, for example, ozone levels and the lead to single bill as opposed to the policy as if within their DNA, just the levels of both of their DNA but are into perennial products and all of that are a bonus for their artistic revival. And I want this to be taken seriously. If we take some of the funds from the LAPD, we could invest that into eight, 800 living spaces and we could invest that into the city, taking some of the funds, whether they're from the state, city or any other funds. No longer necessary to get into the busses. Aviva and I succeeded that until approximated that I say able to understand their necessity though they may be in the communal somewhat garment, the colonial corporation employs madura, but I won't know. According to a study, there's a need in long before 15,

300 affordable housing spaces. Yeah, according to a study. Grassley has put out a memo, an opportunity, others that are home to some of the farmers but as borrowing much of the ACA. And thank you very much for allowing me to express a bit. We would like to express a lot more, but thank you very much. Thank you. The next speaker is for Lynda Harrow. Your time starts now. Travelers are also coming to our. When I started in August. Linda Good evening. My name is Linda. But then it's called the street corner. So I belong to the street, one or two. There's money there that. I'm here to fight for the community. The mandamus order control is post internal departmental policy. We are demanding a 10% cut in the LAPD or. Balancing the governmental. Department to. Restore the National Departamento de Salud. Two out of allocate to the Health Department. Financiera. That doesn't go to matters of Salud Publica. And we like to have the 300 nurses for the public health. Especially if it doesn't look good. You're not going to need a. Specialist in housing and people to help out the community. In the community. And the resources that are available for the community. The mandate was interpreted as its own adequate. We are asking for interpreters and proper translation. And but let us continue. In all of the council meetings. And information, because it gives the socialists. And the information that is given out in social and social media. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jamil Ochoa. Your time starts now. You got two sentences into the choice in Minnesota. Hi. Before I saw my very own comment, I would like to address that. It is unfortunate to see that my community members comments were butchered and did not pick what they were asking for. I just want to clarify that there are asking for support of the justice fund and they are asking for the defunding of police and of course, adequate interpretation and translation, because clearly community members cannot even adequately provide their testimony because it is not being told the way their words are trying to depict what they need. Now, let's start with my own comments. Good evening, everybody. My name is Jamila, a resident of District two and a community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrants Rights Coalition. I'm here today to advocate for the people's budget of Long Beach.

We're here to urge you to really divest from police and instead fund programs that are positively impact communities. We have done our part by protesting, coming to city hall, calling our district leaders even when our meetings are inaccessible to non-English speakers. Now it is time for you to do your part and meet the needs of our community. The proposed 3.2 million and the racial equity and reconciliation initiatives only two 1% of the police budget. Racial equity must start with divesting from racist police systems. The mayor has proposed to make both language active a program and just this

one structural. Can we count on the city council to allocate 400,000 for the justice fund to ensure that immigrant families have the opportunity to remain together? Can we come to the City Council to allocate 2,000,345 staff? Thank you. Our next speaker is Magnolia Rodriguez. Your time starts now. Finally, Rodriguez, a typical Minnesota. When the magic number is magnolia robbery. Yes, people can. Good evening. It is all. Were let. Okay. But then it's called history to see if they agree. My name is Magnolia Rodrigues. I belong to the District seven. Yeah. Keep it up as you can from those. Sophie Countess. Alexia So I'll leave your math guess on the unit that all this based upon by his idea. Okay the whole interpretation and beyond. I'm here to ask for funds for the access to language. That would be \$2 million. This money would help to the a access of language and for the interpretation. If they keep them in this part of government, but especially La Policia, the Long Beach. White Album. Well. Son had to make a comment about the fund for the Long Beach Police Department. They continue to see the end of. Let me turn quarantine quattroporte into their phone book in Iraq. The last single here. If you don't see any post-quarantine yoga mats, then Nordstrom contribution. Which is 44% year, which is equal to \$240 million. Yes. In my building in L.A. recently we entered. Which is more than the money that we receive from our contributors. Well, that's the testing scandal salon. Don de la Comunidad to them. My own. When you just want to be used where the city needs it the most nowadays. Gadhafi has pursued the impulse. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Our next speaker is Ruth Mueller. Your time starts now. Texas Supreme Court. Minnesota. Yes. Can you hear me? C. C. Which I copied. Now when I notice the minimalist looking unit. But then this quality st the numeral metal. You saw me in Baroque people. Then they lack coalition. Delorme. Hi. My name is Mary. I belong to District eight in a more active member of the language coalition. Perfect me petition Oscar seven level of bond of the permanent. The main thing Fadela represents is the La Familia immigrants are. My petition is that the justice funds be renewed permanently so that they can be used for the representation of the families. Yes, their level of stress familia will need us in the community. And this way we can maintain our families together in our community. If remote if your target lds post positive until they look fondle get DNA in departamento policy. And we asked that 10% of the funds that the police department has be granted to us. Pilot is established by the defendants programmers, by the local media. So that they can be used for different programs for the community. They lamb my money to. Necesitamos diversity that the lingua. In the same way we mirror the diversity of languages. But I believe that appropriate channels be fed into this programa de la ciudad de launch. We are able to take ad

vantage of the different programs that are offered by the city of Long Beach. You cannot say I will not take any deal para la comunidad. And to be sure that the language is not an obstacle for the community. Not guilty. Roberto Garcia. You represent your representative. Concealed. You get the body invested in the struggle. Money that Charles Grassley has to appoint as a mayor. Roberto Orci and the council members of the City of Long Beach. It's time to start thinking about the city of Long Beach. Thank you very much. Thank you. And that concludes. Public comment for this item. Can we get in a second on the hearing, please? Can I get a motion in a second on the hearing, please? Also investigating surveillance in the US. We have a second, please. Would you please come for the vote? District one. District one, district two. I'm from. District three. By. District four. By District five, by district six. By I. District eight. All right. District nine. Our motion carries. And clerk. Mr. Shoop, when I was the second on this motion. Okay. Now, item 20, please. Report from economic development via recommendation to execute all documents necessary for the purchase of certain real property located at 410124107 Long Beach Boulevard, and an amount not to exceed 2,350,000 District eight. Thank you. We have reached our report on economic development. Yes, Sergio Ramirez will give a brief staff report. This is a very important item. Thank you, Tom. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Council members. I'll try to be as brief as possible, but this is exciting. I think we may have found a kind of finally a permanent home for Fire Station nine. By way of background,

as you all recall, back in 2019, Fire Station nine was permanently closed due to the mold being present at the property. Last month, the city council approved a lease for a temporary location, the former Boeing fitness facility on Wardlow Road, that will allow three years for staff to identify a location for identify funding, identify funding and also build a facility. Staff has identified a location at 4101 Long Beach Boulevard in District eight. It's a little bit over 16,000 square feet and recently came on the market. It currently is occupied by Catalina Adventures Tours. And in summary, as in regards to the proposed acquisition price, we would acquire it for \$2.35 million, have 120 day escrow period and allow the seller to lease back the property for six months after we close of escrow. Funding for the purchase has been identified through Measure eight and over the next few months funding for the construction of the permit facility will be sought. It is anticipated that the construction costs will be approximately \$20 million if approved. This evening, staff will move forward the purchase of the property. Public Works will then work with fire department to design the facility and concurrently work with the financial management and city manager's office to identify funding. And once that is secured, the public

works will bid the project and select the contractor. It is anticipated the construction period and period for the rollout of the opening of the fire station will be approximately 28 months. And with that, we'd like to request a city council approval to authorize the city manager or designee to execute all necessary documents for the purchase of this property. That concludes my presentation. Happy to answer any questions. You may minds councilman asked. Would like to speak inside. Absolutely. First of all, I'd like to thank the economic development and Fire Department city manager Tom Modica and the entire team, our city team, for their focus and determination in helping to identify a new permanent home for fire station mine. This property is located very strategically, just, you know, within walking distance of the former Fire Park Fire Station nine. It is it serves a community in a strategically located and a service area that for fire services, that is critically important. This is a major public safety infrastructure investment that we will be making all and I certainly hope to have the entire support and unanimous support of the Council on this item. So I'd like to make the motion to support this this effort to purchase this property. They are located on Long Beach Boulevard 41 one 4107 Long Beach Boulevard of some old. Thank you. As a customer, you angle you like to speak on item. Yes. Thank you, guys. Mayor. And I want to totally agree with the comments of Councilmember Austin. This has been a long awaited project that we need to go through. And I've been that is just a few blocks away from the original fire station. I think the greatest solution that we could possibly wish for. It'll also address our our response times. And they would be a great service to the communities around that area. So thank you very much. As Councilman Richardson. Vice mayor, just trying to get my support as well. This is, you know, our system and some of its parts. It's not power station, you know, and, you know, when when things are changed, it has an impact on the entire system. And, you know, from the community meeting back in the day on this all the way through, there's a great resolution to this situation. So congratulations to community. Congratulations, Councilman Austin, Councilman Miranda and all the uptown community on this. Thanks. Thank you very much. Is there any problem coming inside? Yes, our first speakers, Dave Shukla. Your time starts now. Hello. Thank you very much for your support of this item. When I grew up in Cowhide 16 All-Stars, this number named one of our faces. I very much support and I hope that you do support as well. Demolishing your building and rebuilding at that site eventually and being intentional again about the design of this temporary site, so that once the city owned land and the city owned structure used for something else and repurposed and we don't just lose that functionality after this outweigh the courtesy step is to

be commended for for working this up over the past month. Thank you so much. Thank you. Our next speakers and control your time starts now. Yes. Good evening. I hope someone can help me understand why the old building cannot be, if not refurbished. Uh, I know I had mold, and, uh, a company came in and cleaned with bleach and painted and got rid of it. But if that's not possible, uh, why can't you demolish the building on site and build the new fire station on this land? Doesn't the city own the property? Where? The old fire station. Withstanding, I do not understand having to spend over \$2,350,000 to buy new property to build the station. It just doesn't make sense to me, especially when we're looking to save money and if. You don't use those current. Location for a fire station. What are you planning to do? With this property. Uh, I, I, I hope that I can get some answers to these questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. But. Good public comment. Okay,

fine. We have a first and second look. Would you please? After the vote. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the seconder for the item? Vice Mayor Durango. Durango. Thank you. District one. High district to. I feel. District three. A District four. All right. District five. Right. District six. By. District seven. I am District eight. Hi. District nine. Right. Motion carries. Thank you. We have no public no no public speakers signed up for the second public comment period. So I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Sun has made closing remarks and Greg Walden. So please queue up if you would like to speak on this as well. Well, she carries. Thank you. Now we'll go to item 36, please. Item 36 is a report from city manager. Recommendation to amend agreement with the County of Los Angeles to accept, expend and administer and increase in funding in the amount of 50,000 for 2020 census community outreach services citywide. SLO moved. Back. Dickinson Sun has. Could you please? You have any public comment on this item? No public comment. By the police constable. District one I district to fight district three I District four. I. District five. Of Patrol Ego. District six. All right. District seven. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries. District by. Okay. Thank you very much. Can we please call again to move all items to next week? I need a motion and a second by price. Yeah, we don't I don't think anybody wants 5 hours, but I'm happy to have brought this item along with my council colleagues. This item really it's the first time that this council I think it's had a presentation from Clean Power Alliance. Given the other presentation that we have on the feasibility study, we thought it would be imperative to hear this today. And so with that, I'll hand it over to Ted with clean power lines. Hi. Good. Good afternoon. Thank you, Mayor and city council for having me on. Are you able to hear me okay? We are. Okay. Thank you. I also, just before I started, I did want to also thank staff from nu

merous departments in Long Beach, including Chris Garner and Bob Dole and Tony Foster and all the folks in the Planning Department all working on the Climate Action. And Adaptation. Plan. As this issue started to discussion has started to percolate. There's been lots of good, honest, transparent information exchange. And again, when there's been sort of differences of perspectives, that it's been a real pleasure to work with them. So I just wanted to acknowledge that as well. Although I'm with second ton of city clerk, I mean, I'm getting texts that people at home now can't hear. Ted. We're working on the audio issue. Okay. Let's let me. Let's. Let's do this. I'm. Let's go. All right, now. Let's. Let's go ahead. Is. I'm just wondering. Mr. Mayor, if I can offer a suggestion because I believe in the chambers, we can actually. Project. And here everybody can hear. Can everybody hear us right now? Yes, I think so. So we can go ahead. And while we work on the the issue that has to do with WebEx, I believe we can go ahead and give our staff presentation and keep moving forward. Okay. Cosmo appears to be good with that. Sure. Okay. So let's go ahead. And so, I mean, essentially, we're going to essentially your thing is we're going to go to item ten. Is that right, Mr. Modica? Actually, I know I think we need to hear from CPA before we do ten. That's fine. I mean, we were planning to hear from CPA before we hear ten. I'm just. Well, I mean, we have to get the meeting moving. So let me let me do this. So we're going to go ahead. And Ted, can you go ahead and continue and let's see if we hear it. I can hear you. If we can't, we're going to move on and do number ten du Chien and then we'll come back to six. So if that works. Oh, can you go ahead and continue? Sure. I'm happy to accommodate whatever whatever needs to get done here. So. Can you hear me or can the folks on. If you're watching on a computer, you can hear if you're watching on your phone at home, you can't. Nothing. Okay. Welcome to Distance Learning. So I'm going to run through this relatively quickly. I know that there's a lot on campus, but I just want to provide an introduction to our alliance and offer some thoughts about, you know, a potential relationship with with Long Beach. And the first thing is to just start with our mission statement, where we talk about a clean energy future, which I believe is the the desire of most of the state of California. But it is local. And what I mean by local is there's local control, a local voice, but also local jobs and investment where communities are empowered. And this is really about using our electricity service providers to achieve local and state wide policy goals, which are very well set up to do. And then, of course, customer choice. It's important, we believe that competition makes everybody better. And in this space, we've already seen that as kids have started to proliferate. If we can go to the next slide, please. On the next slide. Thank

you. I think you'll be hearing a lot more about this in agenda item ten. But I did want to highlight a couple of things. One is in that last bullet that by 2022, we expect that more than half the load. In. Eugenie and Ste. Jeannie Territory will be served by non I.O.U. providers and approximately a

quarter in SC territory. This is a trend around the state growing every year. The other thing is that point in in bold there, that third bullet that is mostly our joint powers authorities although there are single jurisdiction enterprise funds which which I believe is was the focus of the of the Long Beach study. But I will note that today. Only. Two major cities have done this. San Francisco and San Jose, other big cities and counties, San Diego, Oakland, L.A. County, others decided to join or help form joint powers authorities to run their cases. And I'll talk a little bit about about why. Next slide, please. So under a KIA model, the KIA takes over the that top it. Box purchasing power, setting rates, providing customer programs at a in areas that it serves. For customers who don't want to be part of this thing is to do the same thing purchasing power, setting rates and providing customer programs. The one thing that I will note is that most customer programs that Edison offers still remain open to customers. While our programs are exclusively available to our customers. But you'll note that that AC e remains in SCCA model remains a crucial partner. We do with Edison coordinate on a daily basis. We consider customers to be mutual customers and that particularly in this area and Edison, we have some similar policy goals around decarbonization and electrification. But just we do believe that the competition among us around rates and power does get us to all sharpen our pencils and be better. Go to the next slide, please. These are some of the details in terms of what those potential benefits are. I want to focus on the last. One environmental. Impact, because the fact that cars are a default opt in tool, that means that when it's when a city or county joins a car or starts a car, all customers automatically become customers unless they opt out. It makes it a very, very, very strong policy tool. For. Cities in in a number of areas, but particularly around expanding renewables and THG reduction. If that is the policy goal of the city, which I understand is is more and more of the policy goal of the city of Long Beach. If you could go two slides down. No. X. A couple of quick factoids. We serve approximately 1 million customer accounts across two counties in 30 cities. We are the largest K in the state, professionally managed and clear on that last bullet point. We cover our costs. We do not receive any subsidies or tax dollars. We're fully covered by ratepayer rates, people that receive our service. Next slide, please. We are a. JPA. And. Were. Unique in some ways in a JPA where our governing document not only talks about, you know, how we're governed

and processes and sort of the standard governance and legal stuff, but it also has a statement of of shared values. And when I think about any city thinking about joining Clean Power Alliance, I understand they're signing up for this legal entity. But I also really want to stress that folks are considering signing up to support these values. And that's that's unique. And I think these statements of values are really important in any consideration because they span the gamut of sustainability, not just environmental stuff, but clearly local economic development, equity considerations as well as environmental progress. Next slide, please. But just in our two and a half years of of actual operations, we've started to put some of these values into practice with some of the items listed listed here for folks in our customers in our 100% range default areas, they get the 100% green program, 100% green energy at no additional cost. And we're expanding those programs both to our broader residents, as well as through community solar programs. This fall, we are going to begin publicly providing incentives for publicly funded or sorry, publicly available electric vehicle chargers with a set aside for disadvantaged communities. Beginning next year, we have demand response available for commercial residential customers and are developing a resiliency program for clean backup power at member jurisdictions. Critical facilities where we will put clean. On essential facilities at no cost to our member agencies. We are rapidly expanding the supply of renewable energy and energy. Battery energy storage in the State of California having created or planned to create over 1500 approximately 1500 construction jobs using union labor and with most with formal project labor agreements will also be beginning a roll out a program, a \$1 million workforce development program beginning in 2021. Next slide, please. But we also because our governing board is made up of local elected officials and we can be very nimble and quick to respond in. In the spring, we launched a \$1 million COVID 19 bill relief program for residential small business customers to give them direct discounts on their electricity bills if they were facing reduced income, unemployment or otherwise. COVID 19 economic hardship. These are the kinds of things that we can as as you know. Social issues rise to the fore where we can respond rapidly and attend to a very wide and diverse economic group of customers. Next slide, please. Just a couple of nuts and bolts. We offer. Three rate. Options 36% renewables. That also offers a cost savings, a 50% renewable product that is at cost parity and a 100% renewable energy project that is at a premium.

Although I would remind you that there's no upcharge for low income customers in most areas in that in that on that rate, as it's. Sorted out. Approximately 80% of our customers are on those two higher environmentally performing tiers. And we have found that to be quite a

important development to show that many customers really want that kind of higher environmentally performing product. They often just don't know about it. Or if we tell them we're going to do something good for them, they say, okay, I would. But I will also note that residents and businesses have have the choice to opt up, opt down or opt out and return to service at any time. Mr. Bartlett. Last, last. Yes. Your time is up. You've had that kind of presentation time. Sure. Let me if you could just go to my last slide and I will summarize. That. That CPA sort of JPA structure is a lower risk option for cities. We are very focused on keeping our jobs and economic benefits to stay within the region. The strong relationship with labor. We target our programs that and incentives that communities need strong governance structure and focusing on a reliable and swift transition to a zero carbon footprint. So with that, I will stop at any point in any of the four items. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for that. Let me go back to Councilmember Pearce. Thank you so much for sharing with everyone today. I know that when we first started talking about CCS, you guys were just getting started. And so it's great to see the success that you've gotten so far. 30 cities is no small feat. If you could, I know that you weren't able to show that slide, but I'd like to ask just one question. There was one about opt outs. I think it was two slides back. You skipped over it. If. If the staff could slide. One more. There you go. Now go back to the graph. Thank you. Let's take a look at this since you didn't get a chance to mention it. What's the highest opt out rate that you have? Yeah. Our highest opt. Out rate. Is generally concentrated in Ventura County with very low opt out rate in Los Angeles. That's the first thing I will note for Los Angeles County. The second thing I'll note is that opt outs tend across the spectrum. To. Be driven more by either media attention. Or political. Leanings in the city and not so much by price. You know, if you look at our 100% green default cities in L.A. County at the residential level of a 4.7% opt out rates. Similarly, there's less than one percentage point higher than. And the clean power default rate. So what I think by the point I would make here is, is back to this point that this default is probably one of the major or is one of the major policy tools that we offer our member agencies. Every member agency gets to, if they join, gets to choose what the default is. And, you know, if you were to choose a 100% green power default, for example, yes, it would come at a cost premium. You'd also be pretty much overnight the largest city in the country to serve your residents with 100% renewable energy. All right. Thank you for that. And then I have one other question for you. How many do you have? 30 seats on the board because there's 30 cities. Oh, we have 32 seats on the board because we're 30 cities

and two unincorporated county jurisdictions. So L.A. County. Ventura County. And 30 cities within those two counties. And what's the largest? How many ratepayers are there with L.A. County? Just around 250,000. Long Beach would be the second largest city and our second largest jurisdiction in our GTA. Currently the second largest is Castle. Right. And my last question before we hear from other council members is I know the the next item talks about the need if we went with the word to have hydro electricity. And that's something that CPA have. Yes. So we what we do is we tend to focus on renewables and new build renewables, because we're very much trying to exceed state mandates and put ratepayer dollars back into the development of new renewable energy in order to keep our carbon content low. And we have a mandate by our EPA to keep it lower than than Southern California Edison. We buy existing large hydro power resources in order to reduce our carbon footprint even further. Okay. I might I have one more question. I'm trying to talk really fast because we also only get 5 minutes. Which unions do you guys have project labor agreements with? So most of our projects have five trade agreements. So it's typically IBEW, ironworkers, carpenters, laborers, and I'm spacing on the fourth. I'm on the fifth. I apologize, but it's it's IBEW laborers, carpenters and our workers. And are those jobs all created in L.A. County, California or other states? The of the 1500 we have, about 1350 are in the state of California. And a smaller subset of that is in L.A. L.A. County is an expensive place to do business in general, and particularly for our large scale projects. We have two major projects in L.A. County, and the rest is in southern and central California. Okay, I have other questions, but I will see if my council calls, have thoughts. But I appreciate the effort and the presentation today is very insightful. Thank you. Is there any of the other council members who'd like to speak on this item? Yes, madam, this is

Councilman. And I did keep up, but I don't know what would happen. Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you. Thank you very much, Ted, for this. For then I think that, you know, having this in front, in front and sharing it with the community is very important. I know that this is new territory for us as a city, and the more that we are able to have it detailed and broken down into, you know, so to help the community also understand is is very important. So I just wanted to say that thank you. Thank you very much for your detailed presentation. Thank you. I'm not sure if the system is up. But I don't think it is cute as well. Councilmember Richardson. Okay, great. Mr. Pataki, thanks for this presentation. If requested a copy of this, but if you're unable to get it, certainly a part of the program. It's a big decision. I'd love to learn a little bit more, certainly about what this means, particularly the screen we're looking at, opt out. Would you min

d spending a little bit of time in the chair with me? What exactly they opted out of? And, you know, I think a big part of understanding, you know, if people want to stay with what they have with that, that would be walk me through this opt out piece. Sure. So the state legislation that enabled this case that was passed in 2022 made it what they call an automatic default program. That is when a city joins a SCCA or forms a SCCA. When that car starts service, the the assumption and the operating principle is that every every electricity customer would be defaulted into the. Into. Being a CCR customer. Now, in practice, what that means is that we send out we do a lot of public outreach, we send out notices before people are defaulted into the system as well as after. And they are given the ability to say, no, I'm not interested. I would like to go back and quote unquote go back, but I would like to remain a bundled customer, which is mean. I'm getting my electricity and my transmission and distribution from from SC in this case. So really what this is, is how you. And people can do that at any time. They could also change their rates if you defaulted in at 100% green power or clean power and people really wanted to save money, they could put a top down and to a money saving tier. So it is an opt in program. And then. We ask people, we inform. People. And then they need to affirmatively opt out. If they do nothing, they are automatically become our customers and they're automatically put on the. Rate that. The CB chose as its default. Right. That's why we're in this we're in this default. I'm going to say it's the number one sort of confusion at that at launch. But, you know, we we get through. Sure. And, you know, I have other questions that they'll be from staff later. And the question that I have for you is, given the fact that we'd be the largest if we opt to move forward with the largest, does that open up playbook, if you will, in terms of offering more creative programs that, you know, maybe maybe targeted to achieve our goals the city sets forward like what is great for us, does it us the ability to to change what is going here and present and that may be superior. Yeah. So there's you know, I'll say that formally, we are a one jurisdiction, one member agency, one vote, a governance structure. But in practice, you kind of you get what you give. And the cities that. Are active, that. Have some expertize, that have staff on the ground ready to propose and shape programs, get in practice, have a greater voice in the decision making because that's just who's putting the time and the energy into it. So while I will say that, you know, hopefully there's only a one vote per member and I don't see that changing any time soon, how that voice and vote gets exercised. Our larger agencies. So is that because they've got the time and the energy and resources to dedicate to it? Councilman, that concludes your questions. Now. Fine. Okay. Councilman Mongo.

Yes. What is the amount of renewable energy we currently get through Southern California Edison, for comparison's sake? So if there's there's no coal, it's mostly natural gas. Large hydro and nuclear. And Councilmember, we'll get to that when we get to the staff presentation will be able to give a little bit of that comparison. Okay, great. And then then I have other questions for staff at that time. Thank you. Is there is there a public comment on this item? Yes. There is public comment on this item. It was going. Let's go. The. Yes. Can you hear me? Gabrielle is the pronunciation. Go ahead. Great height. Everything cool. Today? I made the comments online and. I want to reiterate, been following this issue since the late nineties. Community choice. Aggregates started in some other. States on the East Coast and Ohio. They've been doing it for quite a while up in California. Worked out by this and as detailed at the agenda report, the Clean Power Alliance establish itself and is a highly. Effective, successful ccaea to avoid missing another. User of opportunity to provide our residents with local choice, cleaner energy. And job creation. I hope the. City Council will direct staff to submit a letter. Of interest to the CPA and give you the flexibility to join it as soon as. Possible. It happened in. Hi. My name is Mallory Hurley and I am a student and president of the

Long Beach Youth Climate Taskforce, a group of 15 movie stars dedicated to making the Long Beach a 100% renewable energy city. I'm here today to persuade Long Beach City Council to listen to the presentations and clean power lines in the hopes that they will use the information will join the EPA over the past few months. My team and I researched clean power lines extensively and come to the conclusion that doing the data would be the best option for Long Beach. We reached out to almost every single city that joined and each one expressed nothing but positive remarks about their experiences. The transition away from Southern California Edison, the head of the Office of Sustainability for the City of Santa Monica, explained that it was one of the easiest climate initiatives to pass, with little to no pushback from constituents and a very low opt out rate in their city between four and 5%. It is abundantly clear that joining clean power lines when the easiest and most effective way to transition will be towards 100% renewable energy system as outlined in the DCC Usability Report. Joining clean power lines would have many benefits, such as increased negotiating and buying power for power purchases, access to better financing, tariffs and borrowing, and will distribute any potential cost or risk associated with creating a CCR among other participating cities. Joining Pintar Alliance means that Long Beach could provide competitive grants to Southern California Edison while providing clean, renewable energy to all of its citizens. As I've mentioned before, the Power Alliance offers a 36% ren

ewable option, which is 1 to 2% cheaper than Edison, facing a 50% renewable option, which crosses James Edison and the 100% renewable energy option at a slightly higher price premium relative to Edison. It's a mean even if residents chose not to have 100% renewable energy, they would still be paying less or the same for cleaner energy. Many cities aligned to clean power lines also provide a subsidy for low income residents and ensure that people in marginalized communities won't pay more than Edison. Phase three, which is very important measure that may not be addressed at Long Beach, which create its own future. Only City Council must agree to use the information gained from clean power lines and will then be able to make informed decision to transition Long Beach away from Southern California Edison to clean, renewable energy systems. Thank you. I just thank you for that and thank you to the speaker just before me. That was an incredible summary and research that her group has done on China as the chair of the Sustainable City Commission. We've been looking at Community Choice Energy for quite a number of years now here in the city, at the commission side and with a working group that's been advocating on this issue. We heard here from Tyson and Clean Power Alliance that TPA is a viable community choice energy entity in the Los Angeles area and the largest operating with approximately 1 million customers. BP has shown that it's able to successfully accumulate financial reserves, build an energy portfolio that meets California's. Renewable. Energy mandates ten years ahead of schedule. Erica members. Sorry. And we're urging Long Beach to submit a letter of interest to CPA so that CPA can assess whether the addition of damage to electricity service is beneficial. In addition to being financially sound, they share that CPA is increasing energy storage, creating projects with 1500 union jobs and rolling out \$1,000,000 workforce development program next year. These are all great benefits for the energy grid, for green jobs and for economic recovery. The city can consider other governance options, while CPA is completing this assessment and should do so in a timely manner in order to make a decision on whether to join CPA or file this invitation plan for stand alone program in Long Beach by December 31st of this year. Now is the time for Long Beach to take action on this issue and move our community into the clean energy future instead of waiting another two years before making any decisions or exploring next steps. Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to go ahead and move on to the next item connected to this. Do I need I guess I should take a I don't think I've received a follow on to. Confirm that you're not on any other item. Want to be. Take a reason to think on this item. District one. I'm District two. I'm District three. I district for. I. District five. I. District six. All right. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion

carries. Thank you. Moving on to the staff presentation, please. Item. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So we do have a fairly robust presentation for you today. I think the council is starting to get into some of the questions. This is a very complex issue and you've asked us to study this for about two years now. So we have brought on some energy experts that really know this field, and they provided about 130 page report. We also have our three department directors who have substantial experience in this area and have provided a recommendation. So we want to make sure that you really understand this issue. Communication from Council Member Pearce, Chair of Environmental

Committee. Recommendation to request City Council to endorse the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. Consider the Community Choice Aggregation Initiative and include a construction career policy with the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. Councilmember Pearce. Yes. I'd like to make a motion to move this item to another time for re agenda. Change there a second. Look. Is there a second queue up on the factory? Thank you. Okay. There's a second there's a public comment on this item to move it. There is public comment on this item. Our first speaker is Gabrielle Weekes. Choice Aggregate has worked very well. For the 30 some odd cities. I believe it's 34 that have been using it. With CPA and then Lancaster as its own. Standalone, and they've been. Doing that successfully for years. Take a look at these things. Do their due diligence. It's working in industrial as. Well as suburban areas, and it's preposterous. To pretend that it's not successful. If we wish to just. Deliver more money out of loyalty. Let's just admit that. Thank you. Our next speaker is Adeline Yoon. Adeline, you. Hi. Good afternoon. Good evening, Mayor, vice mayor and council members. My name is widely known and I'm a government relations manager with Southern California Edison. In light of the fact that this is going to be pushed off, I will hold off on my comment. Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Kobe Sky. Thank you. Given that this item is being moved, I will provide additional comments when it's brought back. But I do hope that the Council recognizes the connection between the Climate Action Plan and the serious climate impacts that we're already facing as a region, and the need to have more flexibility and really control over our own future direction by considering it in, because it really is a critical step in our climate goals, in our environmental goals. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Stella. Ursula. Hello. I will hold off on my comments until the item. Is brought back to a an. Upcoming meeting. Thank you. Our next speaker is Maryanne Buchanan. I see the council and a mayor. So I am going to talk about this because I'll talk about it when it comes up later, too. But we're talking about two environmental things on this item, a climate action plan. And second, whether we should enter into a community choic

e energy program. But I suggest we are dealing with a third initiative here, and that is the racial equity and reconciliation report, that report on race in Long Beach. That third thing urges you to address both the other two planned, namely to advance environmental and racial justice by supporting the Climate Action Plan and to explore renewable energy resources. These two environmental plans are nested in that third report on race. We just cannot deal with either of the climate related two without looking through the racial lens of the third, because those three plans have one goal a healthy and happy life for all of us who live and work in Long Beach. Our neighbors are hurting. They are getting sick and dying. And we look to your leadership and compassion to put this right. Thank you. I yield my time. Thank you. Our last speaker is Tiffany Davey. Hi. Good evening. I'm going to. Take this opportunity. To just up the list. Again, the fact that we're in a pandemic mixed with a public health crisis. And encouraged in this. Time between the items brought back to the Council. For us to look. At the Council on Foreign Relations report titled Impact of Climate Risk on the Energy System is imperative to understand. For every dollar you spend. Now for. Mitigation efforts, you save six. So what will cost you \$1.6 million to implement? Without doing that, you are raising your cost at least six times that of the. Council convened in March of 2019 for a two day workshop where they essentially spoke about. How are these climate related events separate from just the racial equity aspect, which we are all giving a considerable amount of time to. Create risk to the US energy. Infrastructure, financial markets and national security. We don't have really a full scope on how to manage and mitigate the future catastrophes that I mean, if we look, we've already kind of taken some damage and lost a part of our peer a number of years ago during a storm. We must think, especially as we're getting ready to deliberate on the oil. Wells that are abandoned. Coming up on the 27th of Mission Development Services set to be considered. Thank you. Thank you. And that concludes public comment for this item. Okay. Let's go ahead and take the vote, please. This moves in District one. I. District two. And District three. I. District four. AI. District five AI District six by District seven. By District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Okay. And I know we could not get public comment working earlier. Have we. Have we fixed it Madam Court. Yes, we have the public comment. Speaker's waiting. Communication from Councilmember Pierce, Chair of Environmental Committee. Recommendation to request City Council to create a A or join the Clean Power Alliance and file an implementation plan by the end of the year. Contacted Pearce. Had you queued up for a motion? Can we do public comment on this item and then I'll go to you? Or did you want to see if you can. Do a public comment

first? Okay, let's go and get a cup of coffee. Madam Court. Our first speaker is Koby Sky. Kobe Sky. Jim Stewart. Jimmy Stewart. Your time starts now. Jim Stewart. Yes. I'm starts now. Agenda Item ten that we are very disappointed that the city staff wants to wait two more years. We can move ahead now. There's no reason for us to allow Edison to determine what kind of power we get. We can have the power of the community choice and Long Beach residents and city council, and we can decide how what kind of power we want. And I recommend that we move forward with the community choice item and reject that report. Thank you. Our next speaker is. Gabriel weeks. Your time starts now. Gabrielle Weeks. Yes. Your Kobe sky has been Kobe sky has been trying to speak. They called his name, but they wouldn't let him speak. Are you aware of this? We couldn't hear him. We'll try calling him back. He's. Yeah, he. Okay? He's right there. I'll call him back. He's standing by. Let me know when. You'd like me to begin. Yeah. Well, would you like to start your public comment? Yes, please. Hi, I'm Gabrielle Weeks. I think you guys know me. I'm an engineer. I live locally in Long Beach and have been following community choice energy for, gosh, over ten years. It was. Working very well in in. Massachusetts and. Ohio. Those areas have a lot of industry. I heard it said by somebody. That this wasn't good for industry. That they would opt out. You guys may remember on the city council and in the mayor's office. That we bought a bunch of booted electric busses from a. Company in Lancaster, California. They use this. Energy. There's a lot of industry in Lancaster. They spawned. A CCE there because although they have a lot fewer residents. Than. Our city and some other cities, they have huge industrial draw. So it made. Sense for them to start getting more environmentally responsible and. Financially responsible. Energy if. They. Wanted. And Lancaster, California can do it. For years now, I'm sure. We can figure it out. Also, there are 34 cities that have already joined the Clean Power Alliance. Some of those are somewhat industrial cities, Downey and some things like that. The notion that industrial areas will. Opt out. Is nonsense and. It's easy. To look it up. I hope. We will move forward with this and start dragging. Our feet. We we could be doing. More for the environment and we could be. Thank you. Our next speaker. Is Clay sandwich. Clay sandwich? Your time starts now. Oh, yes. This is quite a sandwich. What? Chair? The longest Community Choice Energy Working Group. You've heard a lot of my remarks earlier, but what I would like to do is just repeat and reiterate that on this Community Choice Energy Working Group, respectfully request to you that you unanimous vote to direct city staff to file a letter of interest with the Clean Power Alliance, which will allow Long Beach to complete an implementation plan by the end of. Including forming a standalone city enterprise, c

reating a new JPA Joint Power Authority with another interested public agency, or joining an existing JPA and also request monthly staff reports back to City Council. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Frances Ying. I'm. This year. We've been following the movement for a long time and have partnered with the Community Choice Energy Working Group. To us, this is about climate justice, as everybody knows and is acutely aware. California is probably on fire every single year. We're breaking heat record, heat fire record. And on top of that, now we're confronting the systemic racism. That underplays all of the ways that these things manifest in our own environment and in our own communities. So to us, community choice isn't just about making sure that we do our part to clean up our pollution, but also to make sure that we stand by the communities most impacted frontline communities that live by the gas bans , gas stations and pipeline systems, as well as those who are underserved and unable to negotiate or have any bargaining power about what their community get. Unlike the Edison community, choice uniquely offers the community the ability to choose what kind of energy they have and to be able to fight for the values that they believe in. I think that was really clear in the CPA's presentation. It's not just about getting energy and cleaner energy. Of course we see it as a better than Edison, but simultaneously they get to opt in to a system that. Whose values reflect that. So again, two years postponing this for two years is actually an urgent matter. We don't have that much time to do this now, is to say that we're already late. So please, please, please follow the implementation. Thank you. Our next speaker is Kobe Sky. Kobe Sky. Yes. Hello, I'm Kobe Sky. I'm a resident of Long Beach in the second district and I am an environmental engineer and proud to serve on the Single City Commission for the City of Long Beach. Long Beach staff has been studying Community Choice Energy for several years now and seeing dozens of communities and cities in California joining other programs, including the 1980 programs that are functioning very effectively throughout the state. We have three really good options to move forward before to create our own program. Here's a template the way Lancaster

has done, or to join the Clean Power Alliance, which is the largest and one of the most effective programs in California. It doesn't make sense to me that we're raising the same questions that have already been raised three years ago, two years ago and last year. I think we have more than enough information seeing the success that these other programs have shown and the fact that they're addressing the challenges that they have been subject to very effectively. I strongly recommend that the City Council move forward to sign a letter of intent with the Clean Power Alliance and see the kind of success that they have recognized in advancing renewable energy, creating

local jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emission. This is an existential issue for the city, and it's very important for us to move forward. Thank you. Our next speaker is Kate Brown. Your time starts now. Kate Brown in. High. Your time, sir. Good afternoon. Thank you. Good afternoon. Austin City Council members. And there. Garcia. My name is Kate Brown. I am a senior in high school, my time constituent of District 30 and a member of the UN Climate Taskforce. I'm calling in today to request that Long Beach join the Clean Power Alliance. I, along with other members of the Climate Taskforce, have been working since the summer of 2019 to commit Long Beach to a renewable energy implementation plan. As members of Generation Z, we are acutely aware of the fragility of our relationship with the Earth and the existential threat of climate change. We are so truly lucky to have grown up in a progressive, forward thinking city like Long Beach, and we know that our city has the potential to leave the rest of the country and sustainability and environmental consciousness. That is why we believe it is time for our city to adopt a 100% renewable energy plan with an earlier deadline than that of the current current state guidelines. The most cost effective and simplest way to achieve 100% renewable energy in Long Beach will be switching our energy provider to clean power lines. This would provide all of the environmental benefits of establishing a community choice aggregator without the administrative burden or economic instability. The young people in the city are depending upon government leaders to protect our future, and we cannot afford to defer this decision any longer. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Mary Dawn. Hello. My name is. May you. In the past, I was an organizer with clergy in the City United for Economic Justice, also known as CREW, a network of more than 900 free theaters across L.A. County and also Orange County that are committed to accompanying low income families and immigrants in the struggle for a just economy and a secret society for all. And I was born and raised in Vietnam, and last year, the New York Times report that by 2015, my motherland would be submerged under the sea as a result of climate change. It means that in my lifetime, everything and means a livelihood in our community will be gone. So climate change is more than an environmental problem to me. My community and many communities of color. But it is a matter of life and death. And as I've been working alongside truck drivers at the ports of Long Beach in Los Angeles for the last few years, many of them have shared with me how their children and family members have asthma and other critical health conditions as a result of pollution in our city. So tonight, I want to ask how members they get here to create a city, a joy, the Clean Power Alliance to accelerate the transition of our city to renewable energy. Thank you. Our next speaker is Patricia Chen. Hi. Can you he

ar me? Yes, we can hear you. Oh, great. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and council members. My name is Richard Chin. I'm speaking on behalf of the green team of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach. You use the. We are located in Council District five. The mission of the Green team is to educate members and friends of the CLP about the moral imperative imposed. By climate change. It inspires our congregation and the wider community to take actions that honor and sustain the Earth for future generations. Item eight is just such an action. We urge you to vote yes and commit to joining or creating a community choice aggregation as soon as possible. So that the city. Can accelerate the transition to renewable energy, create good green jobs here in Long Beach, and provide clean electricity for zero emission. Cars, trucks and busses so that everyone, and especially residents now. Living with air pollution can breathe easier. Thank you. Thank you. And that concludes public comment for this item. Okay. I'm going to go back to Councilmember Pearce. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you. All the great community members that have spoken today. Obviously, there's a lot of interest, a lot of people that have been working on this for a long time. There's clearly a lot of data and info that still needs to be had. And I'd like to just briefly talk about what what we could do to get that info. It's my understanding that not

a letter of intent, but just saying that we are interested in getting some more of the data in working with CPA is something that doesn't tie our hands. It's not a vote for an implementation plan or an ordinance. It's a simple vote that makes it possible for us to move on to the next step. Is that your understanding? City manager. Yes. So what we understand is the motion that's that's here is it sounds like you're modifying that a little bit. So there is a process through CPA where you can ask to join them or to express an interest at which point they they do require you to pay them about \$30,000 to go through a process where they do some further analysis and then ask their board if they would like to consider adding another city. And then there is a stopping point where you would know, you know, we would be able to to make a decision. So if that's the motion, that would not tie your hands to actually implement. Okay. Wonderful. That's what I was hoping. I know that there's been a lot of talk because we've got so many passionate people that have been working on this for a long time. I, for instance, I think that that is the motion that we'd like to make. I recognize that the Sustainability Commission and Environmental Committee have done a lot of work on this and had lots of conversations, and that that's what's in front of us today is their recommendation. But I'd like to just make the recommendation and take that next step of getting more data which was in the stock report on the previous item. So that would be my motion. Okay. So ju

st to be clear, so the motion that we have in front of us is not what the the what was the risk just to go ahead and create the join, but for the city to essentially take the next step and work with work with to get more data and do some data sharing, which is smart , which is modified by councilmember member Pearce. Mm hmm. That's the motion. I have a second Councilmember Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. Just a few comments. I think this is the first I didn't queue up on the last item because I knew this was the appropriate item to make to make motions and take a few things. I think I acknowledge the urgency and the merit that we need to be creative in the way that we address energy. I get that and I support that. And I think it's time that we sort of reevaluate all of our relationships, including the relationship with Edison. You know, Edison has been a partner in the city for a very long time. But I also think that, you know, that our standards need to improve in terms of how we've dealt with Edison. In North Palm Beach, we have we don't have a lot of open space, you know, something like 1.2 acres of open space for 10,000 residents and some of our most significant open space opportunities in the Edison rights of way. We've attempted to work with them over the years to be creative about green belts and other things, and we haven't had any real partnership. Most recently, we had a you know, we're moving forward with our citywide bridge housing facility, our citywide shelter, which is adjacent to five acres of open space. We've engaged with them over the years. We haven't gotten anywhere with it. And then they signed a lease for five years with a nursery completely in respect of our discussions with the city. So I'm saying all this to say is the car is one piece, but we also need to just increase our standards for how we engage with all of our partners. So we're not our communities are not taking it for granted. Now, in terms of the CC, I understand the concerns. I think I think the motion in front of us acknowledges some of the concerns that were raised in terms of the readiness and the risk. I think there is know I'm a little uncomfortable with two years, I think. But but I understand that this is something that we want to sort of move forward with, with, you know, more than a split vote on Council of five four. This is something you want the public on board with. You want the council on board with it. So it takes it will take some time for us to do that. So I'm supportive. I've taken a little bit of time to do that. I'm also support of the motion that's here that says, let's sharpen that pencil. Let's not you know, let's not wait. Let's get more information, less engage and get more information and come back to this when we've sort of, you know, we're facing the crisis on multiple fronts when we get a little bit more stability. I heard the consultant say, you know, the risk is a little bit higher today than it was when some of these other groups

joined the C CPI. Another thing is that I think that we should as a city, you know, when I heard that we get one vote out of numerous votes, that's concerning to me. I'd like to see just in the same way that that I'd like to reevaluate our relationship with others. And I'd also like, if we move forward this, to reevaluate how we have a say in how EPA or whatever apparatus of that, how the governance is structured. I think that's just, Mark, on behalf of our city and our residents expect us to cut the best deal in their interests, and that's something that I'd be interested in. So I think the motion in front of us, I think, allows us to do that, continue to kind of explore it, but does not tie our hands. So I'm supportive of that. I think that's what the city council. Thank you. Thank you. Council

Councilmember. Mango. Thank you. Can you hear me, Mia? Yes. Thank you. I received a couple of notes. Maybe if a Joel's were frustrated with the delivery of power and the blackouts. But I wanted to be clear and get staff's confirmation that the delivery of power, even if we joined us, would still maintain with Southern California. And that independent of us, we should be working hand in hand with them to facilitate a strong working relationship with our public works department, to ensure that they are upgrading those those lines and those cabinets underground so that we will not be in as vulnerable position as we were in several years ago during the three day blackout , and that we are in today with the continued rolling shortages of energy. Is that accurate? And are we working hand in hand with them as their biggest client? I think you had mentioned we make up 10% of their clients. Mommy presidents do. Are we working hand in hand with them to ensure that they are upgrading as quickly as possible, that we have no barriers in their path at City Hall and with public works and development services. Wonderful. It's my understanding that they make up 10% of Southern California's customer base. If we joined the Clean Power Alliance today, what percentage of their customer base would we be? Without opt outs if everyone joined. Or did you? Well, I was I guess there's 32 cities that joined. I think I heard that and to I'm sorry, 30 cities and two unincorporated areas. And so that would make up just the unincorporated areas or 250,000. We have 5000 residents, but not necessarily residents, residents, people, but not necessarily residents, consumers of power, if that makes sense. Or maybe a family of four on one bill. So I'm I'm not clear how many customers do we have of Edison that would be potentially moving over. So it can't be 50%, because if the county of Los Angeles alone is 250,000 and there's 30 other cities, including moderate size like Downey and Carson, I imagine we'd be smaller than that. Is that some information you could get back to me? Oh, by. Volume. And so we but we get back to you with the correct numbers on that. I see. By volume, not by customer

number. Oh, that's interesting. So when we make up 10% of Southern California Edison's customers, it's not by number of customers. It's also by volume. That? I don't know. I'd have to check on that. Could we get an apples to apples comparison of those two different charts of what that looks like? I think that that's really. Important for us to know in terms of. Who we are in a in a perspective and in a relationship. And I think it's really important that we as a council are taking a closer look. I know that I also have had some issues come up, and I have to work hand in hand with Southern California Edison in my district on bridge repair and other things when they are fixing bolts and the impact to our neighbors. And I think that we really need to work on that relationship to be a bigger part of that discussion and decision base. Also, a member of the community talked about the number of industrial customers that opted out in any of the other 30 cities that have joined and that it has been much lower. It would be great to know what that number or volume is and then what are the costs in staff hours that would be necessary to continue on in this process. I would have to venture that certainly would involve both John GROSS, Bob Dole and myself and then our staff. So it is quite a bit working with a CPA and with Southern covering Edison to get the data across and work on a final report. And then my last question is for Southern California Edison. The CCI option provides residents the alternative to opt into a 35%, 50% or 100% renewable energy. What options do you have available today and what options do you project? We will have available two years from now. So Mike Morelli from Southern California, Edison. So we have our base product, which is 35% and climbing as the regulations increase. We have what we call our 50%, but it's kind of a mislabel because it's 50% of the base product and 50%, 100% renewable. So it's like 67% renewable. And then we have the 100% renewable option. And then as far as products going forward, we're working on community solar and on renewable access for disadvantaged communities. And those in our low income programs predominantly are the programs that are the near term that are that are coming out. Excellent. And so on. The last item that we voted on, it sounds as though you will be moving forward on a plan with our staff and bringing that back to us to better understand the renewable sources of energy available. Yeah. I mean, we're working on a framework that may include a lot of things. I hope it goes into some of the items you you mentioned as far as how to make sure if there are priorities in the city, such as how we operate in that, then I'd like to get those on the table as well and figure out how we can be more efficient in in meeting those needs of the of the city as well. So it's not kind of just focus on, you know, the energy portion of it. Wonderful. Well, that answers a lot of my questions. I want to apprec

iate everyone I met with on this matter. There were letters from community members, both for and against. Even people that are pastors of churches. And I think that the further dialog and while I appreciate public comment where people can come forward and say something for 3 minutes, and when people write an email and engage with you in advance of an agenda item, you're really able to talk with them about the things that's important. And so the things that sound important to them are the renewable energy component. How we get there isn't as important, but we need to be moving in that direction. So I'm continuing to listen to the community and my colleagues. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Price. Mr. MAYOR. So I'm a little bit I'm feeling like this item is actually in conflict with item ten that we just approved. So maybe I can just ask some clarifying questions. I know we didn't go into them, but there were some included items in item ten that staff is to do and complete to follow up on this possibility. And so can the city manager or someone from energy resources go through those staff action items. Yes. So let me start by kind of a summary of what what it is that the staff recommendation was. And then where I see this kind of taking that next step to help you make a decision, because it really is a policy choice. In our recommendation, we were recommending, given the volatility of the market, that we wait for about two years for making any type of decision. In the meantime, we would be doing additional community outreach. We would be doing a governance study and kind of understanding the CPA model versus going our own route versus forming another JPA with another city and a couple of other kind of steps and working with Southern California Edison. That's the basic summary. What the motion on the floor is, is kind of asking a policy direction. Do you want to take a little bit of a of another step towards a CCAR? You would be filing a letter of interest. We would call it that rather than a letter of intent. But it would essentially be a request and spending money with C pay to say give us more information about your model that would allow you and to see if they want to invite us to to participate or not. Typically, you file that letter of interest or intent when you are ready to move forward with the CPA or I'm sorry, with a K, and then you would have to come back to council and file an implementation plan and an ordinance and have two readings of the ordinance to move forward with that implementation plan. And so the timeline is, if you wanted to do that, you would have to do all those steps before December. That really is the part that has been removed from the motion is that direction to do it by December. This is an interim step to do it. Is the council asking us to modify the motion to say, take another step in this direction by doing the study and letter of intent and then reviewing that with all of your other governance options and

returning to the council. Okay. So, so the in order for us to express interest in getting more information about their model and asking them to consider us, we have to pay them \$30,000. This crossing in, what we were told was would be approximately \$35,000. And that's for it's can we not get any information about their model without paying them \$30,000? What that does is that pays them to do their own study, not not us. So they have to do their own due diligence and see if they want to invite Long Beach to the dance. Okay. So to me, that seems like a very premature step because we're not even sure that we want to dance with them yet. So why would we be paying them \$35,000 to vet us to see if they want to be our partner when we haven't decided? We may very well decide that, but one of the things that came back in the staff report today, which I was I've met with everybody who's asked to meet with me on this, too. And I think there's a lot of, you know, opportunities for us to explore and really look at here. But one of the main parts of the staff recommendation is that we haven't done enough community outreach on this. So why would I pay someone \$30,000 to decide if they liked me when I haven't even checked with my constituents that we want to participate in this? So I'm not in favor of this motion. I am in favor of shortening that two year window to a one year window. And I want to appreciate the and Councilmember Pearce has mentioned this several times, the number of people who have worked on this for many years. Absolutely. I'm incredibly indebted to the organizations that have worked on this for years. I'm not really sure what the goal post of getting some sort of a letter filed is. I know there's going to be a \$35,000 transfer of money to another organization, but I'm not really sure what that goal post is. I'm very grateful for the community members who have participated. I'm also very grateful for the city staff who have participated in this, all of whom are people whose subject matter expertise I rely on to do my job every day. So the staff report that was delivered tonight was to me very eye opening. So I would like to make a substitute motion to. Not file a letter of interest, but to shorten the window of time that staff will bring this back to the council from two years to one year. And that would be my substitute motion. Is there a second on that? So a second on that. Okay. But no second. So that.

That'll. That'll die. No second. Okay. Second by Councilmember one. Go. Moving on. It doesn't run. Mongo, did you have any comments on that or did you want to keep going? We might have more information. I also feel it's very important that we get that report back. Okay. Moving on to Councilwoman Zendejas. Councilman's and has. Councilman's in Dallas. You're sorry about that? Was trying to unmute. Yeah. This is a this is something that, you know, it's been a lot on my mind lately. I know that there has been a lot of work put into this for a ve

ry, very long time, you know? From my colleagues as well as from. You know, the community. I want to thank all the community members that have really stepped up and have really invested their time throughout the years in getting us to this point. I know that for me, something like this is very important because. It affects a lot of the people in my district having three elementary schools right here, but close to the 710. I can't help but think about the children that are affected that grow up with having all kinds of. Illnesses due to the quality of the pollution that we have here. And, you know, so this is very important to moving forward and, you know, creating some kind of solution now. You know, I'm very supportive of coming up with solutions, you know, and finding out more information on how we can make this happen. I know that, you know, we're still in the beginning stages of this to some sort. You know, to some people it might feel like that, even though to others that might feel like we've been at this for years and years. So I really look forward to to working together not only as as a council, but working together as a as a city, as a community to really bring forward these, you know, these these creative solutions that will help everyone at the end of the day. So with that being said, I would like to make a sub sub. And in that self-serve, I think I would want to include Kevin. Getting back some of the original message and also including on their letter of a letter the. Intent. So that we could move forward. But with that, I would also like to include working with with the city I'm sorry, a letter of intent and working with the city and having city staff work with development services on every step of the way and having six months check in. And also I would like to propose that I know that it is expensive but that. You know, but in the long run, I think that we owe it to our constituents, to our city, to our residents to move forward with this. And actually. So first of all, city staff are trying to break it up into pieces. But if you could tell me what your what you're following as of right now, please. This is Charlie Parker in Council Member. I'm not clear on your substitute substitute motion. The original motion was to prepare and send a letter of interest along with a contract to receive additional information. There's a substitute motion that would shorten the time period from the city of Long Beach from two years to one year. And then, as I understand what you mentioned, is that you wanted to make a substitute substitute motion to send a letter of intent or a letter of interest. And then I didn't know it was six month check in. I'm sorry. It was a letter in intent, please. Not a letter of interest. I confused myself. A letter with a six month check in. And just to be clear, the letter of intent is. A more formal process that will. Move this forward. A letter of interest will allow us to collect data and analyze that data. Thank

you for clearing that up for me. Yes. Letter of interest. Thank you. So as a as I understand it right now, there's not a substantive difference between your motion and the original motion as made by Council member Pierce. Yes. Except for the. I do want to include there's a six month check in and shorten the and shorten the time to one year as well. Kind of like would be a combination of both. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. So there is a sub sub for Don. I need a second on the sub sub, please. Second. I'll second that, Mr. Mayor. Okay. That's Councilmember Richardson. Okay. Still have I still have folks queued up council returns. Did you want to talk to me? Can I just go to the last. Call, Mr. Mayor? Go. Go ahead. Okay. Well, spoke a bit earlier. I hear the concerns on both sides. I want to sort of simplify this. The concern, the readiness I heard was about making a decision or committing staff to do you know what Tom said? You know, he's going to have to take some of the best people and focus it. This motion that Councilwoman Sun has as it doesn't encumber staff to reprioritize projects. It's really about getting additional data and information. It doesn't fly the cities and allows us to get through a very difficult year that we have. You know, I've heard on I've heard a number of folks say, hey, two years is too long. This says, hey, let's give it a year. Come back to it. I think that's fair. I think that's fair enough. So I think this is a good compromise motion here. If folks are concerned about what the what the cost is, the 30, \$35,000, I think city staff can come back with some options for us to consider. I'm sure there are some ways to look at paying for discretionary dollars, look at the budget process. I even think this may be something we look to see if there's \$5 to help support. But I really don't see a downside with this

motion. A lot of people are invested in our climate, invest in our future. And so it's important to me that folks feel included and feel good about this process. As we understand and address our concerns, we should be able to express that this is something we're going to continue to take seriously and not just going to delay for two years. So I encourage I think this is a good compromise motion. I think the city council should adopt this. I'm going to support this motion. I strongly encourage the city council, adopt this and looking forward. Thank you. Okay. Count Councilor Ringa. Thank you, Mayor. And I want to thank my colleagues for the comments they've been making on this. I've been listening with a great amount of interest. I didn't say anything on the eight and ten because I thought that was just a stack of audio as we see the file. So I didn't really chime in too much. And now I'm feeling that this is where we need to really put our money, where our mouth is. And if we want to have an interest in creating a either as a separate JPA or a separate CTA or joint CPA doesn't matter to me. What matters is having th

e complete and full information that allows us to make a complete decision that is full of information and that makes us feel comfortable in whatever decision or whatever direction we take on this. So I am supportive of the subject to such a motion because it does it is a compromise that brings the two motions together to their interest, which would provide more information for us to evaluate and look at. And it also includes a when you can arrive closer to that would bring it that much sooner to us. You know, there was an analogy made about the 35,000 to go to dance. While you know what you're looking at going to the prom, you make a commitment, you pay for your tickets, you buy a dress where you get a title, you get the concert, you get whatever it is, and you get ready for the best. And then we present your ticket. They let you in. So this is pretty much along the same lines, literally. It's great to have somebody to dance. So the end of the day, it's how we react to the information we receive. And I'm really looking forward to serving this not further to getting all the information we need to make a real sound and a decision that will be best for not only our communities but regional as well, that we what I represent, which is an area that that is more important than a freeway and a river runs to it. And I got a lot of the last few weeks and said, I'm definitely interested in trying to lower our carbon footprint, looking at getting rid of our gas, our greenhouse gases, and moving forward with an electrical electrical energy plan that the Lord supports. So I have support with that subsidy. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember over now. Thank you. I actually queued up so long ago, I think we were just I think it was before the submission. So I guess I'd like to just comment on the last two comments. And that is, I believe the compromise was made when the length of time was changed from two years to one year, and that was in exchange for removing the \$35,000 letter. So for that reason, I go back to the original point was our unanimous vote on item ten seems to be in conflict with what this sub sub is. So I. Will not be. Supporting the subs for that. Reason. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to appreciate all of the comments from the public, from staff, also my colleagues on this very important issue. You know, I did have some came into this this evening on on the fence. And I'm still not exactly sure what we are seeking to accomplish with the substitute motions of the. And I agree with councilmember supernormal. Item ten seem to be pretty resolute. And in item ten it directs the city manager to prepare a study that does an analysis of governance options, including forming a standalone city enterprise, creating new joint powers authority with another interested public agency, or joining an existing JPA. There there are a number of directives in the the item previous to the one that we are here now that I rea

Ily think accomplishes the same thing and shows that our city is very much interested in TCAS or looking at alternatives to what we have today in terms of energy. And so I'm a little perplexed with the urgency, particularly when we have discussed the the financial uncertainty that we face right now as a city. And I'm just saying everything is. Is related to timing here. Of course, it is feasible. And we've we've walked down that path already. We understand the feasibility of the question, I guess, to me is, is the most impractical and irresponsible for us to move in this direction right now? I'm not so certain of that, so I don't think I'll be supporting the motion on before us right now. And I certainly hope we can come together with the Council and understand that again, we voted 902 to receive a final report and give our city managers, our city manager, clear direction on how to move forward on this issue. I support that. Thank you, Councilmember. Councilmember Pearce. Thank you, everyone. I hope that we can. Do great mine. Do you mind if everyone goes? It hasn't gone first. And I go back to the people that are. Well, they're gone. There's some misunderstandings on

the floor of the floor. Good. Thank you. I appreciate everyone's comments on this. And I think that this is not something that is in contradiction to the last item. Mainly, this is something that operationalize is the vote that we took before. And the money is not necessarily to give directly to CPA. It's money for the exact same consultants to do a deeper dive. And it was my understanding that we might have some money left over from our contract with IMR. W is that true? City Manager. I'm going to ask, um, Chris or Bob or John to answer that more specifically. If the question I understand is where the \$35,000 goes, it goes to CPA to cover their costs for doing a study, whether they want us to join or to allow us to join CPA. Now, of course. The question is the money. It's my understanding and I know that we've got both the consultants on here and RW and CPA. It's my understanding that the money is used for M RW to do the deeper analysis along with CPA and that we would be billed later on for the balance that \$35 is the cap, but we'd be billed for the balance. Not that it's something we would have to allocate today. So I'm not sure if one of them wants to clarify on that process. And then I'd like to talk about resources for funding that. It's certainly my understanding that and this is from CPA, that we would pay them directly \$35,000. I am so CPA. I believe that that Ted is still on the call. It's sad. Yes, yes, I'm. I'm. I'm here. Can you do this for me? Yeah. So the vast majority of the data that was in the feasibility study talked about the financial viability of of. Of China's Long Beach starting its own care. We have a different cost structure. We have a different rate structure than was studied in that in that in the feasibility study. So we need to look at it from

our perspective and our data to know if it's viable if it's a viable option that you would like to consider. That costs consulting dollars, and every penny that you would pay us would go to M. RW, who is already your consultant to undertake the study using our cost structure, our load profile, how you would fit in, in addition to the fact that we already have built reserves over time. So it's it would be a reimbursement to CPA that would for the charges that are w would would fill us. But there's no financial benefit to Clean Power Alliance in this arrangement. Thank you for that. And so I just wanted to make sure that we were clear that this is something just to extend us to be able to do that deeper dive and just operationalizing the task that we already voted on. And so I know what, Matt, I know that everybody's received a lot of calls on this. I know we've got a lot of community. I think there's a lot of knee jerk responses from some not the council per se, but other folks. Um, there's I am fine to put whatever resources I can use from my discretionary funds to move forward on this. I think that it is the right step. But I also believe that that we've identified that we need to spend resources for the CPA or not the CPA before the cap, and that these resources are in line with the goals that we've already identified as as a city. If we do not take this step, then we are. There's not resources there to make sure that we're getting the data and information that so many of the community members have asked us for. I'd also like to address that there aren't just costs associated with joining us. There's costs with not joining us. There's a ton of reports out there, and I know that we don't have this data in front of us, and I hope it comes forward with this with the CAP discussion. But we spend three we spend 200 and \$224 billion a year based on climate health outcomes as a country. So there are a lot of costs, but I think that this is a middle road. I think respect for the fact that we've all been going through a lot of process. I was completely surprised by the fact that Edison was invited to participate today. I know that there are community members that have a lot of questions about the appearance of conflict of interest, because we as a city are a member of support and super does, you know, isn't somebody that technically would go and advocate for clean energy. I know that that we are part of five other associations that have to deal with the oil industry. We need to have that debate and that conversation down the road. I tried not to have it today, but I think that if we don't vote to help operationalize the previous vote that council took, that it will appear as such. And so I'm really asking as respectfully as I can for my colleagues to see that this is a pretty soft landing compared to where the community members have been advocating for and those that were supportive of it last week before they changed. Community members and organizati

ons that decided to change their mind. It's a good process to go through and we just need to be able to have the resources to do it. So I don't know that I have 35. I probably do, but I do think that it is resources that we should all be spending together. So I'd like to hear counsel conversation just on those facts, please. Thank you. Thanks. Mary Andrews. Oh, no, no. I'm sorry. Councilman Mongo. Thank you. Councilwoman Pearce, I really appreciate your comments. I came into the day

with a very open mind and I still have a very open mind. I think that the challenge I have is that some of the statements being made are in conflict with what I'm hearing. So I want to make sure that I'm hearing correctly because I don't think that we're in the same place. You're saying that we are going to look at more information, but the information that the \$35,000 pays for is not information for us. It is actually information for them. It doesn't concern us what their rate loads are. That's for them to know if they want to invite us. It's still unsure if we want to be invited. And as a kind of a single mom who was barely able to afford to go to prom, I didn't get to buy a ticket. I didn't put forward the money until I knew I could afford to go. And right now we are in some very uncertain times. And it sounds to me like you don't even know if your budget has the 35,000. I think 35,000 is a small investment. We've already spent over 200,000. So I'm not as conflicted about just the amount. But here we're talking about. When else to do the study of their organization on whether or not they want to invite us to the party. When we're not sure we want to go to the party. And so I actually thought I would be in a different place now than I was before. And it happened to me a few times over the last week. I think that's part of the process of really listening to that and kind of waiting it out. I want to know, quite frankly, if we can get to this clean energy point without taking the risks. But I do want Southern California Edison to take us seriously and want to have that timeline condense to one year, because I don't want to be sitting around twiddling their thumbs if they don't come to the table with an offer that is exceeding what their current performances. And so I think that we are in a really great position with what was passed in item. And so I really appreciate Mary's efforts to create a soft landing. I think item ten can already accomplish that. So I'll be supporting the substitute motion, not the item on the floor. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor Andrews. Yes, thank you, Mayor. I've been listening to everyone who tries to speak on this, but we're going to do a, you know, potentially raise rate for prices, you know, for players prices. I think we need to do more outreach. And that's why I'm going to support, you know, council members prices, price, emotions that we can so we can, you know, study this for one more year instead of two and come back with a r

ecommendation on the CTA when we are hopefully recovering from this pandemic. Everything else is going on in and, you know, economy. And thank you very much, Mayor. Thank you, vice mayor. Next up is councilwoman. Pierce. Thank you, Mayor. I do have 35 and I'm committed to raise that money. I guess the question that I. I would ask one more time is the fact, you know, I know that the staff's presentation had a lot of conversation about risk. I read the full report. It is feasible. And I do think that we are at a place where we deserve to get more info. It is info about what it would look like if Long Beach joined EPA. They might come back and say it's not feasible. And I think that that is a very solid next step that doesn't require staff time. So I respectfully would ask council members in De Haas to amend or accept my friendly to pay for the 35 K out of my own divide by nine and and include that in your motion and see if possibly taking that off the table will allow us to vote today instead of having a split vote. Council members and de Haas. Do you accept my friendly. I do. Thank you. Councilor Pearce. Anything else? No, I have lots of comments, but I think that the the view of the conflict of interest, for one, and I just hope that we can move forward today and and get to a place where we can clean up our environment and take the appropriate next steps. Thank you. Okay. That concludes the we do public comment on this. I think we did have a comment already, correct? Correct. Yes. We completed public comment on this item. Okay. That that concludes council comments on this item. Please talk about. District one. I can clarify that this is a substitute. Substitute. That's correct. You're voting on council members in the House. Substitute. Substitute motion. I. District three. They? District four. Nay. District five. May District six. Lake. District seven. I. District eight. May. District nine. I. Motion does not pass. See now. Now we're moving on to the substitute motion. And again, the substitute motion is a motion by Councilmember Price, second by Councilmember Mongo to shorten the two year period to a one year period. District one. I district to. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. District eight. District nine. I motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Next up is item number seven. Communication from Council Member Pearce, Chair of Environmental Committee. Recommendation to request City Council to endorse the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. Consider the Community Choice Aggregation Initiative and include a construction career policy with the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. Thank you. We are now moving to the rest of the agenda. We do have our. Items. Let me go out and do item four, please. Communication from Councilwoman Zendejas, Vice Mayor Andrews recommendation to increase appropriations in the general fund in

the city manager department by \$500 to provide a contribution to Central to help p

rovide assistance to victims of violent crime. Kevin Most of my customers are seconded by Councilmember Andrews attorney. Any comment? There's no public comment on this item. Roll call vote, please. District one. I am. District two. I. District three. My district for. My. District five. I District six. All right. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. I. Motion carries. Communication from Councilwoman Pryce, Chair of Public Safety Committee recommendation a request that the special order issued on January 16th, 2020 become a permanent policy change for the Long Beach Police Department. Item 16 report from. I'm sorry. Or from public works recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record concluded the public hearing find that the area to be vacated is not needed for present or prospective public use and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the portion of roadway way between Solana Court and Pacific Avenue, District one. Hey. I heard of theft. Good evening, Mayor and Council. I'd like to introduce Eric Lopez, the director of Public Works will make the staff presentation for this item. Thank you, Linda. Mayor and members of the city council. This is a standard item for us. We are recommending a vacation of the portion of Robles Highway between Salina Court and Pacific Avenue and a portion of the east side of Pacific Avenue between Third Street and Fourth Street. This is associated with one of our private developments. We can go into details you may have on that development. On the call. We have Joshua Hickman, who's our project management officer, that also assist with private developments that impact the public right away. And we can answer any questions you may have. Thank you. I have no public comment on the hearing. I mean, you have over two council members and they have. I just wanted to mention this item and supportive of this item. Thank you. Can I get a second, please? Can I get a second on the Q system? Okay. I have a second by Councilman Austin. Roll call vote. District one. I District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I District six. Yes, I do. District seven. By. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. QUESTION Karis, we're going to here. Let's do items 18 and 19 briefly. Those are some district funds transfers. Item 18, please. Thank you. Item 22 Please. Report from Human Resources Recommendation to execute a contract to execute contract amendments for health, vision, prescription dental life and disability insurance to maintain current benefit levels and remain in compliance with state and federal laws on all plans citywide. Okay. I have a motion by Vice Mayor Andrews. And a second by customary ringa. No public comment. Roll call vote, please. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I want district. Four. All right. District five. By. District six. All right, district seven. I. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries.

Kind of emotion in a second. Please. In need emotion in a second place. Most of my counsel has spoken about Councilmember Orson Roll Call vote. Well, is there any public comment on this? No. Right. No. There's no public comment. Okay, we'll cover. District one, i. District two. I District three. I. District for. My. District five. I. District six. District seven. I just read a. All right. District nine. All right. Motion carries. You and I would. I think we've got through all the items on the agenda and the fiscal year budget has been approved. And so I just want to thank the entire London City Council and the staff. And I look at. The image as one that's easy to read. And we. Will adjourn. We will adjourned. Thank you. Thank you. Next item is 12. Please report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to receive and file a report on the DeForest Park Vision Plan District nine. Take the negative motion in a second, please. Can I get a second? Okay. Second Council is in the house. Can I get the member of the public please comment. Our first speaker is Alexander Young. What? Hello. Yes. Please begin. Me. Hi. Yeah. Good evening, honorable members. My name's Alex Chung, and I represent City Fabric. We're a local nonprofit design studio located here in Long Beach, and we're dedicated to reshaping communities through collaborative design, planning and policy development and advocacy. We have the honor of providing capacity to the Report Park Vision Plan Team through community engagement, design and planning. Working closely with the City of Long Beach Conservation Corps of Long Beach, Campfire, Angela's Council, the Forest Park Neighborhood Association, and the larger the fourth Park community over the past year. And just wanted to state that we're in full support of this vision plan. And we want to emphasize how much this vision plan and the process of developing it was a community led and data driven process. We held three rounds of public outreach using both online and in-person tools and shared in multiple languages for people of all ages and abilities. As a nonprofit dedicated to serving communities in need, we have we have been working with Knauf on these for several years now,

on several projects related to parks and open space. And we find that the area has 2.9 acres of open space per 1000 residents, which is in stark contrast to the citywide average of 5.6 acres of open space per 1000 Long Beach residents across the city. So we hope that the City Council and City of Long Beach will favorably choose to invest in the fourth park, and we hope to continue working with the community to realize their vision. Thank you, Councilmembers. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. With that, please go ahead. Actually, Cosmo Richardson, did you do you have any comments or do you want answer? You want to start quickly? I got comments in the staff report. Why don't we do let's go ahead and do I do want you to comment first s

ort. Of a turn. Absolutely. And we're going to suffer for this. Great. Well, so this is an important project. I want to say thanks to staffer for their work on this. This was sort of the third master plan, open space master plan in the series of master plans that the ninth District has has led over the last five years or so. First was the the uptown open space plan. Second was the Halton Park Master Plan. And now we're moving on to the the fourth part plan. And we find is investing in these plans really puts us in a position to actually bring down draw down additional regional resources and state resources in order to implement some of the changes in our in our parks. And additionally, the Speaker mentioned the open space deficit. We have to be really creative about finding opportunities to expand open space. And so we're really proud of all of these plans, but especially this one here with the Forest Park plan, particularly in the way that it's. We're partnering this with Conservation Corps and Campfire to implement a better vision for a cleaner and safer and more active Forest Park. So that said, let's hear the staff report. Thank you, Mr. and Mr. Richardson. We will be getting a staff report from Brant Dennis, our director of Parks and Rec and Recreation, and Meredith Reynolds. Thank you. City manager, honorable mayor and members of Council were real pleased to bring presentation before you this evening for the Forest Park Vision Plan. I'd like to introduce Meredith Reynolds, who's our bureau manager of Parks Planning and Partnerships. I'll provide a brief presentation. Thank you, Meredith. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the city council will walk you through a presentation here this evening that outlines the effort for the Diverse Park Vision Plan. This vision plan is meant to provide the strategic guidance for future investments and improvements to this park to maximize the impact and best serve the community to enhance the overall park user experience. This particular vision plan was funded in collaboration with our partners. We have worked with the Conservation Corps, Campfire Angeles Council, City Fabric and the Ninth District to put this together. This is also part of kind of a larger investment from our proposal and grant funds. With the partners here. You'll see two other items on the council agenda this evening related to right of entry permits. These are early action projects that came from this plan. And I just wanted to point this out in advance before jumping into the vision plan. So there is some additional funds from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach that they were able to secure for an early action project that you'll see in the vision plan for an environmental center and also a proposed right of entry for Campfire Angeles for some trails project that they were able to secure grant funds from the Port of Long Beach as another early action project. With these two items, should they be approved this evening, we wou

ld be returning to the City Council in a future meeting for long term leases for these partners to operate and continue their investment in the park. Back to the vision plan. As a councilmember mentioned, this is a long term effort that began earlier in 2016 with the L.A. County identifying North Long Beach as having a very high need for parks. And that was followed by the Uptown Open Space Vision Plan, which identified a series of parks in need for vision plans and improvements . And we began this effort in August of 2019, where we were able to perform some site analysis, park assessment. And that was followed by a series of workshops through the spring, both with in-person stakeholder engagement when it was possible, and then online engagement when it was not due to COVID. The item went to the Parks and Recreation Commission in June, and we're here before you today. Part of our work on this includes existing conditions and analysis of the existing plans. You can see here some of those demographics that we paid attention to and that we sought out as a part of reviewing existing conditions. Overall, through the series of engagements, we held 13 public workshops and stakeholder meetings. We had 156 park assessment and community surveys completed, and all in all of which you will see seven ideas that culminated into the final idea that is in the vision plan. The park assessment was where we have folks go out into the park and

evaluate what they see using a paper survey tool. So we did two of these at two different days, two different times. We had 22 park assessment participants. These were available in multiple languages. And really here, trying to get a sense of the kind of first person experience from our users. Then we held our first series of workshops. We had three of them. They were the same content, just different days and times in multiple languages. And we had an activity board, as you see here in the photo. These are some of the ideas that came out of that activity. And so we had little kind of player chips that would indicate whether there was good placement or bad placement of existing amenity, good activity, bad activity where there were opportunities and challenges and participants got to put their activity chip on a large scale map to indicate what they saw during their site assessment. You'll see here the different sections of the park. And here is the south end of the park. From there, we ask some additional questions through some public surveys. We found that the park is active and very active during the day and the night and throughout the entire week. We heard a lot about the convenience of being able to walk from the neighbors neighborhood into the park. There is a lot of attractiveness of the park because of the trails and the new wetlands just south of the park. And there were a lot of information that the community was able to provide about some of the improvements they would like to see. From there, we had a second series

of workshops, four of them in all for the community, and then three specific stakeholder workshops where the community was able to take a activity board again and sort of more in-depth design their park as they would like to see it in the future. So here are the different ideas that came out of the different groups through this community engagement. And you'll see in the legend, in the bottom right corner the different types of activities people had identified. So arts and education programs, events. Fitness and health classes. Sports. Park improvements. Youth programs. And other. And then finally in the third workshop series, we whittle it down to two ideas, and folks were able to view that during our virtual public workshop in a follow up survey. So here are some of the types of questions where we were able to really clarify what the community wanted to see. So they preferred design. Number two, they had some preferences related to replacing the existing community center and maximizing space. And then there were some concerns about unsafe driving behavior. And so what additional kind of safe streets improvements might be useful? There's a handball court that separates the park and provides a visual barrier. There was support for removing that in favor of other activities. You'll see some of the different kinds of levels of demand for the different play here. And then finally, I asked we asked about prioritizing small projects, medium projects and large scale projects to get a sense of folks sequencing and priority. After all of that, here is a final vision plan concept. Going from north to south. In this case, it is right to left. The northern part of the park was identified for a discovery trail and use camping access to Los Angeles River as well as some fitness stations. There is ideas to have a environmental education center and enhance the community center and entry plaza. There is a desire to have some community gardens where the playground exists now and pulling the playground to the front of the park where there's eyes on the children and you can easily access it without changing the grade or a kind of right off of the parking lot. There was a desire to extend the Nature Trail and Creek to have a small dog area, a community amphitheater and plaza where the handball court used to be, and then continuing some of the walking and skiing pedestrian and bike improvements and making sure that the fields were playable with the new concession stand and restroom toward the southern end near the ballfields. I'll give you a sense of some renderings of what this could potentially look like when all phases are complete, once funding has been identified. Here you will see that Re-Envisioned playground in front of the courts next to on street parking. And then finally here you can see the amphitheater and these sports fields with some embankment seating and that the topography allows for at this particular location. I mentioned some of the early action

projects and the funding that has been secured. So the Conservation Corps has secured additional funding for the Environmental Education Center, and CAMPFIRE has secured that grant from the Port of Long Beach. So we do have a lot of momentum built behind this plan and this effort. With that, I will conclude the presentation and I will stop sharing my screen and will be available for questions. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Vice Minister, so quickly, I thought there were two slides from the the items that are coming up next. If we could just see those. If we can see those, that will be helpful. So we don't have to do a presentation on the next two items that are related. Happy to. Just one moment. There you are, sir. Okafor There was a rendering of the

stewardship center. There's no rendering the stewardship center. And we consolidated it into this presentation. If you give me one moment, we're going to pull that off for good. If you wouldn't mind, just send that over to me and I'll share. Another community, members of the Forest Park are really excited about this. And thank you. I just want to thank you to sit, you know, Meredith and everyone on the team that's worked hard, especially our partners, Conservation Corps and Campfire, who have stepped up to really adopt this park and to offer services to the broader North Beach community. It's kind of a big deal. Campfire was in North Long Beach before the 91 Freeway was established and 91 freeways brought in. They moved their facilities. They acquired facilities in East Long Beach and left North Long Beach. And with this project, it's pretty cool because it's a part of Hitler Family's history returning. So as a part of the Uptown Renaissance, if you will. So thank you all for your time and indulging us. And congratulations to the Forest Park neighbors. Thank you. And we do have a comment on this already. Yes, we did. Okay, fine. Would you please come up the vote? District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. By District six. By District seven. By District nine. Buy motion carries. District two are. District three are District four. My District five. District six. I. District seven. District eight. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Item 69 Report from Energy Resources Recommendation to adopt a resolution to address certain natural gas transmission rates and adopt a resolution to increase Low-Income Gas discount rate from 5% to 20% citywide. Okay. I got a motion by Councilmember Pierce Second Councilman's and has. I don't see any public comment. Correct. No, we have Tiffany Davey. Oh, sorry about that. Good evening, Disney baby again. I do the concert. I know the very item. I believe 79. In regards to moving item to. The December 1st meeting, which. We don't know what that will be. It's one of 69. I would have supported moving another right. Of course. However, I would have supported moving this item to the December 1st meeting. I do. Sup

port the increase of the discount to the lower income. Persons. However, I don't support raising utility. Rates. During a pandemic. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes our public comment for this item. Okay. We're going to do roll over. District one. District two by district three. District four. All right. District five. By District six. Right? District seven. I. District eight. Where District nine. All right. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. We're going to skip 72. 71. Please report from Human Resources recommendation to adopt a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding with the Service Employees International Union located at 712. Or Local 71721 citywide. Okay. Thank you. Item 64. Recommendation to consider a request from community members to name the Bixby Dog Park. Dr. Myrna, Mickey Donohoe, Dog Park, and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration. Customer appears. Thank you, Mayor. And this item is one that is dear to our heart. We know that the second District Dog Park is something that we did in our first year in office. And we did it with the support of Dr. Mickey Donahue, who really had been a big advocate to ensure that we activated parcel. One of the dog park was so fortunate to have Mickey as an advocate from its inception. Her tireless persistence benefited the park in so many ways, including the establishment of our nonprofit status through Partners of Park, the addition of new safer benches in the small dog area, a kiosk for notices and community engagement, the regular delivery of wood chips and mulch to mitigate dust. Mickey was always respectful in her approach and her intention with everyone, regardless of who they were or what their background was. Myra passed away last month. Too much of us, you know, broken down and sad for this. So we were approached by the dog park and everybody, not only at the dog park, but the friends of Bixby Park and made a speech neighborhood association all support naming this dog park after Dr. Myra Donahue. So I encourage my council colleagues to support this motion. I want to make sure that this goes not only to the Parks Rec and Marine, but that it also goes to our Neighborhoods Committee. This won't be a process that I get to set to finish through, but I know that the Second District residents are committed to seeing this process follow through to the end. So with that, I encourage my colleagues support. Thank you. Councilman Price. Mr. Mayor, I'm happy to second this item. And I know that council district to and council district three split the cost of the dog park. And that's a space in our borders that I'm super proud to have. And I appreciate Councilwoman Councilmember Pearce bringing this item forward. I think it's it's very fitting that this dog park would be named after such a strong advocate and someone who the community has so much respect for. And I'm in total support in agreement of this item. So thank you, Council Member Pearce for bring

ing it forward. Thank you. Thank God for the vote. Mr. Vice Mayor, we have public comment on the first speakers. Dr. Barney Rutgers. Dr. Bonnie Richter's. Hi. This is Dr. Barney Rutgers. And I'm in tears after the introduction of you. She was awesome. She was a generous person and always is always a civil activist. Ever since her early twenties to her latest participation in Black Lives Matter, and she was a dedicated professor with interest in Native American and women history and issues. Her husband, Tommy, is a community activist as well. She was personally generous. She gave to every and anyone who asked, and she was the one that opened her home to all that had nowhere else to go for the holidays. She was out. Everyone was always warmly welcomed. She was both active and generous in our local Buddhist community, holding Buddhist folk clubs in her home. And she lived her faith and was an exemplary example of generosity, kindness and goodness. She loved all animals, especially canines. Her dog, Hugo, was an active member of Bark. Helping children to read. Her newest dog, daughter, was being groomed to be a. I'm sorry. Donte was being groomed to be a therapy dog. She was interested and instrumental in creating the dog park. And it's only fitting that park be named for her. Thank you. Our next speaker is John Donahoe. Oh. Yes. I would like to urge the council to name the dog park. Dog Park after Donahoe. She was an activist, community activist all her life. She adopted the dog park as a personal project and as president and friends of the project. She enlisted many of us to help in the projects to improve the park. She gave her heart and soul to the dog park. Unfortunately, passed away recently and it would be fitting for her to be named after the dog park. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Ronald Janis. Hi. Yeah, I'd like to thank everybody that's talked about this so far. My name is Ron, and I'm a longtime resident of District two. Good evening, Mayor. Council members and those in attendance. I will read a little bit about what the vice president, Robert Richardson, has written and couldn't attend this meeting. Thank you, Janine Parrish, for recommending this action. Robin and I respectfully support the naming of the dog park at Bixby Park in honor of Dr. Myrna Bell. It was submitted by the city and is co-sponsored by Janine Pearce, Price and Daryl Supernova. The members of the board unanimously support this action and would be so thrilled to have Micki honored this way. She was our president, but more than that, a tireless worker and advocate for the common good of our community. Thank you. Also spend some time at Speedy to office at Bixby Park. She truly had an ability to bring people together and we feel the loss of this community member acutely. It would be so fitting for the dog park to be named for her as well as she was devoted to dogs and the community they can create among dog owners the constant reinstallation of woodchip brown

covered logs, kiosk and the drinking water features we are now enjoying their were achieved through her respectful perseverance in working with all the stakeholders involved. It would be a joy to see her remembered this way. Thank you. Our next speaker is Thomas Donahoe. I think it's fitting to name this dog park. Dr. Myrna Mikita. Who? Dog Park. She advocated for the dog park since its inception, and she realized the need for a dog park in this neighborhood with so many apartment blocks, with pets in the area. And that's why she was devoted to it. She was always building community support even before the board was established. Her colleagues voted her as the first president of the Friends of Dog Park, and he worked tirelessly for the dog park. She organized community events. She developed social media sites for the dog park. She organized community cleanups and would spreading tips. Many a Saturday she would have 50 volunteers at that park working. She's instrumental in getting the water fountains out for for our furry friends. She made this a real community dog park, and it's only fitting she'd be honored in this way. Thank you. Thank you. Castle. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. Craig, would you please call for the vote? Can we please get a mover in a second here on this item? Councilmember Pierce is the motion. The second Suzy Price is the second, I think. I guess I'm the second to thank you. Thank you. District one. Very heartfelt. Yes. District. Very heartfelt. Yes. District three. Yes. District Court. All right. District five. I district. By District seven. Hi. District eight. District nine. Ocean carries. Thank you. The next at number 65. Okay. 49, please. Each report from Human Resources recommendation to adopt a resolution approving an exception to the 180 day waiting period for public agencies to hire Charles Tripp for a limited duration to work in the Energy Resources Department citywide. Public comment, please. Yes, we have Dave Shukla. Dave Shukla. Did she go on sale? I have a host of questions about her facility, but it's really one of the important. So this is not dancing or prefer. Can we pipe offshore wind perhaps from the far side of Catalina Island where that generation sources know what is the relative toxicity of the ash that we pay people to bury? What are the processes? That are only known to a handful of people that might

just by chance have already been lost this year. Four. Continue to keep the facility open. And do we have any estimates of the total amount of black carbon that has been absorbed into the local environment? From that facility. Over the past. Couple of years that we haven't really been monitoring anything by a whole bunch of other things as much nationally, but even locally we've kind of a bit less. I'd love to talk to Mr. Tripp, frankly. Thank you for your time. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Roll call vote. Actually, I need a motion in a second, please, on t

his item. Motion pocket. General roll cover, please. I. Sorry. But who is the maker of the Motion Mayor District? I think it was Pierson in the house. Thank you. District one. I'm District two, i district three, i district four. All right. District five. District seven. By. District eight. I. District nine. Ocean carries. I? Yes. I'd like to make a motion to postpone this to the next. To the next meeting. Okay. Is there a second? Second, my customary ringa is right. Is there any public comment on the on the postponement? Yes. First speaker is Anna Wong. We have several public speakers. Mayor on on the item, if we're going to postpone the item. Mr. City Attorney. I think the motion's on postponement, correct? That's correct. But they're they're given the opportunity to speak if they want to speak to the item of continuing it to the next week. OC What's going to go through that, Madam Clerk? The first. Pictures. Anna Wong. I'm fine with continuing. Okay. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jacqueline Case. Good morning. Commander. Yes, good morning. Yes, I actually the values of tonight's presentation are lost due to items still pending an investigation. So I would have the support to postpone 52 and postpone it for for not just until next week, but 90 days. Thank you. Our next speaker is Christine O'Malley. Her steamer, Amélie. Our next speaker is Michelle Baker. Michelle Baker. Hi. Good morning. My name is Michelle Baker, a resident of District two and business owner in District three. I am asking that the vote for item 52 be postponed for 90 days. So the community has an opportunity to review the detailed plan and to have public comment. I would also like to thank council members Pearce, Place and Mango, who have been tireless advocates for the shelter animals improving health. I also want to wish Councilmember Janine Pearce all the best for future endeavors. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Laura Silver. You are. Hello. Good morning. My name is Laura Silver and I want to thank counsel who are working late. I do support the postponement. We have been urging a postponement of 90 days or more. So there is public review and comment and I appreciate your time and thank you for your service to Long Beach. Thank you. That concludes further comments and some. Okay. There is a motion then to postpone. Concern for Pierce. Did you want to go ahead and comment? Yes. It actually going to make the motion to postpone for a date and a date certain of March 2nd. Councilmember Mongo. I just want to appreciate Councilmember Pearce for giving. I know that it's meant a lot to her to be a part of this item, and it's important to the community to have the opportunity to add additional input. And I think a date certain of March 2nd would be an appropriate amount of time. Thank you. To roll call vote, please. District one. I am. District two. I. District three. District four. High five. High District seven. District eight. District nine. Motion carries. Okay, grea

t. We're going to go back to the agenda. We have two hearings. One side is to hearing tape. Thank you. Next item is item 65. Communication from Councilmember Pearce. Councilwoman Zendaya's Councilmember Miranda Recommendation to request city manager to report back on enforcement for violations of the city's health order. That's a reverse. Thank you, Mayor. This item came up from a letter that came from the commission, from our health commissioners. Many people have been asking us about what we're doing on enforcement for mask. As we recently discussed in this council meeting. We've had to close down our economy because we've had COVID cases on the rise. It's very difficult to see some of our small businesses closed whenever we see in some places that people aren't following the rules and that it's those rules that are being broken that are leading to some of our high cases. So I've asked the city manager just to share briefly what the process currently is for enforcing our mask. And then I'm asking the city manager to come back to the council with some examples of what other cities have done. I know that there's some people that are saying other cities are enforcing and other cities aren't. So that's the gist of this item. Tom, could you please share just briefly what the enforcement is for the public? Yeah, just briefly. So we do have a requirement in our health order to mask and wear face coverings. We've been having a pretty strict run in since the very beginning of the pandemic, and we are now currently aligned with what the state law is, which is essentially that it needs to be worn almost at all times. It's subject to a couple of exclusions and it is a violation of the health order with a misdemeanor. Generally, when

our team sees people, whether that be our health team, our code enforcement or even police officers are called, we tend to see pretty good compliance where when we ask them, they put on a mask or they are . And at times we also hand out mass. We have youth ambassadors who go into hotspots and they can actually hand people masks. And a lot of times when a youth hands you a mask and asks you to wear it, we get good compliance. There are times where people do not want to do that, and that's where enforcement becomes difficult. So, you know, that would technically be a misdemeanor or a criminal citation. So we're happy to look into if other cities have done that. There are some concerns about just staffing impact of having police officers do that, plus the potential for uses of force and things that we want to avoid, as well as whether or not that would be fired upon as a misdemeanor site. On the other hand, if it's civilian ized, you know, that would be a different approach. But if the person does become, you know, combative with the employee, that does put the employee at some risk. So we're happy to talk to some other departments or I'm sorry cities and see what if they found a better solution to do it. I know there's a couple

of examples and we'd be happy to do the research. Thank you so much for that, Tom. I did get a good group of community members that shared their input. I think that what I've what I've heard from my constituents is that they want to feel safe and they want to see that the city is taking our mask mandate seriously. Having police officers be the ones that are enforcing that is something that a lot of my constituents, at least in the second District, would not like to see. Having civilians being able to hand out, mask or do more education on it is definitely something that they support. I think that you've also done a good job about having the Health Department go in to businesses that might not be adhering to the health order, and that that is another area of enforcement. And so making sure that whenever you bring back for city staff or for the council to look at, that you're including all of those ideas as well. So that that was suggestive of my item. I'm happy to hear from council colleagues again, not giving a lot of direction today, but want to make sure that we're doing our part as much as possible. And let me close out with the one last statement that I think is included in the item as well. I know that I have personally called you Tom on a number of occasions. Whenever we have seen police officers not wearing their mask, I've had a case outside my house and there was a car accident and I had to go up to the police officers and tell them to put their mask on when they were dealing with the people that were in the accident on Pine and Broadway. And so could you talk a little bit about what we're doing whenever we see our city employees out there not adhering to our health order? Yes. As city manager, it is my expectation that all of our employees wear masks. That has been a constant message since the beginning. But we are ramping up the enforcement of that as well. And particularly in the last couple of weeks, the police department has put in a number of very specific directions about the requirement for officers to be wearing masks. And that's not just MPD. That's, you know, he's doing it there, but it's elsewhere as well. And there will be discipline that is associated with that if we're not getting compliance. So if you do see those, please let us know. We do follow up with employees and. Remind them of the rules and take progressive steps if we need to. Thank you. With that, I ask for my council colleagues support. Thank you. Customers are being asked. Thank you. I'm happy to second this motion and to for this request. I, too, have seen a lot of my residents asking for more enforcement when it comes to mask wearing. So I think this is very important. I also heard from my constituents, my residents said they also would prefer that it's not our police officers because I think we're all immigrants, that they are they have other more I don't want to say more important tasks to handle, but there are other calls that need their immediate attenti

on. So if we can rely on our on our city staff and I'm super glad that, you know, we have programs that pass out mask, I think that, you know, having a mask at hand makes a big difference. So I think you and I hope that we continue to, you know, to give those out as much as possible. And if you're a first District resident and you need a mask, please don't hesitate to call my office. I'd be more than happy to help you out with that. So thank you with that. I think next is customary. Ranga then Councilman Mongo. Thank you, Mayor. I think it's important that we keep in line with whatever is going on in the communities around us. And I'm looking forward to see what the city manager can discover in their research and bring it back to seek elsewhere. Consideration. Thank you for emerging, Pierce, for bringing this forward. I think it's important that we maintain some consistency with our colleagues as well as being able to address what's going on with COVID. It's been more than research that masks work and we need to continue that. Thank you. Thank you,

Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I was trying to get some clarity from Mr. Modica and Mr. Modica. You're discussing specifically when staff are on duty or when staff are within the city limits, or what is the scope of the impact that you're discussing? Well, I would want all of our city employees to be good stewards in their private life. And when they're here as well, our directions are essentially that they have to follow the state health or the city health order, which is the state health order. And especially when they're on city property, when they are on duty, they should be wearing a mask. There are exceptions in the state law and in city law. My expectation is that those be exercised rarely because, you know, people don't always realize what the exceptions are. So there are going to be times where if we have a police officer chasing someone down, you know, in a in a crisis situation, that there may not be a mask on. But if you're doing normal interactions, there should be a mask on. And same thing for any other employee who's out there. So that is really the expectation that we've been trying to communicate. Well, today, around 130, I was walking my daughter to put her to sleep and taking a conference call, walking around my neighborhood. And I was approached by two individuals, both concerned about the health order and with a bunch of questions. I do appreciate that the Health Department does a great job of promoting on Twitter and Facebook, but I think it's really important that we recognize that a lot of our community does not have access to the Internet. They're older members of our community, and they're one of my more spry elderly neighbors. I don't know that she'd want me to call her elderly, but she's in her eighties. She said she doesn't know if she should be wearing a mask while she rides a bike. She has no intent of being within six feet of a person. She doesn't understand if that is n

ecessary. I had to agree with her. She said, you know, walking alone. I don't walk near people. I walk into the street. I don't ever get within six feet of a person. Are are do I have to wear a mask? And I think these are good questions. And I don't think that we're going to have a high level of compliance with those types of areas. I have to agree with her. In many respects, it's harder for her to breathe with a mask on. She's older. So what do we what do we do in those cases? Those are both exemptions under the state health law or under the state health order. So if you are six feet away from anyone else, you do not have to have a mask. It has been updated recently that you need to carry it with you, so you need to have it with you at all times and in your pocket. And when you come in within six feet of somebody, you need to be masking up. So that would apply to someone riding a bike or someone walking alone in their neighborhood or with their family. And it would apply to workers as well. Okay. I'm going to try to see if I see her again tomorrow and give it to you. But the way that it was written on the document that she showed me that was published in a local paper, it had the word or except for next to it, and it read to me like it was all the time , unless you had a condition. So I don't know what we can do potentially if there's free ad space in local papers that we could help get that communication out to individuals. Because what she showed me, I said, you know, I'm happy to ask, but I don't know. And so we're just going to need help getting that message out to our community, because the main source that they have is the local paper and what they see on TV. Thank you. Sure thing. Thank you. Let's see who is next here. I have come to Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. I know this is you know, we're in a difficult time. We're all thinking about different ways to be helpful and encourage the right type of activity. I think, you know, there's people all over the place on this discussion on on masks. I think we all know masks are part of the solution. They help. They help people. They help slow down the spread, the transmission of the virus. I also know that, you know, as it relates to how we get people to wear masks, sometimes mandates, sometimes the mandates, depending on the angels and the details, how do we make sure that, you know, you get it? How do you actually enforce if you're not using police or others? Are you talking about hiring additional people to do it? I just have a lot of questions here to make it happen. And I agree that's not a position that you want to put the police department or the community in. So I agree with that point. But I also want to know just think about public health and what we've learned about enforcing, you know, war on drugs. We're on heroin. We've changed. We talk about education. We talk about harm reduction. No, you don't go out and say you don't have sex anymore. You say wear a condom. You don't say, you

know, there's you know, this is a conversation on harm reduction. How do you encourage embrace this and be smart about it, I think. How do you enforce it in big box retailers that are still open? How do you how do you enforce that? Some of them enforce it very well, like Costco, but then Walmart does it. I think that's somewhere that we can control. I think our own employees, ensuring that our

employees are really following the rules. Every department, our police department, any department that's out there, I think that is very clear is within the realm of our control. I think we just have to be very, very delicate in how we we talk about how we understand very clearly the impacts of of of the mandate and how to make sure that it doesn't have unintended consequences. So once we understand that threshold, I can support it, but I want to see more information. And that's what I'll support doing, you know, doing the research and understanding the feasibility. I want to see what our public health experts say about this issue. But but I do have my own concerns about it. But I think it's something that we should that's the conversation that we should have as a city. Thanks a lot. Okay. Thank you. That concludes, I think, council comment and the public comment on this. Yes. Our first segment is Tiffany Davey. Hey, good evening again. Tiffany David District from resident of the fourth District nearing midnight here. I agree with a lot of the comments that were made between council. I think it's truly important to have consistent. Messaging and consistent support by City Council for. Enforcement. However, there are. Very complex moving parts. To this crisis. I mean, the political motivation of response at the national level definitely. Didn't help local efforts. Potential to look into what disaster service workers can do in these spaces where we know that there are there's a need for folks to remove their mask when they go into. Big box stores for phone calls or whatever the nature. Of any. General case. And also look at the Covered Helpers. Page for the enforcement. Section. The language there could further state with clarity not just. Businesses, but rather the onus upon individuals as well. Thank you. Your next speaker is Christopher Robson. Christopher Ross. Hello, this is Chris Robson. And I'm a member of the. Can you hear me? Yes. Please continue. Hello. Okay. So I am a member of the Long Beach Board of Health and Human Services. I've had the position for three years and former chair that basically the issue is this is the law. It is a state mandate to wear a mask. It's not optional. It's not up to whether or not the police wish to enforce it or whether the city wants the police or anyone else to enforce it. The Long Beach Police Department had a photograph in the newspaper, The Post, with over 100 officers without masks on. You have to wear a mask. It's the only thing we've got until we have vaccination. The city has no. Way to make this optional, i

t must be enforced. Doesn't have to be a misdemeanor, does not have to be criminalized, can be administrative, fine. Other jurisdictions throughout L.A. County have done this. From Glendale to Manhattan Beach, we need to enforce the mask ordinance. Period. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Thank you. Then we're going to do a roll call vote, please. District one. I am. District two. I. District three. A district for. My. District five. The. District seven. District seven. Hi. District eight. Yes, thank you. District eight. District nine. I. Motion carries. Great. Next item will be we're going we have we have two hearings which we haven't gotten to yet. So let's go out and do the tearing, which is item 28 and 29. You're. Item 28 Report from Economic Development Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Adopt a resolution. Actually, actually, you know what, Madam Court, let me do I have a request from Councilmember Pearce, and it is it is her last meeting. So we're going to we're going to take items 31 and 34. Thank you. Item 48, please. Communication from Councilwoman Mongo Councilwoman Price. Councilman Austin Recommendation directs City Manager to update the City of Long Beach COVID 19 Data Dashboard Report Back on our city's efforts to lobby our federal and state legislature for a community focused relief bill and bring back options to advocate for federal legislative action, support, deferment and forbearance of government backed Small Business Association loans. Councilman McGregor. Thank you. I know that the city has done an exceptional amount of work in lobbying the federal and state legislature. I know that people call our offices all the time or post on social media. The council's not doing enough. The council is not doing enough, and the council has taken action almost weekly as things have continued to change, to support workers and laid off individuals and parents and businesses. And I just think it's important that we communicate what we're doing so that people know that we're standing with them and fighting for them. Additionally, as we talked about earlier, the data transparency component is critical specifically. If we're going to use hospitalizations, that needs to be on the dashboard. I appreciate how quickly health and I.T. team came together to put that up. And I look forward to additional amendments to that page coming in the future. I hope I have the full council support. Councilman Price. I want to thank Councilwoman Margo for bringing this forward. And I look forward to our federal legislative committee looking at the option of what options are possible with the government that small business loans so that people aren't in default. Thank you. Public comment. Our first

speakers, Dave Shukla. Eve Shukla. Yes. Sorry about that. I already made most my comments related to the issue of indemnity immunity, liability waivers, whatever they. This is. Important

as are some of the changes that. We we had an election for a reason. From the changes in the society needed to be made for a couple of years that been delayed. It's late. I'll be brief. Please think carefully about what Norm institutionally are paying. I've been permitted and kind of allowed in this period of transition. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Tiffany, D.V.. Good evening, Kathleen Davey. Generally supportive. You know, all recovery and response efforts. However, an approaching recovery focus should be centered around all affected by that crisis. We can't afford to continue the misinformed, elitist of the public into believing any one sector. Is potentially experiencing greater losses. When we launched the first counties, state and city health orders. We did so specific purposes to slow the spread. Of COVID 19 and continue to address injuries. Losses and impacts on the weaknesses of a. Holistic, short, intermediate and long term strategic recovery plan. Further. I think that's expanding. Upon the why the enforcement. Does run the risk. Of potentially delegitimizing or undermining efforts. To combat the pandemic and already allocating potentially already scarce. Public service needs. Last couple of points, again, because it's time. I'd look to potentially appointing a local disaster recovery manager. For managing the recovery and assisting. The city manager potentially within that office. I also highlight that since this meeting began, L.A. County's two in one has. Sent out information about L.A. County residents receiving assistance from financial navigators. These are difficult times. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. Roll call vote, please. District one district. I. District two. I. District three. I've. District four. All right. District five, I. District six. District seven. High District eight. I. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item is item 65. Next item is 63. Communication from Councilwoman Zendejas. Councilmember Pierce. Councilmember Arango, Councilmember Richardson Recommendation to increase appropriations in the City Manager Department by 4000 to provide a contribution to Central Shore for their food distribution program. Okay. I don't have any public comment. Customers and they have mixed emotions. Don't give any comments. Councilman. Just really quick, I just wanted to thank Central Channel. It was a great event that we had with them and we were able to provide food for Thanksgiving for over 200 homes. So thank you very much for the help and the partnership in helping these families, especially during these unprecedented times. Thank you. Okay. There's a motion in a second by Councilmember Austin members. Is Gordon casseroles. District one. By. District two. I. District three. I. District Court. All right. District five. District seven. My District eight. Hi. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. Next up is item 35. I. Item 35. Is a communic

ation from councilman's and day has councilmember Ranka and Vice Mayor Richardson. Recommendation. Recommendation to. Recommendation to request city attorney to drop an urgency ordinance to restore hero pay for frontline grocery workers at a rate of \$4 per hour to sunset 120 days after the approval of the ordinance. Okay, Councilwoman. And down. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you to all my to my colleagues who helped me bring this item forward. Thank you for signing onto this very important item that we're discussing here today on this issue. Especially after when when we have had seven days average for new COVID cases in Lake County and above that 10,000 per day. And our regional I see you capacity has fallen below 2%. We are at a critical moment in this crisis when things are far more serious than at any other point this year. And we also know that some of the people most impacted by this pandemic are frontline workers. And among those that are most vulnerable right now are the grocery store workers. This is an item and an issue that is so important to me and to many of my residents in the first District. And it's so very important to me personally. I have had family members who have worked in the grocery stores and have tested positive for COVID. And after testing positive for COVID, they then brought it home to their family, their spouse, and affected the whole family. And the whole family struggled with COVID. And they're not far from being the only ones who have been impacted in this way from working at our grocery stores. This is something that I firmly believe in and in in the matter of equity, fairness. And it's a way that we as a city council can do a lot of good on behalf of our residents. In fact, the city of Los Angeles just moved forward with this very similar policy earlier today. So we even we're even lucky enough to have a bit of a road map from them on what the policy could look like. I'd like to just begin by. Though, by offering some brief clarifications as to what I'm hoping that this item will look like before we turn it over to discussion. First of all, I want to make it clear that this

is priority for this is how these are paid to be available to all hourly paid members of stores and staff who are reporting to work during this this crisis, this pandemic. I know that there may be some concerns of enforcement, but one of the things is that I think that that we will this will be an ordinance that will be very similar to the I'm Sick leave ordinance that we brought forward a couple months ago during this year in the pandemic. Additionally, it is my hope that we can all incorporate specific language that prohibits any kind of retaliation against whistle blowers to report on companies who are not in compliance with this ordinance. And lastly, while this ordinance is set to sunset at 120 days after it's adopted, I would really like to see if staff could report back with options to potentially extend it if needed, especially because

we are living in such uncertain times with this pandemic. And hopefully I'm hopeful that things will get better and that we won't need this as much then as we do now. But I hope that all of my colleagues will support this and support our. Frontline workers who are risking their lives every single day to bring food to our tables. And thank you. And with that, and I also would like to see if we have public comment, maybe we can hear the public comment before we hear from council. That would be great. We appreciate it. I'm sure Councilman Richardson is the second. Are you okay with that, councilman? That was on you? Absolutely. Vice mayor. Sorry. Okay. Let me go ahead. Go to the public comment. Our first speaker is Derrick Smith. Hi. My name is Derek Smith and the political director for us. 324. Good evening, Mayor. City Council. On behalf of my union, I'd like to congratulate new council members Alan and Sorrow for both. We're very happy for you both. I wish to speak in support of council members and they are in motion. Our local represents 1200 grocery workers in Long Beach and 18,000 grocery workers regionally. Intuitively, we know. The big box grocery retail. Has profited greatly from the change in shopping habits due to COVID and thanks to a study done by the Brookings. Institute. That intuition has been confirmed. According to the report, 2020. Has resulted in record profits for large grocery, retail. Amazon Whole Foods 53% profit above 2019. Walmart 45%. Kroger, which owns Ralphs 90%. Albertsons Vons 153%. In the beginning of this pandemic, all of these chains gave wage increases in acknowledgment for the health risks that essential workers are being asked to shoulder. Amazon, Kroger. Albertsons, Target gave \$2 an hour hero pay. And in each example, hero pay was phased out in May or June. So as COVID cases spiked in the summer and again in the fall, these companies refused to reinstate here. Okay. And instead they opted to give small one time bonuses or even gift cards for store credit. It's simply not enough. Calling grocery workers heroes or essential is not enough. Our members didn't ask to be heroes, and they surely. Aren't paid like heroes. We can no longer rely on the industry to do the right thing. Compelling the industry to pay worker. Think your next speaker is Donna via Gomez. None of you, Gomez. Good evening to the members of the Long Beach City Council. My name is Donna via Gomez and I am a 35 year employee of Bonds grocery store. I work in the city of Long Beach, and I'm here today to identify myself as an essential worker. The governor has reinstituted another stay at home order, but my fellow grocery workers do not get to stay home. We are all scared of contracting the current COVID 19 virus. But we serve. We serve because it is our honor to serve. This is our community, our family. We keep our community healthy and nourish with food and friendship. But we receive little, if any, reward for putting our lives o

n the line every day. Every contact with the public and our fellow employees put our lives at risk. We take all of the risk for little compensation for the company's profit growth. The workers is now the proverbial canary in the coal mine, waiting for an invisible enemy to take one of us. The grocery companies do not look out for their employees well-being. We have no cleaning staff disinfecting. We have no management overseeing the mess that Martha Warren. We have no one managing social distancing. We have no one monitoring cloud capacity. It appears to me that being an essential worker at bonds means that I am little more than slave labor and then expendable. We deserve to be paid hazard pay because we take all the risk. Thank you for listening, and I appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you. Your next speaker is Connor Collette. Can you hear me? Yes. Please begin. Hello? Okay. My. I'm. I'm Connor. And I wanted to call in on behalf of, like, the grocery workers and stuff. It's just like the last one made a point. We don't have extra crews. We don't have extra people to monitor the feed or the masks or anything like that. But all of that responsibility has been put on us as employees of Albertsons and Bonds and things like that. And we're not given extra time. We're not given extra money, we're not given easy, especially whenever we have so many employees like on the frontline, kind of support people that have that are that are

either past the age of 5050 or they have like mental or physical disabilities. This is all of us having to work twice as hard during this time to keep up with new regulations, to keep up with everybody staying far enough apart, yet to call them to register. There's just so much extra work and we're not being compensated for that at all. And while if we were to contract the virus, which is highly likely because of what we do, if we were to contract the virus, yeah, we do that. Can we take time off? But what if what if the corona virus doesn't go away in two weeks? What happens to people? What if we have other financial concerns that we're not able to make up for it? We're not able to pay for because all we're getting is a base pay since we're out of six or so . Thank you. Your next speaker is Dorian Varner. Hello? Can you hear me? Yes. Please begin. Thank you. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members and congratulations to our newly elected. My name is Doreen Bonner. I am a resident of District one. As we all know, the COVID 19 pandemic has been ravaging our nation for more than nine months. And in that time, we have lost hundreds of thousands of people across the country, including hundreds in our own city, as our communities navigate their way through this crisis. One group of people has been consistently asked to show up on the front lines and the few places where many people are still legally allowed to congregate. And that's grocery store workers know in the beginning of the pandemic these people were g

iven some hazard pay, as a previous commenter mentioned, which was an increase of about \$2 an hour across most companies. However, in the time since, as we all know, this crucial boon has been rescinded that was once given to these workers and their families. And this is frankly nonsensical because the pandemic is now worse than it was during the initial lockdown period. And most of these grocery conglomerates, such as Kroger, Vons and Albertsons, have replaced it with bonuses that are dependent on hours worked, which is a solution that fails to give workers the financial leverage to take necessary time off if they are sick. Now, none of these options give workers the ability to properly provide for their families, while also accounting for the hazard of working during the worst global pandemic in 100 years. We must guarantee workers at these major store at least a \$4 an hour rates for the next 120 days, especially considering that families rely heavily on grocery stores during the holiday season. It's time we start treating. I think your next speaker is Dr. Katie Dudley. Dr. Katie Dudley. Dr. Katie Dudley. If you're there, please remove yourself. Our next speaker, Dr. Katie Dudley. Yes. Hi. Good evening. My name is Katie Dudley. I'm a resident of the third district. And a professor at Cal State Long Beach, where I specialize in labor within socially sustainable tourism. Destinations. I'm speaking tonight in support of Councilwoman Zendaya's item regarding hazard pay for frontline grocery workers. I'm going to start by talking about how the word sustainable has become a common phrase that talked about more as a marketing tool these days than been an attempt to truly achieve sustainability. I only bring this up because what's often left out of the equation, whether it be in my field of sustainability in the context of tourism destinations or in cities like Long Beach, striving to become a sustainable city are the people that actually sustain the area. The ones that keep coming to work so that we can have continued access to our supply of food and other items even during a pandemic. The people who are applauded and deemed essential yet had to make tougher decisions than you or I during this pandemic, and that have consequences not only to themselves and their immediate family, but to the community at large. These these decisions that they make include whether or not to ignore symptoms of an illness themselves, because under the current structure, they can't afford to miss even a single day of work. And although there is a vaccine that is being distributed as we speak, it does not automatically erase the health and financial burden. Thank. Think your next speaker is Elizabeth Leone. Elizabeth Leone. Good evening. My name is Elizabeth Leone. I have worked in the city of Long Beach for about five years. My life, as well as my coworkers life and anyone working in the grocery store. Our lives have changed. I am stressed out physically and mentally drai

ned. I go to work every day. With the question in mind is today the day is the day. The day I get infected with COVID as the day of the day I give it to my kids. It's very stressful. Sorry. It's harder than I thought. The bottom line. They are profiting and they are making so much money and they say that they don't have enough money to pay. They do. They are making millions of dollars on us. And we're the ones that are there. They're at home and we are there. They're doing meetings on Zoom calls. But we're there and. I'm sorry. That's all I have. Thank your next speakers. Gil Kiyoko, Yokoyama. Jack Yokoyama? Yes. Please begin. Hi. Good evening, Mayor. And now the council man. My name is Reverend Gil Yokoyama. I serve as a minister for Long Beach Parish Church, the

Japanese Buddhist community in West Long Beach. We have many Mexican and Filipino neighbors in this community. And for years, I have known some of them quite closely who were working at the nearby grocery stores that I regularly go to. I support Long Beach's front line grocery workers because we realized during a time like this, the grocery constitutes the most necessary foundation of a life that keeps our and our family's health intact. It's essential for us to recognize the causality within this community that affects our society with deep insight and also with clear foresight toward the next year. I recognize the impact of the health and well-being of these workers on the collective well-being of their residents of the city. So during this unprecedented way, harsh winter in our lifetime, I hope that the city we ask the residents can collectively support these workers. I thank you for listening. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jean Alfonzo. Yes. This is Jane. Afonso, can you hear me? Yes. Please begin. Okay. I'm here representing the South Coast Interfaith Council, which is located in Long Beach and prides itself on creating communities of compassion among people of different faiths, promoting mutual understanding, appreciation, cooperation. And part of our mission is to provide moral leadership and work for justice, which is what brings me here tonight. Long Beach has the opportunity to show its commitment to compassion and justice. And grocery workers have been on the front lines since the pandemic began. And it's only getting worse. I know we had a brutal speaker previously, but I know that empathy is can be traced back to an early Buddhist teachings. But instead of focusing just on empathy, which can drain you, as I see during this council meeting, the worries and the needs of Long Beach residents and workers is just as so difficult. And so I, I encourage you to take the practice of compassion, which is sharing not just not just with others, but or others, so that you're able to make a measured and good decision rather than just being drained by all the pain. And it's painful. I know my neighbor has a grocery worker, is struggling to pay for childcare for her child while he's on Zo

om. And she may not be able to make rent and may not. Thank you. Your next speaker is Julie Buchanan. Julie Buchanan. Why this is truly Buchanan. I'm a second generation Long Beach native. I live in District four across the street from Fire Station 17, and I live, work and play in Long Beach. I am currently off from work from COVID. If anyone at my store, which is Vons unexamined, shows any sign of sickness automatically off for ten days without pay. I work at the self-checkout and there is no protection for us. There is no distance from the customers between me and them, and it's very disheartening. These companies are making huge profits and they're not paying us. We have no, no protections whatsoever. Hazard pay stopped in around June, and we're still wearing masks and we're still in danger and we're still in danger of being infected. And lastly, I'd like to say that I just got word that one of my coworkers who was over 20, your employee, passed away and he's not going home to his family. I don't think I told you what I did. Yeah, I'm fine. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Lucas Walter. Hello? Can you hear me? Yes. Please begin. All right. Thank you very much. First off, good evening to Mayor Garcia and council members and congratulations to our newly elected council members, Alan and Sara, and to Vice Mayor Richardson on your new appointment. My name is Lucas Walczak, and I'm the vice president of political affairs for the Long Beach Democrat. And I'm here to speak in support of reinstating heroes pay for. The pandemic has ravaged our community like so many others, and is exposed and brought into stark relief the systemic inequities within our economy. Too often we hear the term essential worker, and these days, without recognizing the inherent irony that those who are deemed most essential to the function of our society are too often overworked and underpaid. As we heard from earlier, these workers are at the end of the road. We have an obligation to have their back while they risk their health and safety and that of their family so that we can buy our 5000 bottles of wine and wait out this collective nightmare. We can no longer in good conscience continue to refer to our brothers and sisters on the lines as essential workers and not make them legit. I vehemently urge you to support this item. Thank you for. Thank you. Our next speaker is Patrick Swimmer. Hello there. Go say in council. Thank you for the time to speak tonight. My name is Patrick Swimmer and I'm a second district resident here urging the council to draft and pass this ordinance and reinstate heroes, pay the grocery workers immediately. The COVID crisis has had an incredible impact on all of our lives, but the impacts have not been evenly distributed. As we sit here in a virtual meeting with many of us having transitioned to near-total virtual work, we have been sheltered from the daily stress and turmoil of deciding whether to risk catching this virus or losing your

job. But at the struggle of frontline, workers face every shift they're scheduled for. These are the folks who are already among the lowest paid in our economy and have allowed the rest of us to maintain our ability to access the food and essential care items we need. It is their work which has allowed a windfall of profits to befall the companies they work for. The statistics of which were staggering that we heard earlier that their work has remained as undervalued in their wages as ever. The choice these workers face should not be any one has to, especially for those with elderly and at risk family members. But in an economy where some sectors are facing unemployment of 30% increases since January is an impossible decision. They face \$4 an hour will not necessarily make their choice easier, but we can at least show these essential workers that they are exactly that, that their work is being valued, and that those who allow these stores to not only survive but thrive this year are reaping the benefits of the economic boom they created. We hope we will stand with working families and reinstate heroes pay as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your time tonight. And your next speaker is Reverend Jean Claude. Reverend Gene. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Mr. Mayor, and members of the council. I'm the Reverend Gene Gould, rector of St Luke's and Lucas Episcopal Church at Seventh and Atlantic. And I live in District two. I'm grateful to grocery workers in Long Beach who have continued to work despite hazardous conditions of working inside without safe ventilation, dealing in close proximity, often less than six feet, with customers who have ineffective face coverings or failed to keep face coverings over our noses and mouths, and who risk taking infection home to their families and friends. Thanks to these dedicated workers, I've been able to purchase food, cleaning supplies and whatever else I needed to maintain my life. In my congregation, members who work low wage jobs in grocery stores and other essential businesses have gotten sick with the novel coronavirus. But even those who've managed to escape infection live with constant stress because they know that their work situation puts them and their families at risk. Now is the time to renew a commitment to hazard pay for grocery store workers. In fact, now our infection rates. Think your next speaker is Rudy Meir Montes. Rudy Montes. Oh, yeah. Hi, guys. How you guys doing? I'm Rudy Miramar. I work at Gelson's Long Beach. I got COVID 19 back in May, which is pretty bad. I was out for three weeks. Very, very, very uncomfortable. My wife had to take three weeks off also and moved to her mother's, which is very, very convenient there. I got back half my store was already out. So we had. Half the store working 11 hours. That's crazy. We're so tired. We're tired. We're stressed. I was scared to get into it again, to bring it back to my family. It was very, very stressful for me. When you to

ok away that group was pretty, pretty crushing blow to the gut. But. Yeah. I've been in this industry for 26 years. I mean, it's it's crazy. It's very, very crazy out there. Thank you, guys. Thank you. Your next speaker is Shamika Picco. Jimmy Pickle. Hello, my name? Yes, hello. My name is Shoemaker. I have worked for Vons for almost 20 years. So in this pandemic, I have not been able to stay at home because I am an essential worker. At the beginning, due to public pressure, we got appreciation and pay, but then the company phased it out as if the pandemic had gone away. Who cuts appreciation pay for their employees when? Sorry. They're making so much money and we don't see any of it. We can be investing in small businesses here in the city of Long Beach who are struggling to survive. While my company make record breaking profits. We've been fighting for our lives. We've been fighting. We're fighting now for dignity. They say we're essential, but most of us feel like we're expendable as they put profits over people. And let's not forget that a lot of us are not full time. We may be a one income household. So when the people that were not working was getting extra unemployment to stay at home, they were making more money than we were going to work, putting ourselves at risk. But yet we still went to work. I know there is a lot to consider here and even more. That wasn't said, but I do thank you for your time and consideration. There are more numbers of grocery store workers getting the virus. Thank you. Our next speaker is Terry Mander. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and council members. My name is Kerry Landau, and I've worked for Ralph's grocery company for 38 years. My current location is Ralph's at Marina Pacifica. My partner, Vanessa and I have lived in the East Village in Long Beach for the past eight years and resources workers on the front line working and exposing myself to COVID every day. I go to work scared every day, knowing I'm risking my health and possibly my life. I do everything I can to take care of myself and be socially responsible and not bring the virus home to my family. It would be nice if my employer felt the same as me. Ralphs ignores and cut corners on many safety guidelines.

They read Not enforcing mask requirements, not proper sanitization of registration cards. The grocery companies are making money hand over fist and still cut corners. I'm tired of having my health and well-being unappreciated. Ralph tried to show their appreciation by loading \$100 of pure points to our company, Ralph Card. Many of our members do not have company Ralph fought for. Not all of us benefited from it. It is far below what I feel we deserve. This only serves drought and it does not help bring money back into our local communities economy. We need your help. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Mr. MILLER. That concludes the public comment. Now we're going to go back to the council. We have Vice Mayor Richardson who

took the second. Thank you, Mayor Garcia. So I certainly rise in support of this this item. We know that during the summer here will pay. You know, the workers demanded, the company provided it. And we hope that as we head into the winter and the holiday, that it will be provided universally to to front line workers, particularly now, since the numbers that we experienced today are higher than what they were during the last spike. But unfortunately, we we you know, I've been on a few picket lines and and workers have been fighting for this for for a while. And we were hoping to have gotten there. But but, you know, it hasn't happened. So I think it's certainly necessary. I want to, you know, bring to our attention that another city council in Los Angeles made a motion to do something similar just just earlier today and go to two \$5. I think where where we are, a motion stands on its own integrity. And we we we certainly are supportive of \$4 that four months zero pay. I hope that the companies come forward and do something voluntarily as well. One point that I want to raise up as a friendly is when we initiated worker protections for ICE in terms of sick leave during the summer, we carved out and protected small businesses. We have bodegas, you know, and small markets who do serve grocers. But I think the intent here is to protect is to, you know, sort of treat the large, publicly traded, sort of larger chain grocers very differently than the small, small businesses who are having a difficult time just keeping up with ease and things like that. And so we're sick leave. We pegged it at 500 employees nationally. I understand that Los Angeles just packed bear that 300 employees nationally. I think we should do the same thing in this case. I want to offer a friendly amendment to Councilwoman Zendaya's that we also include a provision to exempt grocers that are 300 employees or more nationally, well below sorry, lower than 300 employees and below nationally. So I want to I want to I certainly want to offer that. And I'll wait on the response for in a moment. The second thing I want to highlight is that there was a slide up a bit earlier, and I don't know if we can get it back up, but I asked for that slide to come up because it makes and it illustrates an interesting point and I'll describe until we'll see if it can come up, but I'll describe it. Here it is. It looks like it's coming up. So this slide really illustrates this was put forward by Dr. Side Steinmetz, who, you know, puts forward the Quarterly Economic Summit in partnership with Economic Forum. And. And what it showed was individuals making 27 to \$60000 a year or individuals making 60,000 and up for the most part. We're almost back to where we were in terms of employment levels sort of at the beginning. Prior to that, we're almost back. But if you look at for low wage workers and low wage families, people living within the poverty line, this is this illustrates that their trend is heading in

the wrong direction. And what that means is the economic impact of COVID is harder and is widening economic gaps on low wage workers. And so it will require some level of economic attention, inclusive economic policy, to make sure that frontline workers, low wage workers, are not left behind. Hourly workers are not left behind. As we as we move forward. And this this this just illustrates it. But if you were to look at other other indicators, economic indicators demonstrate the same. So I think we can take that now. And so the point here is that I think this makes sense. This should have been done already heading into the holidays. We should exempt low wage, small pilot, I mean, exempt the smaller grocers. And I think this sends a clear message that that these are the types of policies that we think should help with an inclusive recovery . And so I'll pause there and council members and they answer, you go with that framework. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson, thank you for that. I know that the intent of this ordinance is definitely not to include our mom and pop shops that are barely making it, and we don't want to put an extra burden on them. The this item is intended to help those that have a lot of employees and that have a lot of profit coming in. So this this makes sense to set up friendly. So thank you. I will. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, I have Councilmember Ringa. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank Councilmembers and Richardson for their presentation of the motion. The chart that was up there is compelling. I think it

tells the story that we tried to work through here. And I think the the the friendly that was offered is a good one. And they told me, support the motion. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. Q Mr. Mayor. So I appreciate all the comments tonight. And I was wondering, I'm not sure if there's someone from staff that can that can share on this topic or maybe councilman said they have. But I do know that there was a hazard pay provision in place. Can someone maybe share with me why did that go away? And was it was it because it was temporary in nature to begin with? Thank you, Councilmember. I would like to see if staff has an answer with that. I think it was. That's the question I keep asking myself is why did it go away? It made so much sense. So maybe city staff had to another end for that. So this this is Tom. This is not something that was required by the city. This was, as I understand, a negotiation between the employees and their employer. So this was something they came to an agreement on and was instituted. We don't really have information on why it went away. Thank you. You for that. Thank you, Councilman Xavier. Yeah, I. I have to say that I think our grocery workers are the most vulnerable populations right now. And and because I feel necessary to say this, I don't mean to offend any other essential workers or first responders. I'm just really sticking to this item. So I hope really nobody mishear me on

that. I'm not just talking about grocery workers right now, but they have a very, very difficult position and job function and requirement. And I know that I think about them with a lot of empathy every time I interact with them and see them. And and I'm a worker that's an essential worker who's been reporting to work every day since March. But I have protections in place that are grocery workers don't have there are space and space requirements and distance precautions and things that protect me as an example that they don't have. So I think if they received it in the past, certainly the COVID crisis and dangers and risks have not gone away. In fact, they're probably worse now. So the same logic that allowed them to have it in the in the first place certainly has not been eliminated. So I do support this item. The one thing that I wanted to ask council members in their houses about is I know that you had the sunset being 120 days after the ordinance is adopted. And I know you asked the city attorney to look at a possible language about an extension. You know, I think one of the things, if you're open to them also considering this is if if that the sunset could be tied somehow to the declaration of state of emergency in the city. And the reason I say that is they don't want it tied to the state, because as we mentioned last week, we may be in a situation where we're differently situated from L.A. County or other parts of the state. And we certainly don't want to be lumped in in terms of the state of emergency. Our situation may be better, hopefully, or it may be worse. But I think this the sunset on this, we might want to tie it to the declaration of a state of emergency. So for the period of time that we have a state of emergency declared in the city is when this additional pay would last until. And that to me, that makes sense because I know that we've talked about some of the other relief items that we've passed and we've set a sunset. We've had to reconvene and think about extensions. And that's always been very controversial each time. But I think if we if we tie it to the state of emergency, the assumption there is the safety impacts and the risk impacts are tied to the. And and not some arbitrary carrier that we pick. So I don't know if you're open to having the city attorney look at tying the sunset to the length of time that this is a state of emergency in the city of Long Beach. And also, if we're able to think about, you know, I don't know when these workers will be eligible for vaccines when those become available. But it's reasonable to assume that it'll be several months down the road. I don't know. And, you know, not to not to put anyone on the spot, but maybe the city attorney can report back next week on, you know, when would we expect social hour grocery workers to receive the vaccines in terms of our timeline? I know I didn't prepare anybody with that question ahead of time. So maybe the city attorney can explore that, too, b

ecause if it's if it's five or six months out, then we want to make sure that we have a sunset that's reasonable in terms of actually protecting the employees. So, Councilman Sunday House, I hope that you'd be open to those two things, tying the sunset to the state of emergency and also evaluating, you know, when when these individuals might be eligible to get some long term protection through a vaccine. Thank you very much, Councilwoman Price, for that. Those requests, I think that I absolutely understand your intent. BE It's one of the things that I was hoping for is to maybe bring it back in, you know, after the 120 days and maybe evaluated then and see if we can do that at that time. I know that right now, with things being as uncertain as they are with this pandemic, you know, I think that it might be best to just leave it as it is right now and ask staff to

please bring it back. And when we bring it back, we can evaluate both. I think that would be make the most sense for me right now, but I thank you for that. Councilman Price, did you have anything else? But, Mr. Mayor. Council Councilwoman Allen. Okay. Sorry if I'm muted. Yes. Thank you, Councilwoman Zin de Haas. And I wish that we all could be a second on this agenda item because it's such an important issue. Some of the highest rates of transmission in our workforce are, as we know, are among the frontline and essential workers, and especially our grocery store workers. And I personally been out to the stores. I have met with many of the workers, and I understand their fears and I wholeheartedly support them, support them. And these folks, they don't have a choice to stay home and they largely can't control the actions or members of the public and their personal space. Even though we have a cap or control of how many people go in the grocery stores. These workers are in constant contact with the public and the burden of ensuring their personal safety is a stressor. We heard this and so many of the folks that talk today and it really spoke to me and it spoke to my heart and and I just I want to say, please be kind to these workers. They're under so much stress. So I think grocery store workers should have their hero pay reinstated for the risks that they undertake just to keep us fed. And to my friends that are working out there on the front line as a grocery store worker. I am with you. And I strongly support the reinstatement of the hero pay, which by my calculations is about \$160 a week per employee, which would make a huge difference to these folks. And it's not an unreasonable burden. On the employers. Thanks. Thank you, Councilwoman. I think that concludes the council comment. I'm just going to just add before we go to a vote, I'm very supportive of this action today. Our grocery workers are on the front line. They're working hard. It's been an honor and a pleasure to know many of them that have been there working nonstop to ensure that folks across our city and around our country

have access to food and to all the needs that they have that they have in need. I'm hero. I was happy when they were receiving hero pay earlier in the pandemic. They should be. They should be receiving it now as well. And so I'm very, very heartened to have seen this come forward. I want to thank Councilwoman and De Hauser for bringing this forward. And and I want to thank, most importantly, the grocery workers and really all those retail workers that are working in these stores for their amazing work. So thank you very much. And it looks like we actually have two other folks queued up on the council side that they saw right now. So let me get to them. Councilwoman Sorrow and then Councilman Mongo. Yes. Thank you so much. I want to thank Councilman Emmerson Day for bringing this agenda item forward with it and representing a district with the highest current rates. And we shared a district councilwoman Sunday. And I understand the risk that essential workers, especially grocery workers, take when they go to work and and the risk that they bring and bringing it home. You know, we recognize them as heroes during the very beginning of the pandemic. And they continue to be heroes working at the front line, as well as our many other essential workers. And in this case, I really think that we need to reinstate it. And I think they they continue to deserve to be treated as such, which is heroes. And so I support this recommendation to strike up an ordinance to restore the heroes pay. Thank you very much. And Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I'm very supportive of this, and I appreciate all of our grocery store workers. I just had an additional question based on the comment of one of the members of the public. Mr. MODICA Do we not have any additional suggestions for our grocery stores related to added protections that the checkers can have built in? I know some stores have chosen to put up additional barriers between checkers and those that are checking in and out. If there is some information you can provide on that and or what we as a city could do to better protect individuals who work in the grocery industry. I know on my side of town, I've been to several different stores that have that protection, but I don't think that it's consistent. Yes. So those protections are in the health order. They're pretty strict in terms of how they're supposed to operate. Plexiglas should be separating customers. They should have the ability to wash their hands every 30 minutes there. They are required to be provided a face mask and other things as is required or as needed to keep them safe and gloves and all those types of things. Some, you know, you might see a higher level at some stores than others. And if we do get complaints, if there is one that we know that is not doing those things, please let us know and we'll pay them a visit and make sure that they are abiding by the health order. So I think, you know, there's there's a lot of requirements for PPE. And then

the you know, even with all of that, you still have workers who are in this environment, which requires a lot of interaction with a lot of people who are looking to buy groceries. Right. Even people stocking shelves and helping customers and all of those things. Well, I hope that we can continue to support any additional measures that are necessary to continue to keep people safe. Thank you. And Councilman's in D.C.. Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you to all the grocery workers that are out there and those who are who were brave enough to speak. And it just compels me so much and breaks my heart to hear what they're going through. So I just want to thank in advance all of my colleagues for supporting on this item. And I know that together we can bring forward an item that will not only protect our most vulnerable frontline workers, but also saved lives. And that's the end game here. So thank you. Thank you. And with that, we will go ahead and go to a roll call vote. Councilwoman Sun has. I can swim in, Alan. I can't woman priced. And I. Handsome and super. Now I can swim in mango. Hi. Councilwoman. Sara. I Council member Oranga. Councilman Austin. All right. Vice Mayor Richardson. I mentioned Kay's. Thank you. We have two other items that are related to economic recovery. I want to get to those. I do have an item with Ford City Auditor Laura Dow, which we'll do right after those two items. So let's let's try to get to 33 and 26 as expeditiously as possible. Thank you very much. Let me go ahead and go to the last item, which is item 17. Please report from Development Services recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and direct staff to prepare the subsequent IIR citywide. Mr. MODICA. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council were here in front of you tonight with a really significant policy action for your consideration. This has been several years in the making. It's clear that this council has prioritized climate change and that staff has embraced that. This is a multi-year effort that is really grounded and based on science. And we came to you in a study session a couple of months ago when we were close to a climate adaptation plan, but not quite there yet, where we got some direction from the council to focus on a couple of areas, including electricity, oil and the port, among other things. We're happy to be back to you in front of you tonight, having resolved all of those and met our targets and are looking to present that to you tonight and get your feedback so we can start the process. So I will turn this over to our development services staff to walk through the presentation. Council members. Jennifer Lee will be making this presentation. Thank you. Hi council members and Jennifer Li, planner with development services. So as an overview, what is the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan or the CAP? It's a road map for the city to reach state greenhouse gas or GHG emissions manda

tes and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. It does this by establishing a framework for creating new or updating existing policies, programs and practices for Long Beach to reduce its carbon footprint. The plan aims to cut carbon emissions while fostering a healthier and prosperous city. The cap is informed by technical studies of climate stressors and community wide vulnerabilities. As a timeline of of recent Council actions and direction. The City Council heard a study session update on March 19th, 2019, and provided direction to establish an aspirational carbon neutrality goal by 2045 consistent with state goals. The City Council recently heard a study session update on Oct 20, 2020 and directed staff to work with departments to identify reduction measures. Staff did that and this is what was identified. These are the key actions which we will tell you more about later in this presentation. So why do we need a cap? The state mandates that 40% below 1990 levels are reached by 2030. The CAP is the plan for Long Beach to meet the state requirement. Long Beach has established an aspirational goal of net carbon neutrality by 2045, consistent with the state's recent executive order. However Long Beach Long Beach is, CAP is a plan to the 2030 Horizon year. There are a variety of additional laws that the CAP helps Long Beach comply with. Additionally, the City of Long Beach joined the Global Covenant of Mayors in 2015, which is the Global Alliance for City Climate Leadership. Additionally, the cap is a mitigation measure of the general plan. Land use element or GHG emissions are associated with growth anticipated by the iwi, which would include things like vehicle trips and electricity usage associated with future development as a mitigation measure to address GHG emissions associated with the plan. The city has committed to adoption of a cap within three years of the adoption of the EUI and subsequent monitoring of GHG emissions. California is doing well and is on track to meeting GHG reduction targets statewide. However, local climate action plans are needed to implement mitigation measures locally, help communities adapt to climate change and to advance equity . Examples of actions that occur at the local level are updating building codes and zoning and siting electric vehicle infrastructure. Local climate action plans help studies be more resilient against current and

future climate threats and help ensure that efforts address environmental justice, such as by steering climate finance opportunities to communities most impacted by climate change. The Long Beach City Council has adopted a resolution acknowledging racism as a public health crisis and adopted the framework for reconciliation. The cap supports this initiative, which calls for advancing environmental and climate justice in the communities most impacted by racism. Very extensive community outreach and engagement was done to provide information and engage the public, reaching mor

e than 10,000 community members. The cap is divided into mitigation and adaptation. Mitigation actions reduce GHG emissions their across transportation, building and waste sectors. Reducing vehicle trips, for example, is an important mitigation measure. Adaptation actions help adapt to the impacts of climate change. An example of an adaptation measure is to address extreme heat by increasing shade. The cap increase includes a number of actions across mitigation and adaptation in the plan. The plan includes an equity strategy for each action. An example of an equity strategy is to identify corridors in the areas most impacted by extreme heat or poor air quality, to prioritize them for urban forest, cover, shade, pavement and other cooler surfaces. Emissions come from three main sectors stationary energy at 49%, transportation at 44%, and waste at 6%. The stationary energy category is made up of emissions from building electricity and natural gas use in residential, commercial, institutional and industrial buildings, as well as emissions from energy industries operating within the city. The transportation category is made up of emissions associated with passenger vehicles, busses, trucks, rail transit, freight rail, Off-Road Vehicles and aviation operations within the city limits. Most of emissions coming from the transportation sector come from gasoline vehicles. The waste category is made up of emissions from waste disposal and emissions from wastewater treatment. The CAP implements the state's GHG reduction strategy. The graph shows business as usual forecasts which protect emissions in the absence of specific local action, as provided through the city's cap. As you can see in the graph business as usual, forecasts decline over time, which is due to statewide actions that decrease emissions from the energy sector, as well as improved vehicle efficiency standards in the transportation sector. The CAP also implements the city's general plan element, which provides for greater density and mixed use. Mix of uses in development of the city. This graph shows city emissions targets versus forecasts from 2015 to 2050. GHG emissions forecasts or business as usual forecasts and the Purple Line have a general downward trend due to efficiency improvements at the state level. The solid blue line that goes from 2015 to 2030 represents GHG reductions from actions that the city will take to reach target levels and the dotted blue line, which is the GHG reduction goal , which goes to zero in 2045 representing the state and the city's goal of net carbon neutrality. The production needed between the business as usual forecast and target emission level in 2030 is 192,600 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. Provide a better idea of the amount of this reduction target based on the EPA's equivalencies calculator? On the left you can see that 192,600 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent is about the emissions from 41,600 passenger vehicles for one year. Or

electricity usage for 32,600 homes for one year. This is a relatively small reduction compared to that needed to achieve net carbon neutrality in 2045, which is 1.5 million metric tons of CO₂, i.e.. On an individual basis, each person living and working in the city would need to reduce their emissions by about 90 sorry 9% in 2030 to achieve the GHG reduction target. The city must reduce GHG emissions by 190 to 600 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2030 in order to reach our target. Here's how we'll meet and even exceed the target reduction. The GHG reduction pathway includes GHG emissions reductions achieved from implementation of cities, commitment to providing 80% of carbon free energy by 2030, an increase from 48% carbon free electricity delivered in 2019, as well as the additional net emissions reductions that would occur from 10% voluntary participation as these 100% green rate program relating to oil extraction activities in the city. The GHG reduction pathway accounts for decreased oil production by 20%. The GHG reduction pathway includes the city purchasing 100% carbon free electricity for ominous by accounts, as well as an increase in solar power use for a continued community wide from an estimated 2% of current solar potential developed to 5% of solar potential developed. In the transportation sector, the duty reduction pathway includes actions to implement the ports clean trucks program and reduction of vehicle miles traveled or VMT consistent with the state's VMT reduction in the waste sector. The GHG reduction pathway includes actions to increase commercial

recycling and organics diversion. A total emissions reduction achieved by the actions on this slide and the previous is 363,200 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent exceeding the reduction needed to reach the target. There are additional actions that were not included in the quantified GHG reduction target at this time, but are anticipated to be implemented and will result in reduced GHG emissions. The port has committed to 100% emissions free cargo handling equipment by 2030. The port will also implement curbs oceangoing vessels at berth regulation that will result in reduced use by certain vessel types when at berth. The port's waterborne emissions are not included in the city's jurisdictional GHG inventory because they're not regulated by the city. So the reductions are not reflected in the city's pathway. But emissions reductions are going to be achieved through these efforts on the part of the port. The Long Beach Airport is implementing programs to increase use of electric ground service equipment, to reduce emissions from gasoline and diesel powered equipment, which will also result in GHG emissions reductions that will be tracked by the city through implementation and monitoring. The recommendation at this time is to receive the report and supporting documentation, confirm the CAP and direct staff to prepare the subsequent environmental impact report. Next s

steps are to prepare the subsequent EMR and when that is complete, adopt the final plan and environmental document. Thank you. Includes the president. Thank you very much. Wonderful presentation. Why don't we do a public comment first? Our first speaker is Dave Shukla. Eve Shukla. Hello? Yes, please begin. And thoughts and prayers for everyone in Long Beach with the coronavirus. The proposed cap in front of you today is an important starting point to formalize and catalyze legislative. Efforts to. Not only account for, but. Drastically. To reduce the carbon emissions. Many of those carbon emissions or. Specifically tied to. The utilities we. And the electricity factored in. The gloss put especially in the presentation on how one of the pathways by sticking with you. A proposed schedule of slowly adding in 10% of the population by year over the next ten years. They are on record proposing rate increases, which no doubt will increase even further. More recently, the. Rate increases each and every year along with improving. There's a lot of hard decisions, especially it's one of our legislative priorities of the city is local control. The city has to make. I've been on record many times supporting the development of a Long Beach specific. Community Choice Energy Program. And I think that is not only a viable, but increasingly necessary. Pathway for not only meeting eight targets that are reflected maybe in SPF 30 to, but increasingly in more ambitious 2030 part as a signatory of the Climate Safe California campaign. I think it's only possible existing renewable along with emergent clean energy economy technologies, especially distributed energy resources to achieve. The goals of. Not only that, but. With an understanding of climate science and what realistically we want business as usual to become. What the embassy. What a climate stabilized. California and specifically Long Beach after all the. Climate change is the reason people have come and gone, really that kind of vision of how everyone can participate in building that for the future. That's more what I like to see coming out of this plan and look forward to providing further written testimony along with the county plan on Friday. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Elaine Vernon. Good evening, members of Council. My name is Dr. Elaine Bray and we have a. I live in the fourth district and my address is on file. I teach chemistry at Cal State Long Beach, and I teach global climate change in Catholic Dominguez Hills. My comments are Appendices D and E for the CAP report. Regarding appendix, the IT states that the AOP and 2015 study showed a recent downward trend in air pollution in the region. However, the American Lung Association states that there was an increase in average number of unhealthy ozone days in the Los Angeles Miami area, and the area had the worst ozone pollution in the nation between 2015 and 2017 too. Ozone is only regionally monitored by Air Canada and the EPA, but level

s can change on an hourly basis and differs from neighborhood to neighborhood. We need to be specific and transparent about where we are placing air quality monitors and advocate for census level data. Most of our sensors in the region are clustered in Islam Beach, but you have more north and west side residents being impacted by asthma, and we have less sensors in those areas. And finally, for community outreach as listed in Appendix E, we need to shift more effort towards listening to the community by working with grassroots, local organizations about how they are being impacted by environmental racism and climate change, rather than pushing information out from local, state and academic institutions. We have a wealth of cultural and indigenous with them on

how to steward our land, and I believe that as a city we have failed to acknowledge that. Thank you. Think your next speaker is Maryanne Buchanan. Hi. This is Mary Ann Buchanan, District three. I attended all of the city's forums on the Climate Action Plan, and they were there were informed speakers from the good people at Development Services who just brought you that slideshow. There were easels outlining the climate threat. We looked at maps and found where we lived and could see just where the climate problems will be worse. Many solutions were added to those evils by ordinary citizens, and I thought we were off to a great start. Now I am just disappointed. It is bad enough that this plan does not meet the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets. But it also suggests that Edison will solve our energy problems, and it leaves us both sort of out of it. Where did all that community input go? It's time to get out the city's equity tool kit and take a harder look at the solutions, not just the problems. This plan has almost no actionable items that address equity and frontline communities. If you're under the Gun City Council to get this process started so you meet a state deadline, I beg you to also revisit this particular climate plan so it's made more accessible and actually attainable. There's climate trouble coming and we can fix it. We just need a clearer plan than this one. I thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Grace Lawrenson. Grace Lawrenson. Grace Lorenzen, please meet yourself. We'll move on to. Dean Todd, you. You know. Okay. The intrigue. Please begin. Yes, sir. D.A., can you hear me? Yes, please begin. So what would you say? This has been. Yes. Please begin. I look. My name. Dean told me. Or Star six. What do you. Need? Oh, please begin your public comment. Okay? Yes. Okay. And ready to go. I don't see the number going in. Please begin. Your time has already started. Okay. My name is hello. My name is Dean Todd. I live in the seventh district. I teach at Cal State Long Beach, and I'm a member of Long Beach 350, which put together the community letter you got today. And I also. Served on the scientific advisory committee for the CAP. We are recommending that. The Council

not confirm the proposed cap and to return it for revision, to put. It in the more. Readable form that's actually more usable to you and to the community. There's two reasons that I'll talk about. The first one is on page two that talks about the greenhouse gas reductions. The state law requires a 40% reduction in greenhouse gases that. Cause global warming. The chart, if you look at it, shows how the cap is supposed to reduce those gases. Take a look at the line that starts in the year 2015. It's the lower solid line that goes down to 2030. If you do the arithmetic based on that, that's a decrease of only 29% rather than 40%. So by its own evidence, on page two of the document, you got a 17. The cap is a failure on the most basic thing it's supposed to do. The other problem is that it might even be worse. There's other information in the appendix that talks about reductions are case by case, by different actions. And I could find that it only added up to a 13% decrease. So this seems to be serious deficiencies. In the most. Basic thing that the cap is supposed to do. The other problem is that it's extremely hard to evaluate the proposals. It's written and organized in a way that prevents policymakers. That's the city council and the community from evaluating the proposed actions. It's basically it's really. Hard to find the evidence that supports the. Proposals issues. If there's a proposal that you're interested. In, the. Action proposal, you can't find the evidence to back it up. There's no way to get from the main draft to the appendices. It might be somewhere in there, but the proposed cap doesn't see where that is, and the appendices don't have useful tables of context, content or indexes. So you have to scroll and go through the whole thing to find what's there. I don't think I have. To make an analysis for this problem. Try it yourself. Choose an interesting issue that you're interested in or a proposal, and see if you can find the facts to back it up. You might find it after a couple of hours. But. I think your next speaker is Grace Lawrenson. GRACE. Hi, this is Grace. Grace LAURENSEN Hello. Yes. Please begin. Yes, I'm a resident of District seven and I've been following the cap since the early neighborhood meetings. And I know the plan is not perfect, but I do think it is a start. Climate solutions are urgent and we need to start on one item at a time. And I would urge the Council to approve the plan and then make sure that any of the climate actions take into account the equity toolkit that asks us to consider how the action reduces racial, economic and social disparities. That is very important in the climate change issues, reducing the economic and social disparities. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Okay. Well, thank you. Let me go to the council and start with Councilwoman Price. You, Mr. Mayor, I want to thank staff for this excellent presentation and the briefing that I'm sure we all have the opp

portunity to participate in prior to council on the report. The attachment that were prepared, I thought, were very thorough and very, for me, educational in terms of some of the need and some of the goals. So I want to thank staff for that presentation. I do have a couple of questions that I have for staff. When we're talking about reduction of greenhouse gases and our emissions numbers, is there any way that we can somehow quantify that for residents in terms of what that means. On an individual. Basis or a household basis? For example, is that one less car per week or conservation practices that might help? That's a question that I get a lot from residents is how can they individually contribute to our broader goals? Is it realistic for them to individually contribute? Yes. So we've done a give, just a brief overview about that. So the website is this, to meet the state GHG target, it would require that each person who lives and works in the city would reduce their GHG emissions by 9% for because their GHG target reduces emissions beyond the required state target that would result of a 363,000 metric tons of CO2. E would be a 17% reduction per person who lives and works in the city. And we can do a little bit more to to put those in terms of like, you know, cars driven our electricity. Usage, right? Yeah. But basically, what does 9% look like? That's just a question that we get a lot of what is 9% like. So yeah, if there's if there's any way to quantify that with examples, real life examples that people can, you know, one, utilize themselves but also educate the youth and the community about. That would be really fantastic. I did have a couple of teachers collectively email me today and say that this is a topic they've been talking about in schools and and finding ways to bring it home in terms of what these percentages mean to to children and the youth would be really helpful. So I'm not sure if there's any way to quantify that, but just something for you to think about. And the other thing is the community outreach component. I know staff has been really gracious with their availability in terms of providing information at community meetings. But what's the community outreach process moving forward from here? I know that. There's some information in the staff report regarding, you know, regular progress reports and updates. How frequent do we expect those to be? I certainly hope that we can engage the community more frequently than on an annual basis. Council member this is Patricia Defender for be happy to answer that question so that the plan has a section that sort of identifies city leadership actions. And among those actions are you will see ongoing education, outreach and engagement. It's actually on page 182 of the plan. So really this demonstrates the or expresses the city's commitment to continuing to do outreach on climate issues through the implementation of the plan, engaging the public, raising public awareness. The comment you m

ade about helping people understand what some of these numbers mean on a very kind of individual level, I think those are things that we can really strive and attempt to do through the ongoing engagement. There's also targeted education working with the schools, so there are a number of strategies outlined in the plan, in the ways in which the city content will continue to engage the public going forward. Great. The other question that I wanted to ask was about the conversion of our city fleet to electric or zero emission. What's the plan for that? Maybe that's a better question for the city manager moving forward. I got it. I got it. Councilmember. This is Christopher Coons. So well, this is a plan developed by a development services. We have a lot of partners and that includes public works and RFM. And we've had a lot of discussions about fleet. You know, we've made a lot of improvement on the efficiency of our fleet already. So you're going to see by 2030 a basically almost entirely electric fleet, but that's not going to happen overnight. So one of your budget balancing measures this year was to actually delay certain fleet purchases and to extend the lifespan of certain vehicles in the city. And that's going to have an unintended positive consequence climate wise, because technology improves every single year. So what performance we get out of electric vehicles and the cost efficiency of those vehicles improves every year. So there are a it sounds a little counterintuitive, but there are times where delaying that changeover by an additional year or an additional two years actually helps us in achieving our 2030 goals because we're trying to hit that future number. And that doesn't necessarily require us to turn over everything tomorrow, and it requires us to be knowledgeable of that future goal point. And that's what we're working with all the parties on. And just to add to that, Councilmember, this is Tom Modica. We currently are a leader in terms of Green Fleet. We just won an award for that. I think we're the third best fleet in the nation and we also have a policy in place that every replacement that comes up, we ask the question first Can it be an electric vehicle or an electric plug in vehicle? That has to be disproven before we can move on to purchase other types of vehicles. So that's already in place. Okay. Understood. I'm probably running a little bit short on time, so I'm. In or 5 minutes are up.

Okay. Sounds good. I'll come back up. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman's in the house. Councilman's and day house. Thank you, Mayor. First of all, I'm saying the staff that has been working on this for you. I want to thank the sustainability committee that also has been working on this for years. But most importantly, I want to thank our community organizers that without their organizing, we wouldn't have what we have before us today. And I think that we've you know, there's been a lot of work that has been put into this camp, both by the

community and our city staff. And we've been trying to be as creative as possible, trying to be as forthcoming and forward thinking as possible when creating this plan. So thank you very much for all your hard work on this. Would it be possible to force staff to explain how much? How much of this adaptation plan that we have before us. I know that in my mind I see it as, you know, we're giving permission or we're in this plan. We're giving Southern California the chance to meet our requirements by 30 years. And from what I understand then, if that those are not met and then we can go into CCR. Is it my understanding that correctly? Council member, Mrs. Patricia Devendorf. Her I think what you're alluding to is the fact that the plan itself is meant to be kind of an iterative plan. There are provisions in the plan that call for monitoring all of these measures that we've quantified. Biannually, we will look at that the how we're doing in terms of meeting those reductions. And we will have opportunities to evaluate whether those strategies are resulting in the emissions we expect or whether we need to pursue other strategies. And this is time the council action is still stands, which says for us to continue to look at CCR, especially as the market changes. And that was instead of delaying it for two years of a look at what it is to bring that down to one year. So we'll be back at the end of the year. Things have changed. For example, when we were comparing CCR to Edison, Edison was not nearly at the level that they're making the commitment under the cap here. So that is increased substantially is the level of commitment to greenhouse gas emission reductions by Edison. Yes, thank you. And so I see this as a win win. I'm hoping that Edison will help us get to where we want to get with this plan. And I like the fact that we're not completely omitting the ACA with this plan, but actually, you know, providing some some opportunity for it. So I look forward to that. And I think that. That right now it is very important. And, you know, for this plan to move forward, I, I also wanted to ask I know that some community members were thinking that we're not ready to move forward with this plan. But if we were to halt it, for instance, which you know, I I'm not sure that I support that right now, but because I don't understand what it would do if we were to halt it right now. Can you explain can somebody on stuff explain that to me? This is Patricia Devendorf. I think that there's a lot of cost. I mean, we always talk about the cost of inaction and not having a plan in place that allows us to pursue grant funding and other opportunities to partner with other agencies. So there is, you know, sort of urgency to 2030 is not that far away. And we do have to have a plan in place so that it provides that roadmap so that the city departments can work together and pursue funding and help to implement some of these measures. Yes. Thank you. Thank you for the explanatio

n, Patricia. I think that that not only does it you know, does that prevent us from getting some financial assistance? But I'm really hopeful that with this new administration coming on board and the new administration really having some some plans for for these kinds of plans, I think it's important that we as the city have a plan like this in place already so that we can be in the front of the line to be able to receive some of those funding. So, again, I thank you guys for all the work that you've been doing on this. I know that a lot of my residents here in the First District would benefit a lot from having an action plan like this, because right now we are obviously one of the districts that is the hardest hit with having, you know, the 710 adjacent to our district, which is obviously one of the freeways that supports our port and all the traveling that goes in and out to our port. And as identified in the presentation that we're. Going to have 5 minutes. And thank you. I thank you very much. And I'm just out recue if I have more questions. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Ciro. Thank you, Mayor. I, too, would like to thank the community organizers and advocates for working hard to ensure that it's a community engagement and led process with the council members, thanks to council members and staff who have been working so hard to get us to this point. I know that a lot of work for many years was done, and as a new, new council member, I appreciate all of that. I want to speak to just how do we ensure that there are accountable mutual accountability points that maybe we can put into the process to ensure that community is engaged in this? Perhaps we can consider kind of a quarterly meeting where, you know, community can provide feedback and also

ensuring that we hopefully set up markers or measures about, you know, around equity. And for example, you know, I would like to see how do we ensure that we also have measures on addressing environmental racism and inequity in the communities that are largely impacted, such as my district, for example. How can we be sure that there are green jobs allocated to marginalized community or disadvantaged communities impacted by pollution or other other issues? So for example, are we going to make sure that they are getting maybe green jobs like just installing EV charging stations? So so that's one of the things that I'd like to ask is can we create a quarterly, you know, a mutually accountable meeting, a mutual accountable meeting with community members to ensure that we keep equity in the forefront of this plan as well? Council members, I'll start out by answering and saying that, you know, part of this plan involves creating a dashboard. We are working with other departments to create a dashboard that's going to be available to the public that will create a lot of transparency about how we're doing in terms of reaching these different metrics. Many of the actions of the plan, you will see that there are

specifically actions associated with ensuring that there's local workforce and economic development is integrated into any of the of these measures. So, for example, many of the building and energy actions that are associated with clean energy, solar power, many of them have actions that would involve , you know, involve entities like the Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network and educational institutions like Long Beach Community College in the School District. So there's there's a commitment on the part of the city already expressed through this plan about and this is part of that equity lens as well, about trying to ensure that there are, you know, economic opportunities created for those communities that are most impacted by the effects of climate change. There will be biannual reports when we do the monitoring to to report to the city council on how we're doing. And so there may be opportunities to to do certainly more outreach in that the plan expresses the commitment to do outreach through the implementation process. Thank you. I do hope that we ensure there is a process to include community input in these plans and reports so that we're not only certainly using science and data, but also are we being effective in is it actually getting through to communities that are low income but also speaking other languages as well, such as Spanish and climbing? So I just want to make sure that we don't overlap those communities and sometimes it's a great way to just do a check in. I do like the idea of dashboards. It's a great way to look at markers for some of these, I think, actions we can measure. But sometimes it's a little harder, I think for, you know, in a community is feeling like the plan is is working for them. Thank you. Thank you. Next up is Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. Big thank you to the community for their input. Big thank you to the staff for putting this together. And it's just an introductory step. We have a lot more to do. I did have some specific questions about the plan. It's extensive and I know we've seen it twice and I just wanted to see if I understood this plan by 2030. Expects what percentage of the city fleet to be electric. Councilmember. I'm looking for a particular page in the plan. I don't think there's an express number of like a target for the city fleet. It it does have a we have an action associated with just increasing electric vehicle charging stations in the city overall. And that is. Sorry, one moment. I'm just looking for that. So that is a there's a one of the options is to develop an electric vehicle infrastructure master plan in the city. And there is an ongoing partnership right now with among the city, between the city and the Southern California Edison. It's called the Charge Ready Program, and it has installed. There's a plan to install 140 electric vehicle charging ports at public and city fleet locations between 2018 and 2020. And there's a target to by the end of 2020 to have 65 more chargi

ng stations. I guess we just passed in 2020. But so there there has been a very concerted partnership between the city and Southern California Edison to increase vehicle charging stations. And that is that is the commitment that's in the plan right now. Okay. Wonderful, great plan. And I just want to echo the comments of Councilman Zoro. I also love dashboards to see our progress. Thank you. Next up is, uh, who hasn't gone yet, Councilmember? I'm sorry. Vice Mayor Richardson then comes from a supermarket. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just a few things. So can we. Can we see that that the slide that showed the totals of our goal for the carbon and how we how we plan to make that up. And while they're pulling that up, I'll just give some my comments, though. First, I think the outreach was impressive here. I love the slide. The infographic talks about 10,260 total participants, 67 events, so on and so forth. So really great work for the staff and consultants and the community based groups and the community members who participate in this. That's fantastic. Also

appreciate the fact that the feedback from October is clear and evident here. We, you know, we talked about, you know, accelerating the timetable and what's presented in front of us today accelerates the timetable by five years. And I think that's that's a good thing. And I'm looking for that. I'll wait on that slide. You know, today briefing with with with me and talked about, you know, the L.A. Times op ed and, you know, how we are at the place where we have the worst air quality index in a decade in our L.A. region . And, you know, how does that happen when all of our technology is newer, everything is cleaner and the cars are cleaner, mobile sources are a lot cleaner. How does that how does that actually happen? And the answer is really that we're beginning to see we're seeing the impacts of climate change. You're seeing you know, you're seeing hotter summers, you seeing wildfires. All of those things accelerate. They're causing intersectional problems with air quality and other issues. So we have a more responsibility to accelerate our climate action adaptation plan. That just makes sense. The slide I'm looking for, it is the one that shows how we're going to meet our what the target is and how we're going to be our target. You keep going. No, it's not. Okay. This is it. This is the one. So it shows that what's needed is 190,000 metric tons is what we need to reduce. And the plan, if you go to the next slide shows 363,000 is what will be produced if we follow these these strategy. I love that each strategy has a one pager that outlines what's needed, what we need to do as a city , and what external factors need to be part of it. I think, you know, I think that a lot of this is outside of our direct control. Some of it is reflected in the port. Some of it is reflected in partnerships with Edison. I think we want to know that what we like to see are what are some things that the council can do w

ithin our own power to accelerate this? For example, I know there's a big conversation about the waste incinerator facility. I know that. And I want to ask staff about this. I know that, you know, we've seen that, you know, eliminating it outright. Maybe it directs things into landfills and it creates other methane issues and it doesn't give you the same impacts. But moving forward, what we have isn't feasible option either. So I'm looking for sort of some strategies or something that shows that there's a B or C, option B, option C is that can you speak to some alternatives or how you plan to think about the incineration facility? Councilman Richardson, this is Christopher Koonce. So there's a few things to understand. As you see in the slide, everything is quantified and it totals 363,000, which is far in excess of the reduction we need, which is 192,000. So we fully anticipate, while we will try to execute every recommendation in this plan and every implementation measure, that we won't be successful on every single one. So there's a little bit of wiggle room worked into the plan to start with. But then when you talk about waste, you know what's in the plan talks about improving commercial recycling and improving organics diversion. The most plan A is to be able to do that at Serv and to be able to do anaerobic digestion at surface and be able to handle organics there. That requires a whole series of decisions that this council will be a part of and that have financial implications for the city. So that's the plan. A but that's not the only plan. So while it may not appear in this document, there's working groups across the departments that are looking at it. If we had to send waste to a different organics facility, where would that be? How would that happen if we had to? Unfortunately, which would not be a good outcome. But if we had to just start landfilling everything that actually results in a number in the other direction, that's an increase in emissions. But we're thinking about in that case, how can we achieve greater reductions elsewhere to offset any of those increased emissions from from waste? So we're doing a lot of that scenario planning. There's only so much we can put in the plan. I think it's like a thousand pages with all the appendices already, but I want you to feel comfortable that that type of scenario work is happening at the staff level today. Okay. Thank you. I'm happy to back up. But three things I want to just note. One, I think, you know, organics and commercial waste is important. I want to make sure that we are revisiting the conversation on the commercial waste and franchising system. There are benefits here and it makes a lot of sense. Secondly, the plan needs funding. We know that measure was passed. There will be some portion of funding to go help implement and make and bring this plan to life. But there will certainly be more. And and third, I think new industry can be created through through these regulations.

New industry can be created. That's the plan on the state's mandates, on getting rid of combustion vehicles is going to create entire industries around infrastructure and clean vehicle infrastructure within our within our state. I would like to see a real I like programing an emphasis on the green industries and the things that be correct created by going through this transition. This will require

changing traffic, creating jobs through transitioning equipment and all these other things. I'm really interested in that. So the last thing on task relates to funding. Do you have an idea of what your gap in funding is to implement this? Or can you come back with your update with some ideas of what the gap in funding. This is Tom so we have a general sense of what we tried to do in the plan was to for you like lay out what are the relatively inexpensive ones and what are the the heavy the heavy duty items that we would have to do pay for. So we categorize that in the plan. We would suggest, when this comes back to you, that we come back with a more robust financial analysis. We are certainly going to need money. So this is going to be costly both to the city and there will be some cost to it, to our business and residents as well. We think it's manageable, but we would like to come back to you on that. Thank you. Thank you. What you have Councilmember Supernova and Councilmember Allen who have not spoken yet. And then I'll go back. Councilmember Supernova. Thank you. Thanks to the staff and the public for a presentation and a question on one of the slides, you don't have to go back to the site, but it was on the reduction of oil production and I was just curious how we get there. Does this reference I just city of Long Beach production or is it both public and private sector production? Councilmember this is Patricia defender over this represents reductions in in oil production in the city boundaries. So the in on the inventory side any oil production activity has a certain amount of emissions. And this is a reduction. This is GHG reductions, emissions reductions from reducing oil production in the city by 20%. In 2030 by 2030. And so the answer to that is both public and private production. Yes, oil production. Okay. Thank you. Then during public comment, I just wanted to commend Dr. Elaine Banal for her comments, one in particular about something. I think it's just very practical, and that is when we have something where we have fewer air quality monitors in the areas of need. That seems to be something that's very tangible, very measurable. And to Councilwoman Price's point, something the public could really understand if we make some inroads in that area. So I would just like staff to keep that in mind. Thank you. Thank you. Now, Councilwoman Price. I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Councilwoman Allen. And then we'll go back to Councilman Price. Thanks. Thank you, Mayor. I, too, would like to thank all of my council colleagues with comments and think general

y for the presentation and the staff for providing a road map for a more sustainable and equitable city. I know I met with the staff earlier today and I know that you guys have been working on this for a lot of years, and I know you put a lot of work into this, and I do appreciate the time that you spent with me today answering a lot of my questions and as I have heard from members of our community and advocates. One of the things that I'd like to say is we must be willing to change aspects of this plan, even those that are already approved and underway, if they don't significantly tackle air quality issues and track and tackle climate change. I also look forward, I know there was a huge community involvement in the plan and I look forward to continuing at forward and the process and some of my questions have already been answered. I know with regards to compliance and the dashboard, but a follow up question to that is so when the dashboard shows that we're not meeting our goals, then what do we do? What is the process for making sure that we're ensuring compliance? And I also had a question on a gap in funding that Councilman Richardson talked about. So I look forward to seeing any reports on that. And then also, I had a question that I didn't ask earlier today. When you look at the city multifamily organic waste ordinances ordinance, what is that? I'm not familiar with that. Councilmember, I'll start with your question about what happens when we're not meeting our goal. So that's the purpose of the monitoring. The biannual monitoring is to see how we're doing in relation to those goals. And then the plan also has provisions for plan updates. They're contemplated to be potentially as much as every five years. If the measures are not achieving the objectives that they were intended to achieve, then we would come back to council with essentially updates to this plan that would suggest new measures that might need to be addressed. And then also those those biannual monitoring. When we do the biennial monitoring, we also measure redo the inventory. So we have an understanding of what our emissions are, how they are changing, and then also whether the measures that we have we're pursuing are reducing, resulting in the reductions that we are had estimated. So that's that's the answer to the question of what happens when we don't achieve the targets, the funding. Okay. And then I'm sorry, can you remind me what your last question was? I apologize. Councilmember, if I understand your last question, it's about what is multi-family organic diversion. So a couple of things need to happen in the waste sector, both to comply with state law and to achieve our goals. So organic waste is waste that could be composted but oftentimes ends up in the waste stream and is either incinerated or

ends up in a landfill. So for some single family homeowners that have the space, they can compost at home and there's programs that encourage them to do so and we can do better

. But if you're living in an apartment or a condo, your options to compost on site are zero, right? So right now, we don't have a way to segregate that waste. There's not a separate bin and there's not a separate pick up for that organic waste. What the state and this plan are looking for us to do is to be able to separate that waste, either at the point of pick up or later in the waste stream so that it can be either composted or processed in a way that results in the fewest greenhouse gases possible as part of the waste disposal process. Okay. Thank you very much. Okay, Councilman Price. Mr. Mayor. So I want to go back to one particular issue that I see that that both contains the greenhouse gas goals and measures that we have, but also the add up to climate change adaptation goals that we have. And that's the Senate takes place every day on the peninsula with multiple trucks taking sand from west to east because our sand shifts from east to west during the day. And we have. Multiple truck trips back and forth every day. And so the city has participated in some pilot projects to try to replenish the sand without utilizing those trucks. And that's an example of us trying to reduce our our emissions, but also think about sea level rise in terms of broadening our beach. So when we're talking about vehicles like these trucks, the fleet, the truck fleet, I don't believe the ones that are currently on the beach doing the sand replenishment are electrical electric trucks. But does the city manager or anyone on the development services team know whether we're moving in that direction for similar projects? I'm not sure that there's any projects that have that much consistent traffic or perhaps sewage, but I'm sure there are some others in public works that I'm not aware of. But I know that in the third district it's a consistent daily, multiple trucks back and forth. So I think reducing or converting those trucks to electric would make a huge difference. What's the status on that? Yeah, this is Tom. So the the market for commercial heavy duty machinery is really just getting developed for battery electric. We're starting to see some battery electric pilots for dredge trucks in the port and they have been exploring those really aren't in big commercial production at this point. The type of equipment that we're using on the beach is really heavy duty and requires a big load. So those are right now still, you know, they're they're the cleanest type of fuel that that we can find when when we're able to buy those new machines. But they are not electric at this point. We would love to if there is a market that would create those for us. We would love to switch those out as we go forward. And that's good. And I'm hoping that we have technology available to us that I know will be costly, but that will eliminate the need for those trucks like the the the the pumps the sand pumps that we tried to utilize. And now we're thinking about utilizing a second version of

that. I know we've talked about funding gaps. I mean, the funding gap here is is enormous. And I'm hoping that there are state and federal grant opportunities for us to be able to tap into immediately after we've approved this plan. And I'm sure that since this is going to be administered out of the city manager's office, we have committed staff looking at exploring grant opportunities for both the climate change adaptation portion and the greenhouse emissions portion. Is that correct? So, yes, our experience has been once you have a solid plan that's been adopted by your policymakers and lines up with what state and federal governments want to fund your chances of getting funding go way, way up. So we do think that will help. We will then look at the various grant opportunities that are out there. We don't have dedicated staff just in our department that only does grants. We do have some high level coordination, and then we'll be working with each individual department to help implement those strategies for their specific department, but coordinated through the city manager's office. So in the city manager's office, will we have is there a goal moving forward to have a climate officer or climate action officer, anyone that will be able to take this project on and move it forward through the years? Yes. So we're going to be having a task force type model to really maintain accountability and to have a governance structure. It'll be led by our assistant city manager, Linda Tatum, who's got a lot of experience in this area from her previous oversight over development services. If we need to be bringing on dedicated staff, you know that go beyond that. We'll have to address that through our budget process. But we believe we'll have the initial governance structure run kind of each department will have representatives. We have Linda kind of at the top and then we'll use some analyst support as we need to in our office to help support that. That's fantastic. And I know Linda is extremely well versed on this topic because we worked with her, all of us worked with her on this before her current position. So that's great to have her leading

the team. The other question that I had was for development services in terms of how this plan gets merged with our city policies in terms of buildings or other zoning type of regulations that we might want to adopt. Is that currently being folded into our applications? Let's say I know for Coastal Commission, for example, any project that we put forth, this Coastal Commission has components of this adaptation plan that's required by that regulatory agency. So is that something that's already being factored into our plans moving forward in terms of permitting, planning, developing specific plans and zoning and things of that nature? Sure. So Councilmember, on the adaptation side, absolutely. That's part of our permitting process. And we want to be aware of sea level rise and other climate risk. At the same time,

I think it's just important to remember that on the reduction side, these are reductions that are going to be achieved by the city and everyone that lives in the city and every business in the city working together. So we've been very careful not to balance the budget, so to speak, on the carbon carbon reductions, on only new development or only on the business sector. So you will see minor changes to affect, you know, sort of those sectors. But really, the on the reduction side is going to be achieved by small changes across all of society here in the city of Long Beach. So it's not going to be designed not to burden any individual, new business or new construction, but rather to be something that everyone contributes to in some way. So I hope that answers your question. It does work in terms of controlling. Price for 5 minutes are up. Thank you. I'll just finish the thought of converting our existing facilities so that they're most energy efficient would be a major priority and I'm sure something that we can apply for matching grant funds for. And I know that the city manager's team will be looking at that. So thank you very much. I appreciate all the answers. Thank you. And then to close this up, we have Councilman Sun in there. And I will be quick. I know that this has been long and that this this plan has a lot a lot of information in it. One of the things that I wanted to say that Councilman Price did touch upon was the fact that we now have are moving this plan under the city manager's office, which is a huge win. I know that this is going to be a good place for this plan, but I also want to thank the ability department for all of their work on this on this plan, but really happy to see it in the city manager's office, as well as the fact that I am a big a big fan of leading by example. And I was wondering if someone on staff could explain to me how we might be able to lay out a specific timeline for our city government, for us ourselves to transition to 100% green. And renewable energy. Do we have a timeline for that? So that'll be part of it. Sorry, this is Tom. So that'll be a part of when the plan is adopted. Then we go into implementation mode on that. That is, if I memory recall, as from the discussion on CAAs, that's probably about a 3 to \$4 million price tag to go to that level of 100%. So that's tough to do in any single year. I think we would look at a phased in implementation plan, but that is what we're trying to do in this plan is to lead by example. So before we asked residents to do about 10% of residents to sign in to that plan to do 100% green power, we wanted to lead by example, so we'll need to plan that in in our financial projections. I do think it'll take several years to get there just because we're facing some budget deficits, but we would include that. Just simply wonderful. Thank you for explaining that to me. Time. With that, I'd like to just say thank you once again. Thank you. I'm going to make some closing c

omments. Wait. Actually, I'm sorry. Councilman Allen, did you did you come back up? I think you may have another question. Sorry about that. Councilman Allen. Yes, I do have one more question. And one of the things I would like for the staff to speak on is how can we prioritize activities that deliver the most improvement on our day to day life by aligning with the state requirements? Can someone speak on that? So this plan has already prioritized actions based on the metric cubic tons of CO2 that are reduced. So there are a number of actions. There's several dozen actions in the plan. But the ones that we showed you on the PowerPoint slides are the ones where we get the most bang for our buck, we get the most actual reduction. So the plan has already gone through that prioritization, and I think we'll be doing some more materials for the public. But I think. If you think about achieving that 10 to 30% reduction, you're in your own life. It's things that are not one time but are recurring. So when we talk about building energy and making buildings more efficient and we talk about transportation and clean vehicles, you know, as COVID subsidies, you know, for the individual residents, it's about can they make one trip per week, not just one time, but per week, you know, on foot or on a bicycle rather than in a in a car? Can they think about their next vehicle being electric? So we're going to put together some more public outreach materials as we switch

from plan preparation to plan implementation. And that will really help the public better understand their piece of how they prioritize actions. But in terms of the actions in the plan itself, we've already done that prioritizing, and that's based on the amount of carbon reduction and ranking those those measures. Thank you so much for that. And again, I just appreciate all your hard work on. Thank you. And I'm just going to wrap us up. I want to just first thank the staff. Amazing work. This is really a significant, huge contribution to the work around climate change and climate action and ensuring that we have a safe city for all of our healthy families. I want to thank the staff who put in a tremendous amount of work on this. I also want to give a shout out to former Councilmember Pearce. She really wanted push to get this before she you know, her term was up and we tried, but she wanted to come out. Right. And I want to thank her for that. And I know the amount of work that she also spent with staff time. So just a shout out to her and to this entire body. Thank you for your incredible work. Folks on on this body have been working on this plan incredibly hard. And I can think about community meetings and think about, you know, Councilman Price or some of the early meetings in her district that I think happened first. And the involvement of of Councilmember Super not particularly what he was on the Sustainability Commission. The contributions that our council members in the North have made on the

issues that matter around equity issues, basically. Richardson So everyone has played a big part in this climate climate action plan and the community has as well. So a huge thank you to the community. I want to just note as we move on to this next, you know, kind of E.R. phase that and I mentioned this to staff already, we have still a lot of work to do as it relates to to oil. And I just want to I know that it's referenced and I think cause we're super and I brought it up. But I think as we as we move forward and we have to also put and dig in a more on how we really, really reduce our fossil fuel consumption and how we really transition from, you know, an oil economy that has been for many years very beneficial from a revenue perspective to the city. And we depend a lot, of course, on oil, but it's also damaging our community and it damages the planet and it damages our long term ability to be sustainable. And so we we have to redouble our efforts in that transition away from oil. And I think that that is a both a part of this discussion, and it certainly is in the plan, but it has to be part of a much broader discussion as well, and one that needs to be more aggressive and that this body has to weigh in on, because so much of our services that are dependent and have been for for decades are on oil and how and how oil the tidelands is doing and so many other aspects. And that's a conversation I look forward to having. And it's one where I think this council is ready to weigh in on. And I want to thank again the staff for their incredible work on this issue. And with that, I want to turn this over to the clerk for the roll call. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. Park District seven. District eight. II. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. Appreciate the great work here. And again, thank you. And a huge milestone. Well, that concludes the agenda. We are going to go to two closing comments. I do want to really, really close with a few a few folks that we're going to close the meeting in remembrance of some amazing people. Thank you. We are now going to go on to the rest of the agenda. So let's do item 26, please. Item. Item 26. Communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to declare ordinance. Amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to inclusionary housing and for the purpose of implementing California Senate Bill 330. Read the first time and lead over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for Final Reading and adopt a resolution establishing an inclusionary housing in lieu fee citywide. Thank you. I'm going to turn this over to staff. I know we have a this is a very obviously important issue. And so well, let's go through the whole presentation and then we will take some public comment and then we'll go back and do together with the Council on questions in private there. This is Cindy. Turn I'll turn this over to Rich Anthony, deputy city a

ttorney. This is this is Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney. Can you hear me, Mr. Mayor? Yes. We can hear you. Okay, great. There is not much of a presentation, so I'll be brief. As council will recall, back on July 14th, the Council directed our office to bring back for its consideration three related items which we are now bringing back, the first of which is an inclusionary housing ordinance, which would apply to a portion of the city generally known as the downtown in the Midtown. The second thing we're bringing back is a no net loss ordinance, which applies citywide. The third thing we are bringing back for the Council's consideration is a resolution which really applies to the inclusionary housing ordinance only. And that resolution would establish the in lieu fees that might be payable

by developers. Under the. Inclusionary housing ordinance in lieu of providing affordable units on site. These ordinance are all based on both council direction and modeled on other ordinances currently in use by other municipalities in the state, which we believe reflect best practices. I do want to apologize for the delay in bringing this back to the council. We had you had hoped and we had hoped to have this effective as of January one, but we're going to be a couple of months late. I want to make it clear that staff bears no responsibility for the delay. Christopher Koontz and his team were ready to go a couple of months before I was. I do want to note for the mayor and for the clerk, and notwithstanding the fact this is a single agenda item, we will need three different votes on each of the three things I just mentioned, the inclusionary housing ordinance, the no net loss ordinance, and then lastly, the resolution establishing in lieu fees. So when the Council is ready to vote after question and answers, please remember that there'll be three different votes required. And with that, I am standing by to answer any questions. Mike Mayes, the assistant city attorney, is standing by to answer questions on the no net loss ordinance. Christopher Coons and his team are also standing by to answer any questions to the extent they can. And I turn it back over to you, Mr. Mayor, and the council. I don't have. Let me let me go ahead and do this, if we don't mind. Should we just should we do want to get a public comment first? Yeah, sure. Medical. Yes, that's fine. So we're available. If you want to ask more questions, we're available. Or we can just take direction from the council. Okay. I just thought that was gonna be a little bit of a presentation, I guess. There. There wasn't. Okay. Why don't we go ahead and do. Our first speaker is also tongue. Well, certain. Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Elissa Tung, the land use program manager at Long Beach Forward. Thank you to staff and council members for bringing these two. Critical affordable. Housing policies forward tonight. Inclusionary housing and. No net loss are crucial solutions on the dual front of

the covenant, the COVID pandemic and racial justice amid the spiking pandemic. Evictions are a death sentence and led to over 10,000 additional deaths nationwide during the first six months of the pandemic. Long Beach renters are mostly black and other people of color, with black women being the most rent burdened. So let's make good on the city's promise in the racial reconciliation report to adopt, quote, a strong inclusionary housing policy. Now, specifically, the draft ordinances before you allow for two alternative compliance options other than building the affordable units on site or paying a fee for the inclusionary ordinance. Number one, developers must not be allowed to propose arbitrary compliance methods to be approved at council's discretion case by case. And number two, land dedication off site should. Only be allowed when the land will accommodate more. Affordable units than would have been built on site. And when the land is. Prioritized for community land trust with deeply affordable units. For the no net loss. Ordinance, affordable replacement units must be on site. If that's. Completely impossible, then the replacement units must be within one. Half mile of the originating. Development. These changes and a number of others which my colleagues will address are critical, most of which are programmatic and clarifying in nature to create a robust inclusionary. Housing and no net. Loss ordinances to build affordable housing for our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jordan Wynn. Hi, this is Jordan Wynn speaking with everyone in Long Beach. I'd like to thank you for taking the time to talk about this. Today, my colleague made great points on inclusionary housing. I would like to bring up three in particular. It was evaluated in the 2021 to 2029 regional housing needs assessment that lawmakers needs to develop up to 11,160 units of low and very low income housing to keep up with demand for affordable housing in the city. Our greatest need is for very low income units. Now, this is something that I don't think can wait. One of the major things that I think we need to shift in this policy is eliminating the proposed three year phasing of this policy. The community cannot afford to wait three more years for the 11% of new rental units being affordable to be set aside. We need every tool in place for an equitable recovery from COVID 19. Waiting this long will cause a frontloading of development that will negatively impact the number of affordable units on the ground. If developers opt for the other compliance option and pay in lieu fees, they must be more narrowly tailored than they are in the current policy. They must be spent entirely on very low income rental units. They must be set to the economic equivalent of providing affordable units on site. They must be tied to an objective index that accurately reflects the costs of land development so that fees respond to market changes. They must be spent on

the creation of net new unit and they should not be allowed by write for rental projects of 20 or fewer units. They should be allowed buy right for four or fewer units. These are the changes and many more as you will continue to hear that will make this inclusionary housing policy stronger for all residents of Long Beach. Thank you very much. Thank you. Your next speaker is Victor Sanchez. Councilmember General Mary Garcia. My name is Victor Sanchez, director of the Long Beach Coalition. I want to thank you for bringing this item forward and ask that you consider some changes to include fees as well as a no net loss ordinance with respect to the fees. Fees from rental projects must be spent entirely. On very low income unit, not unknown communities as currently drafted. And they must be spent on the creation of net new units in the fees must be set at the economic equivalent of providing the affordable units on site and tied to an objective annual index that accurately reflects the cost of land and development. These fees should not. Be allowed by write for rental. Projects of 20 or fewer units. Why wouldn't the city want to maximize the number of inclusionary units built on site? With respect to the no net loss ordinance. We must eliminate the 2025 expiration date. No net loss runs with inclusionary policy and should not have an arbitrary end date. The city doesn't have. Nearly enough affordable housing to meet our needs. As my two previous colleagues have mentioned, the arena numbers show that we have a. Deep need for affordable housing here in. Miami, specifically for. Very low. And low income families. And so our hope is that we take into consideration the changes that have been mentioned before. Me and that I mentioned. The current draft of the inclusionary housing and the LOS. Ordinances falls short. And we urge you to consider that. Thank you. Our next speaker is Suzanne Brown. Good evening. My name is Suzanne Brown, and I'm an attorney with the Legal Aid. Foundation of Los Angeles. And our Long. Beach office. We applaud the city for moving forward with land use policies to create and preserve affordable housing. However, we urge the Council to strengthen these ordinances to address our severe, affordable housing crisis and the devastating and disproportionate impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic on low income communities of color. For inclusionary housing, we request for amendments of the Council. First, eliminate the proposed three year phase, and the timeline is overly generous to developers, and it does not put the city's affordable housing needs first. Second, tighten up. And lower fees. So that they are more effective in live fees from rental projects should be spent on very low income rental units, not online communities proposed in the fees should also be tied to an objective index so that they go up and down with the market and do not become annual political fights at council and in lieu fees should be spent on the creation of new uni

ts, not on the rehabilitation or subsidy of existing market rate units. Third, developers should not be allowed to propose alternative methods for inclusionary housing compliance. This is an unnecessary Newport loophole that should be closed. Finally, affordable. Units should be covenanted as affordable for the life of the project or in perpetuity. This ensures that affordable units do not expire while building is still in existence, and therefore it also prevents displacement for no net loss. We respectfully request three amendments of the City Council. First, eliminate the 2025 expiration date for this policy. The Council did not direct staff to include an expiration date, and there is no legal reason to do so. Second, similar to inclusionary require that affordable units be covenanted as affordable in perpetuity or for the life of the project. The County of Los Angeles just included this requirement. In its inclusionary housing and no net loss. Ordinances. We ask that Lombard to move with our partners in the region. Third, and finally require that replacement units be located onsite in the development causing the displacement. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Thank you. Our next speaker is Norberto Lopez. Yes. Hello. City Council and Mayor Garcia. There's not a Lopez project director. With Long Beach resident and powered local tenant. Advocacy. Group. Here, just talk about the inclusionary housing policy as well as on that last policy. We are losing more unit than. We are building affordable units. And that is the sad truth. Although we're in the. Pandemic and there's all these eviction moratoriums. They're going to end one day. And all those. Units that we are holding on to are going to be gone. We're currently working with 11 buildings who have been issued 60 day notices which are invalid, but we have one that is currently in trial, so we need to do better and ensure that we pass a stronger inclusionary housing policy that really live up to what it's supposed to do. And on that last policy, that helps us preserve the existing units and if they are destroyed, they need to be redone and on site as well. We also need to make sure that the affordability needs to last throughout the project. And it's not just 55 years or 50 years added as it is commonly known. And you know, one thing I definitely want to say and inclusionary policy should definitely be strong and not just be paraded as a policy that is supposed to do.

Something and not. Necessarily do it. We need it now more than ever and not. Wait three more years. Thank you. Thank. Think your next speaker is Liane Noble. The evening council. And Mayor, I want to talk to you as a neighborhood activist who lives downtown in District one. And I want to highlight some of the other folks have done some changes. That is the neighborhood we need you to please make to the inclusionary housing and the no net loss policy you are considering. First of all, we need. This. Now. My neighbor

ood has seen market rate apartments being built, which the people who live here can not afford. We now know that there are three buildings in the 700 block of time that have new owners, which means that we are likely to see more new development. This is great, but what we need is low cost. Low income, very low income rental housing now. So please, let's not face it in over three years. Let's not set aspirations of 2025. We need inclusionary housing and no net loss as neighborhoods that will protect these affordable units for the life of the project. The same. Thing with the in. Fees. Let's use criteria that link them to market chain change and that so that we're not finding this issue every year. As the neighborhood you put them at an impossible disadvantage when you adopt policies that have to be looked at on an annual basis. Please make these low income, affordable units affordable for the life of the project. Please make these. Policies kick in. Now. My neighbors who are Kinect have been terrorized for months now because eviction moratoriums go from month to month. We made a commitment to equality as Long Beach. This is an equity issue. It impacts the lives of the people of color who live in my neighborhood. And it affects the. Delivery of the entire neighborhood. You can provide us with equity, leadership and affordable housing, which we so desperately need. Now, I thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Andrew O'Connor. Hello. My name is Angela. Do I know what the. Long Beach Tenants Union, the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic is devastating our communities. Evictions and homelessness are skyrocketing among our community members, just as COVID cases are. With a new variant now specific to Southern California, we must ask ourselves. Are we doing everything. To prevent displacement and ensure our community has access to affordable housing, especially when landlords continue to serve 60 day notices under the guise of substantial rehabilitation and while unlawful detainers. Simply put, the answer is no. We have proof that evictions equal. The nationwide evictions led to over 10,000 additional deaths during the first six months of the pandemic deaths that we just honored at the start of this meeting and will obviously continue if we don't take more aggressive action. This inclusionary housing policy is long overdue and should have been adopted before council decided to start approving the development of highrises in our downtown to include a three year phase in four. This ordinance is not only absurd but negligent decision making. We need this immediately. Furthermore, we're both inclusionary and no net loss. Affordable units should be covenanted as affordable for the life of the project or in perpetuity. L.A. County included covenants in perpetuity in its recent adoption of inclusionary housing and no net loss policies. This is the best practice. I look forward to council taking aggressive action to ease the crisis our communities are currently exper

encing as this pandemic continues. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Okay. Thank you very much. We will go back. I have councilman's in Dallas. Thank you, Major. First of all, I'm so grateful to staff for bringing the inclusionary housing back before council today. I know that this is this has been a cumulation of so many and so much incredible work that has been previously done by our previous council, by our City of Long Beach team, and especially by members of our community who have been champions for inclusionary housing for many, many, many years. Policies like this have also been something I've been personally interested in for a long time. I understand how significant this step is for City. I'm also incredibly grateful for the opportunity that we had this past summer to ensure that this policy is able to be best met met by the needs of our community. In that spirit, I would like to make the following motion to help clarify and strengthen parts of the of this ordinance and to have our staff report back on options to continue the conversation and help create more affordable housing moving forward. I move that we accept steps recommendation to declare an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the inclusionary housing and associated no net loss ordinance ordinance. With the following reports we put back some amendments. One. I'd like to request city staff to evaluate an extension of the affordability covenants for both inclusionary housing and no net no net loss ordinance from 55 years to two either to improve Treasury. I. I have a hard time pronouncing that word, which means for the life of the project and to report back in 120 days with an analysis and recommendations. Two. I'd

also like to request the city staff come back in 120 days with a recommendation on how to ensure that the in lieu fees are captured from inclusionary housing. Rental projects are dedicated to the production of very low income units. Three. I'd like to amend the Inclusionary Housing Industry Resolution to ensure that new fees are used to create new, affordable units and not use for rehabilitation or subsidize of rents in the existing market rate units. Four. I'd like to adopt the resolution with the previous amendments and also request that city staff return in 120 days with the resolution to tie in new fees to an annual index based on changes in the construction and costs of costs of land costs. A fee should be adjusted annually based on two factors one being changes in construction costs, as measured by the engineer's new record construction cost index and two changes in the land costs measured by using the proxy a change in median condominium sale prices. Before I go on, I was also wondering if city attorney could quickly clarify if the no net loss ordinance before us now would expire in 2025? And if that is the case. Would it be possible to amend the ordinance to eliminate that expiration? Councilwoman Zend

ejas, it's Mike Mayes, and I was the one that wrote the no net loss ordinance. And yes, the direction we got four counts back on July 14, 2019. Order to implement SB 333330, which was adopted by the state legislature on January 1st or implement on January 1st, 2019, and SB 330 currently does have a sunset. There no requirement that are unserved. You could adopt a no net loss to tonight and simply eliminate the provision that parents the conditions that are in SB 330 as far as the sunset date. So if you want to pass that ordinance tonight, it's separate from the inclusionary zoning ordinance. You can do that. And we would bring it back for a second reading at the next council meeting with the January 2025 being eliminated. I would like to do that. Thank you so much, Mike. Thank you for that. I was also wondering and thank you. I was also wondering if someone, our city attorney, could clarify for me whether amending the no net loss ordinance to ensure that all replacement units under the policy are built on site, we have to trigger another first reading of the ordinance. So what? Councilwoman Cindy Haas. It's Mike Mayes again. Yes, that's a substantive change to the ordinance that would require us to bring it back for a new first reading. Currently, the way the ordinance is written, replacement housing could be built within two mile. You know, the the replaced. So we would need to bring that back. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mike, again. Well, I really don't want to further delay this inclusionary housing ordinance. So in that case, I would I would like to request that that staff report back in 120 days with the recommendation to ensure all replacement units are on site so that we don't have to trigger another first reading of this ordinance. Please. Councilwoman Cindy Haas. So as to the inclusionary zoning ordinance, you laid out five points, it's my understanding. To pass the ordinance tonight with the caveat that staff bring back now five, basically five different items in a subsequent report in 120 days that might lean towards maybe amending the ordinance at that the two ordinances at that time. And your intent also is to pass the no net law tonight with the understanding that in five days we come back with a recommendation. On whether or not all requests and how they run. I answered within two miles of the development. Is that correct? Yes, that's correct. Thank you. Thank you. I know there was a lot. I know that was a lot, too. So thank you. Thank you for capturing all that. No problem. And then I have a I think the second on this is Councilwoman Allen, correct? Councilwoman? Yes. Did you have any additional comments? I sure do. I just want to say, first of all, that this is a very important legislation for our city. And I want to thank Council Woman's and De Haas and Vice Mayor Richardson for their leadership and their vision on this. We are in the middle of a housing crisis which is anticipated to get worse if we don't act today. We need th

is now. This legislation addresses our acute housing shortage by establishing affordable housing requirements. It also ensures that our affordable housing is protected and secured for future generations. It also ensures that our integrated housing is prioritized. And that's really important to our community. This is not a Band-Aid or a temporary solution, but a major step forward in making our city a more equitable and inclusive place to live. I am so proud to support this policy and with all of the changes that Councilwoman and Dana included in her motion. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Mr. Mayor, thank you. First of all, city staff for presenting a good ordinance. It factored in the feedback from the city council from a few months back. All of the feedback and what we have today is is ready to go. And I appreciate the community moving so quickly. I know that it was agenda. On supplementals, there wasn't a lot of time to analyze and evaluate all the different pieces, but the feedback from the community has been incredibly helpful. And and I want to thank

Councilmember Zendejas for her leadership on this both back in a few months ago and tonight. I'm in full support of those recommendations. I think it's it helps make the policy stronger. It also takes into consideration the real market factors in terms of ensuring that, you know, the development market is ready, remains in support and willing to work within our city, in developing our city, because it's important to know that, you know, although this could generate 11% of very low income units, if no development happens, 0% is 0%. And we actually want to build housing that's affordable for people. So there so the recommendations here I think are balanced and they do that and make it stronger. We did move the phase in from five years to three years. So that was that should be noted. So in the last few months that has happened. And so what I think in front of us is ready to go. I think the approach of, hey, the things that we may want to do to make it even stronger, approach it through a 120 day analysis. I think that's a that's a good way to to address it. So we get the policy on the books today. We need our commitment today, and we continue to make it make the policy better. And I think that's that's a smart, important way to to agenda. Is this so so I don't have any questions. I just want to offer my thanks. And this is an incredible moment for the city. I remember my predecessor, Steve Neill, fought for inclusionary housing in the downtown plan years ago. And to finally see all the work of community organizers advocating for this and residents having an advocate advocating for this, I think it's an incredible moment to note and we look forward to continuing to develop our city in the future. Thanks a lot. Thank you. We'll go ahead and do a roll call vote as we get ready for that. I'll just add that, you know, it's been a long time coming and obviously I've made extended comments

on on this in the past. So I'll just leave it at that. I'll leave it at that. And just think for their hard work on this issue. Mr. Mayor, this. Is you're absolutely right. Just logged in, Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Sorry about that. I just wanted to weigh in and support this as well. I want to thank the members of the community who reached out to talk with me about this before tonight. I think they raised a lot of issues that Councilwoman De has brought up that caused me pause. But I think that the recommendation by Councilwoman Zendejas is perfect. That's spot on because it allows us to incorporate those changes but doesn't delay the implementation tonight, which is where I thought we might be headed after I talked with the groups and realized there were a lot of good points there that we needed to further consider. So I'm supportive of this, and I want to thank Zendaya's on her leadership on this. Great. Thank you very much. And with that, we will go to Roll Call Misdemeanors. Just to let you know, we need three votes on this items. Okay. I'll let you call on three. The next councilwoman, Cindy has. I. Councilwoman Ellen. Councilwoman Price. I am so, so. All right. Councilwoman Mango. I. Councilwoman Sara. I'm Councilmember Arango. By Councilman Austin. Councilman Alston. Vice Mayor Richardson. Yes. Motion carries. Thank you very much. What's that? Mayor? I'm sorry. The city attorney. We're going to need two more votes on this item. The first vote was the inclusionary zoning ordinance. The next vote will be the no net loss ordinance. And then the final vote will be on the resolution. Okay. Thank you. Item 20 E. Which 23, please? Item 23 is a report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to submit application to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District for guarantee funding. Increase appropriation in the public purse in the Public Works Department and Parks, Recreation and Marine Department for the Projects and Grant Administration Citywide. Okay. I have a I have a motion and a second. Can I please get a, you know, public comment, a motion by I think this is councilmember. Aston Martin and a second by Councilwoman Sarno. I think that's gone from the last one. Councilman Robson. Councilman sorrow roll call votes which. Councilwoman Sun House. All right, Councilwoman Allen. Hi, Councilwoman Price. Sky Councilmen. Sabrina High Councilwoman Mango II. Councilwoman Sara. I. Councilmember Oranga. I. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. Vice Mayor Richardson, motion carries. Item 20 Report from Economic Development and Public Works. Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents necessary for the Second Amendment to project labor agreement and execute a new citywide project. Labor agreement for all covered projects over 750,000 and also street related right of way project over 1 million citywide. Thank you. Let's go and take it to the staff. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the cou

ncil. We're excited to be here tonight. We put a lot of good negotiation into a project labor agreement, and we're happy to bring this back after getting some good direction from the council in October and really working through a number of things to make our play even stronger. So I will

turn that over to John Keisler and Nick Schulz for the presentation. Thank you, Tom. An honorable mayor and members of the city council. Happy to present to you the details behind the new project labor agreement. So just as a quick background, back in 2015, the council authorized the original play. That agreement funded projects over 500,000. It ran for five years and it required certain things like the jobs coordinator for only projects over a certain amount that was extended by the city council last year so that we could negotiate a new agreement. As you also remember, on October 13th, we actually conducted a study session to get feedback from the city council and hear about the city council priorities. As you, as you recall, the independent jobs coordinator, new definitions for our workers and who would be eligible for the program and new requirements for holding our contractors accountable for the program goals. Another important aspect that the Council highlighted was how can we use our project labor agreement to create good jobs for disadvantaged communities and include goals from our framework for racial reconciliation? I'm happy to report tonight that this new agreement really does hit on all those priorities and that the Council brought forward at the study session and really grateful for our partners at the trades, members of the community that have really provided a lot of input. And this really does establish a ten year agreement that prioritizes our residents, those that have the most challenges, and adds the independent jobs coordinator for all projects to support them in finding and keeping jobs. This new agreement also substantially adds more eligible projects. In fact, in the last play, we covered about \$50 million worth of projects. This one will cover almost a quarter billion dollars over \$260 million worth of projects that are projected by our public works department over the next five years. This also expands the definition of disadvantaged workers, adds the accountability that the council had prioritized. And to do this, we also increased the thresholds for projects so that we can cover the costs of these additional support programs, address some of the bidding issues we had encountered in the last play, and provide stability longer and bigger projects for our workers so that they have more continuity in their in their jobs. So just as a quick summary of the specific terms and conditions that the trades and and that our team, Nick Schultz hammered out, this is actually doubles the term from five years to ten years effective on the execution by both parties and covers all projects over \$750,000 for street related or right of way proj

ects over \$1,000,000. And what we'll be doing is we'll be coming back after five years when we get our new project list to talk with the trades about a cost escalation factor based on year six and through ten. This also the trades have agreed to place referrals from the city in their apprenticeship program. They've also agreed to prioritize local workers on local jobs no matter where they were on the priority hiring list. And it requires the independent jobs coordinator to support all projects no matter their size. Union membership is not required for our residents and workers to participate in the play. And disadvantage workers now have a range of of different categories, including veteran chronic employment, homeless, single parent, criminal record, all of the same categories that the Metro play requires up in Los Angeles. Also, we're expanding our reporting to record disadvantaged work hours by city and tier so that we can better identify if local workers are benefiting from the program. And we're implementing a program on our side to hold our contractors accountable for these hiring goals that the Council has set. In terms of cost, this really will cover 40 to 50 projects over this next five year period. I have to call out Eric Lopez, our public works director, who has been really working closely, closely with us in really being an advocate for how we can make expand the number of projects in total budget. Those 40, 50 to 50 projects over the next five years are projected to be \$266 million. That's a five times increase from our last. And we anticipate for the new programs that we talked about around independent jobs, coordination and reporting that it will be about 1% to 2% of the total project cost depending on the size of the project. That is a total of roughly 2.6 million to 5.3 million over the five year period for the total package. There's only one thing that I have to add to this presentation, which is an A. The recommendations should be approved as written except for the following amendment. And I have this up on the screen. It's in the the second recommendation that the language should read beginning after five years from the effective date of this agreement, the parties shall meet and discuss potential changes to these thresholds with any agreement reached to be put in writing and signed by the City and Building Trades Council. So with that, I will end my report and I'm happy with here with Nick Schulz, who really was at the forefront of negotiating this agreement to answer any questions you might have. Thank you so much. Thank you. Mr. Murdoch, did you have any additional comments? Just that I am really happy with the work that was done. I think we've seen a lot of great projects getting done

through our project labor agreement over the past five years. We've employed a lot of people. We've reported on all of that progress and the last time that we did this and we're going to keep tracking it and looking about prioritizing jobs go

ing forward. This also is part of our reconciliation work. As the council passed, the reconciliation plan was to really look at how do we do additional jobs, especially in areas that haven't had access to jobs. And that's what the jobs coordinator is going to do. So with that, we're turn it back to the council for questions. Well, thank you. I'm going to make a few comment and then turn it over to Councilmember Ringa who made the motion. Let me let me just begin broadly by saying that I'm really proud that Long Beach has really led the way in the creation of its original city wide project labor agreement. It was not it was done, obviously, with a lot of pain that went into it getting there. And I remember first being on the council when we were having these discussions and the resistance that we ran into as council members and certainly even even some resistance are when all of us came off this body together, a lot of folks that were still learning about what these project labor agreements were really all about from the community. But we got it done and we signed really one of the most substantial city wide agreements in the state of the agreement. It was a partnership with our construction trades, with all of our building trades that do such amazing work across our city, who build our city every single day. And I want to just thank each and every one of them, especially Ron Miller, who has carried who's been our go to leader on that end, but really all the heads of all the trades and the members. And I just want to also note that our work on this place and of course, the work that's happening now as we extend our wasn't just about what happened here in Long Beach, but we took this energy and began to work then with the port to ensure that they had a play. And then pretty soon Long Beach City College moved forward and they put a project labor agreement in place. And then recently the school district moved forward and put their project labor agreement in place. So we we made this not just about our public projects, our large infrastructure projects. We created a system where all project public projects across the city, across jurisdiction, would be ensured to have these level of good jobs. And we know that these projects come in and they come in in great shape. They're done by skilled labor. There's community benefits. There's apprenticeship programs. And they're done with the quality that we expect and within the budget parameters that we put in place. And so it's been it's been a home run for us, really proud to be here again for this extension. And I want to thank all the members that have been so supportive of our project labor agreement work. And so with that, we have a motion and first step is councilmember uranium. Thank you, Mayor. And if you can please put up a Slide seven. Think it's the one that I will be referring to. I want to agree totally with everything that the mayor said when I was on the committee, college board trustees. There

was an effort also to create a play when I was on that board and there was resistance as well as during the time that Councilmember Ranga was on the city council to try to bring this forward. And there was also resistance in those days. So this is a major threshold that we're crossing at this point. You can put up Slide seven that. Anyway, the the whole issue is that it is community based. We are still doing a remarkable job of working with our community, our affiliates with Ron Miller and the construction and trades with all the other unions. And we're also dealing with this long before the legal foundation, I'll tell you, the teachers Liberal Lobbyist Mediation Project and many other community groups and leaders who also put a lot of work into this project. The most important parts of the project, obviously, I guess I'm able to fly there, is that it provides the Metro's definition of a disadvantage worker, and it also includes in their the city's ability to not only track these disadvantaged workers, but also find out where the cities are, what period you're in. And also, I think the most important part of it is that it holds our contractors accountable for local, for meeting local, and it's valid, charitable. I think that's one of the most important aspects of this project labor agreement. And as mayor said, it also provides a guarantee that the work that gets done in the city, in Long Beach and that well is done with codes and that with the the knowledge that there are going to be fair wages and living wages for workers in this project. So I'm very happy and pleased toward this motion forward. And we appreciate the unanimous endorsement supported by council. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. Next up is Councilwoman Cindy. Thank you, Mayor. I just want to. Give. A huge congratulations to city staff to council member Rhode Island for all the hard work throughout the year that has been done in advocating for our local construction trade jobs. I know it's been really great to be able to see, you know, this this presentation and see how much work has

been put into it. I'm really excited because this this agreement actually brings so many good paying jobs to so many residents in need, especially right now. We're going to need so much of this. So I am looking forward to supporting this item. And again, congratulations on this. Thank you. Council member Austin. Thank you. Obviously, this item has my full support. I want to congratulate and just salute staff for negotiating a great agreement with the the building trades and the interest. I love the fact that many of the points raised by the community over the years, as we have learned over the last five years with the play of how to tweak it, our, our, our, our recommendations to to look at the Metro agreement, it looks like we're we're fully implement kit and agreed upon in this this agreement and that I think will help with equity but but ensure that that a as a member already mentioned that we h

ave quality labor peace and quality projects in our city expands it to many other public works jobs that that we currently do now which I think is good. Local hiring is is extremely, extremely important. And I just want to just mention how far we've come. You know, over the last five years, I can remember, you know, the very first meeting when Patrick O'Donnell was the original author to to move the project labor agreement forward. I was a coauthor on that had matriculated it brought came back with you know Gonzales so much work and effort has come in over the years but it did start off very rocky and with a lot of uncertainty and uneasiness. And today I think we it's a 180 degrees. The relationship with the building trades over the last five years and the results that the original play has produced are commendable and something that we can build upon. And so I'm looking forward to supporting this item and putting people to work over the next several years. Thank you. Thank you. Council member I'm sorry. Vice Mayor Richardson is next. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is certainly a monumental, monumental achievement for a Long Beach. The last play represented about \$2 billion in work. This new play tonight represents more than \$260 million more significantly. That's five times the impact on this honest play. It's five times the opportunity. Most of the jobs are coming to our local community, and that's largely by expanding to include street projects. And my colleagues are right. This has been refined. I want to lift up Councilmember Turanga, who's really been a voice and advocate for this since his time at LBC. Standing up for, you know, construction, local training and jobs. So I think it's appropriate that, you know, that he made this motion tonight. And I know he's got a tremendous like going to try to do it. I remember when I was a chief of staff, Steve Meal Break Appalachian Gerry ships Detroit. It's been a long history and it wasn't really until I think 2014 when all of us joined the city council that the support, the votes were there to really make this happen. I'm glad to see that the four high level community needs have been addressed in here. Shout out to the Long Beach local hire coalition and Long Beach Ministers Alliance. They fought for eight years to get this right. These these recommendations were not new. They advocated for these. When we began begin this conversation. They were advocating for these these these four measures. And it's great to see that it's been negotiated. Thank you to the L.A. Building Trades Council and city staff for making sure that these provisions are there. I also want to acknowledge the work of the Long Beach Racial Group Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative, specifically calling out the opportunity to ensure that the construction workforce reflects our local community. That's important. So the four pieces, the independent jobs coordinator, I'm glad to see this. They're utilizing strategies from the equ

ity toolkit that's important to ensure that black workers, brown workers from our local communities of color can work on these projects. I'm glad to see the definition of disadvantaged work targeting the most to need. You know, I've said it before, we have a k-shaped recovery disadvantage, workers taking a lot longer to recover. So we have to align all of our strategies, including the play with that effort on reporting disadvantage, work hours. Incredibly important. Talked about this and glad to see that in there. And I love that we have a process to move the metro, hold contractors accountable. That's the view of all these things together has brought brought us to this point. So this is a big moment for the community. It's a big moment for jobs, the big moment for labor. It's a big moment, moment for language. And it's all about the recovery. So so thanks a lot. And I'm happy to support this motion. Thank you, Councilwoman Allen. Councilwoman Allen. Not going too well. Sorry about that. Yes, I'm sorry about that. I was still on mute. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. And I'm just really excited that we're at a good point and that everyone is happy. And I know that it always hasn't been this way in the past, but so much good work has been put into this . And I have heard from several of our partners and this is a good package. Local hires. Goals are being met and the play

has mechanisms to ensure a good faith effort by contractors, which is good. It encourages hiring of disadvantaged workers and implements independent job coordinator and also covers our street and gas line projects that weren't covered in the past. But most importantly, like my colleagues have already talked about, it establishes a ten year agreement that prioritizes Long Beach residents on the hiring list. And this is important for our community in a time where, you know, we need these jobs. So I do want to thank John Keiser and Nick Schultz and Eric Lopez for their work on this play and for all of our partners and trade. And I also want to acknowledge my colleague, Councilman Roberto Ranga, for his history and advocating for our local construction trades since his time on the council. So great work, everyone, and I'm excited to pass this tonight. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Can you hear me okay? Yes. No problem. Okay. Thank you very much. I do want to acknowledge the great work of staff of getting us to this point. And I know that during the conversations tonight, we've talked a lot about, you know, initial resistance to this. And I'm not sure exactly what specific conduct or words folks are recalling, but I do. Just like Councilman Austin, I do remember when this item came forth, I believe we were having our meeting offsite at the Highland Park Community Center when we first discussed this topic. And I think, you know, I was one of the council members that really was concerned about the additional cost of the project, because that was a communit

y concern that would city projects now take on an additional cost. So I don't know that I would necessarily call that resistance, but I was really grateful at the time because the makers of the motion did accept some of the friendlies that I made that resulted in us having more transparency and regular reporting than we would normally have on citywide projects, which allowed us to be able to demonstrate to the constituents the best use of the public funds that we were using for these projects, which of course, is is the number one concern for all of us with the fiduciary duty to to make sure that we're getting the best price for projects. One thing that I have learned over the years is as several of the projects in my district and along the coastline have been completed with the play, they've been tremendously successful projects. And while there may be an additional cost associated with the terms of a play, that cost is is far outweighed by the benefits of utilizing a play. What I have been able to determine and speak of as fact from my own personal opinion as a result of some of the report back requirements that were part of the friendly amendment that we adopted five years ago, actually seven years ago, was that six years ago, on balance, the additional costs of the yielded in projects that are consistent in terms of the work quality and the quality of the final product, the efficiencies that have been identified as a result of working of the play, our efficiencies that we would not have without a play. And I think overall having some consistency and also at the same time putting quality Long Beach and regional workers on our city projects has far outweighed any additional costs that would come with the projects. And in my experience, the projects that I've been involved in have all come in under budget. So I feel very confident. I'm grateful that we had a robust dialog that was critical of some of the the concerns because we were able to demonstrate through the data that the play is actually a beneficial opportunity for the city in terms of executing city wide projects. And I'm grateful for John Keisler and Nick Schulz for putting the work that they put into place tonight, but also in the consistent reporting that was adopted as part of this provision in 2015. So I fully support this project and I look forward to having more city wide projects that can be completed through a play. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I want to thank so many members of our community who have continued to stand up for the community needs. I remember the dialog as well and at the time I was really modeling my goals after the Metro contract. It was the only conference that I was pretty familiar with and in meeting with elected officials that had passed a play and they really felt it was the gold standard. And here we are today. I'm able to mirror some of those things today, so I want to appreciate Labor for their work over the last five years. They'

ve done excellent projects that I don't think would have been possible without the coordinated collaboration between our staff, the unions and the bid winners. And then I also want to thank our city staff. It has not been an easy path. It is a lot of additional work and we know that you're taking it on and taking it very seriously has led to amazing community impacts for individuals who might not otherwise have a job. And when you talk to someone who has had an opportunity because of the building trades and the confidence they have and how you can hear in their voice that their life has changed, you can tell that these agreements are really more than just jobs. They're really life.

They're life for a family. They're breadwinners, they're community members that are able to have a living wage and also feel competent about how they can be a productive member of the community by contributing to their family. And so I just want to thank everyone who's worked with me over the past several years. I had a lot to learn about plays, and I think that now as a member of a council that's really I'm leading with partnership, I'm really proud to be here. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Next up is Councilman Ringo. Thank you very much. I haven't had a chance to speak yet. I don't know if you're kind of going back. Yeah, I have your next. Sorry about that. Let me, let me. Let me. Let me, actually. What am I going to cancel in sorrow. And then I'll go to Castleman sorrow. Thank you. Sorry about that. I thought. Councilmember, you and I have spoken already, but I just want to make sure that to thank everyone who has been involved to getting it to this version, I know that it's taken a lot of conversations and work. And so I think John Kaiser Mitchell and Eric Lopez and their staff are getting it working so hard. And also our community organizers and advocates who have also made sure that we got all these different pieces together particularly. So just making sure I know that it's going to help, you know, contribute to increasing equity in my district. And I especially think it's a bit important that we incorporate the Metro's play definition of disadvantage workers and getting independent jobs coordinator. And it's going to be so crucial to ensuring that we get people in my district back to work and improving the livelihoods in their family as well. And also, I just want to echo to what Councilwoman Allen shared about again, referring back to Councilmember Urunga, as, you know, making this motion and his leadership and not only having his expertise around plays and labor and workforce development to the council, but also at bringing it from his past work as a LPC trustee. So I'm very supportive of this item and happy to support it. Thank you. Thank you. And now Councilmember Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. And I want to express my gratitude to all my colleagues for their very positive thoughts on this project here and the project legal agreement. It's been a long

time coming. It's been a labor of love for many of us. And it's a culmination of a lot of blood, sweat and tears volunteers in bringing this forward. But one last thing, if I can. I'd like to see if we can have an annual review as to how we're doing with our place in our hiring efforts so that we can keep track of what we're doing here. And with that, a motion to approve the project agreement. Okay. Can we take public comment, please? Our first speakers, Abraham Zavala. Abraham Zavala. Hello? Yes. Yes. Please begin. Okay. Hello, everybody. This is Lopez speaking on behalf of Abraham that I couldn't make it. Representing Libra. Hello, Honorable Mayor and City Council. Thank you so much for digging. And also thank you for taking step forward and doing what's right, right. And protecting and ensuring that workers here locally get jobs. And hopefully with the new steps, we can ensure that local Long Beach residents are the ones taking up these local jobs with good benefits and the entry way to also union jobs that will ensure, you know, and ensure that we continue to grow middle class. So you can offer an opportunity to recreate and regrow a middle class to low income, marginalized residents who at times are, you know, put to the side, whether it's a criminal record or any other thing that is, you know, not allowing them to get a job. And, you know, we're offering opportunities here. So as a Long Beach resident, I'm really excited to see this forward. Really happy to see this as a tenant advocate, you know, to be able to offer, you know, opportunity for people who, like I said, get marginalized. And as we take that forward towards equity, you know, we're headed in the right direction. So, once again, thank you so much. And as a member of the of the coalition, you know, we support this and are really thankful for everyone who's taking a stab at this. Thank you. I think your next speaker is Chris Hannan. Chris Hannan. Hello. Good evening. Honorable mayor, honorable city council members. This is Chris Hannan, representative for the Los Angeles Orange County's Building Construction Trades Council. The city of Long Beach is the project. Labor agreement has created opportunities for so many, with 235,000 work hours that were created or that were worked constructing those projects for the residents of Long Beach, the impact was much greater. And I'd like to echo some of the comments that were made earlier. The impact and example the city of Long Beach said is just so much bigger than that. The individuals that were taken in through the Long Beach City College's apprenticeship readiness program. That was created because of the city of Long Beach's Project Labor Agreement. Those individuals are now over the same period of time working between 680 to 850,000 work hours for that same five year period of time. It's led to other project labor agreements and community workforce agreements in the area. When I was at the Long Beach Unified School District's meeting,

as well as the Long Beach City College's meetings for their project labor agreements, there were individuals that started their careers because of the city of Long Beach. This play. And it's just incredible the impact that it's made on their lives. And now they're working not just on those Long Beach projects, but in and around the region. And bringing those dollars back to their communities along the Pacific Gateways has done a great job supporting and removing barriers for these for these candidates as they entered into apprenticeship. And now many of them are even completing their apprenticeships and our journey level workers within our local unions. So the new ten year agreement is just going to create an expansion of those opportunities. And on behalf of the Building Trades Council and our local union affiliates and apprenticeship programs, we support the approval of item number 20. And want to thank all of you for the partnership. Thank you. I think your next speaker is Elsa Tung. Hi. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and City Council. My name is Elsa Tung from Long Beach Forward, a member of the Long Beach Local Hire Coalition, which is a community based coalition that has been fighting for years for local and disadvantaged hire. Best practices within the city wide project labor agreement to benefit our Long Beach neighbors most in need. Today we say thank you. Thank you so much to economic development director John Keisler to city staff and to our council champions. Thank you for listening and with your vote today, thank you for doing right by our community. The proposed new plea includes the four structural improvements that have been consistently recommended by the local higher coalition to strengthen local disadvantage. Tire number one require an independent jobs coordinator for all projects to define disadvantaged worker using Metro's definition, which targets the most economically and socially disadvantaged population. Three Report Disadvantaged work hours by city or tier. So we know if Long Beach residents are benefiting and for use Metro's process for holding contractors liable for local and disadvantaged hiring goals. Council members recall that under the original 2015 plea, only an average of 19% of work hours were performed by Long Beach workers, with a majority of work hours coming from outside Long Beach. With these four structural changes, we should see this balance tips back toward Long Beach workers, and specifically the Long Beach workers who are most structurally disadvantaged. Finally, I want to read out loud the equity lens section of the staff report, because this is the city's promise that everyone needs to hear, quote, exploring and enhancing the role of the independent jobs coordinator in the proposed plan to improve access to local jobs for black communities and communities of color was explicitly called for as an action item in the strategy for Advancing Economic Equity in the city's Racial Equity and Reconciliation

n Initiative. Report to advance the strategy, the play administrator in the Economic Development Department will develop an implementation plan using strategies from the Equity Toolkit to enhance the role of the Independent Jobs Coordinator in the recruitment, training and ongoing support of black workers and local communities of color for work on play projects. Now, to keep track of this promise over the next ten years of the agreement, the play should be brought back to council regularly for official review and evaluation council members. We find ourselves in one of the worst health, economic and racial injustice crises this city has ever seen. But with your leadership, we will have a brighter future. Thank you so much for your leadership today. Thank you. I think your next speaker is Jessie. I'll call her. Yeah. Well, also the council on all council. Mayor, my name is Jessie Alcala. I am a single father of five daughters. I live in the city of Long Beach. And the one thing I want to thank the city council for is creating this program that focuses on disadvantaged workers like myself. I am a single parent raising five girls all on my own. And this opportunity that I believe that can program, that can provide. Well to make a huge impact on my life and many lives. Long Beach residents. So what we would like to do is to have a strong commitment from the Honorable Council to stay focused on hiring locals as an active tenant leader in the housing. Just a moment. I want to call on council to remember that your jobs can lead to more stable housing for families like myself and my residents around. Thank you for your time. Thank your next speaker, Suzanne Brown. Yeah. Good evening. My name is Suzanne Brown, and I'm an attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles in our Long Beach office. I'm speaking this evening on behalf of the Long Beach Local Hire Coalition. Our coalition came together eight years ago to fight for strong, local and disadvantaged hiring requirements in the city's play. We strongly support plays and all the benefits of good paying union jobs, which is why the local and disadvantaged hiring pieces are so important to us. While it has taken some time to get the local and disadvantaged hiring provisions right, the recommendations in the staff report reflect what the community has been fighting for since the Coalition was formed eight years ago. We want to acknowledge this progress. We strongly

support the adoption of a new play for ten years, with the four additional provisions laid out in the staff report, which you've heard restated many times, requiring an independent third party jobs coordinator for all play projects, utilizing Metro's definition of disadvantaged worker reporting, disadvantage, work hours by city or tier, and using Metro's process for holding contractors liable. These additional provisions will bring languages play into alignment with best practices by our partners in the region, such as L.A. Metro, and they

will result in more jobs for Long Beach residents at a time when jobs are desperately needed. With the devastating and unequal impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic, we must seize opportunities to assist with a more equitable recovery. The play is one such opportunity and it was identified as such in the reconciliation initiative. We want to especially thank Councilmember Urunga and Vice Mayor Richardson for the leadership on this item. They have been working alongside us for years now. We also want to thank John Keisler and his team for working with us to create a play that includes the community's priorities. Thank you. I think your next speaker is coming off of a. Bob. President. Yes, good evening. Mayor and city council some provide here. You know, I just wanted to mention that, you know, ever since this project global agreement was in place five, six years ago, you know, thanks to the city mayor and. And the city council for taking on the adoption of the plea. You know, we know it was, you know, hard negotiations between the building trades, Roger Miller and Ray and and and the city staff at the time. But, you know, we we always experience these type of project labor agreements that come across a renewal process. And I don't think there's not one project labor agreement that has not been renewed since the project labor agreements have been in place for for many, many years. So, you know, I just want to echo the mayor's comments when he mentioned earlier about, you know, the city of Long Beach taking on, you know, throughout the city departments and the different agencies in the city of Long Beach that have adopted project agreements. Thank you to you, Mayor, for, you know, being the advocate that you are and the city council, you know, being advocates as well to the to the other agencies within the city. You know, and I think, you know, the city of Long Beach, you know, you know, take their hats off and say, hey, you know what? You're the you're basically the only city that has done this, I think, in all California, when it comes to having all the different agencies within the city of Long Beach adopt a project labor agreement. And I think the top probably three or four cities that have adopted a ten year agreement, you know, within L.A. County. So, you know, this is you know, this this day is a historical day, especially moving forward with the infrastructure dollars that the city is looking forward to in the near future. We look forward to working closely with the city of Long Beach and making sure that these project improvements, you know, keep keep moving and in making sure that we keep ourselves accountable. I want to thank the city staff, Nick and John and Public Works director for negotiating this contract. You know, these contracts and you know, they're not easy, but, you know, you guys got it done. And, you know, he'll be out tonight getting this applicants approved. So thank you. Thank you very much. And we look forward to working clos

ely with the city and then. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Mayor. That concludes public comment. Customer Ringa before we go to the depot or I'm sorry you made a motion. I just want to confirm that that includes the the revisions the staff discussed. Yes, it does. And I also think in the annual review of the progress. Yes, we we definitely we definitely got that and then I have so that's the motion to have the second by councilman's in Dallas and councilman price. Tamara, just real quickly, I wanted to just highlight a couple of things as as my colleagues were talking. It occurred to me that this conversation regarding plays has been going on far before, even when I was on the council and councilman Councilman Ranga highlighting that former Councilwoman Ranga had also brought this issue before council and that he himself had brought it with City College as a reminder that this is a lot of conversation. Then when I was involved in this through this council, and so there probably has been a lot of historical procedures with resistance and concerns and things in the past that I'm not even aware of. But I do. I would be remiss if I didn't call out specifically now Assemblymember O'Donnell and Senator Gonzales. Assemblymember O'Donnell is the one who brought that item forth at that first meeting that I think lasted until one or 2 a.m. at Highland Park, where we first talked about this issue. And he was really passionate about the topic and did a lot to educate me. And I know some of my other colleagues on why he felt passionately about it. And when he went on to the assembly, Senator Gonzalez really took the lead on this as well. And so, Councilmember Ranga, thank you for your efforts on this and for reminding

us of how long this discussion has actually been happening, that it even predated you on this body, but that you had initiated on the College Board as well. So I really appreciate that. But I didn't want the night to go by without acknowledging some of our former colleagues who contributed so much to this conversation. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. There is a motion and a second roll call. Vote, please. District one. I district to. I think District three, I District four. All right. District five. District five. I. Can you hear me? Yes, thank you. Oh, good. Thank you. District six. I. District seven. A resounding A. District eight. II. District nine. By. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Moving on, we have I think we've got four or five kind of second readings of ordinances. So why don't we go ahead and get through these rather quickly? I 22 please. Right. Ocean carries. Thank you. Can we please read out five, please? Report from financial management. Recommendation to receive and file an amendment to this contract with GSI for providing security services, security guard services, and contract for providing all Social Security Guard services in the amount of \$909,000 to provide. Thank you. I do have a motion

by Councilmember Allen who's cued up on this, but she pulled the item. Councilwoman Allen, did you want a staff report on this or did you want to just go? Did you have comments? Yes, I have comments. I can make the comments either before or after the staff report. Okay. Why don't we go ahead and have a maybe have a staff report from from staff, Mr. MODICA. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Jan GROSS will give a brief staff report on this item. Hi. Good evening. A mayor and council members. And this is a contract for security guard services, but only. For. Outlying facilities. Of the city. Uses employees at the city hall, the airport in the harbor. The contract was approved by. Council, but it has been authorized. Only in. Increments, so that council can look at the potential of using in-house security guards at the request of council. There was a study done by the city which. Showed that there would be a estimated 138%. Cost premium, more than double the cost. To go in-house. And that those costs could be. At the health and the library for the large. Part. There have been communications with council about the status and with the I am and the I. Think that's unless there are questions, that's. Kind of the. Status report. And I'm open for questions. Thank you. Let me turn this over to Councilwoman Allen. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I did ask for this item to be pulled for a separate discussion. It's important to me that, you know, these good paying union jobs stay in Long Beach, and I don't want these jobs outsourced to nonunion employers. And prior to COVID 19, the previous council did give direction to the staff to bring back a plan on how these job hubs can be brought in-house. And I understand that projects have been delayed due to the pandemic response. But last week I did receive a letter from IBM that was sent to our office and response to the letter. I had several discussions with the city manager. I would like to approve this contract extension on the condition that a plan be made to bring these jobs in-house and brought back to council within 90 days. So I would therefore like to move that. We approve staff recommendations as amended to avoid service disruption while recognizing the ability of the city to terminate the contractual services at any time and request a preliminary report in 90 days that identifies the outlying security positions that are best suited for using city employees while there. And I think that some of these security work may not be as well suited for full time assignments. Additionally, the report should include information on ways to offset cost, including options to alter non general fund and general fund security services as needed security services and all the other alternatives. Thank you very much. Thank you. I think I have a second by. Customary Ringo. Customary Ringo. Thank you, Mary. And I want to echo the comments that Councilmember Allard has stated. Those were exactly my thoughts. Also, you know, when we have these long

term contracts that basically continue on year after year and we have a prop owl study. Sometimes the Prop eight also doesn't fully reflect the amount of time that it's given into the contracts and the amount of money in there. So I think that the study that Councilmember Allen has requested come back in 90 days with how we can incorporate dispositions into the family is an excellent idea that we should always consider the fact that we are not a contract city and we should always look at positions that are part of our jurisdiction and part of our responsibilities, that these are full time paid jobs. Thank you. But you. Next up is council. I'm sorry, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. I'll be brief. I think this is is the right approach to take a look at what we can do and bring a plan back to restore restore what jobs we can, what job we can restore. So I'll certainly support that. I think, Councilmember Allen, for hitting the ground running and picking up this issue and understanding it, given the critical analysis and making sure that we we are preserving local jobs as

best we can. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Yes. Thank you. During this time of a pandemic, I think it's more important than ever that we ensure that people aren't losing their jobs. And I would like to ask the maker of the motion to also add in a component where the H.R. department would help evaluate the criteria that would be need to be met so that these individuals could be become a part of the city family. Oftentimes, when contracts become city contractors become city employees, those contractors just lay off the people and other people who meet city standards are able to get those jobs. 23 of these individuals are Long Beach residents, and I think it's critical during this time that we ensure that our residents have opportunities to become part of our city family. So if the maker of the motion is open to adding that to the direction, I would be very supportive. Okay. So I think the the friendly concept mango is also have a chart. Take a look at the report that comes back to see if there's ways of incorporating some of the folks that are currently in those jobs, if they're part of the process and bring those back that I get that right. Yes. Thank you. Councilwoman Allen, are you okay with that friendly? Yes, I am. I am okay with that. Okay. Next up is Councilwoman Zendejas. I would like to thank Councilmember Allen for taking this out of the consent calendar. I really think that it needed to be discussed. So thank you for that. This is something that I think is really important for both the city government and for our working families in Long Beach. I think it's critical for us to do business in the way that preserves and extends opportunities for good union jobs in our community. And as such, it's my hope that we can work on a transition of some of these roles into our in-house, you know, city, city employees. I understand that we are going through a very hard

budget cycle and budget situation overall, but I think that this is something that in the long run will benefit us as a city and will benefit our residents as a city as well. So again, thank you, Councilmember Allen, for bringing this this out of consent calendar and for your motion tonight. Thank you for that. Want to go ahead and also just add if you had to add a few things. First is, I do want to thank Councilman Allen for for bringing this issue forward and for communicating with me directly about your thoughts, which I of course, I agree with. And in addition to, I am for raising the issue, which is an important issue. I think all of us are proud of the work that our city employees do. We're obviously proud of the partnerships we have with across across the city as well with different organizations or different small businesses. We always want to ensure that the folks that work with us, the more that we can do to ensure that they have those great good jobs and benefits and are represented, I think is a great thing. So I look forward to this coming back in the next few months. And I know that in my conversations with with staff and Mr. Modack, I know that obviously this this is a the contract is a combination of more full time folks and some part time work that happens as well and kind of dedicated to types of security services. And so it'll be good to see kind of what what makes sense for us in Long Beach to kind of bring in-house and and how we can support those folks, especially like like we said earlier, our folks that are that are part of our community and part of our city. So anytime we can support these good jobs in our in our within our city structure, we know that the work is going to get done. Well, we know that these are folks that are part of our community. And so I'm happy to support this. So thank you all to everyone for being involved in this item and that. Councilman Allen Especially with that, I don't think there is any public comment that I have on my comment sheet. So we will go ahead and take a roll call vote. District one. A District two. I District three. High District for. I. District five. By District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. By. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Let's move on to item. 12. Item 12 is a report from financial management. Recommendation to receive and file the fiscal year 2020 year end budget performance report and increase appropriation in several funds to reflect final expenditures and carryover up CDI. Okay. I know. Mr. Modica. I think Mr. GROSS was gonna give us an update. Yes, sir. Mr. GROSS and Grayson are able to give us that report. Hello, Mayor. And members of the City Council. Can you all hear me? Yes, we can. Okay, great. Good evening, Mayor and members of the City Council. This is the year end performance report for FY 20 for all funds. As we know, this past year was an unprecedented year with the city facing issues, a worldwide pandemic, the injustices and

increased exposure of systemic racism and economic disruption. These events altered the city's priorities and focus in Fy20 and has had a significant impact on the city's finances and our financial strength. As a reminder, the Fy20 budget was adopted before employee contract negotiations were complete and the budget did not include funding for these potential costs. Therefore, when

negotiations were complete, cost of about 10 to 12 million were unfunded. However, based on strong fy19 performance, there were encouraging signs at that time that strong revenue performance in FY20 could help cover these costs. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit and that strong revenue did not occur after it became clear that the world was in a pandemic situation. The initial shortfall projection indicated that the general fund could have a potential shortfall of 25 to 41 million, largely due to pandemic related revenue loss. Fortunately, the final shortfall didn't turn out to be as bad as initial signs showed. The ending of FY 20 shortfall in the general fund is 19.7 million. However, I would like to note that this is an incredibly unusual and unique year with many accounting complexities that we are still researching, adjusting entries and the financial systems were still occurring subsequent to finalizing this report that could impact the shortfall by 2 to 3 million. Potentially to the good. But the ultimate situation of a large shortfall will not change. This ending shortfall is better than the early projections due to several factors, both on the revenue and expenditure side. The revenue shortfalls were not as severe as originally thought to be possible. Additionally, some revenues outperformed expectations such as cannabis revenues. Lastly, the revenue loss was mitigated by actions such as not funding the annual oilfield abandonment liability costs to preserve as much of the expected oil transfer, as well as additional gasoline transfers due to strong performance in the gas fund while staying within charter limits. In terms of expenditure, proactive measures were taken during the year. The city manager issued mid-year savings target and a hiring freeze to departments who work to scale back on costs and generate savings. The City Council also suspended some previously approved one time projects. Federal and state grants such as FEMA and CARES also help cover eligible pandemic costs. And a separate report providing full detail on pandemic related expenses and offsets will be issued soon in a separate tff. Ultimately, while these actions help to reduce the shortfalls, revenue were not sufficient in covering expenses, which included unexpected costs related to First Amendment demonstrations, response to civil unrest, the negotiated contract costs that were not budgeted, as well as additional funds needing to be reserved, such as the measure and litigation lawsuit. This general fund shortfall is being addressed by utilizing 12.6 million of the 13.5 million operating re

serves and about 6.8 million of the 46 million emergency reserve. This essentially depletes the operating reserves and bring both reserves below the recommended minimum levels. Replenishing these reserves and restoring financial resiliency should be a high priority for any future surplus use or for any federal stimulus funds the city might receive. Other funds were also adversely impacted by the pandemic or have fiscal challenges for other reasons. These include the Tidelands Operating Fund, the Special Advertising and Promotions Fund, the Insurance Fund, the Civic Center Fund and the Towing Fund. Unlike the Tidelands and the special advertising and promotion funds are anticipated to have continuing challenges in FY 21, with the pandemic related revenue loss and expenses, they will need to be closely monitored with potential mitigating adjustments in FY 21. To conclude with some good news, the measure program ended with a surplus of 5.3 million due to a mix of revenue coming in over budget expenditure, savings from the delayed police academy and not contributing to the measure b stabilization reserves which occurs by design when there are fiscal difficulties such as the one we faced in FY20. The city manager is proposing to allocate these dollars towards critical infrastructure projects as listed in the report, with investments for street improvements, improvements in sidewalk, curb ramp and ADA compliance program, traffic circle, wayfinding signs, tree trimming program, and support for repairing and upgrading citywide security cameras. In FY 20, the City Council had adopted a motion designated future measure surplus funds to be focused on alleys and park improvements. But with the pandemic impacting the availability of funds for various critical needs. The recommendations focus on immediate needs, which other funding is not available. If the City Council concurs with these allocations, the measure recommendations will be incorporated into a FY 21 Budget Adjustment Report as contingent appropriations subject to the Citizens Advisory Committee review in April to ensure that a use is in compliance with the intent of measuring spending. This concludes my staff report and I'm available for questions. Thank you. I have a motion to approve by Councilmember Ringa. Is there a second place? Second by Councilwoman Zendejas. Let me before I go back to Councilmember Durango, I just want to make some broad comments. First is I certainly there's no question that this is a better update than we had a few months ago. And it's great to see, obviously, many of our funds and projections perform better than we were expecting. So I think that's really great news. I think also it's important to note that we are using our emergency reserve on exactly

what the name of the reserve is called, and that's in case of emergencies. These are kind of once in a generation events. This certainly this pandemic has been the truly the largest challenge to us that we have faced as a

city and community. And so it's very appropriate that that in these emergencies, we have this fund to help us get by and get through. Let me also just add, and I think also that which is really critical and this this is not not a conversation for tonight, but it certainly will be a few weeks from now is that the White House and Congress are putting final touches on the American rescue plan, and we don't have final details yet on what those numbers look like. But we do know that there is going to be significant support for cities. And we are working very hard to ensure that Long Beach receives a significant share of that plan. We should know kind of the conclusion of that in the in the in the weeks ahead. And and as part of that, many of our kind of shortfall challenges, including the ability to look at how we build back that reserve, is all possible within this plan. And so I think I look forward to sharing more when when it is set by the Congress. And I know this council also looks forward to having that conversation in the future. And so I just wanted to add that a little context to what's in front of us. And so thank you again to our budget staff for this presentation. Customer Oranga Did you have any comments? You made the motion. I just thank you there for the hard work that you're doing and making sure that we get this fair share of the assistance that's going to be coming from the federal government. And as a member of the Oversight Budget Oversight Committee, I am committed to looking further into other creative ways that we can manage this budget and weather this pandemic, as well as all the other challenges that we face this past year. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Sunday House. To thank you, Mayor and staff, for working really hard on this. I know it's been a very difficult year, so I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into saving as much as we can, wherever we can. And I'm looking forward to the funds coming down to us. So thank you. Thank you for super now. Thank you, Mayor. I just have one comment on the report and it is regarding an item on page 12. The Measure A and it is an enhancement of \$800,000 to be spent on signage and landscaping at the traffic circle in the fourth Council District. First, I'd like to thank staff for supporting the city for project. Unfortunately, I have not received any information on the proposed project, so I cannot vote in support of the agenda item for a project of this magnitude. I would have expected to receive a briefing renderings and the opportunity to share the project with the public. That did not happen. So regretfully, I will not be able to support the item and also like to add that I am not commenting on the merits of the project. Potentially, this could be the greatest public works projects in the history of mankind. The problem is, I don't know what it is, so it puts me in an awkward position of turning down \$800,000 for my district, but I can't do that without knowing anything

about the project. So thank you for that. And that concludes my comments. Councilman Austin. Thank you. I just wanted to thank staff, particularly Ms.. HUME, for the great presentation, our finance team for for really staying on top of our budget. It's good for us to know where we've been, to know where we're going. And just a couple of remarks here. Measure a you know, again, I want to thank the voters in Long Beach for for passing Measure A, because I don't know where we'd be without that fund. We'd be really handicapped to be able to do anything comes related to infrastructure repair as well as, you know, maintaining the level of public safety that we do have today. And then congratulate the the council and the city staff or for its work related to cannabis as well. Cannabis is is a new industry that is really way outperforming projections that were that were projected back in 19 and 20. So, you know, again, being innovative, being creative, being bolder, looking at new revenue opportunities was was incredibly important for us. We still had a deficit year on balance of \$19 million in FY 20, but it could have been much, much worse. I'm, again, very interested in seeing how we how we rebound over the next several months and hopefully and and we'll be working with you, Mr. Mayor, to. To get all the support we can from the federal and state governments to replenish our reserves and continue to provide a great service that we do for the residents of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I guess my biggest concern is something that I communicated to the city manager when he brought forward this. The city council voted when we brought forward measure what we wanted those next set of priorities to be. And those priorities are not here. And so while a lot of these projects are important, we told the voters and and we also told the community when we had these hearings and people came forward to talk about the budget, that the next round of measure funding, if it became

available, would be for park bathrooms, would be for pump values. We talked about these things. And so my big hesitation is we went through a process and the Budget Committee and the budget chair brought that forward. And we discussed it as a council and we made those recommendations. And I get that it's important to make adjustments on the floor. And as time goes by. But in the discussions with city staff, it sounds as though those priorities were an afterthought. And so that gives me heartburn. And so I feel like this was the same type of thing that came up when we discussed the worst streets first. We talked about that there are streets across the city that are very poor and alleys across the city that are very poor. And we agreed that those were the priorities. So is, as Mr. Otunga, the maker of the motion. He is. I guess I would ask the city staff, what's the urgency of approving this tonight and if there potentially are other councilmembers that f

eel that this needs to go back and get another look? And if there is, then I would hope Councilmember Odinga would be open to having some city staff bring back a revision next week. And let's continue this item. Councilmember. How can we have a motion on the floor? We're going to go ahead and go to a vote. Kashmir ranga. Unless you have a. A change or a friendly on that. I'm asking if you'd be open to a. Sorry. Attenuation. A friendly amendment to continue for a week. Cut from your income? No, I don't think so. I think what we can do is we can work this out through the Budget Advisory Committee for the whole country. Okay. We're going to go to a roll call vote. Madam Clerk. Councilwoman Sunday House. Hi. Councilwoman Ellen. I. Councilwoman Price. I. Councilman subpoena. Names. Councilman Mangum. No. Councilwoman Sara. I. Councilmember Oranga. I. Councilman Alston. I. Vice Mayor Richardson. May motion carries. Thank you. Next up is item number ten. Item tense communication from Councilwoman Price Recommendation to receive and Fire Presentation and Public Service Announcement regarding Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Month. Mr. Mayor. With your permission. Yes, I have you. Have you? I think I'm seeing a performance, a performance, a presentation cued up. So I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I'm glad to have the opportunity tonight to highlight the importance of an often overlooked issue of teen dating violence. Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experienced physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year. Often high school students lack the knowledge to identify unhealthy relationship behaviors and to report the same. To speak on this tonight, we have two speakers on the phone who will provide us an update. We have with us tonight, Sharon we from Interval House and Ava Carbonaro, who is the student and president of the Female Leadership Academy at Wilson High School. We also have a brief PSA that I would like to show you before regarding this topic, and then I'll conclude with some final remarks. So with that, let me turn it over to Sharon and then Eva. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and honorable council members. My name is Sharon. We with Interval House. We are so grateful and proud that our beloved city of Long Beach and our influential city leaders are considering recognizing this important teen dating violence Awareness Month, which is February. Dating violence has already impacted so many of our community's youth. As you most of you know, Interval House has a long history of spearheading efforts related to dating violence. Our work has been recognized as a national model for youth violence prevention, largely because our executive director, Cara Williams, has always encouraged us to engage and empower youth to be involved and to be the voice for change. Youth who grew up in the interval house shelters for abused women and children have become pioneers in the youth violence prevention mov

ement. And it has been so exciting for us to be a part of all that has been accomplished. Nothing more could be more powerful of an example and partnership than what we have been doing with Wilson High School over the past five years. The student leaders of the Female Leadership Academy and the associated student body have truly dedicated themselves to breaking the cycle of violence through prevention, education and organizing teen dating violence awareness events for the entire student body throughout the school year and a global pandemic that caused closures to in-person classes could not stop them. Instead of using virtual schooling to limit their impact, they actually got more creative and designed a virtual PSA, which you'll see shortly, and a campaign to reach all students at home. We were truly in awe of the students dedication to our cause. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of Principal Kim Holland and a special team of faculty at Wilson High School, Mizrachi, Ms.. Lovato and Ms.. Frazier. Lastly, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible support and involvement of Council Member Susie Price, who has not only been a part of our on campus events and efforts over the

years, but also featured in our PSA for Orange Day, which was February 9th. We want to thank you for this incredible recognition for our community's youth to break the cycle of violence and as Councilmember Price stated. Also joining tonight is one of our wonderful student leaders at Wilson High School. Okay. Ava, you're on. Take it away. Yes. Hello. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. My name is Carbonara and I'm a senior at Wilson High School and president of our Female Leadership Academy. As you know, this year has been quite a challenge for so many of us students and youth because of these extraordinary circumstances. Student leaders at Wilson High School are so proud to continue bringing awareness to teen dating violence while attending school virtually. As we stressed in our online campaign, you young people are at the highest risk of dating violence and minority groups like LGBTQ plus black and Native American women are at even higher risk. As an academy is dedicated to the empowerment and support of young women. We aim to educate our Long Beach community on this enduring issue and prevent future violence. Through Female Leadership Academy and the Associated Student Body in partnership with Interval House, we have used our passion and creativity to create a campaign that engages students and gives them the power to promote healthy and safe love for all. We are so proud of this year's Orange Day event and February's teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and are honored to be part of such an important movement. To the people of Long Beach and City Council, we kindly ask you to continue sharing our message and protect our youth against physical, emotional and sexual violence in relationships. Thank you for

for this incredible proclamation and for helping us to spread a message of love and leadership. This means so much to you to see our city leaders supporting our efforts. Thank you. Yvonne, if we could please have our team run the PSA. That'd be great. Okay. So the mayor stepped away. There's the vice mayor Richardson. I don't see any additional cues from from the council. Vice mayor. I think they say. Oh, forget me, forget. Thank you very much to our Abbie Tex for showing that PSA and to the students at Wilson for putting it together and for bringing this item to our attention. And I just want to end with sharing that, you know, increasing education regarding teen dating violence is critical because violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further domestic violence. Here in Long Beach, we are lucky to have several organizations taking this topic seriously this year. Interval House is working with Wilson High School to bring attention to this problem, as we discussed. But we're also lucky to have the Long Beach Women's Shelter providing support year round to stop teen dating violence. They'll be holding their fourth annual youth conference this Saturday, February, February 20th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Through dedicated efforts of community groups like Interval House and the Woman's Shout Long Beach Women's Shelter, we can work together to prevent long, long, lifelong impacts of teen violence, and hopefully we can all be more mindful of it as we talk with our communities about this important issue. I want to thank both Sharon and Ava for joining us this evening. And Vice Mayor Richardson, I'm going to turn it back over to you. Thank you. Sorry about that. It got silent. I know. That was an ongoing loop. I see a second from mayor councilmembers in De Haas. I don't see any additional council comments, any public comment on this. There's no public comment. Right. Let's go ahead and have the roll call vote then. As we mentioned, there's. I like. Councilwoman Allen. I. Councilwoman Price. I. Councilman Sabrina. Hi. Councilwoman. Mongo. Hi. Councilwoman Sarah. I council member otunga. I. Councilman Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. All right. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 21, please. Report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan Citywide. Thank you. And we're going to go ahead and turn this over to staff. We know that there's a full. Presentation on this. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the council. Yes. We do have a fairly in-depth presentation to go over our strategic plan for Animal Care Services. This has been the culmination of several years of work with our community members and the department. It started with an audit from the city auditor to really encourage us to do a strategic plan. So to ask you through what

those recommendations are. This was in front of the council back in December, and the council has to spend a little bit more time going out to the community. We did that in February and we had some more community meetings back now to present it. So I will turn it over to Brant, Dennis and his team to present their strategic plan for your consideration. Thank you, city manager Monica. Good

evening, honorable mayor and council members. I'm joined this evening by Stacie Daines, our director of Long Beach Animal Care Services, which provides outstanding services not just to the residents of Long Beach, but also to several surrounding communities. So with that, I'd like to turn it over to Stacey for a presentation this evening. Thank you, Brant. And what an interesting time we live in right now. I really want to just thank you, honorable mayor and council, for your continued service and leadership to our community, especially in these uncertain and trying times. I'm here this evening to share with you the current draft of the strategic plan as it was developed in cooperation with the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force. So this evening's report will include an update on recent operational changes and impacts, as well as an historical perspective on the shelter. In addition, I'll share with you the development of the strategic plan, including a brief overview of that plan and what are some of our next steps. And then I'll be happy to take questions, Brant and I, after the at the end of the presentation. So I do definitely want to acknowledge the efforts of our mayor, Robert Garcia, in his establishment of the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force, and certainly each of you council members for your support of Long Beach Animal Care Services. Without your support, this plan and that task force would not have been possible. So you should know that each task force member really deserves a great deal of time spent recognizing their efforts in our community in addition to their work on the task force. This task force worked hard for two years and struggled personally and professionally with the questions posed to them by the community and one another. They remained engaged in agonizing conversations about what kind of shelter their community deserves, and they faced harsh criticism on all sides and persevered to help bring this plan to life. And I know this council understands the journey of the task force, because you've faced and been engaged in much of the same. And your work, too, has been critical to reuniting and creating thousands of happy beginnings for pets and their families. In just the last two years alone, you've continued to support animals in the shelter and our community by approving the addition of a full time registered veterinary technician, a full time veterinarian, a full time volunteer coordinator, a full time adoption clerk, a full time marketing staff. And in May, our City Council adopted the Compassion Saves operational mo

del that calls the shelter and the community to save all healthy and treatable animals. And now this year, you've provided additional skilled veterinary resources that will allow us to continue to provide life saving outcomes for animals. So I want to share with you admissions to our backs and our admissions have followed national trends of reductions year after year. Spay neuter laws, breeding laws, licensing laws, and a lot of hard work from the animal advocacy community and rescue groups, as well as generous support from shelter donors have contributed to the reduction of animal intake at the shelter from over 10,000 dogs and cats in 2010 to a little less than 4000 in 2020. Now, a lot of that has to do with managed intake and COVID, but we think that that could be sustainable. And with those reductions in shelter admissions, shelter deaths have also fallen exponentially. By comparison, Alberts more aggressively pursues live outcomes for animals than any time in its history. And animals that were killed without outreach to the community are now stabilized. They're treated and they're made well. And when this is not practical to do in the shelter, rescue groups are engaged for their assistance in securing positive outcomes for the most medically and behaviorally, challenging animals in our community and our rescue partners should be absolutely recognized and honored for their very significant contribution to unprecedented SAVE rates of Long Beach Animal Care Services. By rescuing these animals, they are forever changing the fabric of what compassion means for our community. Today, compassion saves. Operational model is working. No longer are people only looking for the most perfect of pets in shelters and rescue. People actively want to help those animals that are less fortunate and who may need lifelong management. This work would not be possible without El Doc's willingness to first save these animals and without our rescue groups ability to support their loving homes and working together, we have been able to save 98% of the animals in our care. Historically, for decades, the Long Beach, the city of Long Beach has provided animal control services to the community. Our original shelter. Was located on Willow Avenue and it housed the city stray an abandoned animals. They were cared for for up to 72 hours. And if they weren't taken by their owners in that time period, they were killed in accordance with and by direction of California state law. But, you know, this was true for 90% of all animals entering animal control shelters in California prior to 2000. Communities were also demanding that animals be saved and not killed and destroyed as many laws dictated. The outdated laws were being rewritten. New laws were being created to protect animals. And these laws would replace the edict of killing

and destroying unwanted animals with the call to adopt all healthy animals and treatable animals if they could be made healthy. At this time, the Society

of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles expressed to the city their serious interest in establishing a presence in Long Beach, and in 1998, agreements were signed and a partnership or a joint venture was sort of created. These agreements emerged before a tumultuous backdrop of the animal welfare movement. Animal control was moving to animal care, and shelters were rejecting the catch and kill model of the past. And this movement became known as the no kill movement. The PD, Pitchford Companion, Animal Village and Education Center, also known as the Village, opened its doors. Then in 2009, this Council enacted major improvements in Long Beach Municipal Code. And those changes have had dramatic and lasting impacts on shelter operations and the lives of animals in our community. Long Beach Animal Control officially became Long Beach Animal Care Services in 2010. Long Beach Animal Care Services implemented an adoption program, and that continues to grow from 150. The first year to now, we are adopting over 1000 animals a year. In 2013, we implemented a volunteer program to enhance the care of animals in the shelter, to include enrichment and socialization above and beyond the cleaning and feeding provided by staff. And now, today, nearly 300 volunteers contribute nearly 13000 hours of loving life annually to the care and keeping of the animals in our shelter. In 2014, we began to create partnerships with other animal welfare and rescue organizations who would assist with the medical and behavioral rehabilitation of animals to place thousands more. And then in 2017 to 2020, the city really ramped up its efforts to enact true shelter reform. In 2017, in response to the community's growing concern that despite its best efforts, our backs continued to fall far behind the policy set by the state of California that no healthy or no treatable animal should be killed in the shelter. The city auditor retained the services of Jbr Shelter Strategies to bring the operation of El Bax, to review the operation of El Bax and to determine what efforts might be enhanced to bring about better outcomes for shelter animals. And that review was conducted in two phases. The first phase focused really on shelter operations, while the second phase focused on staffing and resources that were already in place, as well as what resources might be needed to provide an acceptable standard of care for animals. Over 200 recommendations were made in over 14 areas of operation, so it was quite extensive and a bit overwhelming. Those recommendations were broken into immediate, short term and long term priorities, and the most urgent and necessary recommendation in the first phase was really an identity for the shelter, which included developing a mission and a vision and a strategic plan. While the second phase really focused strongly on underscoring the need for increased and more developed staffing, regardless of what direction Long Beach Animal Care Services decided to go

in. And then in 2018, in response to this, Mayor Robert Garcia convened the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force. And this was represented by 20 members of various stakeholders, including reputable and local animal rescue, welfare organizations, shelter volunteers, animal advocates. And this group met in a public forum each month to find a path forward for El Box and some key areas. The task force focused on were the recommendations, of course, made in the audit. Growing and expanding the Long Beach Volunteer and Adoption Program. What was the relationship and agreements between the SPCA and what was the viability of no kill in Long Beach? And it was clear that the top priority that could address all of the other goals of the task force was to develop a mission and vision for BAX, and a strategic plan would be necessary. The department hired Jbr to lead the strategic planning efforts because of their previous experience knowing about Albert's operation in partnership with the Odyssey Group, who also provided consultants that are well-respected animal welfare professionals with proven track records of success in bringing about systemic change in shelters to improve and save lives. The development of that strategic plan included a review of the audit conducted by the city auditor. There was also a public meeting held on March 3rd that invited the community March 3rd, 2019, that invited the community to give feedback on the kind of shelter they would like to become. Feedback was welcome for weeks to follow in preparation for two strategic planning workshops that were held separately in May 2019. One day long workshop was held with the task force and a two day long workshop was held with Long Beach staff, animal care services staff. And then in 2019, Long Beach City Council adopted the operational model as a framework for the strategic plan called Compassion Saves, and it strives to expand what can be done to not just stop the killing of animals in the shelter, but really to imbue

our community with compassion for people and animals. Compassion drives the work that is necessary to save lives, including foster care. Adoption of pets falling. Terrorism, donor funding and a lot more. And it is compassion upon which the success of the plan rests. The working group met weekly and reported regularly to the task force. The task force meetings were really focused primarily on the progress being made in developing the strategic plan to ensure the plan remained relevant and on track for final approval, as well as to give the community an opportunity to provide timely feedback during the development process. The final rough draft of the plan was reviewed by the task force in a public meeting on July six, 2020 and was approved by the task force in another public meeting on September 11th, 2020. This draft plan was then provided to certain stakeholders in October, and those stakeholders included Long Beach staff or volunteers, rescue and transfer

partners, certainly anybody who requested it. And then other engagement opportunities were made possible through two public meetings held in February. This plan is publicly available on Long Beach Animal Care Services website for anyone to review. Individuals can complete a survey that captures specific ideas and thoughts about the plan. In addition, an email is also provided on our website to allow for sort of a free form of gathering feedback about the plan. These mechanisms will be made available for the life of the plan, so the questions or concerns or ideas can be captured in a timely fashion. This data may also be used to help further develop the current plan or or really to help shape the next one. So our vision is simple and clear, and that is that Long Beach is a responsible, compassionate and informed community working together for the health and welfare of its animals. This vision can be realized when we accomplish the mission of compassion saves, which is that we ensure that compassion saves by supporting the people and animals of our communities through outreach, education, guidance and support services. We protect shelter animals by creating an environment of care through enrichment and innovative programs. And that's really what this plan is all about. It's all of the things that we need to do to accomplish that mission. There are five strategic goal areas. The first one is that the shelter is an animal welfare centered operation. Next is outreach and engagement and also financial sustainability, life saving and staff development. The first strategic goal is that our operation is healthy for animals, and this means that animals receive the care necessary for their age, their health and behavior status according to national guidelines and best practices. And that we're not just sort of making things up as we go, but it's evidence based and that they experience the shortest shelter stay necessary. This is accomplished through several strategies, and the first is ensuring all programs in operation have data analytics that measure our success and program effectiveness. Pathway planning, housing plans and communication strategies will also ensure a healthy and short shelter stay. Our second strategic goal is that EL supports and engages the community and this is a very robust portion of our plan in order to support and engage the community. El Bax must provide contemporary animal care services. These services are comprehensive adoption and volunteer programs. Pet Surrender Intervention. Connection to resources for low cost medical and spay neuter services. Pet friendly housing behavior and training help. These are all important aspects of providing contemporary animal services over abandonment and relinquishment of pets. All that's also needs to increase accessibility to awareness of and compliance with lax services and city ordinances. This can be accomplished through effective marketing and communication strategies. And finally, huma

ne education. Another strategic objective has long been a foundation for helping a community develop a humane ethic not only toward animals but towards each other. Making human humane education available through El Box will fill a much needed gap in our community. These are real equity issues for our city, too. The same individuals that struggle with education, housing, health care and employment are the same individuals that struggle with providing necessary and mandated care for their pets. The third strategic goal is that Lubbock's operation is sustainable. We've been working to establish effective ways to manage our current agreements with SPCA, to maintain the integrity of our operation, and to ensure that the compassion service model of operation is able to be fully realized. In addition. Back. Is conducting a budget gap analysis to determine what opportunities exist, to reposition staffing, to provide services for the community in line with compassion saves. And there are several key positions or responsibilities necessary to fully implement compassion saves, especially in the areas of foster care, behavior and enrichment. Fundraising goals and strategies are also needed to help provide sustainability and compassion

saves model. We have already begun work with the Bureau of Park Planning and Partnership to identify this for Alberts. The fourth strategic goal is that programs improve and save lives. El Bax has provided life saving programs out of necessity and response to need. And these programs need structure and more communication between the shelter and those that use them. These programs need to enter their next stage of development, and this includes adoption and rescue and transfers or volunteer program, as well as a comprehensive foster care program. They need guidelines, process and resources to help animals who are saved by them, but also to provide clarity and ease of use for those that are using the programs. This effort will be enormously important in ensuring our community and stakeholders can have confidence in our programming. And then the fifth and final strategic goal is that all operation is healthy for people providing our staff and volunteers with updated and clear policies and procedures, relevant job descriptions, solid professional development and training programs and wellness programs that help them build resiliency and deepen their engagement with their work is fundamental to the success of any plan for Long Beach Animal Care Services. Our next steps include continuing to provide platforms for our community to engage with us. We are in the process of reviewing feedback that we receive and we look forward to your continued support as we finalize and implement this important plan. An important part of any strategic plan is really keeping it alive and accountable in front of the community so they can participate in progress and celebrate the plan. So I thank you for hearing this report and on the hard work and dedicat

ion of the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force and shelter staff. We are open for your questions. Well, why don't we go to public commenters? We have a good list of public comment. Let's go through all those. Our first speaker is Carol Peterson. Hello. Like I commented on a public forums held on for the 13th and 17th. I have a concern with the very beginning of the strategic plan, the mission statement. It says that the shelter will ensure compassionate saves by supporting the people and animals of the community through outreach, education, guidance and support services. It doesn't say that we protect shelter animals by creating an environment of shelter, enrichment and innovative programs. That's kind of a red flag for me. The last time I heard Innovative in relation to the shelter was UCLA entered into a partnership with the US, promising to deliver innovative and revolutionary care. We all know how that turned out and ordered, resulting in 186 recommendations to improve. I know Long Beach didn't want to commit to don't kill. There weren't even any vocal advocates on the task force. And what concerns me about the mission statement is that nowhere does it say we will save lives. Instead, it links compassionate cities with outreach, education, guidance and support services. This just doesn't seem specific enough with respect to animals lives, and to say that the shelter will protect and care for the animals is necessary as stated in the audit. But again, it's not the same as saving lives. Language is important and it needs to be specific in writing. Take best friends, for instance. Their mission statement says they want to end the killing in America shelters. That seems to be pretty clear about saving lives. I would have liked to see specific language in our mission statement that above all else, right up front lets the community know that old access about save lives. To do that, a comprehensive adoption program is vital. It needs to be a direct function of shelter policies. Instead, goal number four in the strategic plan titled Life Saving is all about transferring, fostering and volunteering again. Nothing about adoption. In fact, I only saw the word adoption mentioned a few times in the entire plan. Yet a comprehensive adoption program independent of SPCA is what many people have advocated for years. It would. Seem again throughout this process that engaging the public for feedback. About the. Development organization and fulfillment of the strategic plan was all for show. Because I wrote the original draft with subsequent drafts of the strategic plan, not much changed. This seems troublesome to me, especially for the animals, but also for the city council. Thank you. Our next speaker is Joanne Weiss. Joanna. Oh, thank you. Thank you, counsel, for your time this evening. I'm very concerned with agenda item 21, which seems to have suddenly changed to receive and confirm. It would be helpful to understand what that exactly means. That's why

I'm asking that we make some motion to change it, to receive and file, which is what we have been told for since back in December, that this was just a draft plan and it was only to be received and filed for the intent of disbanding the task force. So this confusion, this confusion of what the agenda item is to occur tonight, and there are 21. It mentions that. The plan is to be move forward that the. They're looking for city council to move forward with the plan. And I that again is vague and I'm not

sure what that means to move forward there. The public only have an opportunity for the very first time. I know there's been mention of other meetings, but that is not the case. I want to go on record to make that very clear. February 13th and 17 was the very first time that the community was allowed to give input, and that was only last week. So we were told that the plan was draft and there would be further revision because the plan is not ready to be anything but received at this time. So the question is, is ethical or is one of the core values listed in this plan? Yeah. If there was something changing the motion to approve and make this a final strategic plan, that's very concerning on the plan. This is the mark beginning with this nebulous, confusing and mean on a mission of vision statement. There's no goal for spay neuter, which is the biggest gap in our city. Adoptions is hardly mentioned, which is again very troublesome. The metrics and deadlines have been removed between years and waiting over a decade for a meaningful strategic plan. The audit in 2017 pointed to significant issues. Yet we do not see a spreadsheet of any sort where lists the audit items and a checklist confirming they have been addressed in the plan. There's no SWOT analysis that I can see in every strategic plan. Processing would have a SWOT analysis. I don't see any industry trends that would collected. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. There are many shelters out there already doing have robust adoption programs. And also missing is that any strategic plan has goals and objectives. And then you would see strategy, action, steps and deadlines. There's no strategy action. Again, I said the metrics are missing. So this plan is extremely nebulous. Goals that should be included on maximizing adoptions and are homing. That's not mentioned. We could go on and on. But, you know, the public is the main major stakeholder here and only having opportunity last week. Thank you. Our next speaker is Christine O'Malley. Hello. I'm a third district resident the last 67 years, and I'm concerned about the cell backs plan to enter into any operating agreement with SPCA, PCAOB. More than a year ago, in January 2020, there was an extensive discussion at City Council about allegations of bad behavior by SPCA, L.A. That was unprecedented. That was preceded by several other meetings in 2018 and 19 about problems with SPCA, L.A. As a result of those meetings and through those meetings, the pub

lic was informed that SPCA, Ala. Was unilaterally deciding policy at our shelter, had been operating businesses without business licenses, was creating a hostile work environment at El Beck, and had multiple other violations of the lease between the city and IL, including not allowing IL backs to use common areas that it had a right to use under the lease and not providing keys to common areas as required by the lease. It was also taking the adoption fees generated from L backs animals which should have been put into an account to funding for spay neuter at El Beck. Council member Susie Price at the January 21st, 2020 council meeting expressed serious reservations about entering into any further agreements with a partner SPCA a that was violating terms of their original agreement. Is that still a concern? Councilmember Elston specifically asked for an audit of SPCA, Ella's operations and finances. Has that occurred? The public has heard nothing but these requests. Excuse me. About these requests. No audit has been done on SPCA, only that the public has been informed of a number of council members at the January 2020 meeting noted that SPCA has not been a good partner to Albert. We need three things here in Long Beach. Number one. We need our backs to be completely independent of SPCA. Number two, we need the city to enforce the terms of the lease. And number three, we need the city to require SPCA to provide reports on all of its intakes and outcomes, including adoptions, euthanasia, transfers, etc., to the city. That is the only way that we know that our shelter animals are receiving the proper care and treatment that they deserve and that the taxpayers want. This just makes no sense. This plan. Another issue with the item is the enormous emphasis on licensing in this plan. On Plan Page seven, it says the city wants to increase license sales by 50% or. Thank you. Our next speaker is Michele Baker. I want to thank the mayor and city council for taking animal care so seriously. You have made so many positive changes and really listened to constituents. However, tonight I am asking that you don't confirm back certification until changes are made to the plan. Hyper. Typically, in a meeting two weeks ago with other residents, we had many questions that were not addressed or included in this plan. The plan is ambiguous without any specific metrics. I'm also very concerned about recent animal policies that Lufthansa's implemented in the last year, especially in regards to stray cats. The shelter is not being transparent. With intake and released numbers, public records are taking weeks to get a response and there is confusion. And who's managing the shelter in the volunteer program? Lessons confirmed to me on email today that implement and manage intakes and said that California does not mandate that shelters have to take in stray cats unless they are injured.

What does that mean? That goes against Hayden's law and other California welfare laws. Curren

tly, the shelter has around 12 cats, which is low because intake is low. Opacities requiring people to make appointments to turn in strays, including filling out paperwork before an appointment will be issued. They're even making it more difficult to turn into a stray cat, encouraging people to leave the cat where they found it. This is a best friend's coffee and it is. You can make it look better. Let's intake better outcomes. What is happening is we have more cats roaming in the neighborhoods and searching for food and being vulnerable to coyotes. Look at next door and see the daily concerns about stray cats in different neighborhoods manage intake and dubious arts programs. What Orange County Shelter did a couple of years ago until they were sued? San Diego Humane Society was served this week for similar policy. I'm asking for clarification. L Beck's current policy and also an update on SPCA. Intel Backs Contract with City Council. Asked for an update almost a year ago. Please do not comply with plan until we have some clarification. Thank you. Thank you. Your next speaker is Patricia Turner. Good evening, Mayor and City Council. My name is Patricia Turner. I'm the director of No Kill Long Beach. Our organization has been advocating for a no kill shelter since 2012. I'd like to address the strategic plans take on adoptions in a town hall meeting back in 2014. Mayor Garcia promised over 200 animal advocates that he would put in place a robust adoption program. A well-articulated, fully developed adoption program is one of the key programs that every animal shelter should have. And that adoption program is noticeably missing from this plan. In fact, adoptions are only briefly mentioned, and the few actions listed with regard to adoptions do not directly increase adoptions. Among the actions mentioned are customer satisfaction surveys, communications volunteers and the shelter beautification plan. Those are good plan, but the most important ones that directly increase adoptions are missing. Some areas need to have weekly offsite adoptions in order to place animals into good homes. They also need to have local adoptions that take animals to neighborhoods around Long Beach, making it easier for people to adopt. Albert's received a mobile adoption van as a donation. A few years ago, that mobile adoption van, which was valued at \$100,000, is not mentioned in the plan. In addition, a robust adoption plan has daily or weekly goals for adopting out animals. These are also not articulated in the plan, nor are our plans for low cost adoptions or frequent ongoing adoption promotions and events. With all due respect, it is not possible to adopt animals out by indirect means, such as giving surveys and improving the look of the shelter, both of which are prioritized in the plan. Garcia You made a promise to the people of Long Beach to have a strong adoption program. However, what we are seeing here is essentially the same plan. Long Beach has always had to a

ct as animal control and allow us to do the adoptions with no transparency from that agency. Folks in Long Beach have been asking for a no kill shelter with a strong adoption program for 12 years now. The city organized a public feedback meeting in March of 2019 that was overwhelmingly dominated by people who wanted a no kill shelter that is separate from SPCA, L.A. and their requests have seemingly fallen on deaf ears. It's time for Long Beach to do the right thing and stop saying all that says animal control and a cash cow with all of the licensing that they're asking us to do, which all goes straight to the general fund, which many people don't really even realize does not go to the shelter and make back into the proactive, animal friendly, lifesaving and transparent no kill shelter that people and taxpayers in Long Beach want. Thank you. Thank your next speaker is Wendy Aragon. Wendy Aragon. Thank you. Good evening, honorable mayor and city council members. My name is Wendy Aragon, president of Pet Assistance Foundation and a Long Beach resident. Of the third district. We recognize the great amount of work and time involved in developing the strategic plan. We applaud the plan for its recommendations to improve excuse me, improving adoptions, fostering and shelter care practices. However, we do see some major problems in two fundamental areas the proposed managed or limited mission and the Community Cat Rescue Relief Program Manager should mission is not managed or limited admission is not open admission. We know COVID understandably had an impact on how admission is handled, but we have been told the practice will likely continue indefinitely because, quote, it seems to work well for the shelter. And of course, limited admission greatly inconveniences residents turning in owned animals and strays, especially those good Samaritans who go out of their way to rescue an animal from a dangerous situation. Many people don't have the capacity to keep strays or the time to show up for appointments and fill out extensive paperwork. We have knowledge of cases where people have waited 4 to 5 days to relinquish a stray. Second concern is a community cat program where

friendly to feral cats and kittens over 12 weeks of age are being released into areas that come. They come from without caretakers to provide food, shelter in a safe area with neighborhood approval. We are very aware of the suffering endured by these cats in areas where the community cat programs abound, such as Orange and Riverside counties. Tragically, these community cat programs present an exemplary modeling for the public to think it's okay to abandon their cats. The proponents of this program, in conjunction with big humane organizations, argue forcibly about the success of these release programs supposedly grounded in best practices and research, while negating the profound humane issues involved. We want to see our shelter address the root cause of overcrowded shelters, pet overpopu

lation. It is through education enforcement of our very progressive laws and convenient low cost land neuter services that will ultimately prevail in modeling a meaningful life release rate that reflects humane reforms in addressing pet overpopulation. At this point in the discussion, we recommend that the strategic plan be put on, receive and file. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. My comments are short. We've seen a lot of this presentation last time this came around. I want to thank Stacey. You obviously have demonstrated your passion here. I thank you for acknowledging that this is a living document. There's clearly more work to do. I think the community wants to see a more rigorous effort around adoptions, and that's going to have to be demonstrated. And so we look forward to regular updates on how we can do that. I'm also interested in, you know, we've talked about this in the past, you know, stray animals in a minor way till five. It's still still a problem. I know that we've been knocked off course in many ways on a lot of our priorities with COVID 19. So the more that we can talk about how this impacted our ability to respond and how we can get back on, you know, get back on track for the future, I think is good. Regular communication with the council on how we're doing would be good. I just want to see how we can continue to invest in mobile, mobile adoptions and things like that. So I want to see, you know, what lens are based on budget discussions and all of those things. But I think this plan, the city council should adopt this plan and we can always add or make adjustments to this plan. But this is this is a strategy. That's what they said. Any given through, they can make adjustments to this plan. And so I think we need to make the move forward and adopt this tonight. So that said, I move. Staff recommendation. Thanks. Okay. I have a second or a councilwoman. Go second. Yes, Mr. Mayor. I had tried to remove the item, but that's fine. Did you have any comments, Councilman? I do. Sometime ago. Thank you. First, I want to recognize the task force, the volunteers in the rescue groups. This has been a huge and. A huge left for the community and I'm really proud of the work that's been done. I do appreciate a lot of community comment today and I know that there are a lot of things that continue to change, and I don't know that the community or even the council have heard back on a lot of the things that have made progress over the last several months. The real dialog has been around COVID and vaccinations and the sick humans, and so that the animal progress has maybe not been front and center, and so we can do a better job with that. I think that that kind of ties into providing the communication toolkit to the Parks and Rec team to ensure that they are able to provide that kind of use the to utilize the toolkit to share that information across the community. I kn

ow that community meetings have been held and I appreciate that. I would like to differentiate something. So I'm in my full time job. We've been going through strategic planning, and I think that's something that I didn't hear in the plan today, which would really fulfill the needs of the community is a 100 year purpose. Now I get a mission and I get strategies and goals and I know that in my discussions with Mr. Denis that is coming next. But first, before you even get to the mission, you really need to talk about, one, your purpose. And a lot of what I'm hearing from the community are things that aren't potentially executable in the next five years under certain restraints and commitments that previous councils had made. But I will offer the following. I listened to the community and I had not written down 100 year purpose or anything related to it before the community comments started. But it really tried to pull some pieces from the things that you each said. And I think what you're looking for is that you're you were hoping that the mission would be more of this kind of 100 year purpose, all backs becomes or is at that time you'd say 100 year X is the premier proactive, independent , humane reformer of lost or abandoned animals and the educator and supporter of responsible animal caretakers in Long Beach. That kind of says a lot of things, right? We heard a lot about being proactive. We heard about our independence from SPCA,

L.A. We talked about the humane components of our education program, both in the community and the way we treat animals in our shelter, including veterinary care. We talk about how we take care of lost or abandoned animals and how we support animals that are already in homes in the community. I can't tell you how often I hear about irresponsible pet ownership and really that us helping an animal find a home is not the end of our relationship with that that pet caretaker. And so I think that that's just a baseline and maybe the animal task force could add to it or that staff could contribute. But I think that the community really wants to hear that there is a long term vision, as was articulated by the council at previous meetings of a proactive, independent, humane organization. And I know we're growing into that, and I want to appreciate Stacy for her work. This has gone through many iterations. It has been a really, really great process, a lot of community input and all of that. While she was working on that, many of you know, she has many agenda items that are due back to the council any day now, including the revision to the commitment to adopt policy, the changes that have happened already with our relationship with SPCA, L.A., I know a lot of you are asking for an audit or those kinds of things, but independent organizations don't have to provide those to us and they're not required by the contract. And for that, you should be angry at councils of the past that allowed that to happen. And many of those people stil

I live in our city and we have to take heed from the lessons of the past in every decision that we make at the Council so that we don't set up future councils or situations such as this. And I know that there are many controversial issues before the Council on a daily basis and relationships with major entities on other assets in our city. And we look to this relationship with animal control, we look to our relationship with the Queen Mary. We look to our relationships across the city that we're in, in hopes of drawing both reflection and strength moving forward. So for that, I want to say that please don't despair that there is still progress moving forward. I am in contact with animal care regularly. We were just over at the shelter. I don't remember how many days ago. And my husband was there. With. An animal that needed help of the port. And I get to see the volunteers that are there on a daily basis. They're working with the animals, they're running the dogs. And when they get a big dog or an animal, that perhaps the volunteers that are there aren't able to. Go for 5 minutes before. Thank you. They call in additional tears who may have kind of been out of the loop during COVID. So I appreciate that. Thank you for all the progress you've made. And as you can tell, I'm a big supporter of this item. And thank you. Thank you. Truman Price. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I do have a couple of questions based on the community comments. The first question I have is what is the status with the SPCA, L.A. issues that we talked about at our last meeting? Not our last meeting, but the last meeting where we discussed this and some of the potential issues with the contractual relationships. Yeah. Councilwoman Pryce, thank you so much for asking your question. This is Stacey. We have been meeting regularly with the SPCA to sort of go over the agreements and attempt to really get on the same page and determine what is needed in order to do that. So I am happy that our last meeting was very productive and we were able to identify what we think is really sort of holding us back. And I think this council, as well as me and SPCA, have all recognized that this agreement as as it was drawn is probably not the agreement we would draw today, but it's the one we have. And so it's really about making it work and making it be relevant and finding out how how that is or is not the case. And that's been very, very challenging. So we do have some forward movement. We will be working together with the SPCA to ensure that all of the parts of the agreements are actually there. I don't know if you know, but some agreement or some exhibits are not. We don't have them. So we're in the process of really working on those things. So I'm encouraged by our last meeting. And I guess that's that's what I have to say about that. Do you have any. No, no, I think I think I think forward movement is good. And I think that's what we were all hoping for, understanding that there were a lo

t of concerns, both from the operation side in the city, but also from some community concerns. So I'm happy to hear that there is some forward movement and I'm okay with that as long as you're letting us know that it continues to be a forward movement. The other I would also I'm sorry. Councilmember Prentice, I also want to let you know that I've been working closely with the director, Brant Dennis, and he's been working closely with the city manager. And both have been very supportive and very, very much concerned about making sure that this is right and it's going in the right way. So there isn't a sense that anything is being put off or there's a back burner other than what typically is happening with COVID. So I just want our council to know that that this is first and

foremost inter as far as animal services is concerned, and our director is very much aware of that and supporting our efforts. Okay. Thank you very much. I think I'm probably going to run out of time in just a minute here. But there was some community concern regarding whether this is a received file item. It's my understanding that it is a receive and file item, that this is the plan. The plan can be modified, it can be tweaked. It can contain additional inputs in the future, is my understanding? Correct. Councilmember this is City Attorney Park and the the item this evening is a report to confirm the proposed Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan. And so you're basically adopting it this evening. But as you also said, and I think the maker of the motion mentioned also that it can be amended and modified at any Tuesday meeting at the direction of the council. Okay. So this this document that we would be confirming, it's this is the strategy and the vision that at this moment we want to move forward with. But this strategy can be modified based on community inputs, based on the directors observations, the directors operational recommendations, things of that nature. I just want to make sure that it's not set in stone, that it is something that it's a it's a it's a plan, but it's not that a such a plan that it can't be modified. That that's correct. However, it couldn't be modified by the public or by the director. It would have to come back to. The council and five votes could modify it. Okay. So Councilmember. This is Tom Urquhart. I think that's absolutely right. The strategic plan would be the plan to modify it. There's still going to be lots of different things that we work on. Three Animal Care Services. So this isn't an operational plan where it's down to every single task that is done. That is really the responsibility of Stacie and her group and Grant. But there's going to be lots of things that will continue to be worked on. All of our adoption programs and all of the things that council has talked about, about, you know, getting an operational agreement. Let's be clear, those are all going to continue. Okay. And I appreciate that. And I know, Ms.. Dai

nes, you talked about the community outreach process. Many of the residents who called in tonight for public comment are third district residents. I think they identified themselves as such and they meet regularly. They're very active in the conversation. And I want to make sure that they're heard and they continue to be heard. So in terms of moving forward, to the extent they feel more input from them, would would make this plan better or or enough input wasn't. Your 5 minutes are up. Okay. Let me just finish this question. What are there opportunities are there for for potential modifications if parts of the plan need to be tweaked or are, that's brought to your attention? So I think those modifications would be based on, you know, data collection and, you know, how programs are effective or not effective. So it's really going to happen as the plan is unfolding and as we are actually engaging with our community, because it's not something that Animal Services does in a proactive way. We're very reactive. So I think it's important that there's an update provided on a quarterly basis about where we're at with the plan and that we're sharing all of that with our community and engaging with them and hearing, you know, what's happening and not just a handful of folks, but people who are really the ones who need the services that we are providing or not providing. Okay. So my time is up, but I'm going to queue up again because I do have a follow up on that. Councilwoman, why don't you go ahead if it's just one question, go ahead and just do the follow up on that question. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. So is it possible, since we're going to be having quarterly updates, is it possible can this council request a community meeting prior to the next quarterly meeting? Our quarterly update to get input from what's going right, what's not going right that can be included in the quarterly report. This is Don. Can I suggest that the first one be maybe more like six months or so? If we did a meeting and for a quarterly report, we'd be setting, you know, there's not going to be a whole lot to report back in about two and a half months or three months. You're right. I think that report right now. I agree with that. I agree. I just want to make sure and I agree. Six months would be ideal, but it could we could we commit for a community meeting to really get feedback because there are a lot of people who don't feel like they were heard. And I just want to make sure they have an opportunity to be heard before the quarterly update or the six months. This is Stacey. You know, I'm very open to that in terms of engaging our community with animal services. And so I think that that is something that we can do as a department more frequently than it necessarily needs to go to council for, you know, review, as Mr. Modica was suggesting. So. Sure. So we're great. That's a wonderful thing to do, especially in the beginning phases of this plan as we're rolling out and pr

ogressing. Okay. So so then we can we don't that doesn't that that community feedback doesn't have to be at the council level. In fact, I'd prefer it not be because there are going to be details and things that that you and your team are going to understand and be able to have meaningful conversations with the community on that council may not necessarily have the expertise on. So could you just house those and just before you report back to the council? Absolutely. Fantastic. Thank you very much. I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, then, Councilwoman Allen. Yeah, I thank you, Brant and Stacy and everyone from the Animal Care and our parks team for this report. I do also agree that I think it's important that we keep our community engaged. I do have a really quick question. One of my residents raised this question about turning around stray animals. So can you clarify whether residents need appointments to turn in stray animals? Some residents are concerned that requiring appointments and and paperwork for stray animals will result in less animals being cared for. And so can you address that question, please? Sure. So anyone can certainly bring a stray animal to the shelter or turn in a stray animal. We've always required paperwork. People do have to show us their government issued photo ID and we have a process that we go through when we're interviewing them to determine what's going on with an animal so that we can accurately look for its owner or place that animal. If an animal is sick or injured, those animals can come right in. If somebody is not able to take care of an animal for a few days to see if they can locate the owner, which is a far more effective way to reunite an animal with its owner, is that it stays where it was found for 2 to 3 days before it comes to the shelter. Neighbor owner returner owner. Return rates are 4 to 5 times higher than at a shelter. They're significantly reduced when an animal is removed from its community and placed into a shelter, and the chances of reunification go from about 80% in a neighborhood to about 20% in the shelter. So it's being done because it's best for the animal. However, if someone doesn't feel safe or they're not able to adequately care for an animal or they just simply don't want to, they absolutely can bring an animal to the shelter. We are going to ask them if they can make an appointment with us. But if they absolutely refuse and they say no, then we will help them. Great. Thank you. Thank you very much. With that, we will we have a motion and a second. So please go ahead and cast your vote. Roll call. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. District eight, District nine. Right. Motion carries. Great. Thank you very much. We are moving on to new business, starting off with Councilman Alan. Thank you. With that, we are going item 18, please. Communication from Councilman Austin, Councilman

Super and Councilman Mongo. Recommendation to request city manager to identify and implement health and safety protocols to allow the mayor and City Council to resume in-person council meetings. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Right. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you for indulging me. I want to thank my colleagues, our council member, Supernova and Mongo for joining me on this item. I think it's been on now been almost a year since we've been meeting via teleconference, and there's certainly good reason for that as we needed to avoid gatherings as a result of the COVID 19 virus. But many of us, as we have experienced over the year, would participate in city council meetings remotely. There are frequent technical barriers to our current set up. We've seen numerous challenges, whether it's dropped Internet or phone connections, actually mixing both speaking one muted outside distraction and of course, the inability for the public to actually see us or for us to see each other as we engage in deliberations. Unimportant city matters, as are. The vaccination process is moving forward, including with most of us on city council. It is important that we begin having this conversation about how we begin to return to conducting the city's business in person. The goal here is to improve transparency and promote good government while being able to work in a more collegial manner. As city council members and elected officials, this recommendation is not meant to put any city employees, any of our legislative staff or staff in that matter, or the public at risk. The council meetings are currently being conducted with the limited number of city staff in the council chambers, as is while also observing safety protocols. And so we're simply asking and I'm simply asking the city manager. These protocols can be implemented in a way that would allow our body or mayor council to also be present one location as we conduct our city business. There are other cities as well as the state legislature in Congress. I think that we can look to to provide some models as to how this can take place. And I'm actually pleased to have see some additional steps being taken over the past few days that would actually help provide additional transparency for council meetings beyond the current model. I want to thank you, Mr. Mayor and Tom, for thinking and working to provide video access to the public. I do believe that this

will be a step in the right direction. But I also want this item to move forward as Long Beach and our region continue to move forward with vaccinations and reducing the spread and risk of COVID 19. We should be engaged in discussions as to how we should, and we are engaged in discussions on how we are open in our schools, our workforce and our economy. And as we're having those discussions, we should also be considering how we can safely begin to reopen and reengage with transparency in our city government. And I believe we need to plan accordingly. And thi

s is more written in a way, in requesting the city manager to give us a plan and, of course, move it forward so that we don't. So we have some some direction. I look forward to the discussion this evening on the item and our request council support. Is there is there a second on the motion? Second buy comes from mango. Comes from a mango. No, thank you. I want to thank Councilmember Austin for bringing this item forward. I know that on some committees we're able to see each other, but the public can't see us. I think that there's a lot of transparency that comes with the ability to see one another. I was at my field office today in the park and many residents very far apart popped by and said hello and are feeling very protected by their vaccine. And I know that not all of our city staff have been able to get that vaccine yet. However, I'm sure that the city manager can come up with a way for all of our employees to be safe and for there to be additional transparency. Thank you. Thank you. Councilor Marie Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. It's have a couple of questions and then a couple of comments. Where are we right now in the tears? Are we still in the purple way for days? Yes. L.A. County, of which Long Beach is tiered for for those types of openings, is still in the purple tier. Is there any expectation there will be going to be a Renteria offensive? Potentially. We've been tracking the trends for the county and if it continues on the same downward trend, we could reach the seven 400,000 case limit. You know, the next probably week or two weeks and then there's a two week process to two opens later in March, potentially we could be in the red. And where are we in regards to scheduling or vaccination? So that we were able to early on identify a number of employees as emergency workers. That was a very difficult exercise. You know, we want to get all of our employees vaccinated. We were hoping to do all 6000 right up front, but clearly there was not enough vaccine to do that. We went through a prioritization process and looked at employees that were emergency responders and also ones that were really dedicated to COVID efforts and were able to get a number of them done. Over the past week or two, we were seeing a lot more vaccine coming out. We're also getting the ability now to classify more as emergency workers. And we do believe the state is also going to starting expanding some of those near those categories, hopefully in the next week or so, so that we can begin to do more. So right now, I would say more than half of our employees do not have access to the vaccine. I would just give you some examples about probably most of the department directors that attend meetings are not vaccinated. Some are, but a lot are not, and some of their support staff are not as well. So we still have a ways to go before we can have, you know, all of our staff able to be vaccinated. Okay. Is there any requirement since this is a change to some work in the working env

ironment of our employees? Zero requirement for us to get our unions to the challenges of find this meeting for or whatever we have to do, meet and confer. Anytime we're changing working conditions, we look at each one individually. Some of the staff who operate know this. You know, the council chambers, you know, have been operating the council chambers, but obviously in a teleconference format and not a full format. So we do need to talk about any major changes with our unions. I would make that determination and then sit down and do some meeting. Okay. So I'll read you correctly that we have not had a discussion of of it. We have not done any meeting. Confer on this now. Okay. Well, if we are not fully vaccinated, we have not had a beautiful immunity, so I can't stay away. So I would if I can, I would like to make such a motion to go to a video call to that topic until that time when we can. We're going to talk face to face with it. Okay. Think just just to be clear, so contrary to so I think you are second to the motion to just do the video. Is that what you said exactly? Yes. Okay. Is there a second on that motion? Vice Mayor Richardson That's the second version. Richardson of Vice Mayor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. And, you know, I think we can. I want to start off just asking staff just how would you go back to the original motion? Because I don't want to dismiss the sentiment here. I think the sentiment here is that you want to get back we want to get back to in-person meetings because of the value that that it brings. And I think the readiness that I have is that I think that should be guided by both health and logistical health guidance, logistical guidance. And so I want to ask more specifically to our city

manager, what would be the logistical or health concerns with returning within 30 days, the in-person meeting? So we've been taking a look at this. There are a number of things we would have to do to be able to resume in-person meetings or new video. It is easier to turn on video using the current WebEx system if we just use the exact same system that we're all using now, we're able to then turn on that video if we bring back the council in-house. We would need to do a couple of things. We'd have to run a video system of the cameras in the chamber so that everyone can see that. And that takes certain staffing. We would then need to have a call in line as well for city staff, because we would have to have a number of staff still who aren't vaccinated and are comfortable coming in, be able to call in and then have the public line as well to make sure that they have that. So that does take some technological support. We also want to make sure that all of the council have, you know, for the video option, have the access to a good, strong Internet connection and have that tool that you need. Often it's easier to do video and not audio and not just video. And so that's something we got to work on as well. And then as raised and we

got a note from our unions today that I think you want to confer and discuss some of this. We would need to do that as well. Great. Thank you. So I would say I think the sentiment the sentiment is right. I think two things would need to happen. I would just ask Councilman Granger that the fact that he's n but I think, you know, we're part time, our staff is full time. You know, Congress, state legislature, L.A. City, they're all full time. The dynamics are completely different. So to go back to in-person meetings, I think we would need to actually talk with you. We definitely need to do that. So I would say, can we include one for staff to begin that conversation? Because we don't want that to delay the process once we get to the place of reopening. I think secondly, as it relates to the video, I think that's again, something we can do now. I think that's what the substitute motion is. I think the video we can do, we can do that. I was ready to do that already. I think we do that now. But the in-person meetings, we need to figure out those logistical issues and we need to make comparison to things. I would ask you them compare and then give us a to run for on what considerations need to be factored in in order to pull the trigger. So is it is it certainty? Is it vaccination details? Is it, you know, how we're going to handle public comment, all of those things, putting the two front four. So we do we have a better picture of this. And so those will be the two additions that I would offer to Councilman Rankin. Read Manga. Was that a political question? That's a that's a friendly one to meet and confer and to to do a true form for on what needs to happen. Yep. Well, I guess I wasn't clear. My line of questioning was obviously that we need we need to step back to maybe we need to have a meeting with the unions and we need to work out the logistics of of the meetings. And until those are addressed and I feel safe and our staff feel safe and go to in-person meetings. But if if going to a TFF is essential to clarify this paper, I certainly support that. Thank you. Okay. So that's the motion in the second on the floor. Let me move on to the next next speaker councilman's in the House. Thank you very much, Mayor. Like Councilmember and Vice Mayor Richardson said. I think that the original motion, you know, I do agree with the sentiment. I think we're all ready and willing and eager to to go back to our city chambers and conduct our meetings. I think a year has exhausted all of us. But I think that we need to do that with all the safety measures in place. And right now, I don't think it's safe. I also think it's very important, since our staff would be with us, that they also are vaccinated. If we're asking them to come back. So I am supportive of the step motion. I know I've been pushing for video for several months now and so I'm glad that we are looking into that right now. I know that also one of the things that I've been advocating for is easier

access to public comments. I know that it's it's easier for residents who are more tech savvy to be able to access public comment. But I know that even in my district, even the most tech savvy residents, that I have also had difficulties. So I look forward to being able to explore that option of being able to have easier access to public safety. And I know that I'm working right now with city clerk to figure out easier ways of being able to bring about easier access to our public comments. Because I do think that it's very important that we are on video and that we are seen through video. But I also think it's equally as important that we hear from our constituents and that we give them the opportunity to be able to do a public comment if they so do wish to do so. So I'm I'm excited that we're moving forward and hopefully one day we will soon. And I do see that as the end of the time. And then the tunnel, the light at the end of the tunnel, I do see that light. So hopefully we will be in our city chambers soon. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilwoman Allen. Yes. Thank

you, Mayor. I just want to say, I certainly understand the activity and the technical issues that we all experience, especially the public, and that that can be frustrating. And I certainly can't wait for things to get back to normal and get back in the chambers and have being a newly elected councilwoman that I'm just excited to be in front of that community and just to have that face to face time with my colleagues. But I just don't believe that the time is right. I think that, you know, we have been offered counsel. Folks have been offered to be vaccinated. But our support team and I don't believe the city clerk's office has been vaccinated yet either. And. And I also agree that it's important that we hear from our from our labor unions and how this could impact their membership. So, I mean, I did receive a letter today from Richard Chavez from A.I.M., and this is one thing he said in this letter. He said, We believe that bringing folks back without any science to support the safety of this action is wrong. And we believe that an item like this requires a robust conversation. We cannot and will not allow our members lives to be gambled with. And I certainly and I know I know I can imagine anyone who wants to gamble with any of anyone's lives. And we definitely want to to see, you know, the staff vaccinated before we open up the chambers to the public. So I can totally support the substitute motion. And and I look forward to getting on video. Thank you, Councilwoman Zorro. Thank you, Mayor. I, too, also support the substitute motion, because I think that first and foremost, the safety of all staff, especially members of, you know, of our union as well, are taking into consideration when not only the council member asks, but there's so much more that takes to run a council meeting that we have to consider and that I believe it's important and I want to uplift what

council members and they have said about making sure we continue to put public commenting process that's accessible and is easy and not just technology wise but language wise as well in the forefront of everything we continue to do, whether it is the teleconference, the video and hopefully in the future in-person. So I again just believe that it continues. I support the video and that we need to make sure we have extensive conversation about about it before we go in-person. So thank you. Thank you, Councilman Austin. Thank you. We have heard from the public comment yet, but I do want to just say that I do appreciate the sentimental considerations from most of my colleagues who we've heard speak already. I think there's been some some some misunderstanding in terms of intent. I want to just say that I knew that agenda izing this item would create an uncomfortable kind of conversation. But, you know, we all ran for office and any time we are before the public, even on the council dais, it's not a comfortable situation. And and so the intent behind city council meetings are not supposed to be be comfortable. We but we should be safe. That is something that I think we all agree on. I will claim some success on this item since we are moving toward being more transparent and more accountable. And that means video access to our meetings that that that is a I'm thrilled with the direction that we're moving in. And I think I mentioned that. And so the substitute motion I will support, but I would have supported that is a friendly. Had I been given the opportunity to do that and pointing I want to point to the to the Ms. Allan called it the AM Union. The the the meeting our process is is directed oftentimes by policy, directed by council and direction, by the city council. And so should we move forward, whatever we're moving forward, that that process is going to be what it is anyway. And so I think, you know, we do a pretty good job of engaging with our city representative employees unions. We should continue to do that, but moving forward with this process in any way. And so I'm going to support the substitute on the on the floor. I mean, I do not need to there's no reason for me to to die on the sword over having in-person city council meetings. But I do think we should be thinking about this. We should be planning for that in which we should be transparent with the public in terms of give it an expectation on what that looks like. We are moving forward. We are we are leading our our vaccine rollout. Many city employees already are vaccinated. And I don't you know, everyone has people privacy. And so no one knows exactly who has been vaccinated. But I do expect over the next few weeks, 3 to 4 weeks with the vaccine that we know we're we're supposed to be getting, we should be in very good shape within the next 30 to 45 days. And so hopefully we can revisit this conversation very soon. Thank you. We have one member of the public for public comment. Yes.

Michelle Baker. Good evening. My name is Michelle Baker and I'm a resident district two and a business owner District three. I agree with Councilmember Austin's comments to have a plan to return to in-person meetings. Most council members have been vaccinated and there's only three meetings per month. Although the public can't attend, in-person meetings should be video live

streamed and public still should be able to provide comments even if you don't approve this item. It is imperative that city council video streams are meeting. Most other government entities have WebEx Zoom video meetings, including L.A. City Council and the Coastal Commission. Even the DNC held their convention on Zoom. I have reached out to the city clerk several times inquiring about video stream meetings or told them July. Yes, it's up to the mayor to decide. And it's ultimately the decision of the council as a whole, the whole of the WebEx video meeting. I don't understand why there is reluctance to hold video meetings and most other government entities have been doing them for months. Transparency is crucial and it's an open society and people need to know that their council members and mayor are listening to them. Video streaming ensures that the Long Beach community can see their representatives in action and see what's going on in the city. Thank you so much and hope to see you live too. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Thank you, Councilman Price. Mr. Mayor. So I agree that we should proceed with the video access if we can, but I'm not clear because there was a lot of dialog. How long that will take for our city team to be able to make that technology work for all of us and for the public. Yeah, and let me let me. That's a good question, actually, for for the clerk and Councilman Price, if you don't mind, we could ask the crowd and ask the same thing. Madam Carter, Della Garza, if you're if you're if you're available. I know that I know you've been working on this video kind of transition for a few weeks. And I know Mr. Modica had mentioned to me a couple of weeks that there were there were some some tie issues that you guys were trying to figure out with software. Can you maybe update the council on kind of where that's at? Because I know that your team's in working on that. Yes. Thank you, Mayor and Council, we have been working on this for a few weeks and we were able to meet last week with tech and innovation on Friday and determined that there is a way to move forward using WebEx and showing the video. So we're fairly confident if we do some testing with the council and make sure that the Internet speed and the equipment is adequate, that we'll be able to do that going forward. And again, it's just a matter of when we can work with the council offices and determine if the equipment is sufficient and get this going. So we feel we feel really good that we can make this happen pretty quickly. And Madam Clerk, just to clarify also Councilman Price's questi

on, I think what you had mentioned to me is that you think in the next meeting or two that you'll have everything kind of tested. And then whatever software that I think you guys were looking at buying or or you guys were looking at some kind of text back in back of the house piece that you needed to add is would be in place, is that correct? So there is a piece of equipment or some software that we're looking at for translation services that won't be ready within the next couple of weeks. However, that will not prevent us from moving forward showing WebEx video on screen. We we feel fairly confident in the next week or two we can get the equipment distributed to the council members and get it tested and verify that everybody's connection is sufficient. We should be able to do that. Absolutely. The soonest would be next week, but it might be the week after if we can't reach out to all the council members and get that situated. Thank you, Councilman Price. Giving back to you. Sorry. Councilman Price. So, Mr. Mayor, you you have my question answered, so I'm fine, thank you. Okay, great. There's a motion. Any second members, please go ahead and cast votes. It's a substitute motion. District one. I. District two. I District three. I. District four. II. District five. I District six i district seven. By. District eight, district nine. I. Motion carries. District nine. My motion carries. Thank you. Moving on to item number 15, please. Report from Technology and Innovation recommendation to approve the City Smart City Initiative Strategy and Data Privacy Guidelines Citywide. I have a motion by Vice Mayor Richardson. Can I get a second, please? Yes, ma'am. It's not a motion. I'm going to I'm going to go ahead and had an abundance of caution. I work in the fiber optics space on an abundance of caution to log off or recuse myself here. Thank you. Got it. I have a motion by Councilwoman Mongo and a second by Councilmember Ringa, I. Let's do. Let's go ahead and go. I do we have a short presentation, Mr. Modica? Yes, we do. This is a strategic plan that the Council asks us to put together back in October of 2019. So we'd like to walk through what that effort has been. And I will turn it over to Leah ERICKSEN to walk us through the presentation. Good evening, Mayor. And members of the City Council, the Technology and Innovation Department is pleased to. Provide an overview. Of the proposed Smart City Initiative Strategy and data privacy guidelines for your overview and discussion. Go to the next slide. To provide background and context. In October 2019, McCarthy and the one page council directed city staff to develop a smart city strategic. Initiative to create a coordinated, coordinated approach to

using technology to solve city challenges. We defined a smart city as one that uses emerging technology and data to enhance city operations, improve the quality of life for our residents, and protect residents' privacy. The city manager tasked to coordinate this d

irective. We recognize that the city has already completed many projects. Using new and smart technology over the last several years, such as our automated utility meters and our E-SCOOTER program. So the intent of the Smart City Initiative is to engage in a collaborative effort to build our foundations that are already in place, expand our capacity and use resources efficiently. I will now turn the presentation over to Ryan Kurtzman, who is our Smart Cities program manager, to continue the presentations. Thank you, Leah, and good evening, Mayor, and members of the City Council. I will provide additional context for the Smart City Initiative and discuss the proposed vision, guiding principles, strategies and objectives. Next slide, please. From day one, I'd idealism to the Long Beach community members and local stakeholders to inform the Smart City strategy. We held 13 community meetings in addition to workshops, interviews and online outreach. We approach this unique lens and intentionally uplifted the voices of community groups that represent individuals left behind by the digital divide. We also spoke with technology, industry partners and city staff and launched a multilingual paper and online survey. We acknowledge that reach was not exhaustive and was limited due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the inequities associated with the digital divide. Many community groups that we reached out to let us know that they did not have the capacity to participate due to other priorities during the pandemic. However, we are committed to continuing community engagement citywide every step of this initiative. Throughout this process, TIME collaborated closely with the Technology and Innovation Commission. On January 27th of this year, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Smart City Initiative strategy and recommended bringing it to the full City Council for approval today. Exide. Before we present to you the proposed Smart City strategy, we must acknowledge that smart city technologies, if not regulated, have the potential to infringe upon residents' personal privacy. In our community survey, we heard that although residents believe smart tools are essential, they are strongly concerned that this could mean less personal privacy. This is why city staff is proposing data privacy guidelines. In addition to the Smart City initiative for your review and approval this evening, the data privacy guidelines are contained in attachment to the staff report and address transparency and accountability. Participatory feedback channels, digital equity, ethics and nondiscrimination. Next slide. What follows is an overview of the Long Beach Smart City Initiative, vision, guiding principles and objectives. The Smart City Initiative advances solutions to civic challenges next time. By engaging the community staff and the private sector. Next slide. To explore and implement emerging technology. Next slide. It is important to note that this vision is rooted in co

llaboration and meeting real city challenges. The Smart City Initiative will strive to provide solutions to the needs already identified in the city's framework for racial reconciliation, Digital Inclusion Initiative, 2030 Strategic Vision and the recently proposed Long Beach Recovery Act. Next slide. Next, the Smart City Initiative proposes four guiding principles that will provide a framework to align the city's portfolio of technology projects. These principles have been adapted to address challenges following the COVID 19 pandemic and echo what we heard from the Long Beach community, which can be found in Appendix A of the final Smart City Initiative report. The first principle is to design for equity. Smart city technologies must reduce historic inequities, be accessible to all, and improve the quality of life for underserved communities. Second, the city's use of emerging technologies must build public trust by championing excellence in data privacy and transparency. Third, the Smart City Initiative will cultivate local expertise by promoting economic inclusion, supporting local businesses, improving workforce job readiness, and strengthening local partnership networks. And finally, our smart city technologies must build civic resilience. We must prioritize new technologies that improve our ability to meet resident needs and respond to the most pressing civic challenges. Next slide. The Smart City Initiative proposes four interconnected strategies and 11 objectives that align with these guiding principles and together create a roadmap through FY 2022. Guide staff will continue to lead this work in collaboration with other city departments, local stakeholders and community members. To start, the city needs to lay a strong foundation. While smart city projects will take many different forms, much of their underlying infrastructure must be shared across departments. The first strategy is for the city to assess the needed infrastructure for smart city projects. This includes conducting an inventory of physical

infrastructure such as our fiber network and streetlights, and also our policy infrastructure, such as our purchasing guidelines and data sharing agreements. Upon evaluating the infrastructure, we will develop a high level public facing road map for smart city priorities. This will again align with the Framework for Racial Reconciliation, Digital Inclusion Initiative, 2030 Strategic Vision and proposed Long Beach Recovery Plan, and will continually be assessed based on what's working and what isn't. Next slide. To ensure the Smart City Initiative uplifts diverse Long Beach perspectives. The second strategy is to build a broad stakeholder network connecting industry experts, community members and city staff. We will invite collaboration from tech industry leaders to generate ideas and identify viable partnership opportunities. We will also work to create opportunities for Long Beach residents and other local stakeholders to co-design city

technology solutions with a particular emphasis on including low income communities and communities of color who stand to benefit the most from gains in digital literacy and participation in the smart city economy. Next slide. The third strategy is focus on developing a lean operating model so that the Smart City Initiative can succeed with limited resources in the near term, while also setting a vision for what a more robust organization may look like in the future. In the short term, it will utilize its currently assigned 1.5 FTE to manage the Smart City Initiative and will leverage available city department funds based on department interest in technology projects in order to fund longer term or cross-departmental smart city technology projects. We will also seek outside funding sources, including philanthropic grants and revenue sharing models with private partners. Next slide. The fourth and final strategy is to develop flexible pilot models, to advance smart city technology projects that originate from three different sources the private sector, city staff and Long Beach residents and businesses. The unsolicited private pilot model would provide a framework for funneling unsolicited vendor proposals from tech companies to a single point of contact. Evaluating them with with a transparent criteria and implementing those that offer promising solutions to legitimate city needs. The city solicited. The model would prioritize challenges developed by city departments and issue a call for solutions to solicit private partners. And lastly, through the community led pilot model, the city would engage community members and solicit solicit their neighborhood specific ideas and concerns. Community members would have the power to define pilot goals and objectives, propose a prototype and select potential solutions, test and evaluate implemented solutions and make recommendations for scaling the project beyond the initial pilot phase. Next slide. I will now turn it back over to Lia to finish the presentation. Thank you, Brian. If the Smart City Initiative strategy is approved by the City Council, it will work with city staff from other departments, local stakeholders and community members to implement the strategies, objectives and pilot. Project models discussed in the previous. Slides. We will provide regular updates to the Long Beach community and will leverage the Smart City website to report on progress in meeting the key objectives. To protect residents privacy. City staff will also develop a work plan to. Operationalize the data privacy. Guidelines within city policies. Educational campaigns and procedures as appropriate. Finally, we will continue to advocate only for smart city solutions that meet city challenges, medical needs, and the priorities of the mayor and the Long Beach City Council. Next slide. With that, we conclude our staff report and we are available for any questions or feedback that you may have on the Smart City Strategic Initiat

ive. Or the Data Privacy Guidelines. Thank you for that. Why don't we. Public comment. I think we've got two members of the public and then we'll go back to the council. Yes, we have three speakers. The first speaker is Dave Shukla. I agree with the. I'd like to speak in support of the data privacy guidelines as currently drafted by city staff. These guidelines are best understood as a public living kind of document that can and will be updated as technologies and opportunities emerge and mature. As you consider the Smart Cities initiative, I urge the City Council and city staff to adopt privacy by design principles and practice privacy by design refers to specific measures that can be taken so that smart city initiatives don't devolve into surveillance or data mining program. These measures include setting contractor or California Consumer Privacy Act compliance, refusing to grant contracts to vendors who reserve the right to change or alter their terms of use or data collection policies. Also, working with municipal purchasing and procurement at all stages of product development or data utilization by a third party to implement privacy safeguard into these technologies . Another privacy by design practice would be for the City of Long Beach to continue what it's doing, building an in-house capacity, staff capacity for a lot of the privacy and data

protection issues that arise from a lot of smart city infrastructure kind of development deployment. We must recognize that private companies, for instance, digital solutions, don't have the same privacy or data protection goals as. No Roadmap for Smart City Initiative in Long Beach should proceed without first recognizing that the city, in this instance and in many other, find a contract with a vendor with a defined field for data collection. In this instance, license plate reading that. Actually it loads tremendous potential abuse and particularly when combined with other routine data, location data, time of use data can be used to build behavioral profiles of people and those behavioral profile can be sold third party vendors. So having stronger, first of all, having defined policies at all, that's a good first step. But having stronger policies specifically defined and how the city relates to vendors in these contracts is. Something I hope you all support and consider implementing some of these practices, specifically privacy by design that other things are already kind of. Do you think your next speaker is Gwen SCHIEFFER? Good evening. They are Garcia and members of City Council. My name is Gwen Schaefer. I'm on faculty at Cal State Long Beach and I chair the city of Long Beach Technology and Innovation Commission. As Leah mentioned, in October 2019, Mayor Garcia directed staff to develop a smart city strategic initiative and guiding priorities. Clearly, Mayor Garcia recognizes the potential for technology to spur economic development, to make Long Beach safer, to develop a resilient workforce, a

and generally to improve quality of life. But you could not create a smart city without data collection and artificial intelligence. A majority of Americans responding to a recent Pew Research poll reported that they are, quote, concerned, confused and feel a lack of control over their personal information. Even so, Congress has failed to enact a comprehensive privacy law to combat the data aggregation, profiling and selective targeting that dominate our online activities. While the CFPA went into effect more than a year ago, municipal governments are exempt from complying, even though nearly 80% of Americans responding to that same Pew Research survey reported feeling very or somewhat concerned about how companies and the government use their personal data. Between November 2019 and April 2020, Ryan and I co facilitated focus group discussions with 82 Long Beach residents from all across the city ranging in age from teens to seniors. We presented them with three specific smart technologies currently deployed in Long Beach. The first scenario centered around the passport parking mobile app used for beach plots owned by the city. The second scenario presented study participants told them about ring security cameras, which collect surveillance footage that residents may voluntarily share with the police department. Finally, we asked study participants about their attitudes towards Internet connected water meters that capture usage in real time. The findings reveal that privacy concerns transcend data collection practices. In fact, Long Beach residents are equally concerned about which government agencies or corporations collect their personal information and how it may be used in the future. Furthermore, through agreements for third party vendors, data generated by smart city technologies may end up serving private interests and leaving residents feeling exploited and distrustful. This underscores the need for the city of Long Beach to incorporate data privacy language into third party vendor contracts that explicitly prohibits partners from reselling personal data or using it for non stated purposes. This evening I urge City Council to approve both the Smart City Initiative and the data privacy guidelines developed by the Department of Technology and Innovation. Without such protections, Long Beach residents may ultimately determine that compromised privacy is simply too high a price to pay for the privacy. Your next speaker is Myron Rolle Wallen. Thank you, Mayor. Garcia. And members of the City Council. I am Myron Walden, president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. The Gray Panthers. Are in favor of the Smart City initiative that aims to explore. And implement emerging technology. It is a notable goal in this current era, and Long Beach seniors are in dire need of a new technology. We were one. Of the groups that participated. In the community. Engagement outreach efforts. At the Long Beach Technology and Innovation Department. We parti

cipated in two focus. Groups selected surveys from low income residents and encouraged. Our members and partners to complete the digital. Survey. The Long Beach Gray Panthers applaud the Smarts. Initiative. For including older adults as one of the. Groups that. Need help with today's new technology. During the pandemic, older. Adults have been isolated at home with little social contact. They would like to contact their family, their grandchildren, their friends. They have been depressed. We are grateful. With the city's limited ability to. Provide hardware. We have participated in distributing. This to worthy older adults in Long Beach. Then they need to learn how

to use them. We have partnered with Long Beach City College to provide the instruction for this. In addition, we have received a grant from Spectrum to set up a computer lab in the Fourth Street Senior Center. The 20 or so computers just set up this month have already been used to help seniors fill out their income tax. Which has been a big hit. See, we are all well aware of how the digital revolution is a necessity for us. As older adults are frequent targets for scammers and criminals. They must be kept safe in their online privacy, protected as they learn to bank, shop, pay bills, visit remotely to prevent social isolation with friends and family and if remote doctor visits. It is important that city policy consider the needs of older adults and ensure they have all the access to technology and the equipment and education to use it effectively, as well as keep current and new technology. We need more hardware, learning instruction, access to the Internet. We applaud the efforts of the city to help provide access to the Internet in some high rise buildings with the technology from a private company. Sorry, this needs to be expanded to more buildings. Free public Wi-Fi in wide areas in town and on Long Beach is also a necessity. We look forward to the implementation of the Smart Cities Initiative. We urge you to support this initiative. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. I have a motion in a second by councilman Mongo and Councilman Ringa. Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I'm so pleased that we're moving in this direction. This is the second time I got to see this excellent presentation and thank you to the community and the commission for all their work. And thank you to the staff in I.T. for your great leadership. I look forward to this. I'm leading us through many exciting projects ahead, including the Long Beach Passport or whatever we'll call it, to link all residents up and break the digital divide so they can access city resources from the palm of their hand 24 hours a day. Thank you. Thank you. From Ringa. I too have very supportive of this item. I think it's important that we all protect our personal data and information in the smart cities. This is a long time coming. It's been basically adopted in many cities throu

ghout the country. And Long Beach is now going to be one of those smart cities. So be included in that to appreciate everyone's forward thinking. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Thank you, Emir. I'm also happy to see this report tonight from Director Ericsson, and I'm very supportive. I've heard from many of my constituents about the importance of this item tonight. New technologies present existing possibilities. And I absolutely love that we are engaging the private sector and the community to help harness this emerging tech. I look forward to seeing how it's built out and continue in your work with our commissioners and the community. I do have a quick question for you, Director Ericsson. What is the one high potential emerging technology that you are most excited about? I thank you, Councilwoman Allen. In addition to what Councilwoman Mongo was mentioning, our password initiative. That makes services easier to access. There's there's actually quite a few interesting things that we're looking at, including extremely excited by the use of AI and chat bots to make city hall services more accessible, less bureaucratic. We're using sensors on trash trucks to detect graffiti dumped. Items of trouble. But, you know, as some of our residents mentioned, we also really need to make sure that we are also focusing on the digital divide, that that the technology investments that we're making are accessible to all. So I look forward to approval of this item today. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you. I want to thank staff for the report tonight as well. And I'm excited about the possibilities. I will say, although it was not directly on point, I can't really let this item tonight go without reminding somebody. I hope somebody out there is listening. But I have brought a couple of different items to explore how we can utilize technology in our city currently to advance some of our goals. And unfortunately, we've really not heard too much about those technologies that other cities are using. One of them was the street sweeping app. When we brought that item, we asked whether we had the technology for our because we have GPS on the street streets, we bring vehicles to alert residents when the truck had passed their home so that for parking impacted areas, they could go ahead and park on the side of the street once the street sweeping truck has passed. That is a technology that's been utilized in other cities. I'd love to see that incorporated in the city of Long Beach. I think we brought that item maybe a year and a half ago or so, maybe to another item that we brought probably maybe three years ago was the app for homelessness, and it's the real time bed availability app that would allow first responders to see what beds are available in the region in terms of detox beds, mental health beds, substance abuse beds or co-occurring disorder facilities. So that if we do have an individual who wants to accept a service seven days a week, our first

responders would be able to take them to a facility that would be willing and available to receive them. So those are two technologies that I know other cities have been utilizing, and I feel like we can't really call ourselves a smart city until we are at least using some of the technology that's already out there being used by others. And then we can build upon that. But I think our technology team is fantastic and I know that those items that I brought, we did not bring specifically to the technology team. We brought them as general items. So I'm not sure where they ended up, but those are examples of technologies that I hope that in the future we're able to utilize because there are cities and municipalities that are using both of those technologies that I mentioned and probably a whole bunch of others that I did to advance their goals. And I'm certainly hoping that we can use it. And then I do also want to say that until we're at the place where we have closed the digital divide, our libraries are doing a tremendous job in providing digital access. And certainly they do not have sufficient resources to be able to serve all the residents. So I think that's really important and I think this report is very positive. And the possibilities in terms of where the city can go, in my opinion, are endless. And until then, we have institutions like our libraries around to help everyone have access. So thank you for that. Is in the house. Thank you. I'm very excited about this item coming before us. This is very near and dear to my heart as well, especially because it will affect a lot of a lot of seniors, people with disabilities. It will affect the Latino community and our neighborhoods here on the west side and central Long Beach in ways of accessing technology. I know that during COVID, we have realized that there is a huge digital divide. And I'm just so happy to see something like this moving forward. I encourage us to look at would my colleague just stated these technologies that Councilmember Price stated and that we look into that and that we start looking in that direction. I think that would be very, very helpful for our city. And also, I wanted to say a big congratulations to our Great Panthers, who got a big a big grant from Spectrum, a \$25,000 grant to provide our seniors who had been affected by the digital divide throughout our city and to provide them with with tablets. And I think that that's a huge, huge thing. And I'm so happy that so many seniors are were able to take advantage of that. And so I'm just really excited to see us moving in this direction. Congratulations, Mr. Erikson, for this great work to the commission. Thank you. Keep up the good work. And I'm looking forward to seeing what else you bring to us in the future. Thank you. Great work. Roll Call the. District one. And. District two. I. District three. I. II. District four. By. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. By District eight. All r

ight. Motion carries. District nine. I know. Curious. Thank you. Let's have item number 19 to. Communication from City Attorney recommendation to adopt a resolution in support of employees who have filed complaints of harassment by various employees of the Metropolitan Water District, Southern California, and supports the call for a joint legislative audit committee citywide. Thank you I think we're going to have a motion from counsel disagrees that correct. Okay. I'm interpreting this as a motion for Council District three in the second by Council District. A very public, public comment here. Councilmember Price, you want to speak on this? No, thanks. Okay, great. All right. So let's go ahead. The roll call vote with. District one, district two. I District three. High District for. High. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine, i motion carries. Fantastic. Well, that satisfies our agenda and will go to any closing comments from the members of the council. Council member Sara. Thank you. Every time certain item 18. Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Zendaya's, Councilwoman Allen, Councilwoman Sara recommendation to request city attorney to draft a resolution recognizing that Carmen the caregiver we can do it campaign. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So today I wanted to take a moment. We're in a virtual format. We traditionally have a format for presentations and things like that. But I wanted to take a moment. This week, as we're celebrating International Women's Day and recognize an incredible group of hardworking women who are in the frontline of this pandemic, doing that essential work necessary to move our communities forward. And their contributions are too often unrecognized, not appreciated. I have the honor of being a father to girls and serve on a city council with with a woman majority. And I believe that's great for our city. But with this particular group, you know, I think about my mother, who spent time as a home care worker while my sister and I were going to college and their contributions to society and they have an incredible campaign called We Can Do It. That, I think is worth recognition today. Let's go ahead and get started. Okay. So SEIU 2015, its women led union, a diverse group made up of primarily women of color. They're dedicated to unleashing the power of long term care with their families in their communities. It's one of the largest groups in the state representing 400,000

central workers. They have a footprint right here in the ninth Council District in North Long Beach. And and they're a great organization in long term care givers of work throughout this pandemic to support our most vulnerable population, particularly individuals with disabilities. Now that our vaccine is available to all individuals with disabilities, that we continue to protect our frontline workers that act as a lifeline for these homebound Californians. Let'

s go to the next. So here's a short video highlighting how this group on Morning America broke three members of the largest long term care union in the country document women of color and include over 400,000 essential workers in nursing homes and assisted living centers in California. So how are these front line? How are you going to be able to hear the audio at all times? With us now is the president of the Service Employees International Union Local 2015. April for it. April, thank you so much for being with us. And and our hats off to these caregivers who are going in each and every day truly risking their lives. They're up close and personal with their patients. They great. So it doesn't seem like we're going to be able to get on. From a safe distance. So Councilmember Richard, from the audio. Trying to do it as safely as possible. Thanks so much for having me. It's an honor to be here. Our yeah, it's hard for me. To you're bearing through this pandemic, just like all of all other Americans. It's been extremely hard. But as you said, our members cannot socially distance. They do close personal, hard work. They touch people for a living, they give care. And so for them, they have continued to risk their lives every single day to do the work that they are called to do to care for our most vulnerable people with disabilities, our elders. And they are they are caring love givers. And this pandemic has been hard. But we're ready to move on. We're over being victim to this pandemic. It's time for a real fight, a real plan to fight this pandemic, to break the back of this pandemic. And together we can do it. Well, a new CDC report is telling us that 62% of nursing home workers still have not gotten the vaccine. Why is that the case? Is there still some hesitation there in getting the vaccine? There's a lot of hesitation to get the vaccine. But the story here for me is not about the hesitation. It's about what are the solutions we're going to bring forward to move past that hesitation. I don't believe that we have invested the adequate amount of resources and time to be able to move people past whatever is stopping them from getting that shot in their arm. So let's spend the time educating people, talking through their fears and their concerns, having people who are really trusted. Here's something that is not a secret to me. People don't necessarily trust their employers, so we need people who are trusted, respected that are a part of spreading the word about this vaccine and getting people over their hesitancy is time for real solutions. And April, so you have a vaccination normalization program underway. I see they're behind you, Rosie the Riveter. We can do it. Tell us about this campaign and why you chose Rosie the Riveter. Absolutely. Rosie the Riveter, as we know, has been an icon for labor and icon for women like the women in my union. Back in 1942, during World War Two, Rosie was an image of bringing people together, of uniting, to fight du

ring a time that our country needed to come together. And for us, we're in a similar moment. And so we are introducing Carmen, the caregiver, and Carmen and her coworkers are standing up to say, we can do it, we can get vaccinated, we can get our communities vaccinated. And but most importantly, we are going to move past this COVID moment and say, how are we strengthening our long term care system to make sure we are never this vulnerable again? The new administration is still in its infancy. Right. Just getting going a month in here. But how are you seeing things already? Or do you hope to see something very soon just with the new administration that will make a difference and to help that long term health care workers are getting. Absolutely. Our members are so proud to have stood beside now President Biden and our very own Kamala Harris from right here in California. It's been a breath of fresh air ever since they came onto the scene because they actually talked to Americans. They tell us the truth. They are compassionate and we know they have a plan. From the very beginning, this administration has talked about what we're going to do to come together, to end this virus, to end this pandemic. And we're going to unite and we're going to do it together. So we're really proud at the promising signs that we're seeing from the administration, and we're ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work. Our president and vice president cannot do this alone. It's going to take all Americans and the 400,000 members of SEIU Local 2015. We're ready for the fight. It's our moment. It's been you all's moment and you all have been. And doing it quite admirably over this past year or so. Thank you so much to all your members for what you all are doing. April, the president of SEIU Local 2015, thanks so much. We'll

see you again. All right. Thank you. Bye bye. All right. And I know that folks could hear it on TV and our grandkids hear it on WebEx. And I understand we're going to make sure we correct that for the future. But I wanted to take a moment to recognize this campaign of Carmen, the caregiver. And this recognizes it pays homage to Rosie the Riveter World War Two icon that we lifted up in here in the city of Long Beach, who symbolized American women, who went to work in factories and shipyards to replace men who had joined the military. And so when working women of America then and now find themselves at the center of an existential crisis facing our country and are called upon to be heroes, to help our nation survive. And this campaign is really about vaccine normalization, particularly within our communities, our diverse communities and vaccine equity. Let's go on to the next line. And so these are the images of Carmen, the caregiver. She's strong. She's the first you see that sticker on her arm. And she is really encouraging people to make sure that, you know, we bring in some confidence and public trust in our public vaccination process, but also ca

lling on, you know, calling our institutions to make sure that we promote mass vaccination the right way to ensure that our our country is strong and our communities can recover. Let's go to the next part. It's also the high level goals. Target Cogat impact the communities on establishing network of distribution and preparing Long Beach. We're already doing a number of these things, and these are things that that SEIU 2015 is encouraging all communities to do and organize and facilitate distribution in a way that utmost confidence in the vaccine process. And these are these are great values. The lobbies is upholding a number of these things. We can always do better, particularly as we get into further phases of the vaccination process. And let's go on to the last part. And so and so this is a great slide. This is how we can do it means we can beat the virus. We can do it means we can repair and improve the long term care system we can do it means we can honor the essential workers in the nation's frontline heroes of the pandemic. Great, great. So we can do it together. We can take down the presentation. And so I wanted to just take a moment to recognize this group. And and as the city council passed a resolution in support of this, incredible, we can do it initiative. And so I think I know that we have a number of folks here to speak on. And so I think we'll we'll go through some public comment and we'll go through council comment and then we'll go and hear from the public. And so I'm looking to Mayor Garcia. Are you still here? Do you believe are you still here? Do you have the Q? Okay. We're going to just have the council. So I'm going to make this motion for a second. We're going to do both. I I this is councilwoman Sunday. Has that cued up to second. But I don't know. Okay. They recognize the second. Do you want to go ahead and get your comments now? Yes. Thank you. Vice Mayor, I just wanted to thank you friend from the very bottom of my heart for bringing this item forward tonight. And also to everyone. Happy International Women's Day. I'm so excited to be signed on to this item that is so important to me personally, but also to the disability community as well. And the work of these home caregivers is absolutely essential. And and and is is being done for so many of our most vulnerable residents that rely on them for their everyday health and safety. And I know they have been. In, you know, risking their life for over almost a year now through this pandemic, not only feeling can't, you know, contracting the virus, but also exposing their families to them. And on top of that, exposing their clients to them, because I think that that would be so, so hard on them, because these are persons that they care for and that have so many, so many underlying conditions. I know that personally my caregivers have teased with me saying, You know what, Mary? Maybe I, maybe I should work from home next week. And I just look at them like, okay, you know, bec

ause that's not an option for them. They really have their clients lives in their hands and people really, really rely on them, and it is our duty to protect them. I'm so excited for this idea and I'm hoping that we'll be successful in passing this resolution because I think it'll go a very, very long way and we will be able to save so many lives in our community alone. So thank you again, Vice Mayor Richardson, for bringing this item up. Fantastic. Thank you. Council member Next we have council member Sara. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I just want to thank you for bringing this item forward so that we can acknowledge the very hard working, front line in-home care providers and our nursing home workers who have been really just the hardest and most passionate, compassionate people of knows that they have to go in every day regardless of the dangers that they face. And they appreciate us lifting up many of the women as well as men in the front line, and that we're doing this in honor of International Women's Day. And I just want to thank SEIU 2015 for their amazing work that they do. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we have council member Urunga. But you

HMRC have accused you of. First of all, I want to thank you for bringing this forward. I mean, it's a great acknowledgment that the long term care facility workers were in the frontline of the whole the pandemic. It was the long term care facility that were first hit the hardest with this pandemic. And these workers are heroes, and no question about that. They're warriors. And they really feel proud that this pandemic straight on and being that it is International Women's Day. And let's keep in mind that there are many women all over the world who are not only sacrificing themselves, but sacrificing their families as well when it comes to civil rights and human rights. So thank you again for bringing this forward and happy, happy International Women's Day. Thank you, Councilmember. Next, we have Councilman Alston. Thank you. And I want to thank you for bringing this item forward. I want to salute the women, but the members of SEIU Local 2015 with a courageous work day in and day out, providing care and dignity to those who often can't care for themselves. You know, on a personal note, I have a close family member who is cared for by a SEIU 2013 member. And my, my, my, my, my cousin is developmentally, developmentally disabled and his caregivers have for his entire life have been part of our family. And I have the distinct honor of actually had the opportunity to work with real Rosie the Riveter back in, you know, 25, 30 years ago in the Carl Douglas. And it's ironic that during World War Two, Rosie the Riveter really helped us, you know, boost up our manufacturing base. A lot of that was based here, right here in Long Beach. And without that workforce, you know, we may not have prevailed the way we did as a country. That was a major crisis in our country. In the US, today's crisis is a world crisis. But the

pandemic of COVID 19 and and the frontline workers, being those caregivers in long term care facilities and individual homes, really helped get people through. And so these are heroes and they should be saluted. And and I really like the irony of this. Just saw this item coming to an end. Women's History Month celebrating, but it's Carmen, the care giver. Thanks. Thank you, Councilmember. Next, we have council member Alan. Yes. Thank you, vice mayor. I just really appreciate your work on this and just thank you for bringing this forward. I'm just so happy to co-sponsor this item that promotes mass vaccinations. And so we just must continue to encourage support and normalize mass vaccinations in every way. And I, too, want to thank SEIU 2015 for their work on this. So happy to support this effort that will protect women and happy International Women's Day. And just one last thing. We can do it. Thank you. Council member. Next, we have council member Mungo. Thank you. I want to thank SEIU and the women that have really served us so well over the last year. They show up every day and they do the great work. And I think this is an amazing campaign and great work. Thank you. That's not a side council comment. And can we go to. Now, can we go to public comment? Yes. Our first speaker is Sally Inder. Okay. Sally? Yes. Please begin. Hi. Um, so in my home, we've been waiting and hoping for more Long Beach residents to be vaccinated as a care provider to my child. Although in-person school hasn't offered, we have had to decline because we do understand the seriousness of the virus. And if that means that my child has to stay home and we have issues keeping him online, that's what it means, because this past December, my immediate entire family had been infected with the coronavirus. And they have very severe symptoms because because they live together, because they are low income, they have to live with my grandmother. She's been a long time local business owner in Long Beach, and she had to remain open when possible. So she have brought the corona virus to the rest of the family. Luckily, I don't live with them. My child doesn't live with them, so we were the only ones who didn't get it. But we definitely understand the severity of it. And I'm currently working as a health screener and I'm hoping that as we get more vaccinations in Long Beach that we'll see a turn of results that makes it safe for people to return to work, return to school and live their lives in person, and giving people the choice to go back in person. Fluff is. Hello? Is everybody still there? Yes. Your time is concluded. Thank you. Oh, I. Our next speaker is Kelly Ellis. Yes, I'm here. Yes. This is Kelly Ellis. Did you call me? Yes. Kelly. To my name, please begin. Yes. Um. I already have the corona vaccination. I just completed my second one this past Saturday. And I was leery about giving it at first, however. I figured, you know. What can I do? Just go in here and get the vaccinati

on. The first one I have. I didn't have any. Side effects. But the second one, my arm was. It was about maybe the following day. My arm was a little sore and there was a chin. And then, you know, I felt like I had like some flu symptoms. Now I felt better now, which I'm glad I. Got it. Because I also. Do other things outside. The house. Besides, you not allowed to go to the grocery store and do other things for my client who I live with and want to bring. Home anything to her. I always wore.

My mask, my gloves. I still think as caregivers, we should also be supplies. Those are disposable gowns, which will help a lot, especially we go out and do like, you know, washing the clothes and grocery shopping. Even though. Think your next speaker is Martha Vila. Hi. Good evening. I am a member of SEIU 2015. I have been a home care provider for almost 13 years now due to the pandemic. I lost three family members within a period of 22 days. I lost my mother. My brother and his wife, which now they have left behind. Eight their only 15 year old son for whom I'm seeking legal guardianship as he has no more relative family close to him. And I am thrilled to see my city supporting the work I have done through this pandemic. My fellow caregivers and I have worked recently, mostly over the last year in the face of this virus, and the vaccine is our only hope for a return to safety and normalcy. Knowing that the city is supportive of this need to protect us is a relief after a year of living in fear. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Wendy Duchin. Hello? Yes, please. Begin. Hello. Thank you. Thank you. My name is Wendy Duchin. I'm with SEIU 2015. And I would like to thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson and the entire city council and the city of Long Beach for really taking this step in, in taking this decision, in adopting and supporting a resolution that as a testimony that you have heard or you're going to hear the life changing situations for many of our caregivers and their families. So we want to thank you on behalf of thousands and thousands of members in the city of one, because we like to thank you for supporting and really treating us like essential workers, but also heroes of this community. Thank you. Thank you. Give us a moment when we transition to the Spanish portion of public. Our first speaker is Claudia Horace. Gloria Juarez. Claudia Juarez. Can you hear me? Yes. Begin. Put up as evidence. See mucho. You ask me. No worries. Claudia Juarez professional, the local SEIU been picking. So you get all that. Let's get Gracias. As we sell their recs for support, you are recognized and supported from whatever reason. Socialists and Democrats get most of our phone and collect. You get all good ideas that, for example, Europe and the mechanisms by which I got here. And yes, thank you very much. My name is Claudia Juarez. I am a member of SEIU, the 2015. And thanks to the vice mayor for his recognition and this entire group, because these workers are rea

lly angels, are true angels, and they are supporting our society. So thank you very much for all your support from the bottom of my heart. Thank you. Our next speaker is Gabriela Gutierrez. Areola with the rest of the London. See. Also want to start of this year, April, I hope I don't indicate to you guys there are going to be sweaters which are in certain circles e but are so simple yet amplification is fun. These La la canal Kobe at La Quinta but at the near massive rally that ensues here that if that are established they don't have record economy to go into in because it will be Muskogee. I will just reallocate a vignette you left me for, but then you can set it up. A cuatro is an embargo theme so it could open soon for you're for. Hello. My name is Gabriela Gutierrez and I am a member of SEIU and I want my voice to be heard before this council meeting. And I appreciate this opportunity and I really would like to see an increment and having a more aggressive COVID vaccine vaccination for everyone to increase the safety in this society and also to stimulate the economy again to get the economy moving. In my home, everyone had COVID, even though we were all trying to protect ourselves and I was going out with protection all the time. And my father was a victim of cancer at the same. Time continues and you're out the virus. The cookies from the lemonade was so good. But I could tell those investors the evolve. Some of my strong kilos are in the supermarket. C'est la vie. Superar. But also to stick with Amazon a lot better. Saw nothing to look at. I believe that vaccination will be the safest and will be the best way for the society to relaxed, for people to go to the store, to go to the market, particularly us that would take care of people. We must go to the market to provide for them. Continue. What? See. Yeah. So yeah so gay in study animals in law and police in Sudan. Massive good are better certainly important to me but I thought the people that were honest. And these we are going to have a safe city and we're going to have a safer nation. And I think that this is important that we vaccinate everyone in this city. Thank you. Which addresses our next speaker is Maryellen DeRose. Marylanders. When I start this, I mean this material, and it'll save me. I'm glad to see you got making it. When I thought of this man on my good afternoon. My name is Maryland Theros. I am a member of SEIU 2015. Continue what Iris said in the last few days, a lot of which in proposito the ME participant is put up with evil in my favor. And I am a resident of the city of Long Beach. I am a neighbor. And the reason why I'm here is to ask you, please, for a massive vaccination against COVID 19. Again, we stress you that you're aggressive. Obviously, we made up the whole family. And here in this city dance, God, I received the first dose of the vaccine, but my children did not yet. In my opinion. Goodell de la Vacunacion

must see the city a positive to improve this area.

Familia is complete. And I believe in my opinion that massive vaccination will protect the entire family and the entire city. But it seems I meant they were always able to give this award to another man. There are no poodle dresses with La Vacuna. Fortunately, today we buried an acquaintance of ours and he would not receive the vaccine on time. Still we're still waiting for these young, supportive service. Perhaps his life could have been saved, but we're not going to know that. But if our business had domain considered us to do so. Please, I take. I ask you to take into consideration massive vaccination. Moto graphics for full attention. Thank you very much for your attention. Thank you. Your next speaker is Aurelia Mendez. Aurélien mendez. Yeah. We invest. We want to meet. So we have already this in the Sindicato Azteca. Eat those milking. And I would have to know. My name is Aurelia Menendez and I am a resident and neighbor of Long Beach. And I am a caregiver. I am a member of SEIU 2015 continuing. In itself. I think it's a miracle opportunity that we have left here beneath the total aspersions on us for that interactive concert of coronavirus in a facility at the corner of they more about taking a look here. And in this location in which I am the opportunity to speak up, I ask if we have vaccination available for all and especially for those that do not have the knowledge to access technology. You silly person. If you consider you don't see the point of supporting them for not being the Pope of the course of the pandemic. And the government recommended a canonical. And this group of people usually is the people that have has a very difficult time trying to access the Internet or even using the telephone. And there at the same time, people with very low income and they're the victims of the pandemic in the most part. Go ahead. You get kids to go Muslim in the UK, citizens and other organisms, radical forces, they will see impressionable. Mr. Maxim with caution. Mr. Laborde. But are you there on as good as you have? Possibly. And I ask you to keep on supporting us the way you are supporting us all the time. Our job is not an easy job, but we do it with love, with dedication, and we always need your support. So thank you very much for this opportunity. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. And we're going to go ahead and go for our roll call vote now. District one. I. District two. I saw three. High District for. I District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. I know she cares. Thank you. Number 17, please. Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Allen, Councilwoman Sato. Councilman Austin. Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on Care Closet LBC. Thank you. Item 14 Communication from Councilman Austin and Councilwoman Mango. Recommendation to include up to eight new storefront retailers licenses in the feasibility analysis that is being pr

pared for the Long Beach Cannabis Equity Program. Council member, Austin. Okay. I'm on. Thank you so much. First of all, I want to thank you for the time. It's been a long day. I want to especially thank our council member, Mongo, our DNF chair, for signing on in support of extending this opportunity for. Economic inclusion that will provide additional cannabis retail licenses for social equity qualified applicants. I have really appreciated the many thought provoking conversations with advocates of the Long Beach Cannabis Commerce Council, the BCA, and with members of the community who reached out to me over the past several months about addressing this perceived equity void. And for context, back on January 5th, the Council received a report on the current cannabis equity program, which we do. We have one. And the the staff recommendation included preparing a feasibility analysis on licensing and regulating non storefront delivery only shared manufacturing facilities. However, direction on establishing storefront retail licenses exclusively for social equity applicants was deferred and sent to. The abyss. That direction didn't sit well with me and many others who were paying attention to that item in the community. And so this item that I'm bringing forward this evening is really pretty straightforward. We're simply asking staff to include up to eight new retail storefront licenses in the Peace and stability analysis currently being prepared for the Lombard's social equity program. These new licenses will be exclusively for social worker to equip applicants who have at least a 51% equity in profits who are interested in the business. The Why eight Council colleagues. I am open for discussion and open to amend it to up to ten new licenses increases the council. Our city has and should continue to lead with thoughtful and innovative approaches to cannabis policy in the areas of equity especially. Continuous improvement should be our drive. Today, there are no currently no black owned cannabis retail operations in Long Beach that I'm aware of. And for that fact, I'm not aware of any indigenous or people of color or minority owned storefronts. Our current equity provisions allow for 40% social

equity and employment for retail candidates, but there are no provisions to allow for ownership. And that's a glaring flaw in our equity program. In my opinion, it's a progressive city that is leading on racial equity and inclusion. We can and should do much better. I also see this work as critically important to restorative justice. Expanding retail cannabis licenses can create wealth and hundreds of new, good paying jobs for communities that have been impacted by the overpolicing and criminalization of cannabis, which is now legal in a very profitable industry. So tonight I'm asking my colleagues and staff to be thoughtful while moving this item forward. Continue to maintain high standards. Let's be geographically sensitive to approved locations. And I will

I just let you know I am not interested in over concentrating retail storefront cannabis storefronts in any any area of the city. And I'm not interested in unfairly scrutinizing new applicants. And so with that said, I would like to move this item and hope for a good discussion this evening and hope I can count on your unanimous support from my colleagues to direct the city manager and staff to expand cannabis retail licenses to social equity qualified applicants. And my final point is equity delayed is equity denied. Thank you. Councilman. I have a second by. Councilman, Mango. Councilman. Councilwoman. Before we have a full speakers list, did you want to go first to the public comment? Which one was it? Public. I know there's a delay on the screen, sir. Public comment would be great. Okay, so we'll go have a comment and I'll go back to you. So. Madam Clerk, please begin public comment. Our first speaker is Brandon Bolton. Good evening, mayor, council members and staff, thank you for your time. I am Brant Bolden from the Cannabis Commerce Council of Long Beach. I'm also a member of the National Cannabis Industry Association on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Lee Triple C We focus on economic empowerment, educational development and career. Development in the cannabis. Space. And I also like to give a special thanks to Councilman Austin and his staff. For bringing this wonderful recommendation forward. These licenses are a step. Forward to bring economic prosperity for communities of. Color's most impacted by the war on drugs in Long Beach. I am in support of the June 14 request to add eight new store to retail licenses in Long Beach. There are currently zero black owned retail storefronts, even though that this industry was really built. On the sacrifices of these. Black and brown communities in the We Are, that isn't really reflected in the legal cannabis market. In Long Beach. And it's imperative that the cannabis. Equity members retain at least 51% of ownership and 51% of profit sharing in these new license types. So that way we don't. Undermine the definition of what social equity is in cannabis. And then also, you know, social equity member these retail outlets. Will allow. Retail channels and pipelines for social equity members who don't own retail outlets. Right now, a lot of the operators. Currently are fully vertical. So I think your next speaker is brave. Freeman. Hello, my name is Choreographers. I'd like to first start by taking the opportunity to thank the city staff, the council today for allowing me to speak. I am a long time cannabis. Enthusiast who is passionate about. Social equity as well as community redevelopment. As Long Beach resident, I have watched a person I call my brother struggle to enter the cannabis industry, even with the verified equity applicant paperwork provided by the city of Long Beach. I want to give credit to LBC, Triple C and other equity groups. For championing this issue. Brandon Bolton,

who just spoke, and Edgar Cruz as many other diverse recognition for this tireless. Pursuit of this issue. I've seen hardworking man take ten steps back. Just. To assure that individuals like myself and others can even think of the opportunity of getting into the cannabis industry. As I am guided by the Cannabis Commerce Council of Long Beach. I would also urge the city to approve the recommendations to create more retail license opportunities. As we have seen, we have more dispensary storefronts being opened across the nation. We also see the legacy markets and communities of colors are being left out, which is unacceptable. Long Beach has the opportunity to show not just the city but the nation how to operate a successful social equity program. Thank you. Think your next speaker's brain is. I'd really be mayor, vice mayor and council members. My name is Brian, and I'm a. Cannabis entrepreneur here in Long Beach. And I'm just calling in support of eight new. Retail licenses. When the social equity program was created. By the time that happened, there was really the retailers were already at their. Capacity was. A lot of buzz out. And get this, you know, not included in this race. So I'm definitely in favor of adding new retail licenses. And I believe it'll enhance our economic inclusion and really give us a fighting chance in and competing with the current operators that seem to be advancing at a faster rate than we could. So yeah, I'm just trying to be supportive. And so. And so to our solidarity, you know, for our new licenses. Thank you. And

your next speaker is Edgar Cruz. Good evening, councilmembers. My name is Cruz and I am the founder of the Cannabis Commerce Council of Long Beach, where we focus on kind of social equity within our jurisdiction. I'd like to start off by thanking Councilwoman Safety, Mongo, countryman Nelson and the staff for championing this agenda. Also like to thank the City Council, women and men, as well as Vice Mayor Richardson and McCarthy for your time and energy. As the gender 14 is very sacred and historic for some individuals, just like myself, as being an equity applicant. The first year it started, I was told I was in. I was able to create a cannabis business but unfortunately not create a dispensary just due to the opportunities lacking within our within our community. With the city having a cap of 32 dispensaries within the lottery process, basically created a block of any minorities dreamed of getting any retail space. While we see multiple private entity obtaining more licensing and opening up more shops, which is basically a big slap in the face to most individuals like myself and the communities of color as I fully support this motion. I will also say that there are more recommendations that need to be considered as well to assure the success of obtaining by licensing exclusively to social equity recipients as well. Just like my partner said, Brandon. 51% of equity ownership is very exclusive. And also

the opportunity to, you know, give grant or loans when when it comes to real estate, because. I think your next speaker is James Marks. Hello. Yes, I'd like to thank. Councilman. Alston and Councilwoman Stacey Mongo for bringing. Forth this bill. What I want to talk about. Perspective. Imagine opening a lucrative store. Or brand. In which you've worked hard to. Build, and then now you've been targeted. By mass. Incarceration and your families destroyed. Beyond reconciling repair and that same product that you used as a survival mechanism. Is. Now a legal in enterprise in your community. And that has somewhat formed a monopoly and excluded you and others like you from your. Community, from participating in the growth and. Development of that in your own respective communities economy. So for over ten years, we have to deny not only ownership but also our opportunity of ownership. This is a ten year journey vision fight that many may not know about. But it has had weekly. Meetings, whether. Via Zoom, many. Airlines flight across the country in all 12 Los Angeles County. And we're still a block out of that market today. We're still being denied a basic human right. And that is the opportunity to become. Business owners. In our own community. Thank you, Councilwoman Sorrell. And my heart goes out to you and your community. I really not only understand. But I don't really understand. What's going to win. The face of racism rears its ugly head. It is something that. Think your next speaker is Julian Xavier. Good evening. To the mayor and to the city council. My name is Julian Xavier, representing me and my son who was an angel, Andre, as a verified social equity applicant. I'm here to discuss the city opening eight retail locations with social equity verified applicants. This is a great way for us to get into the industry with so many real estate hurdles along side with owners are still showing locations that are. Applicants have submitted initial applications and have not withdrawn. We are just like in a limbo and it's hard for us and we really need this to catapult us in to the next era of. Creating generational wealth, you know, is really hard for us. There's so much stacked against us. You know, we need this to just get in and help us help you get tax money to really take us to the next level in this community. As a Long Beach applicant, I'm telling you, it's a really hard fight and we really need. The city to look at applicants and applications who have been sitting there dormant, holding up locations. Right. And not moving forward. There's so much that's going on that we really need your help and we're here for the long haul. Some people are just here for a just a lunch meal, but we're here for the long haul to just. Create this generational wealth that we. Think your next speakers memorial burial. Great evening for giving glory and honor to God. Second, thank you, Mayor and Council, for opening the Florida comments. My name is Muriel Barrow, als

o known as Mae Barrow, and I'm a verified social equity applicant, a mother of four and a cannabis company CEO. I was born and raised in Long Beach, where my immigrant, Filipino mother and my black father growing up in the projects, graduating from poly, then later on purchasing a home within the city. Needless to say, Long Beach is home. Currently I have a cannabis events license and have been in talks with the City of Long Beach regarding being allowed to host its first ever legal cannabis education fair where consumption is allowed, as well as seeking your approval to open a retail locations. After our conversations, I found out that over 30 dispensaries are allowed in Long Beach, yet none were social equity. This is very disheartening as there is nothing equal about this scenario. Today we have the opportunity to change that. Allowing these social equity retail

licenses is a small step toward righting the decades worth of wrongs that the city and this war on drugs, a.k.a. the war on people, has done. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Nasreen Elahi. Hello, City Council. My name is a strange story and I'm a cannabis equity applicant. In 2018, the Cannabis Equity Program was designed to bolster opportunities for minority community members that were directly impacted by the war on drugs. Currently, equity applicants have no access to retail licenses. Applicants are still being shut out of the most significant revenue source of the cannabis economy. How does the cannabis equity program expect to give equal opportunities if equity applicants are missing from the most important and most financially accessible part of the cannabis industry? Opening eight new storefront licenses for equity applicants will help close the divide on economic exclusion. It will allow us to be a part of the new industry that is expected to grow to 35 billion by 2025, according to North Bay Business Journal. Giving equity applicants for these storefronts will allow us to boost our local economy and help close the economic divide that we are currently facing. As an equity applicant, I've experienced the frustration of red tape firsthand, knowing that I currently do not have the same opportunities in the new and complex industry of cannabis. As frustrating. My parents were immigrants who started a small business in Long Beach. I grew up watching my parents struggle, trying to make it out of economic oppression while cultivating community. The community is what kept us going. It gives us a space not just for retail, but a place where we create a family. While funding is a huge improvement for this program, inclusion in retail is the next step we need to make together. Allow us to be part of the industry that had originally targeted us. Help us to heal and bring us closer. Closer to closing the economic oppression and bondage allowed ink. Your next speaker is Miko Macias. Michael Macias. Our next speaker is Sherry Franklin. Hello. This is Sherry Franklin. Thank you, may

or and council members. And thank you, council member Austin for your leadership. I represent Calvary Incubator with the largest cannabis incubator in the country, proving that social equity applicants can thrive. Hi. How's it going? My name is Mike. And give back to their community. We are also we have thinking Gro Lab, which provides technical assistance to organizations such as the Cannabis Coalition of Long Beach. And I so support the leadership of Edgar Cruz and Brandon Bolden. We should lift them up in their drive to make sure their social equity is available. When we do that, we improve our community, communities, economic empowerment. We help the small businesses, people buy homes when the licenses are not up and from our community they do not help recycle dollars, only provide the taxes. And that isn't a way to to improve a community. And also the pride of a community we found where social equity thrives, so does the community. And we urge you to support the eight additional licenses or more. And we applaud you for your leadership. Everyone is watching and we want to share how wonderful your leadership has helped move social equity forward. Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is Michael Macias. Hi. How's it going? My name is Michael Macias. I was born and raised in Long Beach, California. I now live in Sacramento, California. I'm actually. In huge support of this. Coming through. With our city. I have now seen many other cities that are starting to do the right thing and. Really have a stance and support system for the social equity programs coming out. Sacramento specifically has already. Moved. Towards a positive direction. As well. You know, they are giving. Social equity applicants ten dispensaries. So there's many other cities as well as the state. That's now moving, you know, has now opened up their own social equity. Section and everyone is just moving towards the support. I feel like Long Beach should. Also stand behind all of us and they should also show their support by opening the storefront section, which. We all know is a. Huge role in the cannabis industry. So my comment is just to support and say thank you to everyone that's working really hard on this. Thank you. Edgar. Thank you, councilman and councilwoman, for for doing this. And I really appreciate everyone and I hope you guys are. Able to make the right call and the right decision on this and show your support. I think that this city is a great city and I really love this city. I would love to see all these positive impacts happen. So if we can be in a. I think your next speaker, Stefan. With a rescue. Stefan Blatter rescue. Hi there. First, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank. City council today for allowing me to speak. My name is Justin Steel, and I have been a Long Beach resident all my life. I'm on the board of the. Cannabis Commerce Council of Long Beach, and as I see the city of Long Beach in the process of discussing more opportunities social equity

, storefront retail, licensing. I completely fully support this. Motion to approve and also go to take extra steps to ensure they can sustain. A successful cannabis business to begin with. There are

many pathways the city can create to achieve these goals, and I urge that you make sure when having these. Discussions in regards to social equity, it's imperative that social equity recipients. Are at the table. In the state and nation needs to see a thriving, successful social equity program. And I truly. Believe, along with many others, that Long Beach is the perfect. Place. Providing retail store opportunity exclusively to social. Equity would be a vital asset for equity applicants. To continue becoming more part of an industry. The revolt revolves. Its marketing structure. And regular and regular regularities around minorities being in the cannabis. Industry. I really appreciate you. Guys only speak today and I truly want to thank everybody. Pushing this forward. All of the Long Beach community. Thank you. That concludes public comment for this item. Thank you. Let me go ahead and go back. So I'm going to go back to Councilman Mongo. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I really appreciate the community and all their comments. Many of you know that this item was heard before a committee that I have served on since 2014, in December, at which time the item I didn't get a lot of advance notice except for the general posting of the agenda, and I brought up some concerns at the time related to equity and some of the other opportunities that are available for community members to actually really build wealth. And what does that look like? And some of the conversations I had with cannabis. Dispensary owners in my district and in other cities and their experiences in how to learn and build wealth. And that was on a really sharp turn turnaround with a 72 hour posting. So when Councilmember Austin reached out to me, I thought, you know, this could go back to my committee now that I am chairwoman of economic development and finance. But I felt like it was really worthy of a city wide discussion. And I really appreciate Councilmember Austin for having the courage to stand up and bring it forward. There are other cities like ours. Sacramento was mentioned by one of the participants there of similar size 500,000 people. They have similar number of dispensaries. They currently have 30. And they are to considering an additional ten potential licenses because of the opportunity to really be serious about equity and put the communities that were most impacted first. And while we while it's easiest to move forward with delivery opportunities and the such, the wealth building opportunities are just not the thing. I really appreciate the plan put forward by the Long Beach Collective Association. While I connected with many of the members on their social equity committee, I was not able to fit in another agenda at a meeting with them yet, but I hope to meet with them later this wee

k. I really appreciated a lot of the things that they drew attention to. They talk about the business education and the revision of the point system. They talk about getting the Human Relations Commission involved in the revision. I think that all of these are really important because when we hear from our city staff and I know that the timing on the agenda item in December was also unfortunate. It was important, and I really appreciate the former chair bringing it forward because I was not aware that we were going to lose our our cannabis czar. AJ was a champion for the industry in the city and really knew and understood the details. And I felt in hindsight it was important to move forward on something related to equity before he exited the city and moved on to other opportunities. But that doesn't mean that we can leave well enough alone. We really need to address the opportunities. And like Councilmember Austin said, it's not I'm not sure where we go with how many, if it's one, if it's five, if it's eight. But I do know that one of the main things that we talked about when we talked about creating a cannabis ordinance way back when, before it went to the voters, was the concern that we had related to the number of dispensaries. And when that concern was brought forward by certain members of the Council, the response by many of the members of the council who sit here with us today was that if we have too few dispensaries, we're going to be looking at a a. More impact to the communities that have those dispensaries. And I am one of those districts. So we have several dispensaries in the district. And at some of those dispensaries it looks like it's Black Friday. Every single day the lines are around the building. There is not enough parking because even though the parking meets the city requirements, the volume and demand for cannabis is so high that when we add an extra hour, you directly see the revenue increase of those dispensaries. I've talked to some of those dispensary owners and of course, when we had an honest conversation, they're like, you know , giving up eight additional licenses or four additional licenses or who knows, 12 additional licenses means cutting into my profit share and my market. And, you know, I really talk a lot about the fear that the community had when we were adding a Starbucks and how that could disproportionately impact the grounds coffee shop and the coffee bean. But what we found was that both of those other coffee shops thrived more when another was introduced to the market because the real commitment to growing the customer base

was there. And different customers have different needs and different stores function differently to reach out to and gain those customers. And I think that ownership that comes with equity is going to have a different perspective. And I think it's I said this in December, I can't remember it wasn't a meeting at the dais, but the fact that we had 200 applicants and only one made it to

the finish line or the final stages means there's something wrong with the process. And I know I heard some individuals talk about the 51% ownership and 50% profitability. And when talking to some of the highest grossing cannabis dispensary owners, it's a really scary thought for them to. Invest a lot of their personal capital in an industry or a not an industry, an additional store that they would be a minority shareholder in. And so if you watch Shark Tank, you learn a lot about investment strategy and you often see that you can choose to be upfront 1% owner. Thank you. I'll finish the sentence and I'll be glad to pass it on. There are lots of businesses that say I want to own 51% of my company and that's the most important thing. But as Mark Cuban says, you can own 51% of a grape or you can partner with me and you can own 10% of the ocean because the amount of money you can make, if properly partnered with a person who really knows the industry, the possibilities are endless. So while I would like 51% to stay with equity, I don't necessarily. Feel like we know that the best route is that all 51% needs to be owned by one person. There might be strategies that we could implore to make five or six millionaires out of a partner. So I really appreciate and want to hear from my colleagues and I want to continue to hear from the industry and what they've learned. And I want to continue to hear from the communities that are near these cannabis dispensaries, because they're the ones that feel very strongly that more are needed so that their communities could get a break from the parking challenges that come with the number of customers that some of these very successful cannabis operators, despite their amazing community resilience and their partnership with the communities, but what they could look at, they could do together. So thank you so much. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I don't have any other councilmembers cued up right now. We went through public comment, so I'm going to go ahead and call for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I'll queue up a few times because I think there I have a lot of questions about people. So I've been an advocate for this for a long time. I know the timeline was presented today. It started in January. This goes actually this goes back pretty far. And so I want to start and ask some questions. I'll just clarify the record here. So, Tom or Kevin, can you walk us through the timeline of cannabis equity since this issue was brought up last summer during the reconciliation process? Walk us through what took place. Yes, Vice Mayor, I'll start and Kevin can jump in. This started back in July, I believe, of 2020, where there was a request to really look at what are some of the options for cannabis equity. We came back with a memo outlining some of those options in August, and that kind of started the ball rolling. We looked at shared use manufacturing, we looked at equity ownership. We also

looked at delivery only. This then had some further discussion at Economic and Development and Finance Committee, and then that is the motion that was forwarded to the Council in January 5th, I believe, where we kind of outlined a number of the pros and cons to each of those strategies, talked a little bit about some of the staff time it takes to do those types of work. And then the council ultimately approved the two items that was part of our current work plan. And then, of course, if we're looking to add anything else, we'd have to figure out how that fits into our work plan just with the amount of staff that we do have. All right. So the motion in July was that a staff recommendation was a council recommendation. And do you know do you know that you have. In July was account's recommendation? Right. So that was a council recommendation that I made with Councilman Austin, Councilman Andrews as cosigners on that item with Councilmember Pierce. And what it expressed, what it requested was it said the cannabis equity program is not doing the right things, it's not delivering. Began the process of starting and evaluating the program. Now find out if there needs to be a ballot measure because there was a question on whether or not because it was originally established by a ballot measure, where do we need it to go to the ballot? That's what initiated this conversation. The report came back and said, You do not need to go to the ballot on recreational, not medicinal, and came back with a recommendation to start with shared use and delivery and do more research on brick and mortar because of a number of factors. Now, city manager staff recommended to go with brick and mortar. I mean, to go with delivery and shared use first. What was that based on? Why did staff recommend that? Yeah, I'll have Kevin Jackson answer that, please. Sure. Yeah. Thank you, Vice Mayor. So the recommendation. So, again, just

to paraphrase, we. All three options were under consideration. The recommendation to move forward with shared use, development of a shared use manufacturing ordinance and the feasibility study on the delivery only license type was to try to provide an immediate opportunity to facilitate access to equity ownership, because these two license types actually require less capital and they're less complex to develop while all of them are complex to develop in terms of regulations and programming, these were the least complex and require the least capital and provided a lower barrier to entry for equity owners than the dispensary retail option. So the dispensary retail option was among the three. But we prioritize the other two because we felt like they gave us an immediate opportunity to provide some opportunities for equity ownership while still pursuing the third option with retail dispensaries in the future. Okay. Thank you. So you brought up there was a 15 minute presentation about the barriers to brick and mortar. And we

acknowledge I remember push you in saying, well, you know, we need to make some time for this now. I'll get to that. We need to make sure we sort of get there and address this. So the idea was staff recommend it be that these we can do today we can do this today, but we need a little bit more time on the others. So we recommended to move forward with those. So I want to know so I want to know about some of those barriers. Some of the things that were raised were concerns about the prices to get in the market of a lack of examples of cities who got it right, a lot of predatory practices, a lot of, you know, things that that you really don't want in the neighborhood. Right. So there were a lot of barriers. Can you walk us through a few of those barriers that staff stood tall and said, these are the issues that we really need to make sure we get right. What are some of those barriers? Yeah. So what, what we found in just monitoring what's happened in some of the other jurisdictions throughout California where they've applied a cap and reserved an absolute number of licenses for four equity applicants, is that there has not been a lot of success in maintaining those equity applicants once they actually get a license. And so the what we found is that there are partnerships that have been formed with investors that begin with the equity applicant having a majority ownership, 51% or more ownership. But then shortly thereafter, these equity applicants are not either in the majority ownership or they're no longer in the ownership structure at all. And so what it amounts to is there are multiple instances in multiple cities where just investors have employed predatory practices and taken advantages, taking advantage of equity applicants. And so while we've been keeping an eye on this and looking at this option, because we do believe it's a viable option for us to look at, we just recognize that it's very complex and will require some feasibility analysis and analysis for us to understand how to address that issue so that equity applicants are not taken advantage of when we do put a process in place. Right, it's been 5 minutes great that great are cued up again and my next in line where. Actually have another person, and then you're up after that. Okay, great. I'll come back. Got a lot of questions. A lot of good facts need to come out in this discussion, so I'm just gonna keep doing this. Keep it going. Thanks, councilman. Councilman. Mongo. Thank you. I'm glad this is a good break so we can have a good dialog here. Mr. Richardson So we did talk about less complex and how delivery is less complex. At that point. I kind of brought up that there are also other delivery models that really support franchising so much better. We have not yet tackled the same thing that we did for like the Yelp and the delivery models for our restaurants, for the big owner in the market. Right. The the £5,000 gor

illa is really weakness and their barrier to entry and ownership of that market. One of the things I think is really amazing about the language cannabis growth is that a majority of the owners, at least in my district, they're all Long Beach residents. Right. So when you want someone to really invest in equity, their likelihood of picking up another Long Beach person. It's a market they know well. Some of our Long Beach cannabis owners also are breaking into other cities. And so that really allows them to grow their market. But they also feel that there's opportunity still in Long Beach. So some of those owners I've encouraged to join, I'll be seeing not all of them have. Some have been before and then they aren't. And there's all sorts of dynamics of that. But I know that it's really important to listen to stuff recommendations. And Kevin and I have talked about it many, many times and sometimes very excitedly. But you, Mr. Richardson, led last week on an item where we rejected the staff's recommendation. And I think that it's important that when an item such as equity is so important, that it be able to come back. Even when the staff are leveraged. I know that you and I

agree on this, and we brought many items to the city manager and there was just not enough time and not enough resources. And then many of those things, especially with the digital divide and now Senator Gonzalez was on a lot of those items with us. They became a top priority once Coburn was here, but there was never enough resources to make those shifts. And how do we done those things and how do we push staff when we knew we were in a position to do that and we were excited about those items, we would have been so much farther along in the digital divide by the time Cogan got here. And so as I see these other cities moving forward on equity, I just want to make sure that we're still at the table. So that wasn't what I had originally planned to say, but you had such great comments. I just wanted to kind of add on to that. Thank you. Thank you. I think it comes from Mango. I have basically Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just be clear. I have a number of questions for staff. I'll get my opinions. I'll get my opinions later. I want to see this happen. I just don't want to mislead the community as if this thing started in January. I don't want to raise until the expectations about if you get it. All we have to do is pick a number. We would have picked the number. This was about going through the process of doing the right place. We have some integrity about the process. A couple of questions. So. So, Kevin. Kevin, you mentioned those barriers. Now, has the landscape changed at all from January when this council voted unanimously, including Councilman Austin Mango voted unanimously on the recommendation? Has the landscape changed from January to today? Around some of those concerns, other concerns going away. No. Those are still very real concerns that we'll have to grapple with

in the feasibility analysis whenever we get to it. The only thing that's that's changed a little bit is, you know, we're just we're further along on the initiatives that council gave us direction to work on. And so those initiatives are currently underway, which is the development of the shared use manufacturing ordinance and the feasibility analysis on the delivery only license type. Right. So. So what we set out and said was we're going to phase. Just want to start with the easier things. We started in January. Where are you with those two easier things? The particularly shared use and delivery. Are we close to delivering those? So we do have a workplan for those two items. And in those work, plans are underway. I'm going to ask Emily Armstrong, our new cannabis program manager, to to to share information on kind of where we are with the current status of those initiatives. Okay. Before we do that report, I kind of manage this five minute clock a little bit. There was a statement that what the council did was send the brick and mortar to the abyss. That was the language that was, you guessed it. OC Was was there a reference to six months and six coming back within six months in the Economic Development Committee recommendation was that reference that city council. The reference to six months was was actually a part of the motion. The Ely and F Economic Development Finance Committee motion. The the recommendation at council. The motion that was approved only included the the the direction to move forward with the preparation of the shared use manufacturing ordinance and to conduct the delivery only feasibility analysis. There was some discussion at the meeting that indicated that that described the conversations in the motion that happened at EDI and F, but the six month reference was not in the council motion. It was in the EDI and F motion. Right. Right. So that's not the abyss. Staff said, Hey, we got to do this 1/1. We need more direction on some very key deliverables. Like how many dispensaries? How are you going to protect it from, you know, some of these predatory practices and starting the work plan? So we said, okay, do the easy stuff now and come back now. I have to say, if there were concerns about the six month, they're not coming back within six months. I would have accepted a motion to make it three or whatever it was. But the only friendly amendment that was offered was not from Councilman Austin, was not from Councilmember Mango. It was from Councilmember Sara. She talked about the loophole, the gaping loophole in our program that needed to be corrected and that anybody who's unemployed in our city, no matter what district you're from, from any district in the city, any community, if you're unemployed, you are considered an equity applicant. Now, that loophole was inserted into this process by Councilmember Mango. I vocally opposed it. I voted against it. And what ultimately happened was I had a meeting where there wasn't a full

city council. Councilmember Mango, supported by Councilman Alston, inserted that loophole that effectively gutted our cannabis equity ordinance. Councilmember Sorrow. Fix that in January. If there were a friendly amendment to say, I'm uncomfortable with six months, how about we phase it in three months? How about we do explore these factors now? We would have expected, except

that I think it's just important that people understand that there were concerns, there was a whole discussion and this was not some big industry thing about we want to do this, we want to do that. I thought it was a healthy discussion of council, so I'm probably at my 5 minutes, but I actually have I have some recommendations that will make it better. And I have just a few more kind of questions that I want to I want to get to. So I just cued up again about my 5 minutes. I just had a timer. I want to do this, Mr. Mayor. Okay. I have two other folks queued up right now. Johnson, Austin. Thanks. So cannabis has been a long policy and complicated policy for many years. Been on the council since 2012. And when I first got on this council, there was a ban in place. The ban actually went in place a week before I joined the council and we went through those machinations. We are now at a place where cannabis is a legal commodity. We have storefronts opening it and the fact is that people are still excluded from owning retail storefronts. My item actually addresses that and gives clear direction and shows that this council is is committed truly committed to two to equity. We can filibuster this all night long and go through the revisionist history of cannabis policy in Long Beach. I don't think that's necessary, Mr. Richardson. I think with any policy on any given Tuesday, we can come back and clean up correct and give clear direction for staff, and that is the intent. This evening, again, I spoke when this item came in January, on January 5th. I spoke and I have my concerns. And and I did ask that regarding the items that we were looking at in terms of delivery services and shared manufacturing. I asked if this was excluded exclusively for social equity qualified candidates in the response was no. So anybody would be qualified for to use those. And so so the difference in what we're trying to do this evening is clear for exclusively. It's an exclusive policy exclusively for social equity qualified candidates. Stop mention that we decided to move with the less complex, the less in the in the direction that will require less capital, which assumes a lot about the applicants. But it also says that that we are we're saying that if you're socially if you're a social equity candidate, that you're going to make less profits and you're going to be in the less profitable areas of the cannabis industry. And I think that's the wrong message to send tonight. And then another question is regarding the investors. One thing that we did not do and we still don't do, it doesn't matter if it's

a cannabis business or if it's a pizza place. The city council does not get involved in who's investing, right? Where's your money coming from? Right. I mean, we have done that for every every every every applicant. You know, I think we were probably been it would have been very alarming. Investors come in and people can invest in businesses. And we should we should encourage that. But we should encourage minorities. We should encourage young black entrepreneurs, young Latino entrepreneurs, young young people of color to get involved, particularly in this industry. And so I understand, you know, you may have some recommendations. I like to help the conversation, but I mean, at the end of the day. And I know you were a champion for equity. This is about ownership equity in the cannabis retail space. I hope you can support this. Thanks. I think it. Councilmember Vice Mayor Richardson. All right? Yeah, I'm just trying to land this plane the right way. So the issue here is that it's been the framing. Number one, the frame is off. You're right. Ask for equity, and I want to get there as soon as possible. I also want to make sure we consider we you know, we go through the process that and consider some of those risks we talked about. And staff should be studying that and evaluating that. So my question for staff is based on based on what it requires to get to cannabis ownership for brick and mortar, what are the next steps required? What would you recommend? Are the next steps required? That's where. That's where Mr. Mulder go. Yeah, I'll take it. Okay. Smart. So, you know, we need it. We need it. We need a licensing process in order to to facilitate access to equity ownership, access to brick and mortar dispensary facilities. And so we need an opportunity to study that and and develop the appropriate regulations and programs and programing to to facilitate that. The but I will say that capital is, you know, having enough capital to actually invest in an equity business or start up an equity business or start up a cannabis business, I should say I'm sorry, is, is, is the number one issue. And so if you want to start up a brick and mortar dispensary business, you know, from what we've what we've learned, it's at least \$1,000,000 to do that. Some of these the level of investment to start up, some of these smaller scale businesses like that are related to shared use and delivery. Only the capital requirements are less. And so it just provides more of an opportunity, an immediate opportunity. Right. Right. I get that. And we did that. Are very devoted on that. I'm talking about with House of Mouse milestones. Really try and get to here. I think, you know, there was a floor in the motion in January. I wish you would have brought it up in January, but it didn't in any given Tuesday. These things can come up

absolutely right. My concern is that we're not overcommitting or promising things or making promises not rooted on data or science or any kind of best p

ractice. So I want to just get to what steps needs to start from now. So sort of so what would be involved in this in this effort? And this is similar to the other efforts. So we're going to have to do a regulatory analysis. And in this particular instance, the in order to create additional dispensary licenses, they're more likely going to have to be adult use only licenses and not dual license like the other 32. Because in order to create additional licenses for medical dual lights were meant for for medical the it would right the the voter approved initiative it would have to go to the voters to do that. So. So that's that's one issue. We have to develop the application and licensing process, which will be very involved is, you know, if you can recall, we just got to the point where we're nearly done issuing all of the 32 licenses from the from the initial dispensary process. And so that process was very involved in this. One will be two, particularly if there's going to be a cap and a resident reservation for equity. So we'll have to develop the appropriate application and licensing process for that. We were we would also be benchmarking the other cities. We've done some analysis of some of the other cities and the lack of success and relative success they've had in this area. We understand that there are some issues with with predatory practices. So we would want to to make sure whatever we create here, that we create something that works and that we resolve that issue and that we don't experience the issues that are happening in some of the other cities. So as part of the benchmarking study and looking at the other cities more closely, we would get a better understanding of what we need to do to address that issue. We also, because we're talking about equity is critically important and we're already doing this with the other initiatives, and we would do that with this one as well, is making sure that we are reaching out to the the community, those who are concerned about equity and making sure that we're taking and collecting that input so that it informs the development of the regulations in the program and also reaching out to the industry as well. We'd also do an examination of all the resources that would be required to implement the the the new licensing program. So in general of that takes about how much time, I would say. So figure that out. So if we were doing this. Six months at the committee, does it really take six months? And six months have already gone in January? At least for how long does it take you to get it done? If if if we and I want to mention that we're going to be doing this with with nine departments. So this is not just the city management practice. This this this work impacts the nine other departments. And so, you know, we have to evaluate the the workload of all the other departments in the context of everything that's going on in the city. So so that's an element of it as well. But I would say that if we were i

f we were doing this work in isolation of anything else, it like, say, if we put the other initiatives on hold and we did this in isolation of everything else, we could probably get this work done in 90 days. Okay. All right. Now we got a number, and I wouldn't want you to stop what you're currently doing. I think. I think the goal here is that was left out. We got to include that. It realistically takes 90 days to do it. So this is. Okay. That's good to know. And so 5 minutes I cued up again. Okay. Okay. I'll be in my next mayor. No, we have accounts. I'll come back. Yeah. Well, I'm still trying to wait for this plane to land. And, you know, it's been a long night. You want to. I just want to finish. With a good discussion. Good discussion. And I think one of the questions that that was also asked is how has the landscape changed between January and today? And we just had a report earlier, about \$235 million of economic relief coming to the city. And part of that is cannabis start startup could go toward economic development for cannabis startups. And so I think the landscape has significantly changed since January, number one, and we need to keep that in mind. And that should be part of a driver here to move forward on equity ownership in in cannabis retail space. And so I wanted to make sure I got that point in our. Mr. RICHARDSON Vice Mayor, because you again, have been involved with our Edendale economic development base. To me, I'm kind of befuddled as to why we this is this is even more of an exercise right now. This should be something that this council should be jumping at doing, considering all that we have been through, considering the goals of our racial equity and reconciliation process, understanding that we have a mission and a in any charge to deliver equity for all our constituents. And so that I would I would ask that, you know, again, I'm glad we're doing kind of. I was going to ask the city manager and to put a timeline on this to me 90 days. And if I can amend my initial motion to include that this return to the council in 90 days. And just for clarification, I'll read with the motion this request that the city manager include up to eight

new storefront retail licenses in the feasibility analysis that is being prepared for the Long Beach Cannabis Equity Program right in there. And secondly, we define that, that it should be exclusively for socially social equity qualified candidates, and they should have at least 51% interest in the business. I think that's pretty clear. You know, what we're talking about is an analysis and including this in the study that's concurrently underway, currently underway to to allow social equity for delivery services as well as shared use manufacturing that's able. Vice Mayor Richards didn't. Thank you. Is the five minute process. When when this discussion started, we didn't have these rules. You can get all your questions answered at once and then land the plane. But this is the rules from us. S

o. All right. So, you know, I don't want to filibuster, but when we put the. Rules in place because of one. Long council meeting. Right. Some things require conversation. If there was more conversation, we wouldn't have a lot of dispensaries concentrated in my neighborhood and certain areas of town. We should have put more consideration. You know, there was a vote when we talked about one four district years ago. You voted against that motion, one per district. That's what triggered this to go to the ballot. And we lost all the control here. But I just want to I just want to finish. So I agree that things have changed when we made this decision on the fifth of a six month phase, it may not make sense. When we made this decision back on January 5th, we were at the height of a pandemic. We couldn't think about opening stores or restaurants, and everybody was literally potete protest. And at the time there was a lot of drama going on. Couldn't think about that. Also, a number of cities attempted this across California. It failed. So I want to make sure we get the program right. I've said that from beginning this motion today. I get it. It's political theater. But that doesn't change my position that these things need to be done the right way. I don't want to see you know, I don't want to make ourselves risk, you know, increase the risk of exploitation. Somebody in my community get a license. They're moved out six months from them. I want to make sure that it's tight if the goal is to explore and to provide cannabis entrepreneurs opportunities. But I open up brick and mortar I support that is built on a solid foundation. That's that's what needs to happen. So there are a number of points that we need to decide on as a council. So, one, how do we make sure the system is fair and balanced for local people? I got letters from Sacramento, Oakland, all these people. Why are they so interested in Long Beach opening up their dispensary business? No. You know, I'm not getting a lot of like residents reaching out to me, saying, you know, hey, this is this is what I'm not getting that I'm not really here. So I'm going to make sure the local residents who want to do it get a fair shot of doing it. So the motion in January wanted a more full evaluation. It was clear that we need three months to make that happen. Sounds like you're amenable to keeping that in. You're making that a part of your your motion sounded like it sounded like that, so I'm good with that. So what's the timetable of six months? So I'm going to offer to friendly members here. Councilman Austin one of them is in addition to the 30, the 90 days. So one, I want to make sure that we're setting aside the funds. We made a motion at the recovery during the recovery discussion to identify economic empowerment zones. A strategy within that that's called out is to build a local pipeline, an actual local pipeline, so local people can get in Q and go through the process and get a preference for local pe

ople to actually land these licenses. And so I'm offering a friendly amendment that or I can just substitute it, but I can offer a friendly amendment that we begin this pipeline and make that a part of this process, a local ground up pipeline. So local people have an opportunity to get into this. I'm I'm okay with that. Right. All right. I would make sure that pipeline is connected to this economic empowerment zones. People north central west Long Beach. So need those opportunities. So absolutely sure that will work. All right. And you know, and just to be clear, I'm asking these questions I need to ask. You know, I don't have to control everything related to equity. The hope was at some point the political support would change. So if this is an issue you want to take on and lead on support, you can take this run with not a big deal, but we're going to have to make sure it's real. So my next amendment, the reality is we need to you cannot invest. You're not can't talk about cannabis equity without talking about the fact that we're not investing the resources from the cannabis industry back into the community, that we're impacted by the war on drugs. This has been something I brought up from the very beginning. It's something we need to do. Councilmember Mongo It's been on the Budget Oversight Committee, the current chair. I want to add to my motion a recommendation to make sure that we invest 50% of proceeds from the cannabis industry back into

these communities and back into you. I think it's shameful that we are not investing cannabis dollars into youth in our city. This has been an issue we've invested in and public safety. We've been generous in homelessness and we're not investing youth or back into the communities impacted. So I'm offering you a friendly amendment to and you can take the committee and work on it. You can take the committee work on it. I want you to take that on the side of the cannabis dollars. I love to do that, to commit to that, but I'm not going to accept that as a friendly at this point because it really has nothing to do with the equity program. It has nothing to do with the motion right now. How about we do this? We are connected with you. How about 100% of the proceeds that are generated from any new cannabis business, new cannabis business, any brick and mortar, any delivery, any share you get back invested into our communities. That means our impact if you accept that and run. I think there's a fair amount. I will accept there, too. All right, Councilman Austin, I'm happy to support this motion. Thank you. I'm glad we got there. It takes time. This one we. Learned. Are we on the runway? I wish you would have just said this two months ago, but you're welcome to have the conversation, because when I look over here, you're up next. I think that the community should be really proud that there are so many people that care about equity and it doesn't have to be one over the other. It doesn't have to be all of the quote

unquote, filibustering and political theater. I think that we as a council are fortunate to have multiple champions of equity, and I think that that's important in a city. I think that any issue that only has one champion doesn't thrive in the same way. So I want to be supportive of that. I will ask Councilmember Austin to really seriously consider taking that to your committee. When you talk about revenue, I have worked really hard and it is the same thing I said to Councilmember Richardson a few weeks ago on a different item. I worked really hard to get restricted funds in place and the city has some really significant fiscal policy reasons why they have not existed in the past. Specifically, it was related to a discussion that also talked about creating false hope for a community, specifically youth. And if we need to revisit those policies of the city, then let's do that. Let's not break off one agenda item after another, agenda item after another agenda item where we're moving in that direction when staff have made a strong recommendation against it and we have fiscal policies against it. So I'm I've been a supporter of restricted funds from the beginning. You're going to hear me champion that. I would be happy to do it at economic development, oversight, economic development and finance, as the mayor was so gracious to add in revenue creation and revenue grants to our committee charter when we were recreated in this news cycle . So I'd be happy to help with that because I do believe that and I've said this before, Bill Fujioka was a CEO of L.A. County and a champion of a lot of great things. And one of them is you eat what you kill. If something's bringing in the revenue, it should get a bite to invest back into that industry. That group that that that investment I believe in doubling down in the way that when you when you're making some money you pay down your mortgage if you can. So we need to make those investments that I feel very strongly about it. But I do feel that this will be multiple times in just the first 12 weeks of the year, nine council meetings that we are trying to go around, a policy that we have. So let's just be honest about it. Let's bring that policy to the council. Let's discuss it on where it doesn't doesn't make sense. I think it's a great conversation to have also with the discussion earlier related to the mention of our fees and our programs and and how those restricted funds can be put back into those communities . And I think they're really important things to do. So thank you for that. I also want to there was a comment made earlier about me gutting this policy, and I really just don't like that characteristic. I want to think doctor sorrow because I feel that the time had definitely changed from where we were with record unemployment rates in the city and quite frankly, not a lot of interest from local residents to to become equity applicants and furthermore, their ability to make it to the finish line. I mean

, I appreciate what Mr. Austin said related to. I'm just assuming that they don't have the capital to to get into the brick and mortar ownership side. So I feel that on a weekly basis, I'm learning and I appreciate the comments from Councilman Zoro several weeks back. And I didn't think the time had come to change that. So thank you for that. And I hope that we as a council can continue to learn from each other and lift each other up and support each other, even when it means changing policies or agenda items or council decisions. That happened just a few weeks prior because I can't remember who said it. But yes, every single Tuesday we can make a change. We can write a policy or a process this week and next week decide that that that's not the process for us, because

sometimes the constituencies haven't had a chance to voice their opinion. And I think that that circles back to something I've really been hammering with the city manager's office. And I know Councilmember Ortega is a big supporter of this, but communication to our community about all of our strategies and all of our agenda items needs to be timely and in every language, because there are lots of communities that are impacted by this that are not hearing this council meeting tonight in the language of their choice. And the agenda item was not written in the language of their choice, and we need to be very cognizant of that. So thank you for everyone who contributed to this, and thank you all for having the courage to bring it forward. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman Sorrell. Well, I want to thank everyone for such a robust conversation again about cannabis equity and inclusion. And I definitely want to I appreciate the questions getting clarified because I was a little bit I needed clarification on why this was coming back. So before that and I was able to do the report back and I do want to lift up that. You know, I think it's really important that there is a healthy business process for a process and opportunities. Right. But the thing about this, the heart of this equity program is protecting those who have been victims and criminalized because of the war on drugs. And I want to make sure that there is already a disadvantage point in where we're trying to bring it back to a level of an even playing field. So that that, I believe, is our job as council member, that we want to make sure there is inclusion, that we prevent further exploitation. And, you know, especially those who have been victim mines by criminalization of the war on drugs. So that is why I think that for me, it's really important that we take the time to do this right and that we do it thoughtfully, given the study that's been done prior. Right, many months ago that's been shared. So that's kind of where I'm at on this, is that I just I want to make sure it's done right no matter how many license we have. Right. It could be maybe ten. It could be five. That's not important. What is important is certain. I mean

, certainly the numbers are important, but I think what's important right now is that we do a good process to ensure there's equity inclusion of the applicants. Right. So so I'm happy the ten. I'm happy of eight. And that's that my focus right now. I'd like to hear more about how we can do it. Right. So that's kind of where I'm at and appreciate the conversation that we ever had to kind of come to the plane being land. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Allen. I'm the mayor. Yes. I also support the robust. Ah. Appreciate the robust conversations. We our office has heard from a lot of our cannabis cannabis folks tonight about the importance of equity, access and support for future licenses. And retail licenses are really the crown jewel to the social equity question, and currently there aren't any storefront licenses available to social equity applicants. So I do want to thank everyone who wrote letters and who spoke tonight earlier. I will be supporting this item and support, supporting and specific funding for equity. Thank you. Mayor. Mayor, this is Kevin. Can I can I make a quick clarification on the on the timeframe? Sure. Let me. But I. Sure, go ahead. I have more speakers, but we can do it now. Sure. Okay. Yeah, I'll just. I'll grab a quick. So I just want to clarify the 90 days. So when I spoke about the 90 days that I said that if we were to stop working on the other items and to focus on this particular item, we could probably get it done in 90 days. So if if we were to have 90 days from today to do the feasibility analysis on the storefront licenses, it would impact the other items. It would it would basically it would probably prevent us from working on the other items. It would prevent us working on the items. So if we're going to move forward with this, I think the ideal and we want to keep the other initiatives going. I think the the the timing that would work for us is if we could bring this back in September. Our current work plan for the other items is to provide the come back to Council on the Shared Use Manufacturing Ordinance in June and then shortly thereafter in July, bring the delivery only feasibility analysis back to council. So roughly, you know, 90 days, a little more than 90 days, 90 days from mid-June. We we could we could get it done, get the feasibility analysis done on the storefront license type in that. That brings us to about mid-September. Okay. Thank you very much, Councilman Ringo. Thank you, Mayor. And I agree that this was quite a robust, informative, clarifying. And eventually unifying discussion to to where we got to. Yes. And so I will be supporting the motion table. And I want to agree with I mean, truly sorrow is the newest council member here basically and well, are with Cindy, of course. So, I mean, they both of you bring these different perspectives to an item that we had been discussing since since I got on the council in 2014. And it was at at that point very contentious and very a lot of debate. An

d so to get to this point where we are now, I think it speaks volumes about this city council, about our abilities to listen and and weigh each other's opinions and then come to a come to an agreement as to where we should be. I want to thank staff for their patience, if you will, with us. But then they get paid for it. So that's what they're supposed to do. But they're also listening, which is great, because that's what we need. We need a staff that is not going to be pushing back. We need a state that's going to be working with us to get these policies in line to where they should be. So I am totally in agreement with the with the item on the table. Thank you. Councilwoman has a. Thank you, Mayor. And I, too, agree with Councilmember Dunga. I'm very happy that we have finally landed at a place where we can unify and support this item. I am obviously a big supporter of cannabis equity and not only in my district, but city wide. I think that that is very, very important. I think it is our obligation as city leaders to really always have that, as you know, in our forefront as we move forward through through even through this recovery plan, we really need to focus on being able to give those opportunities and really making sure that we help issue some of these equitable licenses to those black and brown communities that really, really need it and that I know will thrive because they have our support. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just wanted to chime in now that we've got it worked out, we've heard from the rest of the council. I think, you know, I think it's the right I think it's the right motion where we are. I would hope that in the future we just work together on these issues. We are districts border by one street. You know, we've had these conversations in the past. This is an open invitation. I care about equity issues. I don't need to be as involved in every single one of them. I welcome more involvement. And so my hope is we don't have a moment like this again, like healthy discussion. I love the council days and healthy discussion. Back when Steve Neal Reagan-Bush were on the council, they would spend an hour on an issue and die. I mean, it's hard to do in this virtual format. These are big, big issues. And I just want to make sure that what we do is sincere and we get it right. So, Councilman Austin, good. Good luck. I'm happy to support it. I want to make sure sincere we do it right and we create some real opportunities for people. What I wouldn't want to see is for the program to say, you know, and you know how proud I am talking about award winning programs. I want this one of those more permanent programs. Councilman Austin So that's really my sincere hope is that we really can kind of work together on these issues that jointly uplift the communities that we both serve. So thanks a lot. Happy to support the motion tonight. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I want to appreciate all of my colleagues for their

comments and your insight. Providing it to this. I think everybody is is certainly sincere in their wishes to get us to a place where more business is more equitable. This particular in particular cannabis is more equitable in our city. I know I'm sincere. I would not have brought this forward if it weren't for my sincerity in terms of working together. You mentioned we love that it's difficult to do this in a virtual space. You know, I tried to get us together a couple of weeks ago. You guys push back on that. And so we're here in a virtual space. But I do think we'll be together soon in the council chambers and be able to collaborate in person at some point in the very near future. Again, I do appreciate the support. I really appreciate the the comments coming from the public. I know there's a lot of young people, there are a lot of individuals who have waited with their ticket and have been quiet for many years now about the opportunity to do this. And and, you know, it's 810 or new new licenses. It's going to be a competitive process. And we understand that as well. And yes. Or a step is a is a is a great step. We've got a great team here. I know that they'll be able to get this done in a timely manner and I expect that to happen. Thank you. I'm ready to go to both. Okay. Thank you, Councilman Austin. I think that we're all ready to jump off the plane or something without a parachute, at least in my case. And so when I would go ahead and go to a vote and thank you all for the discussion. Councilwoman Zendejas. I. Councilman Allen. I. Councilman Price. I. Councilman Sapna. I Councilwoman Mango. I and someone please call 711 for the mayor. Councilwoman Zahra. I. Councilmember Muranga. Will collect your parachute, Mayor. I. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. By. Bush and Kerry. Thank you. We do have a announcement from the city attorney just as we at least a closed session. Thank you, Mayor. Mayor and members of the City Council pursuant to Government Code 54 nine. 57.1. This afternoon in closed session. The Long Beach City Council authorized by. A vote of 9 to 0. The settlement of the matter of McDonald. Versus City of Long Beach in the amount of. \$701,000. No reportable action as. To the other three items was. Taken. Thank you. Thank you. We do have closing remarks and adjournment. Councilwoman Mongo. Bush and Kerry. Thank you. Next up is item number 27. Item

27 report from Health and Human Services Recommendation to submit a renewal grant application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2021 Continuum of Care for Homeless Assistance Program Citywide. There's a motion and a second. Let's see. I need a need a second, please. Kept emotion of emotion by customers and they have second by counseling and sorrow. Please go ahead. And members, cast your votes. Councilman. Councilwoman Sunday has. I. Councilwoman Ellen. I. Councilwoman Price. I. Councilman Sabrina. I. Councilwoman Mongo. I. Councilwoman Sara. I council

il member oranga. I. Councilman Austin. I motioned Kerry's. Vice Mayor Rich. Motion carries. Thank you very much. Next up is item 24. Item 24 is reported from economic development.

Recommendation to execute a termination and release agreement for city owned property at 6845 Atlantic Avenue. District nine. Can I motion? Can I get a motion in the second place? Mayor. Mayor, I'm sure we. We would like to make a just a read a correction into the record, if possible. Sure. Yes. If we can, please amend the termination date of the lease from March 31st, 2021 to April six, 2021, at the request of the tenant and staff is supportive of that modification. Okay. There's emotion that comes from your anger. Seeking my counsel more often. There's no public comment on on this roll call vote. Councilwoman Sun has. I. Councilwoman Ellen. Councilwoman. Now it's Councilwoman Price. I Councilman Sabina. All right. Councilwoman. Hi. Councilwoman. Sara, I council member oranga. By. Councilman Austin. Hi. Bush and Kerry. Thank you, Mr. City Attorney. You also make some announcements in closed session. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. This evening in closed session in the case of Jose Encinas versus city of Long Beach by a vote of 9 to 0, the city council approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000. Thank you. Thank you. On to item 25 or 24. I'm sorry. Is Councilman Zorro back on yet? She? She might not be. So if she's not on yet, why don't we come back to those? I am for has been pulled from the agenda. I'm sorry Adam. 11 has been. We'll come back to nine and ten when Councilman Ciro is back on. And why don't we go to item 12? Communication from Councilwoman Allen recommendation to increase appropriations in the general fund group by \$300 to provide support for the 2020 giving heart tree celebration.

Councilman Allen. Can I can I get a motion in a second, please? Kind of messing about.

Councilwoman Allen, second city councilman and day has any comments. Councilman Allen. And I know this is just this is just two invoices. That have gone before my. Group and actually no public comment. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. District one. District I'm District two. My District three. I district for. I. District five. Hi. District six. I District seven. By District eight. District nine. My motion carries. Yes. Motion. Kerry. Adam, 27, please. Item 27 is report is communications from councilwoman Sunday has Councilwoman Allen, Councilwoman Price and Councilmember Oranga recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Safe Spaces Alliance's.

Councilman in Dallas. Thank you, Mayor. And happy pride, everyone. I just wanted to say that I know that me is Pride Month here in Long Beach, and unfortunately we are celebrating it differently this year, but it's still something very important to celebrate. I think then it's just super important to be able to celebrate it, especially during these times. One of the things that I'm super excited to do is to partner up

with Safe Spaces Alliance, and I'm just going to give them the rest of my time to do a brief presentation on something that I'm very, very proud to support. Think you. Thank you, Councilwoman Zendejas and everyone, we just wanted to share with you a little bit about our Safe Spaces alliance. After the Rainbow Tower burned, we wanted to reassure our LGBTQ plus community and visitors that they're safe and they're welcome here. So we created the Safe Spaces Alliance. We reached out to the Long Beach, LGBTQ plus Chamber of Commerce and also the LGBTQ center, Long Beach, for their support, as well as Councilwoman Sun House. And we launched our video campaign about two weeks ago, and we've gotten a really amazing positive response. Over 45 businesses have already taken the pledge. And we have a short video, just a compilation that we'd like to show. Hi. My name is Carla Stories and I am the director of the LGBTQ Center in Long Beach for us here at the LGBTQ center, what's important is to become part of the Safe Space Alliance and really embody the You Are Welcome Here initiative because it is important for members of our communities young and. Not in. Thinking that we are part of the fabric of Long Beach, where everywhere and we need to feel safe being ourselves in a variety of. Different numbers. The video is playing at home, but. The center will be working with employers to help provide tools on how they can become more affirming and welcoming, or don't see it on the online

screen as employee masks as well as serving the community at large. So anyone who's interested, stay tuned because more information is coming. You're welcome here. Ira MGM. And I. Patrick Vieira on what is a specialty coffee shop, the Cafe Natural Organic Wine Bakery here in Long Beach. We are really, really clear and we just want to let everybody know that you are welcome here. Hello. My name is genuinely I'm the owner of Fluffy Snowballs. We are the first specialty quick service restaurant in Long Beach that sells authentic. New Orleans snowballs. I am a member of the LGBTQ idea and I want you to know that you are welcome. You are welcome. Here. Lovely snowballs. Man trying to find one of the owners here or the horseman or sitting in the dark area, which is dark reality that. Behind us right before. Do we, our friends or allies? We are employers. Who want everyone to know Iraq. Everybody. It's a stubborn president. Long Beach, LGBTQ plus Chamber of Commerce. You provide education. To show you how you can win big business with big corporations. We provide networking and promotion to make sure you get the visibility you need. We provide advocacy and inclusivity. We advocate for you and we try to include all of us and the friendship and community. This is a small community and we like to lift each other up. Here in Long Beach, we think it's important to make sure that you feel comfortable in your own city. And we want to make sure that, you know, you are welcome here. Hey, everybody

y, at Jones and Hamburger Mary's. And we want you. To know that you are welcome. Here in the LBC. We love you, baby. That's when the video is over. Thank you. Thank you very. Much for. That video. I think that was such a beautiful video. Great job. I'm so excited. It just warms my heart. But would you do you have any closing remarks? Oh, well, we just wanted to say that the reason why we did this, because we do want people to feel comfortable in Long Beach and physically. Long Beach is a nonprofit organization. And what we do is we want people when they come here, to feel comfortable, especially their LGBTQ visitors. We want them to have inclusive, safe experiences here. And we will we do we do fundraising so that we can give back to our community. So we're hoping to get the city's support to make this a citywide initiative. Thank you. Thank you so much, both of you. I'm super excited about this. And I can't wait to see these flags just plastered throughout our city. And and just for us to really, really send a clear message out there that you are welcome here in Long Beach. Things got repriced. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to echo the comments of Councilman Zane de Haas. Thank you for allowing me to sign on to this item. I really wish we had the this is actually the second year that we're having to really change the way we celebrate pride and change the activities of the city. And if you would have asked me last year, I would have never thought it would be two years. So I'm really grateful for everything that you guys are doing to keep just inclusive inclusivity and diversity and acceptance and love at the forefront of all of our minds. And thank you, Councilwoman Zendejas, for bringing this item forth. Thank you, Councilman Alamo. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I absolutely love this item. And and thank you, Councilwoman Sun Hoss, for highlighting just the great work safe spaces. I know that the burning of our pride tower was just shocking and painful, and our community is still recovering from that. Just know that you're, you know, as one of your elected council women that I will do everything that I possibly can to uplift the LGBT community and just send a clear message of inclusion. And I think together, all of us, that we will create this welcoming and inviting space for all of our communities. And I do believe that the Safe Spaces DeKalb campaign is one of the ways that we can just tell everyone that they are welcome here in Long Beach. So I just want to recognize you and applaud you and thank you for all of your hard work. And I look forward to seeing these decals all over the city on every door. So thank you. That's 72. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Thank you, Mayor, and thank you, councilmember senators, for bringing this forward. Thank you for inviting me joining us, because I always have fun this time of year. I'll be praying. Last May, Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. Thanks. Thanks, Mary, for bringing this forward. Happy pride, everyone

e. I just have a simple question. Where can I get Medicare? I'll take the pledge and I'll send you on the Safe Spaces Alliance dot com. Fantastic. Thank you so much. Thank you, Madam Cook. Is there any additional public comment? There's no additional cover coming. Consumers and they have. I'm sorry, were you cued up again? I do. I just wanted to see if we could share where where we can get our decals. But that was just said, too. But if you could please repeat it one more time so that everyone that's watching us or listening to us knows where they can get their data. Please. Sure. Sure. We have a website. It's Safe Spaces Alliance dot com. So if you take the pledge and you put in your mailing address, we will Melbourne to you. Amazing. Thank you. Thank you very

much. And as you know, Pride and the Pride Parade is one of my favorite events in the city all year long. I really look forward to it. But one of my biggest goals during my term that I had when I became councilwoman is not only to attend the Pride Parade, but to actually beat out Councilwoman Price because she always has a party at her house, you know? So I wanted to make it a competition, but we weren't able to do it last year. We weren't able to do it this year. But next year I look forward to bringing back all of our festivities during Pride Month and that gives us something to look forward to and a lot of time to make sure that we compete with Councilmember Price. So thank you. Thank you so much for this wonderful presentation and thank you, everybody, for supporting this. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Thank you very much and thank you both for a really great presentation and amazing program and happy to talk to both of you. But happy pride to everyone as well. And obviously these kind of projects are really what language is all about. So just thank you very much for joining us tonight. We appreciate it. Thank you, Mary. Thank you. With that metal circle. Couldn't do the roll call. As we mentioned, they have. I'm Councilwoman Allen. I'm Councilwoman Pryce, I. Councilman Spinner. Right. Plus a woman. Mango? Yes. Kind of woman. Sara. I council member. Oranga i. Councilmen Austin. I. Vice Mayor Richardson. Yes. Person case. Vernon Kay. Thank you. Next up with item 33, please. Item 33 is communication from council member Virunga Councilwoman Sunday has Councilwoman Ellen and Councilman Alston recommendation to request city attorney to drop an urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on the issuance of building or construction permits for the construction of new standalone residential structures along transportation corridors in West Long Beach to ensure land use element zoning change changes occur prior to issuing building or construction permit and requires city manager to develop a plan and identify funding to conduct a market study to attract investment and neighborhood serving users. Sorry, Ringo. Thank you, Mary. And I want to thank council members and Allen and Austin for

joining me in sponsoring Recital Weston, which is a working class neighborhood bounded by the port of all Mich on the south Wilmington refineries on the west, the four or five freeway to the north and the 710 freeway and the Los Angeles River to the east. The proximity to industry and major freeways have resulted in pollution and historic disinvestment in the area. Today, West Long Beach does not have a single full service grocery store, bank or pharmacy. For these needs, residents of West Palm Beach must drive over the river to spend their money in other neighborhoods. This is not just an inconvenience. This is a lack of service and slow economic growth in the area. It would be devastating if a natural disaster were to render the L.A. River impassable. To address this land use element. To address this, the land use element adopted by the City Council in 2019 2019 designated the corridors of Santa Fe Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Wardlow and will a street between the 710 Freeway and the terminus as neighborhood serving centers. This designation is designed to make consumers daily needs for goods and services close to residential areas. Ideally, residents could walk to these locations where shopping, banking, personal services or dining. Unfortunately, current zoning practices allow for development that does not serve as designation as those progress toward attracting important neighborhoods or serving businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, banks or cafes. In the city clerk put up. Those are pictures I sent earlier. This is the corner of Santa Fe and Hill and West Long Beach. This is a before picture. You notice there's a commercial building to the left and a parking lot in that area. Behind that is a soccer field and rocket park. You could bring up the next picture, please. City clerk. The next picture. And this picture. Now, you see that same parking lot converted into a single family residence. And you still see the commercial building right next door. So not only does it block the view to the park, it just totally transform that corner into a residential house with no parking whatsoever unless you go to the park area. This is a type of development that disenfranchises the community and just limits the economic growth of the area. This item will pause the issuance of permits for new residential developments at Santa Fe and will allow time for the city to update its zoning practices to better comply with the land use element. Additionally, the city manager the city manager Will is being tasked to conduct a market study with the goal of attracting major neighborhoods, serving businesses into that area. Thank you for joining me again in supporting this item. And it is important for the investment of our West Palm Beach area neighborhoods. And I ask for your yes vote on this. Thank you. Thank you. Can I get. I have a second. But, Councilman Allen. He's seeing anything no other from comment

or account members will cover. Compliments of the house. Is that I think Councilmember Allen was trying to say something. Yes. I just wanted to say something very quickly. Absolutely. Councilman Allen. Okay. Yes. I just want to say, first of all, just to say thank you, Councilmember you're Ranga, for bringing this forward. I just support this item. We need our development projects to be aligned with our land use element. You know, I grew up on the West Side at Baltic and Spring, and as Councilman Turanga said, projects in the West Side should follow the land use element and complement neighborhoods and mixed use services. I definitely think the housing is important, but we also need to focus on building up the area. And for God's sake, they need a they need a grocery store. So I guess I look forward to hearing back on strategies that can that can attract businesses and investments. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Roll call. Vote, please. Councilwoman Sun has. I am the woman. Ellen. I. Councilwoman Pryce. I. Councilman Sabrina. I. Councilwoman Mongeau. Yes. Councilwoman Sara. I. Councilmember Suranga. I. Councilman Austin. Right. Vice Mayor Richardson. Yes. Version K. Thank you. Next item, please. 22 Report from Economic Development Recommendation to execute all necessary documents with City Ventures for the reduction in sale price of 5100 Long Beach Boulevard for a total purchase amount of \$2,214,727. District eight. I have a motion by Councilor Austin. Can I have a second, please? Second my councilman's in Dallas. I see no public comment. Real cover of this. District 1. A.m.. District two. By District three. I district for. All right. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. By. District nine. High ocean carries. Thank you. Next up is item 23, please. A report from Development Services recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to planned development districts and specific plans in the city of Long Beach. Red and adopted as red districts. Five and seven. Can I get a motion in a second, please? Most of my countrymen, gringa countrymen ranked in second place. Second make an Austin thing. No public comment. Cover. District one. I. District two I, District three. I. District four. I. District five i. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. All right. Thank you. District nine. All right. Motion carries. Okay. Next item, please. I believe is 24. Report from Development Services Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Use District Map to reflect the establishment of the Global Master Specific Plan or Globemaster specific plan. Read and adopted as read districts five and seven. Hey, I have a promotion by Councilmember Granger. Can I have a second, please? Going to councilman's and it has. No public comment. Roll call vote. District one. I. District to. My. District three. High district for. My. District five. I District six. I. District seven. I. District eight.

By District nine. By Motion carries. Thank you. I believe that concludes all the business. We do have some announcements. Madam Clerk, we do have some announcements from the Council. I have the first. One from. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to take a moment to acknowledge North Long Beach resident, a long time friend and mentor from since I was a 23 year old organizer, Linda Dent, who, you know, she passed away this this past weekend. Thank you for that. Now we're going to have the rest of the agenda. Let's go ahead and do item 22. Arms control. Adam 12. A Report from Economic Development. Parks. Recreation. Marine and Public Works. Recommendation to authorize City Manager to enter into three beach concessions. Agreements for the operation of concessions at various beach location districts. Two and three. Can I get a second, please? I get a significant number often come from an on comments. I yes, I do. I'm a I'm excited to see these concession stands moving closer to opening. I know that we have a fair amount of work that's left to do on the Alamitos Beach facility that I know we're going to get there. I love looking out the back, my porch and seeing progress done daily. It also makes me happy to see that we're activating these spaces and getting back to normal. And I know my colleague, Councilwoman Price, is having some connectivity issues. And so she has she has some comments to make on this item to a clerk. Can you can you just read her comments? A councilwoman. We did not receive the comments from the council member. Okay. Okay. All right. I do have a just a quick question. Do we have any updated timeline on the Alamitos facility? Yes. I believe Eric Lopez is available and can answer that question. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Tom. Councilman Allen, we are on track to come back to council in August with a recommendation for Alamitos. So Alamitos and Granada are a little more complicated. We're going to we're still working on those. So those will be forthcoming. Okay. Wonderful. Thank you, Eric, for that update. I appreciate it. Councilman Austin, any comments? Oh, yes. Obviously, I support this. I spent a lot of time at the beach and. Ah ah ah or walk or bike path and walking path are where you really busy. You know, I think this addition particularly is right on time for the summer confessions to have a great, great summer here in Long Beach. I didn't want to

hear I know there's a presentation from staff. You know, I think this is a big item that we could just give here, a brief presentation to hear about what will be actually here for the public. Sure thing. I mean, do it. And I mean customers and because first. Thank you, Mayor. These projects sound so very exciting and I know that it is something people are really looking forward to being able to enjoy. I was happy to hear that the cost up for business were kept at a low as low as possible, so that to be able to ensure that prices will be kept somewhat affordable for

our residents, which is something that's very important to me. In addition to that, something that I have always wanted to ensure is to be part of the conversation when it comes to the development of new businesses and projects like these. And one of the things that is, as you know, very important to me is that we are at a compliant and we have accessibility for everyone to enjoy this, these amendments. So I'm really happy that we are being part of the conversation and that ADA compliance is actually part of the planning as we move forward. I know that these projects seem to be, you know, designed, you know, in phases. So I'm really, really excited to see all of the upcoming new new ones that are coming in. And I'm like, this said, I'm so very happy that they are ADA compliant that way. Everyone here in Long Beach and from out of state of Long Beach can enjoy these equally. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Monica, do you have a quick staff presentation? Yes, we can. Agenda? Yes, we can certainly show a couple of pictures of before and after work that's happened. And we'll skip over some of the terms, real estate terms, and the council has those in front of them. But I'd like to show what these projects could look like. So, John and Sergio. Thank you, Tom. Good evening, honorable mayor. Council members, really quickly, just as as Tom mentioned, we have our five beach locations along our four miles of waterfront here in Long Beach. Just to highlight just the beautiful work that has been done, here is an image of the Granada Beach concession, the before and after. And you can see kind of the enhancement that has been taking place. The next picture on your screen shows the public improvements that actually have been made to the Granada Beach lot. This next image is a picture of the Junipero Beach concession and the before and after, and you can see that tremendous change that actually has taken place. And this next image shows the junior Broadbeach Beach concession area, a public area, and the just the tremendous change that took place with the addition of new play equipment. And as as Eric mentioned, a forthcoming item that we will bring to you in in August is going to be the Alamitos Beach concession. But here's a preview just showing the tremendous improvement at Alamitos Beach. Just quickly, very, very quickly, the goals of the concession was to really activate the waterfront, increase the use of the coast, and bring just a great overall assortment of mixes of of of tenants and uses. Here, I'll skip over a couple of these items just to keep it as brief as possible. I'm sorry. Here we go. In just for the beach or launch. We've actually selected Grill Em All. It is a location that will have a five year lease. The second location, Juniper will have salt water depth. And at Mother's Beach, we've selected Louisiana. Charlie's. And selected pedal movement for to provide beach amenities to three at three locations and really almost providing a microm

obility program. And with that we select and recommend these concessionaires for for your approval. Thank you so much for your consideration. Thank you very much. You guys are doing a great job at this stuff. Look, all of them look really, really great. And I'm just very excited about this moving forward. So thank you, staff. Roll call vote, please. Mr. Mayor, we just received a statement from Councilwoman Pryce, if I could read the comments into the record this evening. Absolutely. Thank you. I want to thank city staff for working diligently to pursue qualified concession concessionaires for these locations. I had the opportunity to receive a briefing from Director Lopez last week on the recommended vendors, and I'm excited to see this item come to council tonight. There have been so many Thailand's projects that have helped activate our beach front in the past seven years, starting with the beach pedestrian path and then the concession stand upgrades. I don't think our beaches have ever looked so good or offered so many amenities for beachgoers. Throughout. The city and region. I urge my colleagues to support this item tonight so that we can get these vendors operating at this site as soon as possible. That concludes. Thank you. Thank you very. Much. Thank you very much. We'll call the police. Councilwoman Cindy has. High. Councilwoman Ellen. I can cement a banana, I can throw in mango. I. Councilwoman Sara. I. Councilmember Oranga. I. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. Hi. Bush and Kerry. Thank you very much. We have word that we're down to our last item, item 22, which is staff item on Queen Mary. Madam. Item 22 is a report from Economic Development Recommendation to

authorize City Manager to execute a contract with Evolution Hospitality for the continue operation of the Queen Mary and execute a contract with Moffat and Nicholls to operate as needed. Engineering Design services for critical repair work on the Queen Mary district to. Thank you so much, Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Carson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the city council. So everyone's been tracking this issue very, very closely. And the city council has and doing numerous close sessions. And now here we are in open session. For over 40 years, the Queen Mary has been under some sort of contract, or at least for an operator, whether that be a nonprofit or a for profit institution with varying results. We clearly have had that under other operating circumstances where that entity was responsible for both the risks and the rewards on the site. But that has now changed. We are now in full possession of the ship and and controlling its future, which is an exciting time. It does come with both positives and negatives, and we'll go through a little bit of those today. But we're excited to take this next step with the Queen Mary. We knew that if this were an eventuality with exiting the bankruptcy, the city needed to be prepared quickly to step in and run an agreement to to have a s

hipboard operator and to immediately start the repairs. And that's exactly what we're doing. So we're asking you tonight to really allow us to take the next step of bringing on an operator and to take the first step of bringing on engineering to quickly work on repairs. And we'll be back to you later with additional funding on those repairs. So I'd like John Keisler to give a quick overview of the specific actions tonight, and then we're available to answer questions. Thank you so much, Tom. An honorable mayor and members of the city council. As as Tom said, there's two recommendations before you tonight. One is to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract for the immediate operations and caretaking of the ship while it's closed. The second is to approve the the the appropriation of funding up to \$500,000 so that we can begin the immediate design work for the critical repairs that we believe our engineers have identified. As soon as the courts have settled the legal question about the lease. So I'm going to start with a quick overview, just to give you a sense of who evolution hospitality is. They are a trusted partner of the city. Over the last 11 years, they've been the on ship operator with approximately 500 employees. They helped to manage about \$65 million in annual revenue related activities for the 347 hotel rooms, five different restaurants, all the amazing banqueting, catering, etc. special events, tours, attractions, parking, property, engineering, maintenance and security. And so they're really are a full service operator. And I just want to make sure that everybody knows that Evolution Hospitality also is wholly owned by Ambridge Hospitality, which has almost 2000 hotels worldwide. They operate some of the most high end hotels in Marriot and Hilton and the Curios and some of the boutique hotels that you're familiar with as well as resorts. So they're very, very capable and they have a very large organization behind them, which is based in Dallas. But Hospitality, Evolution, Hospitality is based right here in San Clemente. So we know their their leadership. And we actually will be meeting with their leadership on the ship this week as they take over this caretaker agreement between the city and evolution. So real quick about this actual agreement. This is this is remember, the ship is closed right now. So there are no hotel guests, there are no banquets or Sunday brunches. And this is really about a short term, six month agreement with the option for just a 16 month extension. Our goal is to address some of the repairs and a longer term solution for the reopening of the ship. We're estimating \$300,000 per month. This is a 1 million square foot facility. This is a big building in any rate. And so ultimately, six months would give us not only all the utilities payments, the security, the maintenance, running those big systems to make sure that nothing goes wrong out there. But it also provides us with some contingency funds to d

eal with some one time issues. We need to freshen up some of those systems. And of course, there's publicly facing landscaping and and things like that that we need to repair to make sure that the parks and other things surrounding the ship look good. This is also what we call basic and limited safeguard services. While close to the public I mentioned, we're trying to minimize damage in ways that that might occur with a large facility like that being in in sort of a closed mode. But the operator is not required to provide any additional services at the property unless we request it and unless we specifically approve it. So this will not be money available to the operator unless it's approved every single month will also approve their management expenses and these payments. So the city manager recommendation on this caretaker agreement with Evolution Hospitality of San Clemente, California, is up to and not to exceed \$2 million for this six month period and one optional

renewal period for the city manager for up to six months. We'll provide regular updates to the Council about activities on the ship related to this caretaker agreement as we move along. We do that typically in written memos already, and so that way the public and the city council are aware of how we're doing. The second recommendation here is, is really about moving quickly with the critical repairs that have been identified by our engineers and recent inspection reports. And so this is about design services. We won't be swinging any hammers over the next few weeks. We'll really be focused on getting what are called the construction bids back together, really doing some additional investigation in inspection. And that way we will work with our own public works department now, our own capital improvement project managers, to provide them with the right kinds of designs to do temporary. These are temporary immediate repairs that can be completed within about 180 days. Now, these we're not asking for the construct construction costs tonight. We are simply asking for the the design work. This will be for these these five key projects. So temporary build systems would help to pump out water from the bottom of the ship. Remember decades ago. Previous administration removed the bilge pump systems which would remove water from the hole of the ship. If there was a flooding event, we need to get some temporary systems back in there as soon as possible. Also, an alarm system for water intrusion will help us. There is no leaking right now. We we were in the hole yesterday. It's it's very dry down there. But but ultimately, we want to have an early warning system that would notify not only our fire department, who is prepared to deal with all hazards responses, but also to help us to trigger some of those pumping systems and other things that might be needed in the faster we move. The more we can prevent. There's also something called bulkhead. These are the barriers that separate the different

compartments at the bottom of this. This ship and some of those bulkheads have been removed or compromised as as we've converted it to a hotel, you know, decades ago. But we need to we need to make some temporary improvements. We need to do some testing and some modeling. And so this this funding will help us to do that. And then removing our lifeboats, those lifeboats are very heavy. And ultimately, we need to start removing those to take some of the pressure off what we call the sideshow or the the walls of the ship. And so this funding will not remove those lifeboats, but what it'll do is it'll put together the plans to efficiently, safely and with an eye toward restoration of the two original lifeboats, of course, to deal to put those plans in place so that we can move quickly once the courts have made final decisions. And then finally, some of these systems need an electrical source. So we need to to rebuild portions of the electric electrical system, as well as secure a new emergency generator. And we're talking about a very large generator that will actually sit on the land but serve the ships so that those big pumps and other things that we need to protect the ship are are powered. So essentially, the design work and construction bids, we can complete those immediately while we wait for some of the legal issues to be settled by the judge. But temporary work can commence immediately after the city receives final decisions from the lease termination and bankruptcy court. Construction for some of these repairs will be defined more, more specifically during these design design process. But right now our engineers are saying we can get these temporary fixes done in six months, 180 days, and the ship will remain closed. We we actually can move more quickly and get a lot more done when we don't have, you know, large events to move around. Or we can be as loud as we need to be to get the stuff done quickly and efficiently. And the goal is to complete these emergency repairs by the end of the year. The funding decisions now will be based on the specifications and the bids. So once we're able to build this construction, we'll know specifically what those those actual prices will be. And then the funding sources, the city manager, our financial management team will bring back some some options for the city council. So this recommendation is, is to of to to authorize the city manager up to \$500,000. And we'll work with our current engineering consultant, Mofteh Nicole. Our public works department, our CIP program, and ultimately come back to the city council with some funding sources at a later time. And this one will be paid for by our our critical Tidelands Operating Fund. With that of Robert, my report and happy to answer any questions and turn it back over to Tom. Thank you, mayor and council. That's what we're doing now. We will be back later. Expected right now at the end of July to really have a fuller discussion about the Queen Mary, about t

he future, about some of the the things that we're looking at for a potential partnership through alternatives. And we'll be scheduling that with the public and the council in July. Thank you, Mr. America. Let me first go to the council. I have Councilman Allen. I'm. Yes, I'd like to first make a

motion that we approve these two contracts. The staff recommendation OC she a second by Councilwoman Sara Councilman Allen? Yes. I just want to first say thank you, John, for the concise, informative and, you know, the detailing of exactly what these contracts will accomplish. I think that is going to be absolutely critical that we continue regular operations and maintenance on the ship as we take back ownership for the first time in decades. Evolution has been the hotel operator for years and has performed well. I had an opportunity to tour the ship yesterday and I definitely have a first hand knowledge and stay on the scale and understand the scope of the necessary repairs. The Queen Mary has been a world symbol of Lumbee speech, and I think it is important that we maintain the ship. I move that we approve these two contracts and until further discussion in July. I do have a question for staff. Just for clarification, John. For the critical repair work that you're referring to, that's going to happen on the ship. Can you talk about who is going to be entering those those those repairs or who's going to be overseeing those repairs? Thank you, Councilmember Allen. So so we're we're really happy that our public works capital improvement projects team manages most all city infrastructure projects. And now that we're able to step in and do these repairs ourselves, our engineers Moffitt and Nicole and some of their expert subcontractors will help to to design and provide input to the actual specifications for the for the approach and the construction. But these these projects will be managed in-house by our capital improvement projects managers from public works. All right. Thank you, John. And then also, will any of the bids as we go out and look for folks that can do this repairs? Who's going to be managing that those those bids and that process? Absolutely. So. So we have a very rigorous internal competitive bid process with, you know, certain policies and procedures that we have to follow. So this work will be bid by our public works capital improvement projects team as well, following all of our city financial policies and procedures and all the controls that are required not only for bidding the work, awarding the work, potentially bringing those contracts back to council depending on their size, but also then managing the review of of payments and invoicing, collecting the documentation and ensuring that that all the work is completed in the ways that the contractors have have documented. Okay. All right. Thank you very much. Thank you. Councilwoman. Councilwoman Sara. Yes. I want to thank Mr. Kaiser for the presentation on the two contract, and I I'm

in support of it. I think, you know, there's certainly been a lot that's gone on with this Queen Mary, but I think this is the next best step for it. And that's why I support this item. Thank you. Councilwoman. Councilwoman Price. I think things are. I'm here, Mr. Mayor. Hold on one sec. Okay. We can hear you, too. You're good. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I am actually in an airport, so I want to thank everyone for indulging me and allowing me the opportunity to share a few comments on this very important item. I want to thank, first of all, staff for the presentation. I think it was very valuable to hear what the scope of tonight's item is. But I do believe that there are a few points that we need to make sure that we fully discuss as we approve this item. If I can just have one moment to pull up my notes here. Okay. Okay. My apologies. Just give me 1/2 here. Okay. I'm literally just walking off of an airplane. So just so everyone knows, I'm accompanying our Long Beach Youth, the National Youth Rowing Competition in Florida. And our plane just landed in the middle of a major rainstorm. So the item before us tonight was certainly a foreseeable item, although the timing of it was sudden and unexpected. There is no doubt that the Queen Mary is an icon for the city of Long Beach, and it is certainly an asset that is universally recognizable in the city of Long Beach, is connected to the image of the ship. It is a part of our city and a part of our history. The many efforts have failed to invest in the ship and make sure that it is maintained. Time and time again, the efforts have failed. We are now in a situation where the ship's operation and maintenance responsibilities have fallen to the city. While the total city asset that includes the vast coastline property as well as the ship, presents a new opportunity for the city, the cost of true historic preservation of this ship is significant and it is an unrealistic expenditure for the city at this time. I am in support of tonight's item, which dedicates a specific amount of tidelands funds to be used at this time. And these are for the immediate needs of the ship. But as I have done in the past, I must express concern about leveraging any tidelands or general funds moneys should that be requested in the future towards. The maintenance and operation of the ship. In 2016, I voted against an item that leveraged the Tidelands Fund to support the effort of urban commons to conduct maintenance and repairs on the ship. I was concerned at the time about a worst case scenario that we were told would be unlikely and unforeseeable. Unfortunately, that turned out to be exactly what happened, and the Tidelands Fund has already had to cover the debt service at a level

of approximately \$2.5 million. We have a fiduciary duty to protect the public's money. If any significant moneys were needed in the future to support the maintenance and repair of this ship. I would want the public to weigh in on that decision. The

re are many competing projects that the city is currently working on, and it's likely most, if not all of them, would have to be deferred in order to meet the maintenance demands of the ship. That's certainly a decision the public would have to weigh in on how that input would be provided. It's not before us, though, yet. And that decision for us to take over the ship, allow alone without partners is still premature. For now, I am hopeful that the opportunity presented from this asset as a whole, including the waterfront property, make this a desirable site for future investment for any entity that is equipped to oversee the preservation of the ship and to closely monitor the future development of the site adjacent to the ship. I hope that creativity and the preservation of the ship as a monument and in streamlining the ship's current operations are considered as part of the process. The ship's current location seems to be contributing to its rapid demise. I think there are tremendous opportunities for this site, given its location and the totality of the opportunities that accompany the city assets. I look forward to hopefully seeing those opportunities materialize in the coming months. For now, I would like to ask city staff if it's possible for us to reach out to the federal government to see if the Queen Mary would possibly qualify as a national monument similar to other attractions throughout the country. I'm curious as to what that process would be and whether or not the Queen Mary is a feasible consideration. So I would request, if it's acceptable to the maker of the motion, that city staff consider that as an option when they come back to us in July. Mr. Mayor, can you hear me? Yeah, I do. For me, the last part cut off some. Can you repeat the friendly Councilman Price? Sure. If city staff can take a look at the process with the federal government to assess the feasibility of the Queen Mary being considered a national monument such that it would be treated similarly to other monuments throughout the country. So it's looking at national monument status, I think, for staff to look at that. Is that correct, Councilwoman? Much better articulated. Yes. Thank you. Okay. Great. Thank you. So that would be added to the act? Yeah. I mean, I think that's it's always good to look at that. I think Councilman Price. Councilman Price made a friendly councilman Alan. Yes, I would. Absolutely. Thank you. And Councilman, sorry, I'm assuming you accept that as well. Yes. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, I have counselors and de Haas. Thank you, Mary, and thank you for the comments from my colleagues. I think of the comic too, very, very important. And I, for one, am very happy that as a city we now have control of our beloved Queen Mary and the Queen Mary, such an integral part of our city's identity. And it is a great value to many of our lifelong residents who perhaps were able to take pictures of their quinceaneras, their graduations, their proms, yo

u know, with the with the Queen Mary in the background. Or maybe they even had their events there, like their weddings. Or like me, I had my prom there at the Queen Mary many years ago. But, you know, it holds a lot of wonderful, wonderful memories. And so I'm very thankful that we have it and that we're going to be able to take care of that. I know that it has a lot of repairs that it needs. And thank you. Thank you, John, so much for the detailed and transparent presentation that you gave us. I know that on one of my last visits at the Queen Mary, I the elevator broke. And so I had to take an adventure in getting to know the Queen Mary very intimately, where they escorted me out through a very different and very closed off way. But I know firsthand some of those repairs that need to be taken. So I really appreciate the transparent with the companies that we're using and the, you know, how we're moving forward, where the money is coming from. And I really think it's a great idea to actually look into it further and see if if we can be seen as a as the national monument. Because anywhere we we go, Long Beach or the Queen Mary represents Long Beach. And so I think that's something that we all need to be very, very proud of. Nobody is going to be able to take care of the Queen Mary as much as we can now that we have it back in our hands. And and now we have the ability to do so. So I'm really looking forward to being able to support the motion on the floor. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilmember Supernova. Thank you. I stand in support of tonight's item, but I just had a couple of questions because I think I heard it the wrong way that I clarified before July and I can ask all the questions and Christ, you can answer them all at once if he'd like. So I think I heard that the votes were to be removed, but then not to be removed. So if you can explain that, it's that just before July. Another point was, I think Elliot Page is saying group was referred to as a contractor. Technically they're a subcontractor to Moffett Nicol. And so my question

would be, would they come back? What's the likelihood of them coming back for a re-inspection or a more robust inspection before we get underway? That's it. Thank you. Councilmember super supernova, certainly. So short answer to the lifeboat question is we'd like to get them down over the next six months. So we would start the design process planning, how we would do that logistically immediately. And then over the next couple of months we'd remove them and begin the restoration of the two that are originals. To the second question about subcontracting, yes. Elliott Bay Design Group has some specific expertise with regard to these historic vessels that Moffitt and Nicole subcontracts for. They serve as an expert witness, but they also do engineering work, design and investigation modeling. Flood modeling is a really important thing they do. And so they would be coming back as part of this agreement under Mo

ffitt and Nicole as a subcontractor, simply because they have some very, very specific expertise. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. That concludes council. Actually, Councilman Allen, I'm going to make some comments as well. But Councilman Allen, just some additional comments. No, I do not. That was my question was answered. Okay, great. Let me make some comments. And I think we may have a public comment and we'll go to go to go to the vote. Well, first, I just want to first, I actually I think I know everyone has I think had really good comments or I agree with what everyone has said all ultimately all of our colleagues on the council, this is a very, I think, unique opportunity for the city to really have this this chance to have not just the ownership of the ship, but have no lease in place. That is really, you know, causing the challenges for our ability to fully control kind of the future of the ship in front of us. And so I think Mr. Morgan mentioned it's been over 40 years and and here we are for the first time in many decades where we have this very unique opportunity. I want to also just just know, I think I mean, I've said this publicly many times. Preservation has to be at the center of what we do moving forward. Councilman Price mentioned this as as a national monument. I think that's fantastic. I believe currently the Queen Mary. It is, of course, a historic icon. We made a commitment to to to take care of and to preserve this piece of history. And I think I believe the designation the Queen Mary has, I mean, similar to the designation of the Statue of Liberty as a historical place. Is that right, Mr. Keisler? Mr. Mayor, I believe it's it's a national historic register for historic hotels. So I will confirm that in their report. Back to the council. Yeah, I thought there was a similar other type of designation as well, but let us know in the report back. And I'd be curious if I've heard that from a lot of residents that have approached me about the topic. And I think obviously the preservation is really important as we as we as we move forward. I want to add something and I think a customer super now I know will agree with me on this. One thing that I'm really hoping that when we get back to the public discussion at the council is just the importance of having a actual public foundation for any major project, those being involved in the community hospital work and really the just saving of that amazing resource for the community. The council member will tell you that the foundation was just an important part, not just of community support, but also, of course, of funding important projects. And so I know that there have been attempts in the past on kind of structuring a foundation board for the Queen Mary. I just want to make sure that the council and I receive a little bit of a historical perspective of what what how the foundations work. I know there have been numerous groups that some that have had conditions or wanted to start foundation

s. I believe that there was a foundation in place recently that was just getting off the ground, but forming a community foundation that can be a source of of fundraising, of support, of oversight, I think is going to be important in the short and long term. And so there's no need to, you know, to give in to that tonight. But I would like to see Mr. Murdoch. Mr. Keiser, let me come back just a further discussion about what the foundation could look like in the future and those that have shown interest. They've also received interest from folks that want to be involved or have been involved in the past. Is that possible? Absolutely. Yes, you're right. There have been some foundations in the past, some of which were not very successful. And there is one underway right now that we believe will be very successful. And we can certainly give you an update on that as well as how for people to get engaged involved. That's a great addition to our report back in January. In July. Okay. Thank you. And then in addition to that, I think I'm very supportive of the critical repairs. So I'm really glad that that's where the focus is. That is that is obviously really, really important. And and I'm just to all of you just thankful that you that we got on this really quick. And just also, more broadly speaking, I think it's important to kind of sit back and also just I think folks who have been involved, the truth is,

is that and I told this to our city auditor over the weekend, I just also want to publicly thank our our city auditor, Laura Dowd, who has been on issues around the Queen Mary now for many years. And it's a lot of her audit work is also what led us to this point. And so I just want to publicly thank her for her kind of continuous oversight of the Queen Mary and and her oversight of the future of it as well. It has made and will make what happens in the future better. And so I just want to publicly thank her for her for her work on that. And so with that, I look forward to the one. I'm sorry. One more thing. Just wanted to also just convey I know that just earlier today and yesterday, the port leadership has conveyed to me and to our no competitor, to the city manager as well, that they view what happened with the city having the least as a very positive development in their conversations with the city as far as all of Pier H. And so I know that when the city session comes back to to us, it's sounding like Mr. City Manager in July will be able to have a robust conversation about kind of where things are at with that port analysis on Pier H as well. So I look, I think we all look forward to those to those discussions. And I do agree that that the what Councilman Price and others talked about, the partnership, you know, whoever that partner ends up being is is critical as we move forward. And that's, I think, what we're all moving towards right now. So thank you all for for for that and for all the all the leadership on behalf of staff as well. And wi

th that, I think there may be one public comment and then we'll go ahead and go to a roll call vote and control. Yes. This is in control. And I appreciate this report and I appreciate the. The city attempting to hold on to the Queen Mary. I think it's known around the world as the icon of Long Beach. I do have some questions about. Why we are making a contract with evolution hospitality, which I understand is a hotel business. When? As I understood it, there's going to be no one allowed on the Queen Mary except workers. For six months. Or at least six months while the repairs are being done. And it sounded like we are. Promising. Asked to pay a revolution. Hospitality, \$2 million. And I'm wondering what for? It sounds like Moffat Nicholls Public Works. The City staff will be working on this. What will Evolution Hospitality be doing? Can somebody answer my question? Thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment for The Sentinel. Thank you. I think, Mr. Kaiser, I think you had a slide that kind of listed some of the work that that what happened. Do you want to just briefly, again, just kind of review some of the work that that evolution evolution would be doing? Yeah, absolutely. So, um, there actually on, on staff, um, while the ship has closed over the past year, in fact, there's an entire security team. So not just on the perimeter of the ship, but there has not been one break in in the in the in the ship over the period of this last year. Remember, we're also protecting the historic assets. It there's many, many historic assets on the ships that security is important and involves a whole team rotating 24 seven. It also covers all of our engineering team and maintenance team. And so in firing up those systems, even replacing belts and in light bulbs and turning things on and making sure that things are working. There's there's mechanical systems, plumbing, electrical warning systems, fire systems. All that stuff has to be run and managed on a day to day basis. And then, of course, there's there's basic custodial and other work that that happens, and that's pretty extensive. And so we have landscapers. We have with painting all that is happening even though the ship is closed. They're working every single day and making sure that that large facility is taken care of. So we also have huge electricity and power bills. Believe it or not, there's a million square feet out there and powering it and and making sure that all our hookup fees, the technology, the power, anything that you have in your home, multiply that by about a thousand and those bills have to be paid as well. So I can get into further detail in a report to the council, if you like, but I was pretty impressed. It's pretty extensive and ultimately evolution is doing all that while the ship is closed. Thank you, Mr. Castro. And I'll add one last thing to that. And I know that evolution is also I'm ensuring that John Thomas is retained as kind of a historical preservation officer on

during this time, and he has, of course, in the past. And there's probably nobody in the city or very few people that know more about the Queen Mary than John Thomas does. And certainly his love for the ship, I think, is well known across the city. So that I know that evolution is also, I believe, has John as part of their team to kind of oversee some of that preservation. And so with that, thank you very much. Got to take a roll call. Councilwoman Sun has. I'm Councilwoman Allen. I Councilwoman Pryce. I councilman's subpoena. High. Councilwoman mongo. I. Councilwoman Sara. I. Council Member Muranga. I. Austin Vice Mayor Richardson. I. Motion carried. Thank you. I think that concludes the agenda. I don't see anyone signed up for any new business or

announcements. So with that, I will go ahead and close the meeting and we'll adjourned until the next one. Thank you very much, everyone. Thank you. Moving on. We have three hearings. We'll start with our first hearing. Item 17. Communication from City Attorney. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. The hearing and declared ordinance relating to the temporary limitation on the issuance of building or construction permits for new residential standalone construction along commercial and transportation corridors in West Long Beach. Read the first time and later the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading and declare the urgency thereof and declaring this ordinance shall take effect immediately. District seven And there are two votes required for this item. Think it was Gordon turning over to. Mike May's from the city attorney's office. I can provide a short staff report if the council desires. Please. Go ahead, Mike. Yeah. You all remember that on May 18th, the Council adopted a minute order pursuant to an agenda request from District seven, which set in motion this moratorium process that we have here tonight on this form, the ordinance before you formalizes. The actual moratorium in the area that Monique. Just described for you on Willow Street and Santa Fe Avenue in the west side of Long Beach. This will establish a 12 month moratorium period. And during that time, no building permits will be issued for standalone new residential construction in the area of concern. And during this 12 month period. The matter will be referred to the Planning Commission. And the planning staff to initiate a study of. Potential amendments to the existing zoning. And building regulations in the city to have them more closely aligned with the more recently adopted land use and urban design elements of the city's general plan. If anyone should have any questions, I'd be more than happy to try and answer them. Thank you. Is there any public comment for this hearing? No. There's no public comment for this item. Canterbury Ranga. Sorry. Still getting adjusted to being back in the chamber. No real comment just to thank staff for their great work on this and we're looking forward

to having some positive results at the end of the period. Downtown Boston. A second emotion. Thank you. We're going to do a roll call vote, please. District one. My district to my district three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I. Monique, and we'll need another vote on the urgency. Thank you. Do another vote on the urgency, please, echoing emotion in the second, countering your rank as a motion. Second by. Can I get a second, please? Captain Boston. Council District one. I. Council, District two I Council, District three i District four i district by district six i. District seven i. District eight District nine I. Motion carries. Great. Thank you. Next item, please. Item 27 Report from Economic Development. Recommendation to execute a Second Amendment to Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Howard CDB for the continuation of negotiations in connection with the proposed development of the former Long Beach Armory at 854 East Seventh Street District one. Can have a second, please. Thank you, Mr. Modica. Just just briefly, because I'm I'm very personally very interested in this project. I think it's a phenomenal opportunity and we've been discussing it for for many years, and it seems to be in a very good place. Can you can Stafford provide a just a brief update on this? Yes, John Keisler. Honorable mayor and members of the city council. It's so good to see you. And I'm going to ask our deputy director, Sergio Ramirez, to give a short staff report about this amazing project. Thank you, John. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. We have actually been working with Country Partners, a partnership between Howard Cdm, Saint Anthony and Pacific six on the adaptive reuse of the former Armory Building, which would consist of the Adaptive Reuse Project and a new development component back in February entered into an inner with the developers and have been working with them. They are. We've been working on several items and have negotiations gone very well. They are actually applying for a state and for infrastructure grant and that's part of the grant and requires them to have additional time and staff is supportive of the extension and we will continue to work with them to hopefully bring forward to you a definitive project agreement. And that hopefully request. Support for this item. Thank you. Very supportive of this. I appreciate the update conference and discuss an article. Thank you, Mary. Thank you. Thank you so much to both John and Sergio who have been working really hard on this item. I'm I'm super excited to continue seeing the partnership with Howard CDM and so happy to know that the proposed development would be bringing in 100% affordable housing projects right here in in my district, in the first district. As I mentioned, finding creative ways to address our housing crisis and supporting affordable housing projects is altogether one of my greatest prior

ities as a councilwoman. So I'm so happy to be able to support this item. Thank you for all the hard work that has been put into this. And reviving the armory is just going to be something phenomenal, not just for the First District, but for the city as a whole. Thank you, Councilwoman Councilor, for your comments. It's a great project. I support it wholeheartedly. And I don't believe there is public comment on this. Not on this item. Please cast your votes. What's coming up? There's a revolt. Thank you. Don't forget to vote, guys. Okay. Motion carries. Thank you. Next item, please. I am 30. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 23. Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson. Councilwoman in the House. Councilmember Urunga. Recommendation to refer to the government personnel and Elections Committee. To consider naming of the newly renovated North Health Facility, the Ronald Arias Health Equity Center, in recognition of the legacy, contributions and service of former Long Beach Director of Health and Human Services, Ronald Arias. Thank you. Let's get this over to Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to just start by talking to a little bit of story history about the North health facility. This is a facility at Highland Park, not a great name, north health facility, used to have a youth child development center in there that closed years ago. The building was failing. Not a lot of investment in the building. And so two years ago, we closed down the building, identified resources through grants and other sources to improve the facility. And it's a great opportunity to to engage in placemaking, I believe, in taking something that really didn't have an identity or not much of an identity and give it a location, give it a name. Given that identity that really reflects our community and becomes a place to be invested in and celebrating. We've done this with changing the North Library to the Michelle Obama Library, the Highland Park Community Center, the Doorstops, the other community center. It really gives an identity and character to help inspire the community. And so during that time, we had conversations about how we reinvent, reimagine Highland Park in general from just being a collection of buildings to really a complex that really celebrates the people of our community and offer current services to that community. And so in response to meetings calls, a major \$5 million investment was made into the Highland Park, into the north health facility. And the focus is really health equity. And within our framework for reconciliation, reconciliation plan, go for strategy one. One potential added item is the need to invest in equitable health experiences and outcomes and exploring the creation of a community health center that connects existing programs and organizations as a network for holistic health approaches and patient navigation services. Ronald Arias Health Equity Center will be that center, and so this new center will feature a youth

workforce center that did not exist, that happened in the past that focuses on things like reentry. It will have a clinic focused on sexual health for the community. It will have youth development programs, violence prevention programs, fatherhood initiative. A number of things that we're not present at the park in the past, and this is going to be a transformative impact. And, you know, I met Ron. I think Ron is the appropriate person to name this facility. After I met Ron, my first year as chief of staff for Councilman Steve Neal, and Ron came in. I remember the briefing. He already had a relationship with Councilman the I don't know how long or how far back, but Ron came in. He brought in Lori Ruska, Shawna Stevens, who was like right and left hand. And I hadn't known them, but they came in and said, hey, we want to talk about health equity in North Long Beach Community Health. Initially, it started with healthy corner stores. We organized around healthy corner stores that turned into the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and liquor store modernization program. Change that transforming liquor stores into healthy markets that ultimately developed into the hills on initiative. Initially, \$1,000,000 investment from Kaiser Permanente into advancing health equity. In North Long Beach, we created the Coalition for Healthy North Long Beach together. We did a lot. Ron's legacy was really community health, investing in local communities to spur transformational change because a lot came out of that initial investment. And so Ron has contributed so much over his career to our city's public health and to health equity. And for that reason, I believe Ron embodies the character and legacy befitting of someone whose name belongs on a city building, particularly at Highland Park in North Long Beach. And so with that, I submit to the City Council the proposal to make, to create, to name the North Health Facility, the Ron Arias Ronald Arias Health Equity Center. Thank you. Okay. Councilman Noriega. Thank you, Vice Mayor. That was a. Awesome presentation in terms of what what you're doing out there. And of course, that facility has provided so much service in the north Long Beach area that is very much needed. Point of history. I when I worked with Sea Long Beach, I was the assistant, the administrative officer for the Health Department. So I used to go to that facility quite a bit to talk to

employees and see the programs that were there. And the the black health the black infant health program was stationed out there. And so I would go out there a lot to talk to people, look at the kids, and the facility was in quite a bit of disrepair and a congratulations to you to getting the funding to make those very significant improvements. In regards to the naming of the round, our Audience Health Equity Center I think is very appropriate since Ron was the executive director for many years and I think it was around 15, 20 years that he was director of the health d

epartment there and was the main proponent for a lot of the programs that were there, a lot of the funding that came to the health department. For those of you out there who might not know, our health department is 95% grant funded. So there's very little actual city funds to grant general fund money that goes into the health department for the little programs that come out of there, whether it's in the in the facility center, there's a center also in Admiral in Admiral Kidd Park and one at a at a martin Luther King Park, MLK. So those those facilities provide a lot of different services as we go into the community. But the but the naming of this facility here in Ronald's name, I think is very appropriate in the sense that there's a lot of healthy programs that go out of that facility. And a brief resume on Ron is that he did have a lot to do with equity, a lot to do with employment for kids or youth, provided a lot of services in Long Beach in general. Even before he became the director of the Health and Human Services Department. He was one of the founders of the the La Raza Neighborhood Center, which was which then later became the UCC center. He was very much involved in, in, in tobacco education when he worked for the I was at the Cancer Society. I think it was forget the name the leaves me right now. But a lot of what he's done has been involved with health and involved with assistance for the community and working in neighborhoods that required a lot of a lot of help and a lot of assistance and a lot of grant funding which he was able to bring. And he brought it through the health department. So I'm very happy and pleased and honored actually to be able to second this motion and looking forward for it to go through the government personnel and Elections Committee for further consideration. And I'm sure that once they hear the complete background of Mr. Arias, there will be no question as to the appropriateness of naming this facility after after such a wonderful person, a great man for Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you, councilman and House. Thank you very much. Thank you, Vice Mayor, for recognizing the importance of naming such a fitting project, such a fitting, you know, felt health center at heart at your park by the name of Ronald. Ah, yes. I think he is so perfect for this. He's been a leader in our community for so many years, and I think that projects like this really give us an opportunity to honor our Long Beach leaders. And Mr. Arias has definitely been that for our city as a whole. So I thank you and congratulate you at the same time. Thank you. Councilwoman Sara. You Mayor. I also want to express what a good call this is, Vice Mayor, for naming this unit in our facility to the run areas health equity center. You know, speaking of his youth work, that's actually the first time I met Ron was probably back in 2000. I want to say eight or nine when I was the executive director of my Girls in Action. You know, me being a new ed and

getting to know all of the various ways to work in partnership with the city, and here he was, the director of a department inviting me and my staff at that time to come and meet with his staff, all of the department directors. And it was just really, I think, a demonstration of how much he is a champion for ensuring that he includes young people as well as working with and partnership truly with everyone. So I just want to, you know, also thank council member Urunga and Sun House for signing on to this. And I think this is a great honor for him and I think overall for the community. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I just wanted to say a few words of support and just talk about that. When Ron brought forward solutions, they weren't always the easiest solutions. We really thought about comprehensive ways to reach out and go into the community, out to council members to find a way to make a long term difference. And I think that naming something after him because of the impact he made on the city is a really great move. Thank you. Last May, Richardson. Just before we go to public comment, just want to acknowledge this community letter. So I want to thank the public for this community letter organized by the steering committee. Honorable Steven Neal, Susanna Edmond, Mario Gonzalez, Jessica Quintana and Shanna Stephens. The steering committee and a total of 25 leaders, including former city managers, community leaders, every elected official in the north, the you know, that represents the area surrounding this, the center, our community members. And so I want to just acknowledge their support and thank you for sending that letter. Thank you. I know we have just got Quintana who has

a comment and she just comes up and is going to say a few remarks. I think this is a very fitting tribute to someone that is really the the father of the modern health department that we have here at the city of Long Beach. And also just a mentor to so many people across the city, including myself. I'm very grateful that Ron led this health department with the passion for for the city that he did. I him and Phyllis are two of just the kindest, most generous people that we have. And I'm just very grateful to to both of them for their service to to our community. Ron Arias is not just really a legend in the health world. Sure. Locally, but also for the Latino community. He is someone of significant contributions. He, as a young student and as an activist, was raising issues for the Chicano and Latino community, as a as a young college student, as moving on as a as a health specialist, as an activist, ensuring that the city was meeting goals around equity when there weren't a lot of managers and folks in his and leading departments that were that were people of color and certainly Latinos at the time. And so I think Ron is a very loved in our community among all people. And and I'm really, I think touched that vice mayor, that you and the community in North

Long Beach are active in getting this across the finish line. And we also gave Ron the key to the city not that long ago and well deserved for him and his family. And he's just a fantastic person. So I'm very, very happy to support this. And with that, Miss Quintana. Definitely. Thank you so much. Parker Garcia and city council members. And this is just I mean, on behalf of center chair in our board of. Directors. And the Latino community, we can't say enough about Ron. You know, definitely want to borrow that key to the city from him one day. But he's he's just been a champion in public health, among so many other things. You know, upon his retirement, Ron never retired. He continued to stay active, a diligent in the community serving on the Miller Health Foundation. He serves on our Latino Cultural Advisory Committee. Ron is as an advisor, you know, to all of our community organizations in the city. You know, he works diligently fundraising for the Rancho for the Assistance League. Yes. And he started the Latin managers professional organization because it does believe in education and really developing our young people to become in higher education and taking manager positions. So we're delighted. Thank you, Councilmember Richardson, for bringing this forward. Definitely. You know, the North Long Beach area needs support and needs health and human services in the area. They have high needs, you know, as well as other areas in the city of Long Beach. So thank you for having the opportunity to speak. And this is very, very just you know, we're all really excited for Ron and his family. And as you said, Mayor Garcia, they do a lot for this city. It should be the Ron and Phyllis Center, actually, because Phyllis is his pillar. She supports him so much. And so thank you so much. We truly appreciate this. Thank you. And with that, we have a motion and a second. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. Motion carries. Thank you. Item 13, please. Thank you, sir. And with that, we have the both of the hearings on the agenda. So let me let me start by going into our first hearing, which is the budget hearing, and then we'll do the second hearing, which is on a entertainment permit. So let's let's go ahead and begin with the budget hearing. Madam Clerk, if you want to read that and I know there's a full agenda, I also just want to remind the public that today is the first of. A handful of budget hearings that will happen in this chamber and some in the community. And so it does push meetings back. This is a time of the year where we spend a good amount of time talking about the budget. And so I do want to just make sure folks know that as we go into these next few weeks. Item 22 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to conduct a budget hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget city wide. Thank you. There is a of an item in front of you on I think there's a presentation. I'm going to start the presen

tation and go through a few slides as as we all know, every year the budget is and the way it's proposed to the Council is a partnership that we undergo and that I undergo with the city manager. But it's really the department directors and Mr. and Mr. Modica that put together the budget every single year and then it's presented to the City Council. I think most folks received the budget and the public I think last week I believe was Friday and then today is the first kind of public review of that document . So what we have in front of us is a budget proposal that's focused around building back and recovering from this pandemic. The city's total proposed budget for FY22 is 3 billion. That reflects the city's recovery from the largest public health crisis of our lifetime. And I think the most important piece of this budget is that the budget includes no cuts, has no deficit, and replenishes, most importantly, the reserves that were lost during the pandemic. And I mentioned to the council before there's probably nothing more important than being prepared for that next emergency. And

so having a replenish reserves is is, I think, a critical piece of this budget presentation. The F-22 budget takes into account the city's racial equity and reconciliation plan. And Mr. Mourdock will speak to that. And he will also speak to measure us, which of course, was approved by 57% of voters and how that integrates into the budget presentation. Also the budget, I think, makes a very, very strong makes a very strong statement as far as what we're focused on as it relates to our recovery. The Limited Recovery Act, which was the first Municipal Recovery Act presented actually across the country, is is a part of this budget. It's about almost \$250 million of federal and state funds, most of it federal, as we know. And the city council has approved that Budget Recovery Act, as we know it allocates about 64 million for economic recovery, about 108 million to healthy and safe communities, and about 76 million to the city's reserves. Eliminating the furloughs and the elimination of the deficit, which is all part of securing our city's future. If you look at the economic recovery piece, you'll find in the budget there's a variety of of resources for residents and businesses, everything from protection for nonprofits and businesses on on COVID to support direct business support. At 20 million, there's airport support for 15 million. There's economic inclusion resources, the Clean Language Initiative, and so many others that are involved. These are just a sample of some of the economic recovery funds. In addition, under Health and Safe Community, there's also a variety of different investments investments around basic needs, around ensuring that people have child support and child care in our community. There's additional support for public health and COVID response, bounce prevention and Safe Cities money. There is about \$10 million for homelessness and we also added to cer

tain funds. So while example, the justice fund and language access were already in the budget, the American Recovery Act and through us, the long a recovery plan really added to those as well. And you see housing support at 56 million, which is really significant around tenant assistance. And then, of course, we spent a good amount of resources eliminating our shortfalls, replenishing reserves and ending furloughs, which was important for us as a city. I want to just to highlight a few community investments that our folks were engaged on and I had discussions about and that some councilmembers discussed with me as well. Those are all in there as part of the Long Beach Recovery Act and the budget that Mr. Modica will we'll explore. There's a variety of resources. I do want to point out the digital inclusion money which is in there. That's been a great new initiative of the City Council and other priorities. I'll note that certain priorities, like the Justice Fund, is receiving its strongest support this year, which I think is a really great move for us as a community. And there's other investments as relates to health of the community across the budget. With that, I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Monica, who will do the majority of the presentation. And we did this presentation, of course, last Friday to the community and to the media. And I think many of the councilmembers also, I think, watched it online. So Mr. Monica. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. If we can bring up the city manager's presentation. We're in the clear. The Mayor gave a very good summary of the budget and I will launch with this part. So the F 22 budget is 3 billion, as the mayor mentioned. It's 37 different fund groups, 126 funds and 23 departments. The main message, really, and the thing to keep in mind is that we are basically per continuing the previous year's budget. Yes, the budget has changes and all of our different funds, but as a whole, especially in the general fund, we were able to do something pretty significant which is not engage in reductions and not have some of these really difficult financial impacts. This year we were able to basically continue it from last year and the emphasis for the budget is really on pandemic recovery. I think it's been very clear that we're facing unprecedented challenges over the past 12 months, up to 16 months. It has been unprecedented both operationally and financially. We've really been focused on minimizing impacts of the pandemic, on our business community, on our residents, on people who had a very, very difficult times last year. We have strained our city resources and we've had to divert our staff capacity to the most urgent priorities. And that also means our financial resources. We've had a year of First Amendment demonstrations of civil unrest and systemic racial inequality in our society that we are addressing. So there's many accomplishments. We could be here a long time if we really went through them all. I'll just summarize ju

st a couple. We really focused on safety and health during the pandemic and recovery. We implemented things like a relief payment plan, interest free and penalty free payment options for businesses, including parking citations as well. We launched for the first time ever, a \$51 million rental assistance program where we're helping to pay rent, supporting both renters and landlords.

We launched business programs under language based care, helping them on free one on one in-person support. We suspended late charges for utility customers, suspended shut offs of utilities to assist our customers. We did the Open Streets Initiative. We had 120 parklets in Long Beach restaurants and another 250 occasional event permits where businesses can use their parking lots or other structures in nontraditional use. We expanded services for people experiencing homelessness through Project Roomkey. Project Homekey. We built our very first Atlantic Bridge housing community, a 125 room, our first year round shelter at the airport. One of our tenants completed construction of the largest solar energy project in the airport's history. We got the airport health accreditation for commitment to passenger safety. We transitioned our library programs to online and went to contactless pickup. We had free printing services, and we distributed Chromebooks and modified devices. We developed a Youth Trust Strategic Plan to elevate youth and child development. At the same time, we focused on core services repairing over 25,000 potholes, trimming trees, removing tree stumps and replacing signs. And then we were also still recognized as a top ten digital city for the 10th year in a row. I want to remind you, too, that during the year we did some very significant investments in both our residents and our community through the CARES Act. We got \$40 million and six months to spend it and really put it to good use. And we're able to show that we created a plan very quickly as a mayor and council staff implemented, that we passed every single audit of the funds and did a lot of good. I won't go through all of these, but you have them here on the slide. Everything from digital inclusion to black health equity to children and families and diapers and supporting communities most in need, access to food in individuals experiencing homelessness with shelter, and just a number of really amazing things. And so this council did approve the Recovery Act. We do believe we're the first big city that did that. It was a came together very quickly as an initial plan in focusing on economic recovery, health and safe community and securing our city's future. I won't go through all the the buckets because the mayor did that very well. I will say that it has temporary or temporarily solved the \$30 million short fund in the general fund shortfall in the general fund. And just to give a sense of that, if we hadn't had those dollars, we'd be talking right now about some pretty significant reductions in the

area of 145 different positions throughout our organization, because people are what we prefer who provide the services to our communities, and we would have to be having those discussions. And, you know, we are still going to have to have some budget balancing discussions and options and look at that for the next year and that there will be some service reductions. But we have a year to plan and we really still are looking at some of the strategic investments as well, so that we have to look to the future over this next year to figure out how we're going to address some of those future challenges. And so the funding for the Recovery Act comes from federal, state and county grants. It is actually up now. So we increased it was originally a \$235 million plan that the council acted on in March. It's up it's 249 million since approved by the council. We've added a number of different areas, but at the same time, the biggest bucket of money, which is the money that we have the most discretion on from the federal government, actually went down. It went down about \$17.9 million when we got our final allocation. So we did have to make some adjustments. We went through a methodology to essentially protect all of the programs that the council approved, but programs under 300,000, those were real small. We did not take any reductions in those. We because any percent reduction there would be pretty impactful from 300000 to 2 million, we reduced those by 10% and programs over 2 million. We reduced by 20% so that we didn't take it all out of the programing. We were able to identify about \$6.5 million in the reserves category that due to financial projections, maybe did a little bit better. And we didn't need that \$6.5 million as urgently. And the Recovery Act, just as you know, is 249 million is larger than some of the entire budgets of some of our other cities. And so that does require a lot of management, a lot of staffing to make sure that we're doing it appropriately and spending it effectively. We are proposing a three year staffing and administration plan to be able to incorporate into each one of those funds. And we also have some reporting requirements to the federal government and sort of minimize audit issues to keep the dollars as flexible as possible. We're using what's called the indirect funding option for ARPA. And so we're essentially attributing ARPA to revenue loss, which allows us to invest these dollars. But then we're also creating a very strict plan to be able to show that all of these programs line up with the original intent of the federal government. The framework for reconciliation is a big part of our budget. On August 11, 2020, we adopted that plan. There's been a number of actions that have occurred, and we're going to be coming back in August with a larger report on the one

year anniversary of that work. The Office of Equity has moved to the city manager's office and has really been a liaison to all the different departments . We

've increased capacity with two positions. We have equity champions in each department. We've implemented racial equity one on one trainings. And a real big part of our response to COVID this year was our Vaccine Equity and Outreach Subcommittee that worked with the community providing vaccine opportunities in the hardest hit neighborhoods. The Recovery Act does support our racial reconciliation plan. We have in that plan youth academic programming at libraries. There is funding for youth life coaching and mentoring, expanding our Be Safe program for parks activities at night, expanding our Long Beach, Activating Safe Communities program that has been working in the Washington neighborhood and expanding that to others in high impact communities. Creating a reentry pilot program to reintegrate services for people that are reentering from incarceration, investing in economic empowerment zones, funding for community land trust, research and investment. Strong programs around digital inclusion. Inclusion for businesses and residents. A mental health crisis response pilot that's underway and under development. And our youth workforce development programs. Normally we have a long list of some of the new critical investments added. Normally with one time funds or one time funds, we're less this year than they've been in the past, given the the significant fiscal challenges. So it's a smaller list, but here it is. Here they are. We're investing in a diversity recruitment, mentorship and partnership partnership program in the police department, 220,000, which is structurally funded within the police budget for helping the workforce reflect our diverse community. We have a similar program in the fire department, 250,001 times, which is continuing that program from last year. We invested 2.18 million and our requirements for elections and redistricting. Those are both charter amendments and have specific timelines and deadlines that need to be funded. And then we have a number of commitments from previous years that were planned many years ago to come due in this budget, one of which was our brand new Wrigley greenbelt, which we got funding for, and it's now being implemented. And then we're launching a large new downtown park, and it'll be completed and opened in 2022. And so that park needs both maintenance and programming. One of the areas for new investment is measure us, and that is a subsection of funding that went to voters and was recommended by the Council to Fund Children and Youth Services, Community Health and Climate Change. We're very happy to announce that the Council gave us direction about a youth fund and that's been created as part of the city council or part of the budget to invest in youth and youth services informed by all of our strategic plans, reconciliation and other planning efforts. And this is a brand new program. So I want to tell the council, we're just starting we're listening to everything that we heard from you and the commun

ity. And we made a proposal, but we know this is going to get some adjustment any time you adopt a new program like this. So we're very open to that. We're flexible to hear the ideas of the community and the council on that. And so the staff proposal is to create a youth fund in the amount of \$918,000. That would include \$200,000 of direct youth community based grants where they can apply and get funding for the most important things in the community. A youth ambassador program where we're hiring youth and training them in our parks, continuing the model from CARES. And then as those youth move on to other opportunities, hiring more youth in their place and having a standard program that can help out in our parks and teach a valuable skills as well to our youth steam and ecosystem programming. This is library services programming. We're focusing on science and technology and math and arts, youth mental health programming, continuing the Long Beach Youth Summit every single year, and also funding to communicate all the facts that are happening with our youth and data management. And looking at the plan and supporting that commission, we would fund 155,000 in community health. We have in the past created an older adult program that's been very important to the community. It's always been funded with some one times or something dollars that were available, and this would create actual structural support for the older adult program and also support our staffing in our racial equity efforts. And then finally, climate. This is taking pieces of the climate addict adaptation and adaption plan and \$243,000 to invest in things like community based organization grants for farms and community gardens and teaching gardens. We would have more field work programs for youth and help to expand our neighborhood tree planting. We had a council item that asked about tree planting throughout the city and how can we enhance our resources. And this would help with that. And also creating an electric lawn equipment

program. HMD has one and this would be helping supplement that for Long Beach people in need. Measure A continues to provide all the past restorations, public safety, maintenance and administrative support. And we have 2.5 million to be able to keep the budget status quo. And June 17 was funded in 21. It was set to not be funded in 22. And so this would continue. That is as per our philosophy this year, to keep going for one more year through one time dollars and measuring. We have \$2.2 million for our Neighborhood Safe Streets Initiative in the police department. For a number of years, we've been planning that this year would be the year that measure would support our public safety radio replacement cost. So this is radio communication systems for police and fire that's antiquated and needs to be updated. Supporting community hospital, \$4 million and then 20.8 million for infrastructure, which also includes funding our police and fire academy renovations and

other infrastructure, as well as a new \$4.0 million or \$4 million for ADA sidewalk compliance and curb requirements. We have a robust capital improvement plan that you are going to have a very specific section on. We'll come to you and deconstruct the CP and talk about all the projects there. It's 470 million. The harbor is a big portion of that. But the next two biggest categories are utilities and mobility and mobility as all of our street work. And that's \$51.8 million for streets and sidewalks. The General Fund is balanced with one time. So it's a balanced budget, but there is a significant amount of one time funding that we need to disclose. So it's not a structural solution there and it will need to be addressed in FY 23. So that structural shortfall in 22 for the next year I'm sorry, the original structural shortfall is \$27 million for this year and then 3 million in additional one time costs, which is covered by the Recovery Act. And so while this isn't our normal strategy for addressing budgets, this was an amazing, incredible year. And reserves are there for a reason. And one time dollars have come in to help us. And so that's really why we're recommending the to do this for one year. And also, we know that this budget doesn't support everything. There are a number of things the council asked for, the community asked for that we're underfunded in our departments. We try to disclose the the big items of that in the budget, including all the items that have come from the city council that have some funding or partial funding. Those are listed in an attachment with links to the two fund for us for easy reading. So what is our general fund fiscal outlook look like? So in 22 we are balance, but in 23 we have a \$9 million surplus, but we have to carry over the shortfall from the previous year. That's 27 million. So it's a total of 36, which is a lot. That is a big number. 24 is another \$11 million to solve and 25 is another nine. So this also includes that we are expecting some recovery revenue of the next couple of years. But we do know that our revenues are just growing slower than our expenses and that fact still remains. We do assume that we're going to win the measure and litigation currently seems likely given that Sacramento won their case. Otherwise, 23 would be about \$9 million worth, and it's going to be a high priority in 22, beginning earlier to develop approaches to address that structural shortfall. So we've had a number of meetings already on the budget in March and April and July, and now we really turn to our community budget meetings, the BRC meetings. It's it's a proposed budget and it's really in the council's hands. This is one of the most important things the council does every year is consider the manager's budget, look at mayor recommendations, and then listen to the community and make those tough decisions. There are many opportunities for community engagement. You can attend budget hearings, attend community b

udget meetings, attend Bossi meetings. We have our Long Beach survey on funding priorities. And we're also, when we do the outreach, going to be working on the Long Beach strategic plan as well, and engaging residents per the council's request to get additional input on our strategic plan. And so I will finish with saying that this is an amazing city. It's a city committed to moving onwards and upwards. We say that a lot here. City of many accomplishments, a full service city, a wide variety of amazing services. We address our challenges head on. We don't shirk from them. We have such committed, dedicated employees who have just done extraordinary work throughout the pandemic to address and recover. And we have very strong leadership from our policymakers, our mayor and city council, and couldn't do this without the support and collaboration of our city auditor, our city attorney, our prosecutor, our city clerk, our civil service executive director, our harbor executive director and our water general manager. And that concludes the presentation, and we're available for questions. Thank you very much. And we are going to go to before I go to the council. I just want to also add that we say every year that this is just the first of these hearings. So there will be

opportunities for out throughout the entire budget process where there will be different departments, of course, that will come forward and plenty opportunities for questions of specific departments in the future if the council has those. I do have a motion in a second to receive and file for this hearing the report, but I want to I councilman's already mentioned that she wants to hear I think there's four members of the public that have signed up. So let's hear the former members of the public and then we'll go to Councilwoman Sorrell. And then I'll just I'll just read them up here. If these four members could please come forward in this order, I believe it, says Jamil Ochoa or Jamil Ochoa, Karen Reside, Abraham Zavala and Jordan Winn. Or if those four folks could come forward, please. Jamil Ochoa. Karen Reside, Abraham Zavala and Jordan Winn. Good evening, Mayor and council members and city manager and city staff. My name is Joe Miller and I am a community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrants Rights Coalition. I want to start off by asking you a question for you to reflect on. Can we count on the city council to fund programs like the Long Beach Justice Fund that will give legal representation to loved ones that have been kidnaped out of their homes to be put into ICE vehicles. I'm here as part of the People's Budget Coalition as I multicultural and Multi-generational Alliance. I am calling on Mayor Garcia and all nine City Council members and the city city manager to one adopt the people's budget for fiscal year 2022 and structurally reform the city budget process to enable earlier and deeper participation from marginalized communities who are most impacted by budget decisions. Yo

u must make public comments accessible to the communities who deserve to be part of this process, but can't be here today because of their vulnerability to COVID 19. When is this coming back to City Council? We believe that Black Lives Matter and that our communities cannot wait any longer. As the devastating impacts a public health crisis meets the harms inflicted by systemic racism and decades of immigrant attacks, anti-immigrant attacks, the accumulation of injustices facing immigrant communities has reached a tipping point. The need for urgent action to sustain and expand universal representation is more important now than ever. Immigrants of color feel the double oppression that comes from overpolicing which are giving way too much funding to from the both law enforcement and immigration enforcement. I am here today to demand that the city allocate 600,000 already promised from the Lumbee Justice Fund through a key for the structure of funding agreed upon last year and 300 Cree from the American Rescue Plan promised towards the Long Beach Justice Fund earlier this year. Our government is responsible for ensuring that everyone has equal access to the care that they need. This is the government's responsibility to use our tax dollars to protect the fundamental rights, health and safety of everyone in our communities. Universal representation ensures that the representation in immigration system operates in racially equitable way by ensuring legal representation. It helps us dismantle the present deportation pipeline and advances racial justice. We must work towards spending less city funding on policing and more on communities. I'm going to see that one more time. We must stop, start working towards spending, less funding on policing and more on our communities without a process to legal representation. Immigrants are facing deportation and an already unjust system alone. Let's please remember that the budgets are moral documents. They must represent the priorities of our communities needs and. That your time is up. Thank you. Hi. My name is Karen. Resign. I'm here tonight with the Long Beach Gray Panthers and we also are on the People's Budget Partnership Coalition. And I'm here tonight to address one of the last big isms that I had hoped hoped to see more in the budget this year. And it's sadly lacking. Ageism and ageism. We're working on the younger part of that. We've done a lot of good things with the youth, but it seems like our older people don't exist. 155,000. And I assume that's for Bixby Knolls, which isn't even really acceptable as a senior center. So I'm here tonight to address some of the issues. Three years ago, the city entered into the Livable Cities Initiative with AARP, which was to examine the impacts that our city had related to older adults. So far, we've done nothing for that. We also established the Healthy Aging Center at the Health Health Department, which has not been funded and certainly has done a main and amazing

job with no money. And here we are scrambling as volunteers try and find funny find money for a plan that was not even done appropriately. It was based on a ten year old plan that doesn't include any input from baby boomers. And I have very different needs from someone that was the greatest generation. So the plan that we're using is way out of date. It's time we invest some money into the needs of our seniors. When I was young, my grandmother used to go visit her every weekend. She

lived here and she came to Long Beach because it was such a wonderful city for older adults. I can't say that today. You know, we have to fight to get transportation. They haven't brought the passport back. Long Beach Transit is not talking about bringing the transport passport back, the senior center. Mr. Mayor, when you came and visited it two years ago, you said the city should be doing better for its seniors. Every day I watched the staff try and scramble and the two people that we lost during the pandemic haven't been replaced. So there are staff shortages and they're trying desperately to do programming with no supplies. The Great Panthers were lucky enough to get a couple of grants, so we've been trying to help buy decent furniture. The furniture is all falling apart. They replaced two floors and two spaces, but not the main spaces. So they still have gaps. They're broken. They're trip hazards for seniors. Right now, senior centers is not safe for seniors to be in. For a city our size. We should have ten senior centers and they should be standalone senior centers. But that's what the recommendations for Parks and Recreation Association. So we only have really one prestige standing senior centers there were way behind. Good evening, council members. My name is Abraham Zavala. I'm with Long Beach. Residents Empowered, who is also part of the Language Arts Coalition. And our coalition is also a part of the People's Budget Coalition as well. I want to begin by acknowledging the liberated leaders who are watching right now online who couldn't be here to make public comment in person. And also, my children, they're. Watching online as well right now. So just want to say hi to them or else when I get home they're going to. Tell me something or that to say. I think it's important to keep engaging telephonically. I know there are other ways of giving folks access. So I want to share the language access coalition's budget demands that we feel would make an. Impact in Long Beach. Language is important, and I think oftentimes that can be a barrier for a lot of our folks that are different communities, right to access government, other functions as well. So we want to uplift the following three items. First, we like to have the city dedicate adequate staff to implement the Language Access Program consistently throughout the city and create a culture of language. Just as in Long Beach, we feel that can be best be achieved by hiring two full time program coordinators at 200,00

1, full time program assistant as well at 85 for a total of 35,000. Second, bear with me. It's very specific. Primarily move interpretation and translation services in-house to provide a faster and higher quality response to residents who need interpretation and translation. Provide Spanish and more interpretation at our City Council and Charter Commission meetings without having to make a request in advance that is so helpful for folks to come and make public comment whenever that's possible. So that would be something that would make an impact. So we're asking for ten Spanish interpreters, six camera interpreters, four Tagalog interpreters as city staff at an estimated 140,000 per to a total of to 2,000,800. Third demand is to provide community based organizations who work with Aleppo residents ongoing stipends to conduct outreach about the policy. Such organizations have a deep community relationship, trust and cultural competency to do that kind of outreach to effectively communicate with residents about their rights specifically and how to access city services for a total budget amount of 3,285,000 . We feel that's fair, given that oftentimes, even when you call in over the phone, folks sometimes don't get through to the department, they need to get through. So we feel this would make a huge impact. So thank you for your time. Hello. And thank you. My name is Jordan Winn. I'm a District two resident in the city of Long Beach. My theme for the city budget today is to move past symbolic actions. And move towards permanent actions. Last year, thanks to the advocacy of the People's Budget Coalition, we. Sent many of the things that were were reflected in the city's budget last year, and many of those pilots. Are. Continuing. We thank you for that. Last year, we also saw a decrease in the city's proposed police budget. By \$5 million. Tonight, we see an increase probably coming in within the fiscal budget itself, \$15 million of increase coming our way. We need to move past symbolic measures and start dedicating ourself wholeheartedly with the millions of dollars that go there into community resources instead. Not hundreds of thousands of. Dollars for our seniors, for our families, but millions. We need to start investing those real dollars. I'm here to present three specific items from the Housing Justice Coalition of Long Beach that are three budget priorities that build on some of the things that the people's budget brought forth last year. One is a dedication to the rental housing division. We're very grateful to the City Council for dedicating \$1 million from the Long Beach Recovery Act for the creation of three temporary housing navigator positions. And we now call on the city to build on that commitment and fund the creation of a permanent, structurally funded and fully staffed rental housing division within development services. The Rental Housing Division would be staffed by one

division officer full time, two planners. Full time, two administrative analysts, three assistant. Military analysts, two clerks, and one deputy city attorney. We've broken it down very granularly, and it is this kind of service that is very necessary to maintain the large housing stock that we have within our city. And as we continue to expand and grow as a wonderful city that we are, this is going to become a greater and greater need for us locally.

Number two is tenant rights of council. We are asking for \$7 million of that. There was a pilot program launched last year, dedicated \$250 million, one time in the fiscal year 2021 budget for right to counsel. The city further acknowledged the need for additional funding by allocating \$900,000 to right council for the Long Beach Recovery Act, which will be spent fully over the next two years. We really do appreciate that this dedication is coming out from the city. And we want the city to go further. We call on the city to fully fund this crucial program, which has only received partial funding thus far. Black and indigenous people of color and tenants throughout the city are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. As we've seen, are still waiting on funding, and Long Beach needs a fully funded right to counsel program to prevent mass displacement. Finally, we call on the city to continue to invest in community land trusts. Calling on 4000. Sorry, \$4,750,000 from the fiscal year 2022 budget. To fund the remaining balance of our original budget ask, we're thankful for the original allocation of \$1 million from the Long Beach Recovery Act. And once again, we ask the city to go further for our low income black indigenous tenants of color who've been disproportionately impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. I want to thank you for the very public comments. We're going to go back to the council and I'll start with Councilwoman Sorrell. Thank you, Mayor. You know, I want to thank the members of the public for making their comments. And I also want to thank our amazing city staff, city manager and the mayor's leadership for in the past year of navigating us through such a challenging time with the pandemic. So I know that that's been one of the things that's been mentioned earlier, how we've also been just impacted financially in so many ways. But I also just want to lift up our amazing residents who have been there for each other and protected each other by providing mutual aid and assistance. While we are not yet out of the pandemic, I think that it's an amazing, you know, the way that our city staff and mayor as well is helping us lead into the recovery part and grateful for the federal and state funding that's making it possible. You know, I just want to make sure to left out, you know, of the 249 million of federal and state funds, that 108.5 million of it is specifically for our healthy and safe community, which is going into our community. That's ranging from early childhood education and support to the physical

and mental health equity to violence prevention and safe cities and homelessness. So I really want to make sure we lift that up because a lot of money is being invested into our community and particularly want to make sure to point out that 600,000 is going to the justice fund and 700,000 is going to the language access. Supporting and language access are so important to me and ensuring that, you know, we're making sure, you know, we're able to communicate across various languages as well as accessibility as well. But I just want to mention of the 700 million for our language access and 600,000 for the Justice one. It's the most we've ever funded in these two areas, as well as our source 1.8 million into the digital inclusion. So many amazing thing. I know it was a lot of information thrown at all of you and we're hoping that, as you know, this comes up over time and that it's various opportunities for engagement, that there are opportunities for more digestion of the information shared and better dialog and more dialogs that can be had in the community and with each other about it. So that's just what I wanted to make sure that provide to share. Thank you so much. Thank you, Councilwoman. Before I go to Councilman Manga, I do want to just add to that because I think she had mentioned two items that I had was chatting with someone earlier about it. Just it's important to note that the justice fund is as is at \$600,000. When you look at the full budget, which is the largest allocation it's had. And so it's something I strongly support and I know the community supports and I think that we have seen those resources put to work and how important they are to ensure legal protection for people that are incredibly vulnerable and that need our support as a community. In addition, I just want to say on the language access question that Councilman Sara brought up, Mr. Monaco, you also we don't have to do it today, but I think there's also I know that the 700,000 direct allocation is the largest direct allocation we've made. But I think that there's also resources within language access that is kind of split among departments or that you've put into other departments. So the actual number, I think is a lot larger.

Is that right? Absolutely. It actually in FY 22, if when you total up all the programs that we do for language access, it's \$3.2 million. So we can break that out for you. There is the staffing in the city manager's office, about \$323,000. We then have, you know, \$250,000 in the Recovery Act budget. We then have our health department budget and our economic development budget. And then we also pay a number of city staff members to be bilingual. And that's about \$1.8 million, \$1.9 million, so that they're always available to the community. So I'd like to have one of our follow up items be to break this down for you so that we can get a truer picture of language access. Appreciate that. And I know I've had I was chatting with someone from the La

nguage Access Coalition. I think there just needs to be a they just want to kind of understand at least what's in the current budget and how it's broken up. And so that way I think I think it'd be helpful for the community and for the council to have a better understanding of how those resources are are divided up in the city. So we can have a better idea of that. So but thank you, Councilwoman Sara, for for the for the bringing up those items. Let me go to Councilman Mongo. Thank you. And I think that and I don't want to speak for Councilmember Odinga, but a long time we've been fighting about language access and the movement forward. And I think that what has really come of it is not about an allocation. And I think that in many of my one on ones with community groups we talk about it's not about an allocation, it's about a full integration into the city as a component of what we do, period. It's a part of what we do and there isn't an amount that it is limited to or associated with. It's everything needs to be available in the languages. And specifically we've talked about and different departments have different needs and have different access to different communities and have more need or less need. And from year to year, those adjustments just need to be made so that people have access period. So just to follow up on that. Page 12 of the presentation talks about rental assistance. It's my understanding that additional funds have become available July one through the state budget, but we had previously closed the window on the rental assistance funds. Do we plan to reopen it because of these new funds? So we had extended our rental assistance program twice and we are incorporated those new funds into the third revision. So the 51 million includes the new money that we got as well, and that's now in the recovery plan. That's part of the reason it went up from 235 up into to 49. So do we believe we have applicants for that much funding? We do. So when we assessed it over the weekend, we were looking at July 11th as the date we had contemplated potentially extending it, but we did a big push on social media, on outreach, and we got enough applications to fulfill the whole \$51 million. And we're currently. So we closed it and we're going through the process with applicants to help them with all the paperwork that they need to file for federal and state reimbursement. And when do we think that money will be operationalized and in the hands of the community? Some of it's gone out already. I sent out an update, I think a week and a half ago. I can get you a new one. At that point, several million dollars had already gone out. And we have just it's a big process to go through that. And we let checks out every single week when we get those applications done. So we think six weeks, eight weeks. I don't have that answer right now. I don't know if Oscar or Christopher does. Christopher's got a better handle on it. Council member, we expect about \$2 mill

ion to go out the door this week and then we expect the amount of going out the door to increase each week over the coming six weeks. So in 6 to 8 weeks, we will have paid out a very large portion of the rental assistance, but then we'll be into the very difficult cases. So we have cases where one party or the other isn't cooperating or there's a paperwork problem or there's audit trail problem. So it's hard for me to say everything will be paid in eight weeks. Most things will be paid in eight weeks. But then when we get to the really difficult ones, it'll take us all the way until December 31st to pay out those more difficult cases. Wonderful. Thank you for that information. I want to take a pause from my questions because I kind of move things around based on other comments of my colleagues. And I just want to thank the staff. I know not everybody spends the time. The moment these books are released, my staff know they come to my house immediately or I drive to City Hall and get them. I spent the weekend with these books and I love what you've done with them. We've come a really long way. You've always been excellent, but the amount of work that you've put in this year, the different layouts that you've adopted, the more easy to read sections. For those of you who don't know, when people call my office and ask questions, I reference the book and I send them the PDF and I think that this is more user friendly. And so what I meet with community groups and we have questions. The quality of this book makes a difference and I really think it's a reflection

of the staff and the efforts and the training. I have to say my favorite part is that you have our fiscal or fiscal policies in the beginning of the book. I think that's a really important reminder and I really appreciate and through the work that we did together for several years to get these right, that they're front and center for people to remember why we do what we do and why it's important to be with our revenue projections and how we handle each and every component of this book. So and I think that that will really help for years to come. So I want to thank the staff for all the work that went into this. And not just the budget staff. The budget staff that are in the facility manager's office are critical and important, but there are also a lot of staff out in departments and a lot of those staff are stretched really thin and taking multiple hats in the department at this time. And so I want to take an extra special moment to thank you, filling out all the reports and requirements and projections that the city manager's office requests are not easy. I just look forward to seeing more details in the police budget about the least cost of the radio. That just sounded like a high number for lease costs versus purchase price. I don't know a lot about it, so I don't know if we're frontloading it and putting in a reserve account or maybe I can go into that at that presentation and then I look for

ward to additional details on measure use and what that's going to look like on the granular level when we get there. Thank you. Thank you very much. RICHARDSON Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thanks city staff for the presentation. I was able to watch the budget reveal the other day, so I got a bit of a head start on some of this and I'm sure most of the community has to. I just want to acknowledge the speakers who came forward I think is really good. And I think I don't remember if it was Jordan or someone who kind of articulated, you know, last year's budget, then the recovery, the pieces that the community advocated for and have made it in, I think is important. The community should be proud of those achievements and the council should be proud of those achievements. These are significant investments that helped shape the region. Other people pay attention to these impacts. You know, enough members of the council spoke to the justice, foreign language, access and things like that. But we know that there's always more to do and we have a good organizing base in our community that will continue to push the city, and that's just the dynamics of inside outside. And so we know that there's certainly much more to do. But I do want to say, you know, context is important. This time last year, we were I think we were talking about relief efforts and sick days, and we were in a very, very different place. And to have a budget in front of us with no service cuts at a time when our services are already stretched, strained, I think is important. And it would not have been possible if it hadn't been for the federal relief that we're fortunate to receive the CARES Act. We didn't originally receive that. We were just shy of the 500,000 we had to go agitate to get resources. So the fact that we're in a place where we don't have cuts, I think that's important context because we're not out of the clear. This is the very, very beginning of a recovery. But we are not out of the out of the woods. Our revenues have not recovered. We're in a different place. And I think we need to understand that now. There are some good things that I'm proud of in this in this budget. Some new things measure us and and, you know, some of the recovery dollars. I think it's important that the reconciliation came up a lot. And, you know, I think I think that we need to make sure that we are keeping score and telling the story outwardly of the way the reconciliation is shaped. A lot of this and, you know, it was organized in a way there was immediate, immediate mid-term, long term investments. And there's actually a really good story to tell on some of the immediate and the short term and medium term investments. And I want to see us tell that story a bit better. We launched the Office of Youth Development this year. That's important. We're investing in violence prevention. That's important. We didn't have staff for violence prevention before we adopted Measure US. That was called out in the re

conciliation plan the voters adopted. That opens up the playbook, allows us we'll talk a little bit more about that. But I think that opens up the playbook, allows some down payments on some really important things like the youth fund. There's policy things in front of in front of us that we know some we move forward on that were called out inclusionary housing inclusive play box checked. There are some things that still are outstanding we know we need to do CPK reform. We funded the study. We look forward to closing that out and putting in front of the voters. You have a health equity center called out. There's an item this evening talking about the health equity center. There's alternative. A big, big item was alternative clinical response model that was big over the course of the past year. And we look forward to the update and where we are with alternative clinical response model. That's that's important the community that's for that and a whole host of other

things that are really creative people have advocated for a long time. I've advocated for some of these for a long time, like down payment assistance, economic empowerment zones. Some of the economic inclusion work called out everyone in the community land trust. These are really, really good ideas and strategies that have been funded. And I look forward to an update where we can look comprehensively at where we are now in terms of major U.S. that that really I'm glad to see that here. Mary has opened up the playbook and we're fortunate to the voters for making that happen. I'm glad to see the great majority that almost \$1,000,000 invested in youth. We need to make sure that you know we go back to particularly we invest in youth coalition is push for our youth fund for a very long time we're going to have a community discussion, a youth town hall with them on August 5th to take a deeper dive and hear directly from youth about now this is possible and the reality. What do we need to consider? I think the investments in community health from us I think is a great start. We've talked about investing as seniors in aging adults, the fact that we're going to have funding to dedicate now to that to help build out that program I think is good. And I think with climate, the goal was to have funding to leverage, to amplify the impact on accelerating our climate action adaptation plan. And what you see is an alignment that allows us to go out to groups like AQAP and others and multiply the impact on our climate resiliency programs. So we only have 5 minutes immaculate later, but we only have 5 minutes. But but I think these are things that I think need to be discussed in this budget and the things that in general, as an implementation point, we need to be better at telling the story and communicating outwardly the work, the good work that's happening within the city and understand the delta of where we still need to push. Thank you, Councilor Marie Ranga. Thank you. And I want to follow up on Vice

Mayor Richardson's comments regarding the discussions we're going to have in the future. On slide 27, you have a schedule there of hearings, and we're going to be coming up. And I know that three of those are going to be out in the community and encouraging the community to please come out to those public hearings so we can hear you and and share your thoughts and ideas as to how we can build a better budget for the city of Long Beach or build one at least that is strong and addresses all the needs that we have at the city. I also want to make sure that we are inclusive in our budget hearings that we have. We have all four points of our city east, west, north and south to make sure that there is an ample opportunity for people from all over the city to attend these hearings. One of the most important things that I think came up for me anyway. And I want to thank Councilmember Mungo and Councilmember Sarah, of course, our mayor, for bringing up the issues related to language access. Everybody knows that this has been a very important item for me in regards to communication, being able to talk to our people, to our residents from all languages, from all backgrounds, because we can't if we don't have and we don't speak their language. And so that's very important. And I'm glad that city manager, you brought up some issues there that are that are internal, that are actually built in to our language access program, such as bilingual staff. I know I can speak to it from a historical perspective. I used to be the the bilingual language assessor providing the skimpy. So I know that there are city staff out there who are receiving the skill page, but obviously it's not enough. We need a lot more and we probably need to budget it more. So I'm looking forward to those discussions and those hearings when we can throughout the city. Is there going to be a specific schedule in regards to what departments are going to be reviewed in these budget hearings as we move along, like, for example, August 3rd, August 10th, in August 17th, which I think are the three that you have scheduled in the community before we get our first adoption date of August 24th. I'm especially interested in in those departments that are non non city manager departments. I'm talking specifically about civil service department. I mean, they're they're the biggest department that does all our employment testing. They test for basically all jobs in the city. And that's where also the the bilingual skill comes in with the civil service department in regards to testing that these individuals apply for for these skilled jobs do, in fact, possess. So is there going to be a release of of a schedule of what departments are going to be coming to the city council or rephrase it to the budget hearings in the future? Yes. So we do have a proposal. We do this every year where we identify certain departments and then we get council feedback. And it's important that we get consensus. We have 23 department

s and it's hard to do every single one and be efficient with your time. So we do want to get input from you on that. You can go through what those are. We had originally planned on kind of focusing since the changes are really in the Recovery Act that we focus a lot of the presentations on those

that are getting resources and programs in the Recovery Act. So to. Council member. We have a budget hearing next on August 3rd for the CIP presentation. Then on August 10th, we have the health department and the police department presenting. And then on August 17th, we have the fire department and Economic Development Department presenting. And then two weeks following that or the following week, we have our first budget adoption night on August 24th. This is a pretty aggressive schedule. So I'm guessing, Mayor, that we're trying to adopt our budget while before September 30th or the date that we actually have to? No, I mean, the council always can adopt it whenever it would like up until that date. I think we also released the budget was also, I think probably out probably about two weeks earlier than normal. So I think the staff is adjusting for that time. So I think normally we probably have this conversation like two weeks from now or the first budget presentation. So I think it's just an adjustment for that. But we can I think any time the council wants to add an apartment to one of these sessions, I think we're able to just let Mr. Morgan to go at it. Yeah, I did have a brief discussion with Mr. Moore today about a presentation, and since I'm making a request also to include an department, perhaps we could do it at that time as well, or be able to accommodate other department presentations at a at a hearing if we need to adjust a just a schedule a little bit by, you know, the August 24 or when we back the August 24 through the seventh and the seven to the 14th. Yeah. And I would and I know that I would, I would connect definitely. I know that Councilmember Austin is not here, but I know that he's working on the schedule with staff as well. So definitely want to connect with him as well and we'll go from there. Thank you. Councilman and the house. Mayor And first of all, thank you for that great presentation to city staff, especially financial management. Thank you very much. Agree with most all of the comments being said by my colleagues tonight. One of my top priorities as a councilwoman is public safety. I think it's crucial for our city or our thriving city to be the best and make sure that our residents feel as safe as possible, especially our youth. I feel that they need to feel protected and our youth are usually seen as easy targets when they go alone to parks or, you know, to play basketball at the courts or even just walking home from school. So I wanted to see what if there was a if we could look into maybe the feasibility of establishing a program that would consist of police placing panic buttons throughout our parks, especially those

that suffer the most violent crimes and and are most at risk. I think that, you know, if a child is in danger or feels harassed, that that would be something really good to have it where they could press the alert or the panic button and they could receive immediate help. I know that they have such a program like that at Cal State University, Long Beach, and would like to see what kind of feasibility that would be. And on another note, I think that one of the things that I've been like council member Ortega and Council member Sara Champion on is language access. One of the things that I worry about is not having the best interpretation for our residents when they come up and speak. You know, sometimes the the translation isn't as effective as it could be. So, again, I would like to see a feasibility on what it would be to to actually move the translation services in-house and actually be able to provide those, those individuals with training some of the wordings and terminology and words that we use during council meetings that we, our residents that don't speak English, can really get their true meaning across them by having by having these kinds of interpretations or employees that serve as interpreters in-house might be the best way to go. So I know we've we've been working really hard to get the best interpretation that we can get, but I think it would be very beneficial to us to have those in the house. So I'd like to see us look into that and let's see. And also I'd like to see us maybe look into the feasibility of building like community centers in the hardest hit neighborhoods with violent crimes. I think that prevent having programs that prevent violent crimes are are super important. So I'm really looking forward to seeing something like that. To be able to bring community centers to those particular areas, I think would be more than beneficial. Thank you. Thank you. Let me go ahead and just add up again. No. Okay. So thank you to the council for those comments. There'll be obviously additional opportunities for the budget hearing that will continue on. I just want to just make a note of three other items, Mr. City Manager, I know we can discuss in the weeks ahead. And these are things that have been mentioned to me by some council members community. I want to just first highlight, I think, some of what Vice Mayor Richard Sutton said around measure U.S.. I think one thing that you and I mentioned at the presentation that we did to to the media and to the community, we, I think, obviously, staff put together a proposal for measure us that is a lot of work from a lot of departments. And I think we also recognize, and I certainly do that it's the first year that Measure

USA is coming in and this was a community effort. And so I expect that there will be some dialog among the council and some strong thoughts about how that money should be spent in this first year. And so I think that staff should be ready to hear from council

members. And as far as how those dollars should be, should be set aside, I think that broadly speaking, I think the proposal you guys have put together hits a lot of those major points, but I think there will be some dialog around that. So I just want to note that for the staff. I also want to note that I have had some conversations about, you know, in our in our budget, there is a proposal to change kind of how we do a helicopter patrol within the police department. And I think that's something that's been discussed in the past. And you send out information to the council in a memo. I do think that deserves broader discussion on this body this year as part of as part of this budget cycle as well. I think most of us are first and foremost concerned about safety and ensuring that the helicopter system that we have in place is able to do the work they need to do, particularly in across the city and in support to other jurisdictions and vice versa. So I'd like to ask staff to be prepared to have that conversation in the weeks ahead. And then I also want I'd like to ask Steph about there are resources in this budget for digital inclusion. And what I'm really excited about is today there was this huge announcement. I mean, the governor signed a I think a six, \$7 billion digital inclusion bill, which dwarfs the enormous amount of money that we put in our digital inclusion, which is exciting. So I would just like I think we said in the budget that maybe we put maybe 2 million for digital inclusion. 1.8. It's 1.8. So I support that. But what I'd like to know in the next couple weeks also is what how much, considering the author of the Digital Inclusion Bill lives in Long Beach and she's very committed to bringing those resources down here. I just want to see if there's an opportunity to, you know, dramatically increase what we're actually going to spend on digital inclusion and ensure that the dollars that we put aside are if that's where they should be and they likely should be. But I just want to make sure that we're looking at the digital inclusion part of money that got signed by the governor today. And I think for those that hadn't heard, this is probably the biggest digital, digital and broadband investment in the state of California to low income communities and to communities that are underserved by broadband. So it's going to be substantial for us in Long Beach or we are excited about that. And so with that, there is a motion and a second to continue the hearing to the next meeting and receive and file the information that was presented. So, Members, please cast your vote on that. Motion carries. Ocean cares. Thank you. Let's read five in the consent, please. Report from financial management recommendation or award to contracts for the purchase and delivery of new tires for a total annual aggregate amount not to exceed 770,000 citywide. There's a motion about Councilman Price. Is there a second on this? It's going to be customary. Ringa, do

we know who pulled this item? That was me. Okay. Did you. Did you want to. Yes. Can I just. Yeah, go ahead. Speak to the item council. Okay. Okay. Awesome. And thank you. I just have a couple comments. I pulled this item because I think it's really important that we support local businesses. And I wanted to understand, like, how much industrial tire the local company is getting on the contract. And I also want to make sure that our local procurements and preferences are more than just, you know, window dressing, that when we're awarding these these companies, these local companies, that they actually also get a significant amount of the contract because, as we all know, local businesses strengthen our local economy and communities. And I know that later on today, we're going to be talking about the procurement study and the 250,000 that's allocated for this. And I think it's very important that we look at minority owned businesses and disadvantaged businesses right here in our backyard. And I also in the future, I want to go further. I would like to see that on these RFPs and local business that we give a greater local preference to local businesses. I don't know what the preference is right now if it's 5%, but I would like to see it somewhere around 15%. So I look forward to bring in that item later on this year. I think there's a there is a much wider public comment on this item that was pulled. Please. Your. Motion carries. Thank you. We do have a we have two hearings. I wanted to if we traditionally always do the hearings first. But if there is any objection, there is an ADA item. And I think we're going to try to. Here are 88 items at the top of the agenda, if possible. So can we hear item 24? Here are 88 items at the top of the agenda, if possible. So can we hear item 24? Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Zendejas, Councilwoman Sauro, Councilman Austin. Recommendation to acknowledge and celebrate the 31st anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. And

receive and file an update from Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities. Question.

RICHARDSON Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to start here first by thanking my colleagues and, second, Councilwoman Niehaus for coming in and joining us here. Most recently, I had a great conversation with some of the members of the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities, and we talked about some of the important work that the commission is doing and how it's important that we integrate. We are fully inclusive and we integrate the interests and the voices of our residents, our differently abled residents, into everything that we do. And that that talks about advancing equity events that we plan, the Uptown Jazz Festival, all of those things. And so that conversation led to a request. They've asked that we bring them forward and hear from them on some of the work that they're doing, but also recognize this 31st anniversary of the signing of the

ADA. And so, with that said, I'd love to hear from the second of the motion and then invite up the team from Cape Cod to hear their presentation and take it from there. Thank you. Councilman. And there has. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you so much, Vice Mayor Richardson, for putting forward this item and Councilmember Austin and Councilwoman Sorrell for your support as well. First of all, I want to highlight that the fact that these three council city council representatives who live with no disability are presenting this item and gives me it brings me great joy to see this. It's a major milestone for us here at the city to be able to have other representatives living with no disabilities actually represent and present something that means so much to the disability community. And for that, I applaud you and it makes me really proud to be in on the city council with you. And it truly warms my heart to be part of a city council that is growing not only conscious nurse but also active. Lee committed to ensuring accessibility to ARM Because accessibility is not only an issue that should pertain to some, but rather it is a city issue that should pertain to. The key card members who presented the idea for this item. Is is in District nine, a District nine resident. And it makes me so happy to know that in our city, our residents with disabilities can feel the support of their vice mayor and city representatives on issues pertaining to accessibility. So once again, thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson, Council Member Austin and Council member Sulley Sorum for taking the initiative for and the step one's going one step further into more equitable and more accessible city that is conscious, mindful of our people, especially people with disabilities. That, in my opinion, is the best form of celebration we can have for the 31st anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. That is upon us and has been signed in. That was signed in the year 20 I'm sorry, 1990. And I am so happy that that signing and that act has been the forefront and the reason for changing millions and millions of lives for the better, including mine. So thank you again. Thank you, Councilwoman Sara. Thank you, Mayor. I want to also thank the vice mayor, as well as bringing it forward with and council members and Diaz and Councilmember Austen. I do think it's truly important that we recognize the anniversary of the ADA, ADA. But I also want to make sure that we acknowledge that there still continues to be a lot of work done that I've learned from the Cape Cod that, you know, while things are ADA compliant, doesn't mean that it meets the needs of everybody around issues, around the sensibility. So it has to be mindful, too, that on this anniversary, while we celebrate the accomplishment of how far we have come to ensure that we're holding, you know, the values and moving forward to increasing accessibility, that we continue to do more and that we consider it in all of our projec

ts that we do that we build in the city. Thank you. Thank you. With that, I think by summer. Did you say there was a presentation? Yes. The commission is going to give a presentation. Ninth District resident Nubia said. Daniel coming to the stage. The Chair of the commission. Now. Let me take off my mask. I am Nubia Flores, current chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities and resident of Council District nine. Thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson, for the invitation to speak during the special item at tonight's city council meeting. I'd like to also thank Mayor Garcia for the proclamation acknowledging this year's ADA anniversary. Organizations by and for people with disabilities have existed since the 1800s. Explorer exploding in popularity in the 1900s. Treatment and perceptions of disability have undergone transformations since the 1900s, largely because people with disabilities, caregivers and allies have demanded and created those changes. US Congress has passed over 50 pieces of legislation that support disability rights either directly or by recognizing and enforcing civil rights, including Brown versus Board of Education, which laid the groundwork for recognizing the rights of people with disabilities. To date, the 1990 to date the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, also known as ADA and the subsequent ADA Amendments Act in

2008, are the movement's greatest legal achievements. 31 years after President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA, we've seen great progress, but still have far to go. I say this not to take away from the barriers the ADA has helped to eliminate, but to highlight the countless barriers that still exist. I believe that we can get to a place where barriers no longer exist, but only if we collectively work together. In 1976, the Long Beach Municipal Code was amended by the City Council that created the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities, Cape Cod, for short. 44 years. This tells me that the city has taken seriously for a long time the importance and value of the disability community. The commissioners on Cape Cod, past and present, take great pride in our roles and the opportunities to make recommendations to the Mayor, Council and City Manager on behalf of the disability community. More recent recommendations have included modifications to the existing blue curve application process and policy. More accessible and inclusive park spaces, including mobility maps at our beaches, the discontinued use of certain models of truncated domes style guide recommendations. The importance of including intersectionality of race and disability in the framework for reconciliation and the call to action for people with disabilities to be considered a higher priority for COVID vaccine distribution. We have created recognized events that now occur annually, including Mentoring Day and Diem. We are consistently looking at creative ways to better engage the public, including new ways to hold events in the COVID area. O

ne of our primary goals for 2021 is focused on equity and public space and working with the city on getting past the ADA checkbox. Because while the ADA requires equal access, it's important to remember that this required access is only minimum in scope. Our goal should always be to achieve more than the minimum. Equality does not equal equity, and signing for the city's signing on to the city's for all initiative is an invaluable next step for our city. As you all know, we've been working with each other, which each of your offices to schedule a meeting that allows you, allows for you to meet with us and hear from Cape Cod directly about things. We're working on our concerns and our hopes for establishing an ongoing working relationship not only with each district, but the city as a whole. Our meetings so far have been very productive and positive, and we look forward to meeting with the rest of you. Former Cape Cod chairperson and community advocate Deacon McLane always likes to remind us in our advocacy work the importance of being, and I'm quoting her a before thought and not an afterthought. Invite us Cape Cod to the table. We would love to consult on projects. It's essential to have a community that is the most impacted at the planning stages, and we advise that this include people with disabilities and the families of children with disabilities. How do we make our city and programs truly accessible without the lived experience of those most impacted? Inviting us to the table ensures that we identify opportunities together instead of missing them. I'm thankful for this opportunity to speak before you to lift up Cape Cod and the importance of the inclusion of people with disabilities in civic engagement . I stand before you not only as chairperson of Cape Cod. I stand here as a mother of a child with disabilities and an. Ally. I hope that in this moment, members of the public with disabilities, including families with children with disabilities, see our moment here as a call to action to become more engaged in the civic process and help foster the inclusion of people with disabilities. I hope that Council also sees this as a call to action to engage with leaders of the disability community and provide a space to support and value them as decision makers. As a mother, I look to these leaders in our city to guide us in this moment to help build a more inclusive, community, driven and accessible community for children like my own. Cape Cod is here to serve the public and also welcomes the public to follow our meetings. It's every second Thursday of the month at 1:00. Members of the public are invited to attend to listen and speak during public comment on items on our agenda or speak during public comment to share concerns in the community. We are excited that starting next month, Cape Cod will be led by a new chairperson, Commissioner Jennifer Kumi Armor, one of our city's most dedicated advocates. And before I wrap up, I'd like to recognize an

d thank the rest of my fellow commissioners Gretchen, Kim, Victor, Steve, Jeremy and Chris as well. The city manager's office for the ongoing support of Cape Cod. Thank you again for this opportunity. We're here for you. Please take advantage of that. Thank you. Thank you so much. Let me go to Councilmember Turanga and I have a couple of comments and then we'll go to him. Thank you for that wonderful presentation. It's very well done and long overdue. I just want to mention that 30 years ago when this ADA first came into being, I was a member of the city's civil service department. I was a recruitment officer then, and it changed. It was a game changer for

those especially seeking employment from the disability community. And it was it was a game changer in the sense that we were now required to put a statement under every job announcement that we had to be ADA compliant. And I think that's very important. It was a game changer for not only the city, but for the U.S. in general, for the country in terms of employment, for those with disabilities. So I would go to the ADA, I would go to Cape Cod meetings and talk about what were the employment opportunities that were existing then in the city and encouraged people to apply. And I think that we have a nice representative sample of people who have been applying for jobs with a similar language that we've hired. It wasn't easy because there are still people out there who feel that if you have any kind of disability, you're not eligible to apply for employment. And we know that that is wrong and that and that it's mistake. It's a mistaken belief that people with any kind of disability cannot do a job. I have a disability, if you want to call it that. I'm colorblind. So I would never be a police officer. I would never be a firefighter because my color blindness blindness keeps me from recognizing a red wire from a green wire, the regular color blind or what color of the vehicle was it and what was what was that perpetrator wearing in terms of color? So there are some jobs that can be restricted, but that doesn't mean that I couldn't be a good employee for the police department. So let's keep that in mind that there are all the alternatives and there are other ways to get jobs. So thank you for the presentation. And let's celebrate 30 years of ADA. Madam Clerk. Thank you. I'd like to gently remind everybody participating in this meeting and in this chamber that masks are required at all times. So if you can please keep your mask on when you're coming up to the podium to speak. Thank you. And massing to be kept on by everyone the entire time. Please. And Vice Mayor Richardson. Just briefly, Mayor, before you wrap it up, I just want to say thank you to Nubia. Thanks for referencing your incredible son, Elijah. You know, I think you do incredible work, Heather, as well, who you spent time on the 14th floor for many years. And Jennifer, look forward to your leadership as well. So we we hear you. We look for

ward to continuing to partner and look forward to you, your excellent leadership on Cape Cod. So thank you. Thank you. And I just want to I just wanted to add, I think that obviously the commission key card is one of our most consequential active commissions. And you guys continue to do that work. And I'm just just so grateful to all of you. So I just want to thank you for always bringing bringing the council, so many ideas and so many changes of policy. And you also have a great staff support and and a great team. And Heather, you do a great a great job and you're such a great advocate for the commission to the staff. And so I just want to thank the commission itself, the leadership. Congratulations to Januvia, but also to Jennifer and just to the whole just the whole team of amazing commissioners. I will also add that I'm grateful for this and I'm grateful that we have such strong advocacy, not just from council members, but I would be remiss by just also just not addressing and saying that on this moment and and this recognition that one of the things I'm most proud of is we are also one of the few bodies that not just has, I think, an amazing commission, but also one of the few bodies in a country with someone with lived experience that's in a wheelchair on our city council. And I think when you think about the diversity of council members and perspectives, I'm really proud that the Lombard City Council also has someone with a disability that is that adds to her ability to advocate and provide us with an important perspective. So I'm grateful to council and I'm grateful to the commission. I'm grateful to all the advocates in the community. And so with that, we have a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Great. Thank you. I do have two hearings, which we'll do. I because we have just one member for open public comment that is signed up. I'm going to let him go before the hearings. I know we to do the hearings first, but I want to let him speak. Mr. Cohen, please come forward. I think I. I thought I'd seen him here. Oh, there he is. And then we'll go right into it. We'll go right into both of our hearings. But it's got to turn on itself. We're actually going to pause 1/2. I think we did not do 23. So I wonder I wonder what the agenda aims for. So if I can have the clock, please. I'm 23, please. It'll be a quick vote. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing city manager to execute a contract with Periscope Holdings Inc for Procurement Technology Solutions citywide. There's a motion or second is for public comment. Not on this item? No. Mr. Merkel, I don't know that we have of the agenda. Did you want to make a presentation or if you. Do, this is a pretty significant effort to really reform purchasing. We've been working on this for a couple of years and I hear from a number of you about how important purchasing is. So we were planning to take about 7. Minutes to. Go through a pres

entation on this new system and what we're doing. Let's do it. Thank you. All right. Thank you very much. I will introduce Sandeep Singh Palmer, our deputy director. Good evening, Mayor, and members of the City Council. Thank you. For this opportunity to provide you with information about. The Department of Financial Management's. Proposed procurement technology purchase, along with how it fits into our work to make over procurement and Long Beach. With me tonight are Michelle Wilson, Long Beach's purchasing agent, and Acosta Goodman, our project manager. iPro at its core will manage our prospective vendor database, provide an. Online platform. For competitive solicitations, like our invitations to bid and request for proposals. Help us manage our small. Local and. Disadvantaged business data. Assist with important contract management tasks and help with reporting. Are purchasing a business services manager. Terry Mortenson was not able to be here tonight. Under her excellent direction. The purchasing division. Has worked for the last several years to evaluate and greatly improve its operations and citywide procurement in response to City Council, city leadership and city auditor requests. And iPro is an integral part of the extreme procurement makeover happening in Long Beach to make procurement more inclusive and responsive. There are many aspects involved in this comprehensive program update and Michele will be walking you through a few highlights to provide some insight about. How tonight's decision fits into that. Larger body of work. Thank you, sandy. And good evening, mayor. Members of City Council. In prior years updates we've provided you with information about critical program improvements such as streamlining insurance requirements and better categorization of vendors. Reform accelerated in 2020 with the kickoff of what we are calling our extreme procurement makeover. This is a deliberate and comprehensive remaking of the city's procurement operations. We are evaluating our policy process and practice to increase equity and access for vendors, enable better outcomes in our contracts, and to make things more efficient and strategic. Our extreme procurement makeover is enhanced by our partnership with Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab, also known as GPL. EPO has a highly sought after fellowship program with hands on technical assistance, specifically in public procurement. They provide dedicated resources for change, along with access to their research and prior results through their work across the country, including recent projects in Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles, UPL is well-positioned to support us with the implementation of national industry best practices. Long Beach was seen as being on the cutting edge of a national movement for ambitious procurement reform. Building on our success in Year one, Gcpl has taken the rare step of assigning us not only one but two full time fellows to support an expanded scope of wo

rk in year two, which was approved by City Council just a few weeks ago. One of our first steps was to formalize our guiding values, goals and metrics into a simplified strategic plan. We use national best practices from industry organizations and GPL, as well as important goals and principles from everyone in the framework for Reconciliation and the city's equity toolkit. This document guides our procurement reform, and we hold it to use ourselves accountable for making procurement more inviting, equitable, efficient and impactful. Another pillar of our reform was a complete renovation of our request for proposals. This document, which is one of the primary tools the city uses to select vendors for medium or large dollar purchases is now easier and more inviting to the business community. Their description of city needs lowers barriers to entry and better positioned small, local and disadvantaged businesses to submit proposals and ultimately to be awarded opportunities. We've been meeting with departments to enhance planning efforts as well. Procurement forecasting will allow city staff to do more and better local outreach for procurement opportunities, particularly important for disadvantaged vendors. It also allows us time to better partner with city stakeholders like the Department of Economic Development and the Business License Division to better coordinate efforts to help the local business community to have greater impact on the Long Beach economy. Our work this year has largely been internally focused to lay a strong foundation and we are now able to pivot and look outward. We will focus on inclusive procurement trends in three key strategies increasing accessibility to government contracting, improving engagement with the business community, and building capacity for vendors to compete for city business. We've throughout our makeover plans is the use of a new procurement management platform E pro which brings us back to the item before you tonight and I will pass it to Augusta. Thank you and good evening, Mayor. And members of City Council. IPRO will assist us in three critical areas, and the first. Is lowering barriers. The system is approachable and easy to use and will help us bridge the digital divide. We will expand our language access options and over time be able to help staff

better. Source small dollar purchases from Long Beach businesses. Contract management tools will aid vendor relationships, improve contract outcomes, and improve compliance to contract terms. This will address some of the city auditor's concerns regarding contract management. And finally, iPro will help us make data driven operational decisions and better answer questions about the economic impact of the city's dollars. It will help us track vendor diversity goals. Support us while we continue to identify additional barriers and provide tools for analysis of procurement trends in the city. And I will pass back to Michel. Before you conclude, I'd like to take

a moment to celebrate one final success with you. We just learned this past week that we won for the second year in a row a national achievement and excellence in procurement. We were one of only seven cities to be recognized and only five other cities that were longer larger than Long Beach. The review process for this award was extremely comprehensive. The criteria were designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement and leadership attributes of the procurement organization, and included components from the great work the team has done to support COVID 19 pandemic emergency response and recovery efforts. Procurement in Long Beach has changed and improved greatly over the last several years. We are becoming a national leader in even more change and improvement is still to come. You pro software before you tonight is an important part of that overall improvement. Thank you. And this concludes our presentation and we are available for any questions. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I want to thank the staff and the team. Contract management systems have been a consistent reporting issue in all of the city auditor's reports and having tools available that automate and ensure timely practices in a city of our size, especially with the turnover and opportunities for people to advance within a local government. You have staff that move before the term of a grant or a contract has expired, and it's unrealistic to think that a paper based system is going to be able to be viable in today's day and age when so much of what we do is on the computer. So I just want to thank you for ensuring that that was a big part of this. The only comment I have on the presentation, besides the fact that it was excellent, is that you talk about low dollar contracts to local vendors. And again, most of the time recently I haven't had to make comments on vendor selection because since Councilman Allen has joined the council, she's really taken the charge on that. And so I would just be repeating her comments. But consistently, it's not just low dollar contracts. I mean, there are times where we're buying \$1,000,000 in tires from outside of our city. And that extra \$0.02 of sales tax revenue is something that we need to compute into that bidding process of that additional value to us as a city. So I just want to make sure that's not just for low dollar value. We need to talk about the local jobs and other things that are viable. And a factor of that that I think we found to be particularly impactful during the pandemic is the number of local residents that are employed by a particular company. I think the more people in our city that they employ at a fair wage is a big impact. Thank you. All right. Thank you very much, Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So on. First, thanks to staff for this presentation. More importantly, thanks for the context in which you presented this presentation. It's been an ongoing conversation within the city abo

ut how we can diversify and leverage our purchasing power to create local jobs, local economic input. And we always run into two barriers. One, our software is not designed in a way where we can easily point to and identify where the opportunities are, quantify how much we're actually spending in certain departments, in certain areas. And then secondly, it's hard to coordinate when you see you have a harbor department, you've got an airport, you've got different departments or maybe different processes. And implementing this allows a reset and begins to allow us to set some goals, particularly. I'm going to go back and do a refresher. So back in 2017, we adopted the Everyone airplane and it asked us to begin to get to a point where we can start setting a goal. L.A. County has a target. It's 10% of our procurement, targeted social enterprises, minority businesses, women owned businesses. More specifically, the recommendation is increase the percentage of city of Long Beach spending on local, small and diverse businesses by establishing a streamlined certification process, integrated vendor database and for Long Beach agencies and industry institutions and transparent supplier participation goals. Public procurement is one of the most powerful tools that local governments can deploy to foster more equitable Long Beach economies. That's the standard on the city council already adopted. And then last year, in terms of the framework for reconciliation, the framework calls on the city under goal one to ensure budget contracting procurement processes intentionally and equity equitably address past and present

impacts of systemic racism and build positive futures for those most impacted. It calls for the creation of a resource and support center for new and small businesses to help them get started, participate and succeed in city procurement opportunities. It talks about upgrading technology to provide online versions of versions of that center. It also talks about creating and implementing policies and associated programs in addition to the technology updates that help our city ensure that contractors, vendors and consultants embrace and reflect the city's diversity. That means the outreach associated with the software and the training and education in our communities to make sure people know how to use the software. And simplifying our processes for participating in city procurement, including adjusting insurance requirements and simplifying and reducing required forms. All of these things have been voted on and direction has been given to make them a priority, ensuring that we have an equitable procurement system. What I see today with this adoption of this system makes all of these goals, and we're one step closer to making it a reality. And I think that's what's important here today. And so thank you so much. I'm proud to support this and I look forward to the follow up. And you know what the next steps look like in leveraging this to achieve those

goals that we talked about. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I am super excited about this presentation. As someone in my previous life who has responded to hundreds of RFPs throughout the state, Planet Bids is not fun. It's it's definitely some fun as a vendor. And it had a lot of problems. So I look forward to seeing this this rolled out. I also there are several questions that I have, so maybe we can do some of this offline, but just making sure that, you know, the outreach is important, but also that we are tracking, you know, how those awards are given on the system right away. And then also, I've had problems in the past, Planet Bids, where people were awarded contracts that weren't registered on Planet Bids. And I think the city has fixed that. But there's just this is just really exciting for our local businesses, and I just look forward to seeing this rolled out. So thank you very much. Thank you. General public comment. Republican. We will go ahead and cast a vote. Thank you. Councilwoman. I'll. Thank you. Next up. Let's go ahead and do items ten, 11, 12, 14 and 15, which are all the funds transfer, please? Item Tense Communication from Councilwoman Allen recommendation to increase appropriation in the City Manager Department by 400 to provide a contribution to our West women. Item 11 Communication from Councilman Allen. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the city manager's department by \$705 to provide contribution to partners of Parks to support AOC seven. CAVUTO Street BLOCK Party on August 14, 2021. M 12 is a communication from Councilman Price recommendation to increase appropriation in the city manager's department by \$250 to provide a donation to California Families in Focus for their annual trends parade. Adam, 14, is communication from councilmen subpoena recommendation to increase appropriation in the city manager's department by 400 to provide a donation to the Long Beach Suffrage 100. And item 15 is communication from Councilwoman Sara recommendation to increase appropriations in the City Manager Department by 400 to provide a contribution to Wild West woman. Thank you, Councilman Allen. I have no comments, but I support all these items. And Truman zero. Same thing that I support the items of supporting our women's Long Beach women's suffrage. Councilman Price. I'd like to make a friendly because this is an item that we were going to bring next week, but we pulled it for next week to add that council district three through our divide by \$9 would be contributing \$400 to Wild West Women Inc for the Long Beach 100th suffrage event and for \$400. There's a. That's item ten. That's your money. I believe so, yes. Thank you. We have all the there is no public comment on these. There's no public coming. Please cast your votes. As women mango. Hell of a man, Alan. We should, Kerry. Thank you. I'm going to go ahead and move on to the five members of the public that are here to speak on public co

mment. General public comment, please. We can have these. These folks, please line up at the podium in this order. Thank you very much. We're now moving to the budget hearing. Continuation, please. Budget Hearing Item nine report from Financial Management Recommendation to conduct a budget hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2022 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services and Police CDI. Thank you. I'll turn this over to Mr. Modica. Now we're getting the presentation set up. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and members of the council. This is our third budget presentation. And as we enter budget season, you're going to hear from two really important and big departments today. You're going to hear from Health and Human Services and you're going to hear from police. And the next week you're going to hear from,

I believe, economic development fire and I believe civil service, or that might be the following week. But I wanted to make some entry comments about what you're going to hear tonight. So you're going to hear a lot of accomplishments, a lot of opportunities and challenges and a number of things that have happened. But I want to take us back about one year. Almost one year. Exactly. Tomorrow is the one year anniversary of the racial reconciliation plan. That was a monumental vote that we took as a as a body. And it was a culmination of a number of of outreach that we heard from a variety of different groups about the importance of looking at things a little differently. Here we are one year later and we heard a lot. For example, we heard we should have an alternative response program for homelessness and mental health. We just talked about the REACH program that's been implemented. We heard a lot about health equity. You're hear about us hiring a health equity manager and putting aside money towards health equity. We heard about alternate responses for incarceration of individuals and we you'll hear about our homeless court system and working with our prosecutor. We heard about the need for investing in youth. And you're going to hear about measure us funding in youth. We heard about mental alternative mental health response models, and that effort is underway and funded by the Recovery Act that this Council put funding towards. We heard about a reentry coordinator that was funded last year and is included. We heard for the need to invest in our health department. We have done 250 new positions in our health department that are supporting COVID response. We heard about the need for PD to interact in not just an enforcement setting, but interact with our community. And you'll hear about our PD Neighborhood Walk program. We heard about the need to look at things differently from a from a reform perspective, from a policy perspective. And you'll hear about the department's policy around Police Department's Office of Constitutional Policing, their collaboration with the Office of Equity. We also heard about

the need for an early intervention program for PD, and that is being implemented through a program called IPRO. You'll hear about tonight. We also heard about diversity, mentoring and how important that was and diversity hiring in our police department. And there's new enhancements there. And then, of course, civilian position in positions in police department and looking at non sworn positions to do certain jobs. That is also included in our budget and that was implemented last year. I just wanted to kind of pull some of those major themes together. Those are things we heard from the Council on, things we specifically talked about a year ago, and a lot of progress has been made. And with that, I will turn it over to Kelly Collopy, our director of Health and Human Services. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. You'll probably be tired of my voice by the end of this evening. Thank you for this opportunity to present the many Health Department FBI 21 accomplishments and FBI to you. Opportunities and challenges. The Health Department, the Health and Human Services Department launched a strategic plan earlier this year. Instead of providing a long list of the services we provide. I wanted to share these goals because all of our work aligns with moving these goals forward over the next five years. We seek to ensure people have the culturally competent health care and social supports they need to be healthy, that we have sufficient behavioral health services citywide to prevent and reduce mental illness, substance misuse and trauma that we prevent the spread of communicable diseases in Long Beach, and that people engage in healthy behaviors and have access to healthy food as well as safe and affordable opportunities for physical activity. We are also working to ensure permanent housing for people in Long Beach who are precariously housed or experiencing homelessness. That social and economic conditions are improved for people in Long Beach across their life spans. The preventable deaths and injuries are reduced, that communities are safe from violence, and that people live in safe environments and are prepared for emergencies. We know this is not possible without a department workforce that is strong, resilient and valued and a center of equity in trauma informed practices. If why 22 was even more busy than FBI 21, which is hard, is going to be even busier. And if I 21, which is hard to believe. The department puts forward important plans, technology and services while also distributing more than 10 million it CARES Act funding to support communities and responding to a massive COVID surge and vaccine implementation. And I think around us all, and the fact that we've been working through the largest public health crisis of our time and the pandemic, as well as the declaration of racism as a public health crisis. Through all of this, your Health and Human Services Department, in partnership with our sister departments and community member

s, have been required to take on many roles and accomplish so much. I'd like to focus first on the COVID response. We began this work with a team of ten people focused on public health, emergency management and communicable disease response. We hired and trained more than 250 employees in the response so far. That in itself was a huge lift. Reestablish nationally recognized testing and vaccine infrastructures, providing more than 4000 tests in one day during the height of the surge and 6000 vaccines in a day at the convention center. These efforts continue and expand and contract based on demand and COVID transmission to create the greatest access to vaccine. We launched the mobile vaccine teams, which have now done more than 450 community clinics. We just moved into an expanded permanent distribution site to ensure the city and region have access to PPE and medical countermeasures. Reestablish a beach research line and a COVID vaccine line. All in all, more than 30,000 calls have been answered and more than 60,000 emails. Environmental Health joined the Vendor Task Force and educated more than 22,000 businesses and responded to 600 complaints related to COVID and reestablished an internationally recognized vaccination program at the port were coming for incoming international cargo ships. This program is ongoing. In the past year, we have launched a number of initiatives and plans as well as a flavored tobacco ban. We launched an internal integrated system of care, which is a common intake and referral system to strengthen services for people engaging with the health department to ensure a single intake to any of our programs, as well as connections to other services. We also launched the Unite US platform as a basis for referrals from the resource line to the community. Relaunch the Department Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan for youth and emerging adults. And with that launched the Office of Youth Development and strengthened our violence prevention efforts. We also launched the Long Beach Advancing Peace Initiative, which envisions the city of Long Beach, where everyone lives in safe communities, attend safe schools and are contributing neighbors or contributor connecting to their community. They're working to develop and strengthen a community safety collaborative, a community led steering committee and neighborhood mobilization focused on neighborhood capacity, collaboration and alignment of resources and services. They're holding for block by block neighborhood parties. And the first in Washington neighborhood had more than 200 people from organizations and the community. And then earlier this year, we passed the tobacco to flavor tobacco ban, which is a strong stand. And I'm very proud of the city for moving that forward. Through all of this, we maintain an expanded many services across our department, including but certainly not limited to HIV infested testing and treatment risk and black infant health. Older adult supports health,

education and environmental health inspections and approximately 30 other programs. The COVID pandemic certainly made meeting the needs of homeless people experiencing homelessness more difficult. We just had a long conversation about homelessness, and so I wanted to just to share with you that that has been a big accomplishment for the city. We've continued to see MSD operations and outreach with more than 7000 visits. We've already discussed the housing authority vouchers and the news and the new sites. We were able to permanently house 637 people even within the pandemic. And then supported housing for 6900 households through the Housing Choice voucher program. We've committed innovative models for homelessness as well, including the REACH program that we've just recently discussed. We're also partnering with UCLA to offer a mobile opioid treatment and HIV testing, testing and treatment in Long Beach hotspots to address the intersection of homelessness and housing, insecurity, energy, business, drug use and HIV and FTD infection. This is a very, very cool opportunity, and we're looking forward to increasing opportunity and cruising different locations with this model. And then as earlier discussed, we've launched the homeless drug court at the NSA in partnership with the city prosecutor. The CARES Act funding brought an incredible opportunity to support our communities most impacted by COVID. The department personnel had to be nimble and creative to find the best way to use these resources for maximum benefit. Through the Health Department portion of the funding, we fed thousands of people through meals and food distribution. Supported families with young children through developmental and physical activity kits, labor and formula supplies and subsidized care. We launched a mental health awareness campaign where you can see the posters all throughout Long Beach, and we provided approximately \$1,000,000 of services to both our Latino and black communities for health, education and outreach. Mental health care care packages. Food distribution, and early childhood supplies. And we were able to provide services for more than 21,000 older adults through the resource line through distribution, transportation and care kits. We

also fund a peer navigation for ages ten through 24, which focused on mentorship, peer to peer learning and connection to mental health services. Direct services to 484 domestic violence survivors. We remediated 65 properties for hazards that exacerbate COVID and provided operational supports for 102 local non-business nonprofits. That was a very busy six months. Our focus for FY22 continues to remain on pandemic response as we work to increase the number of people who are vaccinated and to ensure safety for our city, particularly in the face of the Delta variant induced surge currently taking place. We're also focusing on strengthening our department staffing and administrative capacity technology and building infrastructure.

Increase in funding. Staffing and programing in the past year has put serious pressure on all of our systems and we are working to ensure we can continue to prepare and respond to Long Beach Recovery Act brings significant opportunity to engage with our community and to expand opportunities for youth development, violence prevention, basic needs, housing, food security, mental health, early childhood and older adult services as well as people experiencing homelessness. Measure us also becomes available this year, providing approximately \$900,000 for youth, including a youth fund to support community organizations. Structural funding to support an older adult coordinator and some grant writing and data support. Much needed a department that survives primarily off of grants. The various new funding opportunities also allow us to strengthen our health equity work, to work closely with our communities, to build health and wellness. We are hiring a health equity manager as well as a number of coordinators to work specifically with communities most impacted by COVID. As well as launching a Multicultural Health Council to bring communities together, develop integrated collective approaches to health and wellness. We know that the COVID 19 pandemic had the greatest impacts on our Latino and black populations in terms of cases, hospitalizations and deaths, as well as economic impacts. We will invest in the Vida Quinta Black Health Equity Collaborative Partners, as well as services and services, as well as focus on communities living in census tracts with the highest cases and lowest vaccine uptake. This health equity focus was called out in the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Report. In addition, we continue to focus on our goals outlined in that report. We're opening the Health Equity Center on North Long Beach in the next month. We're investing in black health and Latino health equity. We're completing a strategic we've completed the strategic plan and are opening the Office of Youth Development. We are strengthening violence prevention and reentry efforts through a number of programs and launching the REACH program, a model for alternative mental health response as we further develop alternative response models outside of the homeless population. The challenge is focused primarily on funding and capacity at this time. You hear about significant resources coming to the Health Department for pandemic response and community support. It is truly amazing what it is allowing us to do. However, these funds are only 2 to 3 year opportunities. Ongoing Sustainable Corps public health funding has not yet been made available through city, state or federal channels. Our core public health services in Long Beach are currently grant funded. Funding for programs outside of the pandemic response remain underfunded as need increases. Health Department fund balance was depleted in the early days of COVID. It has not been backfilled by other funding and we are not sure

how FEMA will reimburse and buy one. We continue to need a comprehensive public health infrastructure in Long Beach to focus on health promotion and disease prevention post-pandemic. The fragmented funding has made it difficult to sustain even highly effective programs past the initial grant funded, often pilot stages. The demands this year have been extraordinary and exponential. The capacity to respond to meet expectation has truly been challenging as well as the ability of our internal finance and h.r. Systems to manage the grants and to hire quickly and maintain staff to meet the needs. We also are concerned because the social and health needs in our community continue to grow in this ongoing pandemic and these needs and challenges. All of us in the city. The challenges I discuss, however, have brought incredible opportunities in the past year and continue into this year. The new funding provides unprecedented opportunity to engage with our communities in planning and services, strengthening relationships, services and outcomes. We have hired more than 250 people to support the COVID response, nearly doubling the size of the Health Department's staff. We've strengthened health equity, provided much needed service to the community, and so much more. They've all jumped in and become strong. Stands for Public Health in our city, a significantly increase homeless services funding, which will allow for new

programs such as our mobile messages, increase outreach and case management and additional housing opportunities, including the modular housing and our resource and referral platforms will allow for a better understanding of service availability and strengthen our ability to connect people to services they need. And finally, the opportunities for mental health campaigns to address stigma. The REACH team and partnering with the county to support alternative mental health response brings a new level of focus on mental health and access to care in our city. It has been truly been an extraordinary year for public health in Long Beach and across our nation. I am so, so proud of our health department team and all they've accomplished and continue to accomplish as an organization and as partners. To all of you in our work together to continue to push and achieve every day, even as they have experienced long days, uncomfortable jobs, staffing challenges, fear, family losses and ongoing change. Thank you for your support and understanding as we meet each new challenge and create new opportunities. With that, I conclude my presentation and I'm open for questions. Thank you. We're actually gonna do that for presentation first for all the departments, and then we'll go to the council. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Police Department is on their way out. Would you like to do both presentations and questions? Okay, we will do that. Our police department will now present. Thank you, Mr. Modica and Ms.. Tatum. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council

I. Tonight, Assistant Chief Hébert and I will be providing our proposed FY 22 budget presentation. As you are aware, the last year and a half has been tumultuous, not just in Long Beach, but across our country. We have focused on supporting the health and safety of our communities from the menace of COVID 19. The city has done a tremendous job of providing an unprecedented level of economic and community support to those most impacted. The men and women of the Long Beach Police Department are committed to serving our community and have demonstrated this commitment despite the risk to their own personal safety and well-being. In addition to the pandemic, we've also experienced unprecedented polarization and animosity towards law enforcement personnel. It is not easy to be a police officer, but the last year and a half has been particularly trying for our officers. I am proud to say that the men and women of the Long Beach Police Department did not avoid their duty to our community during this once in a lifetime pandemic event. At great risk to their health. Our employees reported to work every day supporting the city wide response efforts, working with persons experiencing homelessness, which we've heard a lot about in the last hour or so, and mental illness and addressing spikes in violent crime. I cannot say enough about the dedication, resilience and adaptability of our employees. We have made advancements over the past several years towards becoming more transparent and data driven, and we will continue to pursue this goal with unwavering focus, integrity and fortitude . Our department is committed to increased engagement, a sensible review of our practices and culture to ensure our principles reflect those of our community and proactively re-envisioning processes that would benefit from change. These practices will ensure good policing that is professional, empathetic and constitutional. That is what our community wants and deserves. And we will provide it. Before I jump into the budget discussion, I want to take a moment to thank you, the mayor. You, the city council and our city manager for their prudent use of the Federal Safety Recovery Funds to provide for a pause from budget reductions in fy22 and for the measure of funding that continues to support our community. Although there are no major budget reductions in FY 22, the police department will not become complacent. We will address the many upstream factors that have created an environment ripe for increased crime and gun violence, specifically by prohibitive possessors. I'd now like to turn some of this presentation over to Assistant Chief Wally Ibish to go over our core services and accomplishments. Thank you, Chief. And thank you, honorable mayor and council members. The police department provides a variety of public safety services in our community. Our core services include responding to 911 emergencies and calls for service 24 hours a day and seven days a week, conducting crimin

al investigations and providing victim support. Working with local, state and federal partners on Homeland Security, which includes protecting major critical infrastructure throughout our city. Contracting in services with the Port Airport Metro Line and Long Beach Transit. In collaborating with multiple city departments and other partners to address violent crime. Support city efforts and assist with persons experiencing homelessness or mental illness through various alternative response models such as our met. Detail or quality of life teams and an integrated medical

response. We also continue providing current services while the city and county explore alternative response models for persons experiencing homelessness and alternatives to incarceration. We spent count. We spent countless service hours focused on issues associated with homelessness. As mentioned, we also provide investigative services and resource information for victims of crime. Our detectives receive specialized training in trauma informed and victim centered investigations, enhancing their ability to serve as victim advocates. In addition, we work very closely with our nonprofit partners, and we're collaborating. And we're currently onboarding the trauma intervention program known as TIP, to provide support to emotionally traumatized community members after critical incidents. I'd also like to mention that none of this work would be possible without the support of our amazing professional staff. This next slide highlights some statistics that exemplify the great work of our employees. Our officers average over 1600 contacts per day, which includes responding to an average of 590 calls for service daily. While modifying our operations. In response to recent challenges, we still managed to keep our response time to priority one. Calls for service is one of the best in the nation. At less than 5 minutes. However, our priority two and three response times have increased. Like many major cities, Long Beach began 2021 with a significant increase in violent crime. In January of this year, firearm assaults increased 280% compared to January of 2020. Here you see the results of the hard work our employees have been doing. Although firearm assaults are up 53% citywide year to date, we are now seeing a downward trend in firearm assaults. July data shows a 33% reduction in shootings as compared to January of this year. Our officers. Our officers have worked tirelessly to impact the illegal possession of firearms and have already seized over 631 guns. 105. Those are known as ghost guns. Self-Assembled firearms often made by parts ordered online. We've made over 352 firearm related arrests. 209 of those have been for prohibited possessors. That's a 62% increase compared to the same time last year. As we continue into the second half of 2021, we're committed to working to prevent nationwide trends and violence from becoming normalized. Here's an example of some of our social media posts highl

ighting the neighborhood watch program and our coordinated response team. Two initiatives which have been designed to help us work with our community to impact violent crime. Both programs require community engagement and neighborhood awareness regarding our public safety efforts. EARNEST. Community engagement builds trust and legitimacy. This is fundamental to strengthening the connection between officers and the community we serve. In FY 21, we created the Office of Constitutional Policing, OCP. This office ensures the department meets community public safety concerns through a forward looking analysis of current policies, procedures and training. OCP works collaboratively with the Office of Equity on initiatives associated with building greater public trust and strengthening relationships through increased responsiveness, transparency and accountability. It's part of the department's ongoing commitment to community engagement. We created a community advisory committee to assist in policy review and creation. This committee provides input on department policies that impact community police interactions. Through OCP. We've also conducted training on the use of our early intervention program known as the Pro. All sworn supervisors are able to use pro to enhance the recognition of behavior patterns when employees have been involved in a higher than average number of key performance indicators. Supervisors are trained to conduct detailed reviews in mentoring sessions to modify behavior and improve performance. You'll also see here on this slide the many institutions we are partnering with to ensure we are in line with best practices and community expectations. These partnerships include the Center for Policing Equity, Harvard USC brand, Georgetown University and Long Beach State. In addition, ensuring we are delivering on our promise of constitutional policing. We need to safeguard the physical and psychological well-being of our employees. With the assistance of Counseling Team International. We are doing just that. We're working to expand counseling services to include a peer support program for both our sworn and professional staff. And we've applied for grant funding to help with this effort. At this point, I'd like to turn the presentation back over to Chief Lynagh to talk about our FY 22 focus. Thank you for your time. Thank you, Assistant Chief. Although there were few budgetary changes for FY 22, there are still important things taking place within the police department. I will highlight only a few and then move on to the work that we will be doing with the Long Beach Safety Recovery Fund allocation in FY 22. We will continue to focus on onboarding civilian positions. In addition, we will be enhancing proactive, connection based recruitment, retention and advancement efforts by setting aside funds for a diversity, recruitment, mentorship and partnership program. With the help of our partners in the

Civil Service Department, we hope to recr

uit for and hold to 50 person police academies in FY 22. Ideally, we would start the first academy sometime in the fall. Furthermore, we will continue our focus on technology in FY 22 with more efficient systems like a new records management system. E citations and recruitment and scheduling technology. In addition to programs funded through our operating budget, I am grateful for the additional investments in public safety and violence prevention, which is being provided through the Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan. These funds will provide for both upstream and downstream violence prevention and crime reduction activities. Here you will see some initiatives that will continue to impact violent crime and strengthen, strengthen relationships in our community throughout FY22, including a new training program to support accountability. As a police chief, I am ever vigilant and aware of the challenges not only facing our department, but other police departments across our nation. Higher crime rates than we have seen in many years. Lower staffing due to prior budget reductions and higher attrition and recruitment challenges equate to fewer resources to respond to and investigate crime and homeless challenges. In addition, changes in the criminal justice system have led some habitual offenders not being held accountable for violent crimes or serious felony property crimes. To address these challenges, we are reprioritizing and taking positions from other areas of our department in attempt to reconcile the demand and community expectations with our current resources. Our department experienced high attrition of sworn personnel in FY 21 and will experience numerous retirements and separations this year as well. There is a lot of speculation as to the cause of the recent increases in the level of attrition. There are no simple answers. It's a tough job that is heavily scrutinized and criticized. The continuous disparagement of the police negatively impacts our ability to hire a workforce that accurately, accurately represents the demographics of our city. Unfunded legislative mandates pose additional challenges for law enforcement. I'm not opposed to making changes in our department to enhance transparency, accountability and trust. But there should be funding behind it. Most of our department budget is dedicated to sworn staffing who respond to the needs of our community, leaving limited staffing for administrative support, transparency and other accountability functions. Even with all these challenges, I still believe that being a police officer is the greatest job in the world. I wouldn't trade a day of it, and I know that a career with the Long Beach Police Department will be just as rewarding for new officers. As it has been for me. Despite the many challenges we face today, our department is hopeful for new opportunities in FY 22. We are a nimble department that has been able to pivot and handle all the challenges thrown at us since FY 20, and I be

lieve we will continue to do so in FY 22. Our proposed budget and the allocation from the Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan will allow us to continue to reduce crime while engaging our community through various programs. We will also continue to work with. Community organizations and youth at a level we have not had an opportunity to do so since the Great Recession. We look forward to developing new strategies that promote connections between patrol officers and the community that they serve. Again, I would like to thank the mayor and City Council for the measure. A funding to build a new training facility. We hope to break ground in FY 22. Lastly, we commit to the continuous hiring of diverse recruit classes and placing special emphasis on candidates who align with the values of our community. In closing, I want to thank the men and women of the Long Beach Police Department who I am proud to serve alongside every day because of their service and dedication. I am confident that we will build on our existing strengths and knowledge while continuing to learn and improve. We will continue to analyze data to identify root causes of crime and focus on community policing, sincere engagement, and community and officer wellness. Our dedication to fair, just and equitable policing will allow us to continue making advancements towards realizing our vision of a safe city for all by achieving our mission of public safety. Through partnerships. And with that, I thank you. I know we're going to answer questions between the health department and police department, but just we talk about diversity and we talk about all our efforts of diversity. And if you look at this table here in front of you, I'm the first Hispanic chief in the history of the police department. I have one of the highest ranking Muslim American police executives in the entire country of the United States and the assistant chief and sitting next to him as bureau chief. Julissa Jose Murray, who is our basically our our bureau manager, our finance chief. Look at our faces. When we talk about diversity. We're not just talking about it. We are diversity. We are the

people who are making decisions for this police department. And that's counter to a narrative that's out there that we don't do that. So with that, we'll turn it over to all of you. And I look forward to all your questions. Thank you, Chief. I appreciate both presentations. Unless there's any objection, we're going to do public comment first. There's a significant amount of public comment. So we want to get through the public comment and then I'll turn it over to the Council for further comment. So, Madam Clerk. Can I have the first five speaker approach to the podium? Starting with Karen Resi. Maurice Coleman. Giovanna Ferrero. Maggi Collins and Audrina Redman. Please line up. Thank you for those detailed presentations, but listening to the presentations. Karen Reside I'm representing Long Beach, Gray Panthers. We do education and advocac

y on older adult issues and we're part of the People's Budget Coalition. I have an 8420 2% of the population. That's ridiculous. This is what we're being given. Does our city really care about seniors? That's why we're asking for \$2 million. Cynthia, how has done a phenomenal job in getting a group of us going on older adult issues. She has to have funding to update the plan for seniors. We don't really have a plan. It was done ten years ago. Does that include the baby boomers? I mean, are we really going to continue to ignore older adults? We took most of the death burdens during the pandemic. We're actually still under stay at home orders. There's a lot of us missing tonight because too many were afraid to go out because of the Delta variant. There's a lot of things moving in a positive direction. We just want to be included in the positive movement. I don't think that's too much to ask. We pay most of the taxes. We have most of the wealth in the city. And it's like we're not being paid attention to in the budget and for the police department. You're too expensive and you don't really do anything for older people. So it's time that we look at different ways and you need to address older adult needs and issues. I think. Hello. My name is Magic Collins. I'm part of B World Collaborative in Long Beach. And for me, I don't get the whole campaign on. We're nice guys. I understand. I see your humanity. No, we don't have to do the campaign. And for what we've gone through, the community has done nothing but show their strength as they've created food, drive the Fed to the public. They fought the house, the homeless. We don't have the campaign. We're we're kind. We know we're human beings. That's why we're here. Everybody here right now, we're not. We're here to fight for something that's real. We don't have the campaign that things are working in the streets. If we empower the leaders, they will tell the truth. They will tell everybody that it's working. We don't have to campaign on that. Disproportionately African-Americans are the most the homeless. The impact of violence. Violence has already been normalized. Sometimes addiction, spousal abuse, mental illness, trauma, watching. Loved ones paths. Foster care system. Food. Apartheid. Compounded medical issues. Militarized police force. The African-American community. This is a mental health emergency. Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you. Giovanna. Hi. Thank you all for being here. And I just want to make sure that one thing is discussed in these presentations. I understand you're giving us information. You're giving us statistical information. You're giving us the hope that you, you know, want to relay. You're not discussing racism. You're not discussing classism. This is the core. I don't know why that's not being talked about. I understand you need to give us information. Thank you for that. I'm not saying y'all aren't doing anything. It's not enough when it comes to this. It's just not you. You

look at that budget. 1%, 1%. The smallest piece of the pie should be the biggest piece of the pie. It's not enough. You got people out here. These are your constituents. We don't we know what we're talking about because we have experiences with with you on this side, in your uniforms. And those experiences are very real. The accountability and lack of diversity. And Chief Luna. I can't get over the comment. The day of the protests and what happened in downtown. This poor man has his young girl on his shoulders. This black man. And your comment in quote is he should have been arrested for child endangerment. Thank you. Your time is up. We have Magic Collins. Adrina Redman. Pamela Fields. Tesla coal. Kenny Allan. Please line up at the pole. Maggie Collins. Adrienne Redman. Pamela Fields. Classical. Remember him? Chip Luna. My name is Pamela Fields. I'm the mother of Dante Jordan, who was killed by Long Beach Police Department on November 10th. 2013. This budget is ridiculous. What about mental health? What about putting their money into the communities? You guys don't live in our community. You don't see what? Go on. You go on back home where you live. Words are plush and everything, and you come on in our communities to rob, kill and destroy mostly. So where is the money going to go to? Why did you guys get a big chunk of the money? What about the aftermath? And you cannot charge here.

Nobody offered me any counseling. Nothing. Nobody even told me my son was dead for a long time and it wasn't no police officer that taught me how to find out in the streets. And you guys ought to be ashamed of yourself. You shoot first, a line later. Please approach the podium. Hi. My name is Tessa. I'm a resident of District three. I'm here to express my support, along with all my friends here for the priorities outlined in the people's budget. I recognize that we have seen some marginal shifts in budget priorities, some of them hard won, but they are wildly insufficient. For the realities we're facing. I mean, we just heard so much today. Amount housing, reentry programs, health programs, and so much more. They could all use this funding. It's heartbreaking to hear our own health department leaders tell us that there isn't enough funding over and over again for these programs. And Longreach PD sits here with almost half the city budget. And we heard some great ideas mentioned here tonight. But. Our budget doesn't reflect what we need. Having the police continue to play roles way outside their job description and training is not part of the solution. It's part of the problem. If you want to prevent crime and you want to bring our city into a successful future, you need to embrace the priorities in the people's budget and support health and support care, not cops. Thank you. Thank. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and city council members. My name is Kenny Allen. I live in the second district of Long Beach, and I'm here to echo the voice of the community in asking that you

adopt the people's budget demands specifically to reduce the police department budget by 65 million and reinvest that in our community. The city manager prefaced this budget hearing by listing what he thinks are examples of the city listening and responding to community concerns. Clearly, you've misheard us. We have not been asking for better police training, more police diversity or more constitutional methods of policing. Those things are not the problem. The problem is the dramatic and unprecedented expansion and intensity of policing in the last 40 years a fundamental shift of the role of police in society. The problem is the police themselves. Here is your second chance to listen. We're not asking for more equitable policing. We are asking for our money back 65 million. That is what we are asking for it. Do not miss. Hear us again. Thank you, a. We have your age. Ms.. Dell Lora age and yeah. Led, please line up. As a reminder, please keep your mask on while speaking at podium. Hi everyone. My name is Jamilah and I'm a community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrants Rights Coalition. I want to slow down for just a minute and consider the fact that we are listening to a presentation by the very same department who will benefit in funding by using the scare tactics of crime. Unfortunately, ultimately, police are violence workers. Their response to violence is more violence or threat of violence. This means police contact and police resources automatically means violence because cops out of their own violence to them already what's happening in the mix? So as Tamara, an opera says, instead of being violence prevention, cops are violence promoters. The evidence that police stop people from killing each other is weaker than many people previously thought. While the evidence of police killing people is strong, the statistics presented by the Long Beach Police Department today consider shoplifting out of necessity to be a crime. But what about the theft of funding from art communities that has been giving to policing? To me, that sounds like theft. We're asking for funding to be giving to community programs like the ones listed on the people's budgets demand. Defund the police by at least 25%. And give funding to the programs that meet our community needs. Thank you. Your time is up. Well, I want not just sorry. Pertaining to that immigrant lobby that as opposed to the limit of 20% and departamento policy are the technology over here, Nancy. You see when think policy in the service de nada program under the 13th and I don't know how many you funded Olivia de Miranda. Yes. Then we are fucked up or la pandemia. You could grow gas. You don't register the necessity. Don't know almost any grown up or your border patrol concealer is what is cool charming. Ethan Manning went down with Travel Company, The Immigrant Element. Okay, well, I want to start it. I mean. Hello. My name is Vanessa Ryder. Sleep quality in the immigrant. Amber from the Coalition o

f Immigrant Rights. Which is why I keep an unsolicited concealer. I'm here to request this council. As a pueblo. To accept the people's budget. In 2014 to Departamento de Policia. Asking for a reduction of a 25% from the police department. And 70% of this de nada. And 4.25% of the destined. This integral part of wholeness. For a global development for the. Youth, the money that. In our community. Even though the Olivia. And a relief budget or fund. Money that immigrant. For entire immigrant community. Based. In this city. Gets you the poorest. The Pandemia. Has been greatly affected by this pandemic. Then the management of the races. So thank you very much. For

the money with that nice travel. For taking into account our voice. In this respect, this unit. And our. Requests. Yes. Thank you. I have a public comment on behalf of a community member who had to leave because there is no childcare here available. Can I read her comment? It was someone that's already signed up. Yes. So who is it for? It's for Laura Ibarra. Okay. That's not how I was called. When I started this mine on Breslauer. I read. Is their interpretation. I would have to know. My name is Laura. A writer. Is so partizan a policy. On the that I chose the immigrants in Long Beach. I am part of the Coalition for Immigrant Rights of Language. Yes, they are keeper. I said escuchar that. Either my daughter Consuelo Lacerda. And I'm here to be heard and to demand, asked the council. Get back here and press a Western policy. But it'll be simple policy to bring. Down the police budget on a 25% reduction. And press of Western policy. I guess they'll sign this as follows. Gideon The technology has got to get closer because as. Part of your Rachel Gloss immigrants in Manila. The police is already using part of the budget to acquire technology. That is really something that is breaking all immigrant rights of all immigrant rights in this city. And start comparatively for my circle of the hemp. They were heavily. Supported this was. One of those but I embrace and Brazil Sara is that. Technology and competition for my skin. Color for hemp is the eyes where they don't really sa is those one. Those. Are you that unexplored. I must guess that must be the. So instead of using this technology to exchange information with eyes, they should use this funding in order to help you with programs that help help the immigrants in this city. But I implore you on this central cellular pattern. With the fancy anos and wireless app, where when are you that. For example, the creation of help centers for help for our elder. Apropos there of there are you there's an extent this I think almost Ambien within a. Rally side of the business activity that is paramount benefits is a level of. Physical mental are. To help their delivery to access the resources that already exist to promote activity that will help them get a better health and a better physical condition. Are you the most prolific para for there are you are as

. One travelers. And as this the impulse. The la pandemia in bottles in Manila travels they can withstand the internet. Crisis, but a culture and authenticity that. Is its bedrock dominant consideration. And to help the entire community in order for them to be able to access all these resources during the pandemic on the Internet. And thank you for listening to all our voices. And I have the next five police lineup. Carina. Evelyn Garcia. Iris Rodriguez. Elizabeth and Griselda Soto. Carina Evelin Garcia. Iris Rodriguez. Elizabeth and Griselda Soto. Carina. Hello. Hi. Members of the council. My name is Karina. I'm a community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. Last year, the upright last year during the uprisings, many cities, including Long Beach, vowed to implement structural changes and deemed racism a public health crisis. Today, I call on you, Mayor Garcia, and all you council members and the city manager to allocate funds towards programs that actually help communities recover from the pandemic. Instead of funding the police department with millions of dollars, additionally, police funding will only increase violence in our communities and fill up our jails and prisons with people of color . Police don't stop violence no matter how big their budgets are. What the real question you should be asking is what are the root causes of these inequities, this inequality? And what can Long Beach do to help our community thrive? I urge you to please divest from police and invest in programs that establish rental housing divisions. Support youth recovery. Fully fund the right to counsel and language access. Thank you. Thank you. Allowing as much as they willing. Garcia. Good evening. My name is Evelyn Garcia. SOPA under the late Jose. Miranda's a long beach. I am part of the Coalition for Immigrant Rights of London. Yesteryear. Keep another man, Berkeley. Consider the Long Beach, Associated Press Questo Pueblo. I've assembled here La Policia. And I am here to urge the City Council here to support a reduction of the budget for the police. It can be improper. De la policia. They have emphatic no, no. Yes, but their fear ain't me. That money that immigrant. And also to reduce the budget for the police to stop using technology that is oppressing and harassing our immigrant community. In the city of Long Beach. Jacket by Rami Seguro in Como El Camino Por La Scala Sabian look la policia Mr. He Lando. For me, it's very unsafe and uncomfortable walking around Long Beach knowing that the police is keeping an eye on me. B The technology has come on the direction of Simian, but I feel the Tories have automatically the placards and they are truth. And I ask for the stoppage of the use of technology for facial recognition and also for a license plate reading technology. The symbol samosa la policia. Yeah, Podemos had nothing illegal. Fiancee the afectados por la pandemia. So defund the police and let's help the tenants that have been affected

by the pandemic. You can stand up under the service and look for other Dinerral people. So they'll call it not within forever. And they are about to be in. Evicted due to the lack of money and because of COVID, they couldn't work it. Ambien appointments are different. This program as part of our business for our youth. And also let's work on more programs, different programs that will support our youth and better programs for them for their future. Muchas gracias. Por La Melo. The Academy commented your yes parochial comment and Quinta. So thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to offer my comment and for taking me into account jacket. But I'm me. As for some, I'm in the important proposal. You are La Comunidad in the coming documentary and. For me this is very important in order to support the documented community. Thank you very much. That's. We witness not just women on breast. It is also part of the ritual immigrants. My name is Iris and I am part of the Coalition for Immigrants Rights. If they keep it up ed concealer alone. Which ketamine? Gwen demi commentary? Yes. The samples are la policia. I am here to ask the City Council of Long Beach to define their beliefs and to listen to my comments. But okay. Say percentile, whether through southern fondos para programas, let alone peace. And for the funding to be able to be used for different programs inside the budget in the City of London. Let's be though, there have been artisanal letters, album articles of placards. Israel and Brazil sell an authentic story that grandma Spanish come here. I ask you to stop using the license plate readers instead of creating more safety, that creates more panic among the community members. Jackass Escovedo Color Policy Compartilhar infamously organized. Let's implement the end is Daniel. Since we know that the police have been sharing that information with eyes during this year. But experience appropriate me was no to an accident. They were estado. According to my own experience, a neighbor had an accident and he was arrested. Focusing on another Space Azteca supporter. Mostrando Informazioni Mas ona fotografia incorrect to commemorate inexplicably. So I knocked on his door showing information and the wrong picture. How can you how can you explain that to me. Is but I suck at them being ghetto because the Terminator satellite technology and the reconciliation of a cell it was but a mirror system. And that is also why I ask you to stop using facial recognition technology, because that is basically racist. Let's be, though, because it is key to look at this policy in thought. Elwin Burton and not as programmers, Cormac says solid humor. Yvonne Doyle Assistance. Financiera para los inmigrantes. And I ask you to defund the police on 25% to bring resources for a judicial system, for legal assistance, language assistance and other services in the city. Then to Mano, let's talk about this, which is an amalgam. Primitivo and Starkey Egan recommend that you

get both an excellent A.J. I first of all, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak to you and I wish you all have a very good evening. Thank you very much. Thank you. We are not just attorneys. My number is Elizabeth Gonzalez. Good evening, everyone. My name is Lisa marie Gonzalez. So residents of the Long Beach Street don't know. I am a resident, the neighbor from Long Beach and I belong to. My partner, local chocolate immigrant. I'm also a member of the Coalition for Immigrant Rights. A Starkey Papel concealer. The Long Beach Gazette puesto the Pueblo Idem us programa recursos, a la Comunidad immigrant. I am here to ask the City Council of Long Beach to accept the people's budget and to offer more resources and programs to the immigrant community. It assembles their la policia. And to defund the police. Yeah. Boyle Corporacion de la Renta. And to support the recovery of our youth. To reconsider L.A.. I see that as a lack of money that. Should reconsider the needs of the community. They are, for your part. But in Berthier and Programas. And to support investment in programs. Programs. And as we take a separate cask on technology and other. Programs in their public libraries with Advanced Technology. Center, the tutorials centers, community areas. Tutoring centers, community centers. Centers, they argue that therapy is allowed maintain. Mental health and therapy center. Central the rehabilitation, their drug addiction, the alcohol. Rehabilitation centers for drug addiction and alcoholism. But then they're you know, then they're like you don't see an important I stated migratoria. For everyone to obtain help regardless of their immigration status. Are you going to get ambito ez bueno e they gram provigil mccardell you're dependent on. And helping the youth is good at any level because on them realize our future. Get aimlessly in, start social and seahorse. We want social well-being of our children. Getting an opportunity other that's already visited added as L.A.. We want them to have the opportunity to survive and thrive. Cannot send money to rehab those near criminal those delinquent this. Not to be monitored and harassed as criminals. Crazy vanilla boy la confianza de la policia 41. For them to receive receive the trust and support from the

police equally. It can not discriminate pachuco lor or supporter or person response agnico. And not to be discriminated based on their ethnic initially or race. Queremos. When Apple's yahoos start seeing technology as observers get their Confianza can know that the more. We want to serve beliefs without complicated and sophisticated technology that gives us fear and mistrust. Confianza is a tamarin quint amico Mysterio Aguilar this Cueto. Why not? Not just hoping. That my comment is going to be taken into account. Thank you very much. Walla Walla Walla as much as they resell that easily see them. They barter under the riches in Miranda Salem's killer. What do you mean? I am Griselda and I

am a resident and also a member of the Coalition for Immigrant Rights in Long Beach. Mr. Yaki presenter parody mandala concealer the longest. I am here to ask the City Council. I said. I thought they were all in the same boat. The La Policia. To accept the budget, the people's budget and defund the police. And stay in control. The man the that I mean. I am against the technology for facial recognition. That I mean they certainly dress automatic or the placards get certain money then we grant the amnesty and. Also to stop using the license plate readers that affect mostly our youth and our community. And still keep our abogado busy. I am here to advocate also for the Division of Housing for Rent. Jackie Autoimmunity for Tara Yao and Mark Vanessa Pandemia. Since I am also I been affected by that and I am also a victim of the pandemic. And some of the enormous reservoir of poverty, that of the rent that. We are losing our houses, our homes, because we cannot pay the rent. And this is it may be acceptable para money that. We need acceptable housing for our own communities. Guerrasio Fortescue Chairman, you broke a dominant Kwanza. And thanks for listening to me and for taking this into account. I hope. You have put your money there. And I hope you can support our community. Honorably. That is the most. Gracious, incredulous. Wendy Garcia. Thank you and God bless you all. And I have the next five police lineup. Lupita V. Jose Galarza. Danielle Renee. YOLO. Victor Sanchez. Camila Homes. Lupita. Jose. Danielle. Victor and Camila. Please approach the podium. Hmm. When I notice Menominee a little bit on eBay. So potentially community identity to the immigrant is the Long Beach. Hello. Good evening. My name is Lupita Rivera and I am a member of the Council for Immigrant Rights of Long Beach. And stocky, but a petite girl considered the long accepted Western in Pueblo. Inadmissible remarks come when the recognizing me into fashion or let automatically pluck us in three orders. I am here to request this honorable council of Language to accept the people's budget and also to stop using facial recognition software and also license plate recognition software. Among other things. Is the technology embedded in strip privacy that in resistant, informative and worthless community assembly levels. This kind of technology is an invasion of privacy. It is racist and it doesn't protect our communities. This embolden and Annapolis here is informed. Those have already amassed majorities. Defund the police and use these funding to for programs. Adult programs. Commercial for Mayotte missing the Arab immigrant study into the services but an assortment from Florida. And because I am an older adult, I feel vulnerable and many like me feel the same way. So we need more programs in this community. Can I just put Cochairman Espinoza itemized in Quantum me was he said to me, L.A. he borrowed pianos to come with which are the rascals went a notch. And thank you for listening me a

nd listening to me and for allowing me to speak up. And I hope we move forward with these ideas. And thank you very much. I am a very good evening. Honorable Mayor, members of the city council. It's good to see you again. Victor Sanchez, the project director of the Language Coalition for Good Jobs in a Healthy Community. I just wanted to say, unfortunately, we had a few members of workers actually that were here who had to leave home early because they work very early. And I regret that this item was moved so late because of that. And there are a lot of members whose names have been called and have not been able. To give testimony that I. Wish they would have. So I just wanted to acknowledge that before I give my remarks, I will say that, you know, our coalition has had about 1200 conversations in the last three months with all renters in Long Beach. And two things really stood out. 98% of them believe that more is needed on behalf of the city with regards to rent relief and resources to fight illegal eviction notices that continue to make in front of in front of them. 97% of those respondents believe that there should be greater investment in social programs and direct relief for marginalized communities. Rather than increasing the budget. For the LAPD. In this pandemic has only worsened the pressure these families are facing. And so we're asking that you reallocate money from the LAPD to address the root causes. That a lot of these

families are having to deal with during this. Time. And specifically, the housing needs that are mentioned in the people's budget, the community land trust investment, the full funding of the Right to counsel program, and the creation of a housing department specifically that can liaise. With landlords and tenants. So again, I ask that you adopt the people's budget. Thank you very much. Danielle. Real little. Camilla Holmes. Magnolia. Pre. Pre. Ada. Jane. Alfonso. Mary. Joan. Good evening. My name is Camilla, and I have been a resident of Long Beach since 93 and a sixth District resident for about 20 years. The following is my assessment of some of some of the community needs and what I think should be prioritized in the budget over the Long Beach. Over Long Beach Police Department. Based on my own observations. Well, I do see. That there is that there is not enough housing services, mental health services and health services. And this has been. Mirrored in the previous presentations today. From downtown to north Long Beach, you can see a steady landscape that evidences an unreasonable or unreasonably large. Population of houseless people. Tents line the river and increasingly our streets. People are walking around often clearly in some sort of mental distress. We need resources for them. We need the health department to be fully funded. We need resources for our children. I was happy to see that Parks and Rec set up some mobile recreation programs some months ago. We need more of that. We need more resources for our

libraries. The libraries play such a vital role in the city, especially in lower income neighborhoods. In normal times, they provide tutoring or just a place to go internet for those who don't have it job resources, other educational resources. And the list goes on and on. The library should not have to do private fundraising to run their stellar, beneficial programs. One police department. Must have had most of the city budget. There. Your time is up. Next picture. Please. I'm Jane Alfonso, and I'm chair of the Justice and Peace Committee at the South Coast Interfaith Council. And I represent hundreds of faith leaders in both the Interfaith Council and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. And I'm asking. You to pass the. People's budget. Faith communities share the values. Of justice. Including economic justice. And peace. Love of neighbor and care of neighbor, and privileging the most vulnerable. Imagine a budget that prioritized people and not police and prioritized the most marginalized. You've seen that we need to invest in housing and health. Seniors and youth, not police. A budget is a moral document. It's a spiritual document. Long Beach can invest in equity and care, not fear and scarcity. The people's budget reflects the structural changes and economic justice that reallocate assets to black lives. Undocumented, other people of color and all march and marginalized communities. Mayor Eric Garcia suggested that Long Beach could be a model for housing policy. Why not pass a model budget? Faith Leaders. We will continue to pray for you as you deliberate on passing a people's budget. Thank you. Hmm. Hmm. I'm not sure what you mean either. And so I keep an eye on the school channel and the silhouette of the black woman with other equal numbers. I am deliberate, and I am here for to tell you about the needs in the Long Beach community. Yeah, personally. I did not bring the necessity recourses, but I look at in massive capacity my muscle data. Well, on the carousel seahorse, they would only be just close around him. One thing that we need first is a safe place for our single parents to be able to drop their children while they are going to work. You can see an accessible asparagus. For them for those spaces to be affordable. It's a necessity. Amala you must tell you that perilous persona, the letters that are going on out them, I say what goes on. They just put on a stern pseudonym in the case of familiar travel or personas give you and soldiers. And also we need help for places for the elderly to feel safe while their children are working. Getting entry and thus accessible is precarious. But look, look, use commodious boy, then begin. To have affordable rent in order for them to be able to live anywhere they really can leave. But again, not all. And they're going to go there be. Because not everyone can get access to government help. It does mean precarious, turbulent animosity with others. But alas, foreigners in the news n

otwithstanding luxuries like Leandro Paredes will see another August. And also to have more activities for children and the youth to keep them away from the street, from doing graffiti and getting into trouble. With soil area. So an unfortunate surprise. That the future of this country. Ever ultimate Syria movie. When Musk Inarritu called Marcel persona la la policia capable, they are confronting Neos in not the Netherlands meu guan are you not Americans in Gaza and start to say what does get banal? You got other inaugurals, but I love persona comprar lima and all the other organs. And also to train the police department to teach them so we can trust them and not have

fear. Every time there is an emergency, we should be able to trust them and not have fear that they are going to come with violence and shoot people even people with mental issues. There in the do Carlos Spaghetti Newcastle welcome to actor article so Scousers who can do the mask on a problem. So they want to be better trained in order to learn and know what to do in those cases when they face that kind of situation. But I can say I'm patella solution in moment that I problem. For them to be part of the solution and not to increase. The problem. Is that people punto a mysterious burial of the men in children as yes. That is my point of view and I hope you are taking into account. Thank you very much. You know since. The nursing. Good evening, Mayor Garcia and council members. Good to see you all. My name is Mary you. I am a pastor and a faith rooted organizer. With Clergy and Laity. United for Economic Justice, also known as CLU. And today I represent hundreds of faith leaders connected through Crewe. To ask our City Council and Mayor to adopt the people's budget to ensure safety and health for our community in Long Beach. We want our city to be safe and free from violence. Then we need to stop using violence to end violence. Because we cannot. Expect to stop the fire by using more fire. And so we need more resources of. Care if we want a healthy. City. And I know that all of you want that for our community. And I love Long Beach because our community here is strong and compassionate. We take care of one another and you see that through this pandemic year. So if our city gives more resources to our community by divesting funding from the police department, our community can protect and take care of one another. Well. So this is a sustainable way to ensure public safety and public health. In particular, we need more investment to address the housing crisis in Long Beach as we talk about this tonight. Just a 2% cut in the police budget could fully fund a ten and right to council program that could provide legal defense and protection for 1700 families, which would prevent homelessness. So this is a great opportunity for our city council to take bold leadership and to lead with the values of care and equity. Thank you. Margarita Valenzuela City. Gabby. Vicky. Tanisha. NAB. Christianson

. Good evening, Mayor and council members, city manager and city staff. My name is. Margarita. Valenzuela and I'm an organizer with the Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community. We are calling on Mayor Garcia and all nine city council members and the city manager to adopt the people's budget for fiscal year 2022 and structurally reform the city budget process to enable earlier and deeper participation for marginalized communities who are most impacted by budget decisions. We believe Black Lives Matter and all our communities cannot wait any longer. We demand support, legal representation for immigrants by boosting funding to be through the Long Beach. Justice Fund. To provide. Free, universal legal representation to immigrant residents facing deportation. I have personally spoken to community who continue to struggle to find the resources they need to stay in Long Beach. Expanding the justice fund will only help more families who are struggling because of the pandemic. We ask you to support the demands of the people's budget. Thank you. First off, I want to thank you, Mayor Garcia, and council members, for your time. My name is City Men and I am part of the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. I'm here to express to the Lonely City Council members why it's important to defund the police and adopt the people's budget. Does the police department really need more money? No. I heard one of the reason to build a more diverse police force, and that is not in keeping our communities healthy. To keep our community healthy, we need to invest in it. We need to invest in the community. We need to defund the police for no less than 25% and give it to programs that will keep the community healthy. Adopt the people's budget, which is needed. There are other programs like housing assistance, providing legal counsel and providing funds for immigrant communities. I am impacted immigrant and I'm letting you know right now that the community needs the fund, not the police. So let us defund the police department and use it for the people budget. Use it to reinvest in the communities, the marginalized communities, the communities of color. Thank you for listening. And I hope and pray that you would take steps to support our community. Thank you. Good evening. My name is. Gordon Anders, and I'm the executive. Director for the Long Beach Immigrants Coalition, a member organization of the People's Budget, Long Beach. First, I want to thank the Council for Investing in the Justice Fund, allocating additional money from the American Rescue Plan to make this program better. The immigrant community in Long Beach deserve this. However, I also want to express my frustration and disappointment in seeing the proposed increase in funding for the police department. This now means we're spending over \$700,000 a year a day in policing again, 700,000 a day in policing. Rather than focusing on the root causes of increased violence and economic crisis, skyrocketing g

un sales and an increased pressure on communities already pushed to the brink of survival. The systems, the symptoms being used to justify pouring more money and more resources into policing, policing instead of community based safety strategies. Cops do not keep us safe, nor do they stop violence. The best way to reduce violence and increase safety is to increase access to health care, housing, mental health care, education, sustainable and living wages and community care, connection and programs. It's time to recognize that decades of pouring more money, resources and legitimacy into policing and effort to increase safety have failed because policing is functioning as it is intended to do, which is to contain control and criminalize black and brown communities right near them. Thank you. Hello. My name is Vicky and I am the rapid response coordinator for the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. I'm here today alongside my community, to demand that the city council defund the proposed police budget by at least 25% and invest those funds back into the people's budget. 25% of the police budget is \$65 million. Imagine what this money can do for a community. Imagine this money invested into affordable housing as the rapid response coordinator. I wish I had the opportunity to coordinate and fund a fund made up of private donations. Not federal, not state and not city, but private donations. Do you want to know what the biggest need from those applicants were? Rent. I ask how in the middle of a pandemic did the city offer so little rent relief to our communities? Who needed it most? Again, imagine the support the city can provide to families if we defund the police and reallocate those funds to community. I also heard today that there is a concern about communities that are about community members that are chronically homeless. I want to ask how many council members have actually talked to members of our community that are unhoused? If you had, you'd understand that it's not just about getting a roof over someone's head or placing someone in a hotel room as Project Homekey does. If you've ever spoken to an unhoused community member, you know that they're just trying to survive the day. So we need to invest in programs like mental health care, detox food and direct cash assistance. Again. Least by at least 20. Station. NAB Christianson. Alia. Ramirez. Jessie. Alka. Abraham Zavala and Juan and Vanessa, please line up. Elliot. Jesse Abraham. And I'm Vanessa. Hello. Good evening. My name's Vanessa, and I am part of the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition to damn. Demanding that the Long Beach. City Council defund the police and adopt the people's budget. The police department does not need any more money. Instead, we should be investing in the community. Investing in the community hubs, decreased crime, investing in the police department creates fear in our community. They use technology that targets minority communities, although the police d

epartment says that they do not share information with Immigration Customs Enforcement. We know that the. Contractors carry license plate readers and facial recognition that is shared with them. I asked that police. I ask why the police need such a huge chunk of. Funding for tools that have been proven. To be racist, abusive, invasive and efficient. Long Beach is a wonderful city that prides itself on being friendly and diverse, and let's invest more into our communities to create a safe and welcome welcoming place for everyone by investing in education, childcare, and affordable housing by defunding the police. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Abrams, Apollo organizer with Long Beach. Residents Empowered. We're part of the people's budget as well, the People's Budget Coalition. Just to talk a little bit more about what we're asking, why we're asking the reallocation of funds to already overly funded department, to put that into a lot of the things that we need in the communities. So just to give a picture, right, when we say to meet the gap of what it's being proposed already for the rental housing division. Right. To meet those gaps. It would it would be the not invest in 1111 more cops on the street right to think about one we would take to meet the gap for right to council the right for tenants to have someone to defend them in eviction court and things like that. Not investing in 33 more police officers would help you meet that gap to fully fund the right to council program. And lastly, the idea of lack of ownership, right ownership in our communities, community land trusts, the ability to create permanently affordable housing while allowing low income residents to build generational wealth as homeowners not investing in 27 parks and investing fully right in TLT, that's the amount we're talking for. So it's possible, it's possible to reimagine how we allocate wealth, money into our communities. And on those three points, I want to just speak on that as as myself. I always like to make comment on behalf of Jesse whenever possible. Should I do that now or. Yes, Bear, should I just tell callers in here? But I want to say something on his behalf as well. Okay. I'm going to go ahead and do it. Typically, the council of

people have to be here, but I'm going to do it to just please. Be sure it'll be two people off the list, Jesse and Eli. So Eli is a street vendor. He also wanted to be here tonight to talk about the idea of law enforcement. Right. Recently, street vendors have been given misdemeanors. And as you all might know, SB 946 has been in politics. A state law expressly prohibits the criminalization of street vendors, yet the health department and the Long Beach Police Department have threatened street vendors with with misdemeanors. So he wanted to talk about that, his ability to feel fear, to go out and strip and knowing that that would cost him the ability to pay rent. Which leads back to the idea of we're talking about now, right, th

e idea of rental defense and all these things. So I just want to illustrate, there are so many things that when we talk about reallocation of money, right. Giving folks opportunity to have a legal counsel could make such a huge impact. So he wanted to come here today and also talk about that and general comment and also for this piece. So thank you. We have eaten. Elsa Tom James was on. Kevin, Georgia. Tina True and Marlene Alvarado. Good evening to everyone in attendance. My name is Irene and I'm a community member here to support the people's budget. Heavily policing our communities does not prevent crime. Healing and care prevents crime. And as a city, we have to invest in the betterment of our community, not fund more policing to lock up our community members. We must move forward today to make sure that we create stronger, productive and safer communities. And this begins by funding the request of the people and not law enforcement. My first interaction with law enforcement occurred when I was eight years old. My pregnant mother and I, alongside my family, were removed from our home at gunpoint. My second and third interaction occurred when I was ten and then 11 years old. And just like the first one, me and my family were removed from our homes at gunpoint, all on a mistaken identity and all before the age of 12. For the last 17 years of my life to present day to day, I have been on some kind of police supervision. And it's absurd to see that we'd rather fund law enforcement than to actually allocate some of the money to our underserved communities to things like housing, mental health and social workers. It is also disappointing that as a teenager I had more contact with police officers than I did with youth centers and resources. And this will be the norm when we continue to allocate majority of our funding to policing. I urge you today to adopt the people's budget and I asked the lines of law enforcement and the police departments to really serve. But I mean, really serve and protect. Thank you. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. You are being distributed. The people's budget that has been referred to so many times tonight. My name is Ailsa Chang, seventh district resident member of the People's Budget Coalition. So we know that 83% of DPD budget goes towards compensating the the city's more than 850 cops. We know that according to our analysis of transparent California data, the average total compensation for an LBE PD officers about 250 \$215,000 a year. So knowing all this, let's do some simple math. Removing just 33 cops would fully fund the tenant right to council program. Removing just 27 cops would fully fund the establishment of a community land trust for permanently affordable housing. Removing just 20 cops would fully fund youth recovery, especially for transitional aged and disengaged youth. Removing just 15 cops would fully fund the city's language access policy. Removing just 11 cops would fully fund a rental

housing division. Removing just ten cops would fully fund the Health and Aging Center in the Health Department. Removing cops would allow for the exponential expansion of the Health Department's reach team we all heard about earlier tonight. Council members like Long Beach needs care, not cops. Let's divest from harm. Invest in healing. Defund LAPD by at least 25%. And adopt the people's budget. Thank you. Hi. My name is Running Alvarado. I'm with District One. I'm here to support the people's budget. I know you guys have tried to do a lot of stuff in social programing. I saw what you told us about, but you're always crying about your. I said there's not enough money. I really do think and believe and know that we need to divest the money from the police in order to reinvest in our communities. It will really increase better. It will really increase the access and help that people need. And once again, when the majority of our our police, our money goes to police departments, like 42%. Let's look at it. It is basically a police state. We are paying more money to the police and it really is a police state when you're not putting enough money into social programs and education and all that. So please fund the people's budget. Thank you very much. Hi. I'm Kevin Yeager, District one resident here to support. The people's budget. Like others have said, cops don't stop crime. Repeated analysis fails to find any connection between the number of police officers and crime rates because cops are violence. Workers showing up after harm has already

been done to punish and incarcerate. Instead, we can respond to violence without police terror by funding the community led alternative emergency response teams called for in the Race and Reconciliation Report. We can fund public safety by addressing root causes of violence, funding, affordable housing, education, jobs programs, health care, youth programs actually addressing poverty. And that 26.2 or twice 262 million figure doesn't even include money. Our city pays out in lawsuits over Ibe PD uses of excessive force and shootings every single year 32 million since 2014. There's not enough. Time to touch on all the ways LAPD avoids accountability from Tiger text, turning off body cams, implementing drone. And facial recognition surveillance technology without any policy governing its use. Sharing license plate data with ICE, destroying records, shooting at protesters and journalists. Alvi plays stranglehold over city politics on and on. Defund LAPD start with 25%. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the city council. My name is James Watson pronounced I'm his and I'm a resident of the third district. And speaking on behalf tonight of Long Beach Forward, I was talking with a neighbor of mine the other day about how people respond to a pandemic primarily in three different ways avoidance, denying that it exists at all. Scapegoating, often blaming people who are different than us or fixing it. Accepting a pandemic for w

hat it is. And actually getting to solutions. So I'm proud to be part of the Long Beach community that is fixing it, not just the people behind me, but all of us who are doing our part to get people vaccinated and talk about community led solutions. The Council has also accepted this for what it is the Recovery Act, hero pay, tenant protections, all of that. So to be honest, I'm lost hearing and wondering and hearing these presentations why a year and a half into the global pandemic? And we still haven't structurally invested in our highly regarded city run health department that is actively fixing our public health crisis and increasing funds to the police department that refuse to even acknowledge the severity of a global pandemic and actually get vaccinated. So if we're in a public health crisis, we must have a public health response. And as it currently stands, the biggest threat to public health in Long Beach apparently is public safety. So this is why I'm proud to be part of the fixers, like so many of the community who are behind me here tonight, advocating for bold solutions like the people's budget and asking you to divest from the police department and invest in departments and programs that actually keep people safe, can empower people out of poverty and into opportunity. So please support the people's budget. Thank you. Is China transgender? Tina True. That concludes the public comments. Thank you, Madam Cook, and thank you to all the members of the public. We're going to go ahead now and turn to the Lombard City Council. This is a hearing. So this is a continuation of the of the budget hearing. There is a motion in the second to continue the budget hearing, as we do at these meetings. I want to start off with Councilman Brosnan. Thank you, Mayor. I'm going to pass right now Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I want to thank the community for showing up tonight and sharing your ideas, bringing in additional materials. I know I've met with some individuals and received many of your emails. We appreciate the input and there's a lot of work still to be done in Long Beach. And I think you should celebrate many of the successes and continue to provide the pressure because there is more work to do. So thank you for taking the time to bring thoughtful comments. I know the council meetings can be long and we appreciate you sharing with us. There's a lot of important things that try to get done at this dyas and. Your input and support is appreciated to our police department. It's been a it's been a long year and a lot of changes and a lot of growth. And we appreciate the work that you continue to do. We know that there is a difficult. Road ahead in terms of resources and needs. I think that there are tools that have been discussed by this council that really provide a different methodology for supporting. The community and our officers. And I know that this council has talked a lot about our body worn camera program, but we've also talked a lot about

t our Arabs division and other divisions that really support safety differently and more effectively. And so I look forward to hearing how those partnerships and transitions impact and support our police. I think that it is important to note that. A lot of our violent crime happens in our most disadvantaged communities. And working through the creative programs that and Day House has partnered with in terms of the the police officers walking in , getting to know the community. I've seen. And I heard amazing things. And I look forward to seeing how the new programs that you've brought forward with the additional funding will develop. But we also have to train the next generation of police officers to be in alignment, to replace and really change the culture. And to do that means funding an academy and ensuring that our officers are not overtired and making big

mistakes and saying the wrong thing in the community because they're exhausted. And in a position to do something that's not good for them or the community. And so I look forward to hearing our solution for how we make sure that we're not leaving our officers in a position where they're working. Double overtime shifts because that the person that I am when I work would exert a large amount of overtime is not the person that this community can partnership effectively. So I'll just continue to say that we need to find that funding needs to be available. And I don't I don't see any way around that. That's for our health department. Thank you for an exemplary presentation. You guys continue to do a lot with very, very little. I appreciate the work that you've done and expanding a lot of our grant programs, and I really look forward to a day where we do a better job partnering with the major foundations for more consistent ongoing support. I know that. Taxes can't pay for everything. And we've gotten creative with some different funds that are available and made those investments. But we need more money. And I think that we need to work together to find where those can be and if there's a department that goes after grants, effectively. Yours has been a lead. And then. Theresa, I know you're out in the field, in the community area, and the work that you're doing is phenomenal and you should be recognized. You've really changed the face of how we interact with the community, and I want you to be appreciated and I want you to know how much your heart we hear and how we really we try to meet with as many community members as we can. We know you meet with more. And I think you do an excellent job of bringing forward and consolidating those ideas into solutions in a meaningful way. Thank you for all that you've done. You've been an amazing, amazing leader through this year, and I look forward to seeing what you do next as long as it's here in Long Beach. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Yes, thank you, Mayor, and thank you, chief and Assistant Chief, for your presentation. And I just want to say thank you

to all the speakers and the faith leaders that came out. I know many of you personally, and I know we have a lot of work to do. And there's a there's a lot of programs that are important that we need to continue to work on. I'm to the police department. I just want to thank you and the officers or all the work that you have done in the past year. I know it's been tough. You know, for those of you don't know, I was a police officer here for many years and I was seriously injured in the line of duty. I have rides and pins and other people's bones in my back. And I can imagine being a police officer today in this environment. I felt the pain of having a coworker. Friend murdered in the line of duty. I felt the pain of having a classmate and a friend kill himself. This is a tough this is a tough job mentally, physically and spiritually. Definitely don't have to tell me how tough the job is because I know. I am really concerned about the mental health of officers. The sheer. And I sure hope that we are doing everything that we can do to address that. One of the things that you talked about, Chief, that I was. You know, I know that we need to continue to expand. Our visibility and our presence. We've got work to do in the community. We need sincere engagement. Getting back. We need diversity. One of the things that I like to say is I was raised you know, I was born here and I went to Poly Am from the community. And being a police officer here really helped. And I think it's important when we look at diversity and local hire because we have to mend a lot of bridges and and relationships and and and we just have to continue to be to focus on, you know, transparency and accountability. One of the things that we have seen is, you know, the crime rate has continued to increase in our neighborhoods. And we see that in the data. I know that your coordinator response teams have done an excellent job with the gun violence, and I've definitely seen seen a increased presence, you know, and in our district. I don't think that it's a good idea for us to live with any fewer officers. It's just putting more strain on the officers that are currently out there. So I, I know that Councilwoman Margo did talk about recruitment for for 2020. So I definitely would like to hear more about that. And I do want to speak when I have a minute and a half left about the councilman. There was a had a couple suggestions from a couple of members because it's a budget hearing and there's two departments to extend the time for council members for questions or comments. And so instead of queuing up, if you want to extend your time, feel free to do so. Just we'll try to stay as close to post 5 minutes as possible. Will extend it. Okay. And I'll I'll be I'll be brief. One of the things that I you know, I am a huge advocate for the for the helicopter. And. You know, as a as a policewoman out there, there was nothing better than hearing the blades up above knowing that they were coming. I wo

rked a one person Unit one Adam six for a lot of my career and and I can tell you the the police helicopter is really important for de-escalation. There were times even when police pursuits we

could call those off, which is, you know, safer for the community having that that resource. I definitely didn't. I think putting a civilian up in a helicopter, replacing a police officer is absolutely crazy to me. It's like it's like asking Uber or Lyft driver to drive you around. You know, it just it doesn't make any sense to me. And so I just want you to really consider that, you know, an officer has somewhere and you can correct me, but, you know, 3000 hours of training, they understand tactics. You understand police procedures. They can give really good direction to officers on the ground. And I think that's really important. Excuse me. And so it's actually time that we've extended the time. We're fine, thank you. Great, councilman. And so I think that that is it's it's just, you know, the good direction on down the ground is really important. And so I just want to leave you with I think experience matters. And I'm just not a fan of considering any civilian to do that job. So I'm going to go back to a question that I had on. Can we talk a little bit about what's the estimate for recruitment in 22? Mayor and members of the city council. We're working with the Civil Service Department. I think most of you are aware that civil service is the department that takes the lead in doing recruitment and promotional testing for all the city departments, not just the police department. We currently have a list of interested police recruits and we're working with them on looking at that list. We are pushing for a new list to come out. What we find is every time we go out and recruit, as time goes on, we evolve. The community demands more. As you've heard tonight and and honestly, as we look at putting together a new list, even the list of demands that we're asking for, for our new police recruits change and which I think makes a better police officer that serves this entire community. So those are the things we're working out with civil service right now. We're putting a lot of demand on civil service, as other departments are. And that's why I'm pushing we are pushing for a class sometime in the fall, maybe early winter. So it is on the top of our priority list. But having officers that match the values of our community, all of you and the diversity that we all seek is a very top priority when we're looking for police officers for the city of Long Beach. Okay. All right. Thank you again, Chief, for all that you do. Thank you, Councilwoman Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And first, I think that was a good call. This is dense, dense stuff. It's, you know, two departments. I'm going to try to get this all in in 5 minutes, no more than seven. But this is an instance of. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, following that for flexibility to Councilwoman Allen. So first I

had to step out earlier, but I heard the introduction. And to step out and call the kids and tell them. Night. But I heard it on TV. Mr. Murdoch, I think the way that you help frame this, I think is important. You said we heard from the community last year that is enshrined in a document, the reconciliation initiative. And here's the progress that we've made on many of these priorities that were not priorities prior to hearing it from the community. The REACH, innovation, this strategy, the community came out early and said, Hey, we want to see something similar to cahoots. It doesn't have to be cahoots. Make it your own Long Beach model. That's in its budget today. The Office of Youth Development was called out in the reconciliation plan. That is an action that is funded through reconciliation hours that is here today. The youth fund made possible by Measure USA that is here today. The violence prevention were incredibly important to many members of this council, a great plan that did not have funding. It is here today in this budget. It's in the recovery budget. And it was in last year's budget. The Health Equity Center called out in the in the reconciliation plan. It is here. It's funding early intervention strategies. A big theme. It's here. Alternative response models. It's here. Lots of discussion on diversity. I tend to agree. I think one of the best things we can do is make sure that our police officers and all of our city employees come from our local community. That takes investment, that takes focus to place that as a priority in our academies. And the best way you can build relationships with the communities, making sure that our new recruits that are coming in are from our local community. That's important. That's key. All of that is in that in this budget, all while managing 250 additional staff on COVID in our health department. I remember I was joking a bit earlier. I remember when the Health Department had to ask to do a budget presentation that council had to request it. Tonight, the budget for tonight's budget presentation, the health department is giving a presentation alongside the police department. That is an incredible change. And I've watched every budget process since 2010 without any request. And this is I'm seeing a dramatic, dramatic shift here from asking to hear about it to receiving this information in a in a healthy report on what's happening. I'll tell you, I read the people's budget every year and I try to attend. You know, the people stay in the city and hear the words every year. And we make strides to hit every category in many, many categories every year. And and we try to do that this

year. We look at it, we meet with the community. I think the major difference and I think it's clear a major difference isn't that the categories lifted up aren't ignored because they are reflected. And we talk about what the levels are. But, you know, there is a justice fund, there is, you know, strategies

around language access, there's a youth fund. These are things that have been priorities for many, many years. I think the difference is the request in a budget this year is \$65 million. And. It makes it very difficult to achieve the scale of the investment that people are looking at. And I think we have to be honest about what long term investment looks like for the sake of actually being able to deliver a budget that's reflective of, you know, our diverse interests within our city. And so \$65 million is dramatically higher than any other people's budget request in the past. And I think that is needed to be said, I think, in terms of our health department. And thank you. I see everybody is up here. A great presentation, a lot there. A few things I want to give some input on. First, thank you for including the conversation on Measure US. We're excited that that's here. That's a significant enhancement. I'm glad to see some focus on older adults in the health department. That's been a priority the council for many years, but we have not had funding to implement that and it was great to see that there. Secondly, you know, there's a lot of conversation with the youth in the community. They've been advocating a youth fund for many, many years, and I'm a big proponent of this from the very beginning. But what I see in the youth fund is about 26% of that funding going out to the community, about 74% of that. He retained, you know, being retained by city staff. And I think we have to invert that. I think we want to see, you know, 20% retain 20, 20, 25% retained, but the great majority going out to community based organizations to use serving organizations and allow them allow the youth the way in through a process. And we'll continue talking with youth, but we really want to see that are youth. Finally, we can stand up, put out to the community and actually support, you know, youth serving organizations. You know, let's say starting elementary school is doing their play and they need a micro grant to buy programs. We should be able to provide that. Let's say it's something like the Jordan High School Math Collaborative, a great program that struggles for funding every year. That's proven. Those are the types of things we'd like to see. Let's say it's youth sports. Let's say it's Pop Warner. Let's say it's midnight basketball. Youth organizations will tell you what it is that they need, and we need to invert that. The youth funds should be going out to the community, not being retained by city staff. And I feel and I'm sure more recommendations come out, but I really feel strongly about that. A good solid, you know, around the million dollars for youth is a great start for our youth fund. With, with, with. In terms of the police presentation, first, thank you for highlighting the response time issue. When I talk to my residents, a lot of times I hear as it relates to city services from street sweeping to trash collection. And I want the same level of

service that other people are receiving in every part of town. And we've seen historically our response times in North Long Beach have been slower than other parts of town, particularly with fire, when we didn't have rescue 12. Now, I think we've maintained our overall response time. Can you speak to the response times? The PD, you know, Category one response times in North Long Beach, is that an average across town or is there a slower response time in North Miami? It's a real question that I receive from our residents that I would love to hear you address. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Thank you for the question. And I'm looking up on my form here. My stats reflect this. And this is from July of 2021, because our numbers are about two or three weeks behind always. So for July, for priority one calls in North Division, I show 5.1 minutes for priority one calls. Was that your specific question just for. And how does that compare to the three whatever? It's 5.1 in north real power. Well, the citywide average. East division, as an example, is 5.2. So it's a little bit higher. And you have to account for geography because the area is a little bit bigger, bigger, and it takes just a little bit more time to get there. So for example, in South Division, which is the smallest division but busiest in regards to calls for service, their priority one time is down to 3.9 and that's an average. These are all on the way. So North East may have a slower response time than maybe in the middle of the city. Yes, sir. Okay. That's good. That's good to understand. When I talk about this with our residents, proximity is important. Thank you so much. Just a couple of things I would say I love the discussion about making sure we're doing recruitment in our local community. I know we're talking about academies coming up. Can you speak just briefly about what efforts or what support you need to make sure that this upcoming class of recruits has a healthy amount of people from our local Long Beach community? Again, an excellent question. It takes every single person in this

room between not only members of the city, employee, family, all of you as policymakers, our audiences, even the people who have very different opinions of the police. If if we go into a room and we're talking negatively about the police all the time, people of color, people we want from this city are going to say, why do you want to join them? And yes, the police department has the number one responsibility to make sure that we attract the right people for the right reasons. But I think all of us collectively as a community have to say, you know what, we want the best police department. We want a diverse police department. Let's try and work on our kids. And for us in the police department, we tell everyone, every police officer recruiting is everybody's job. Every time you talk to somebody, it's like an athlete, right? You're looking through the fence at somebody playing football. Somebody says, I want

to be just like that. Same thing happened to me as a five year old. You know, not everybody like the police, but I wanted to serve our community and here I am. Well, we'll pick up that converse, that one final thing, because I want to wrap this. I want to wrap this up. We'll pick up that conversation line. The follow the the final thing I just want to say is that what I hear the common thread from public comment from my neighbors, from our city team, we want a healthy city. I hope the city has health department capacity. Not many cities have a health department. We do. I hope the city also means that we have a healthy police department. That means that means making sure that they're from our local communities. It means make sure that mental health is in a good place. There's a functioning relationship between community and public servants, from police to fire to health workers. And a healthy city means that we need to really make sure that we acknowledge we're all one city team in that city team. We need to be concerned about the mental health of our team members. We need to have one mission to deploy services. And so I want to take a moment to just, you know, thank our health care workers for this past year. I want to thank our police rank and file police officers for their work, because we're all one part of this effort to have a healthy city and a safe city. We all have a place, a role here. So let's keep working together for a healthy city. Thank you. Councilman, sir. Thank you, Mayor. So I just want to start off by thanking all of those who came to make public comment and, you know, just sharing your thoughts. I also want to share that this is this has been one of the toughest years of all of our lives. And I do agree with many of those comments saying that we do need healing. And I heard a member from Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition that we need to build trust. And I think that the other part is accountability as well. That I heard thread it through as far as and, you know, actions that are taken and what is the result of that to ensure that wrongs are right. And so and that we really need to work towards equity healing and renewing and restoring. Right. And investments needs to be made. I'm going to make some more comments before I ask my question for our police with our chief and then and with Kelly as well. But I really want to go back to building trust. I think that we need to continue to have the communication we do between all of us to ensure that we're able to address the hurt and the pain that's resulted in various ways from the past years. And the dialog does need to continue, and I hope we can do more of that in person. While the budget has brought us together in this way, I hope that it's not only the budget that brings us together in these conversations and that also accountability is really important and that we hope that we're taking the steps to showing you in the way that we're doing alternative response through reach,

also in that we're going through a process to redesigning our Citizen Police Complaint Commission and that, you know, significant investment do need to be made into our community and a health department. And I believe that that is really what Gabby from Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition said earlier, that we have to invest in community base. I'm sorry. In my notes here, safety strategies. And I want to hear later on from the department, you know, how much money has been invested so far and how much is going into the community. But I really do think that, you know, this isn't going to be the only dialog we have and that we should continue to do so in different forms and more in person. The other thing I want to share that investments are being made is around, as the vice mayor shared earlier, around Office of Youth Development, also violence prevention funds as also distributed into our communities and Kami based organization. I also want to thank the Mayor for the guaranteed income pilot program that's going to be launching in the fall, that millions of dollars are going to the 90813, where it has the highest number of people living in poverty, particularly single parents. Right. So I do understand that we still need to go through this process in how do we continue to right the wrongs. But that also we don't also, you know, not see all of this

investment being made. So my question kind of circles back to Chief Luna again. You know what? What is the police department doing to build trust and ensure there is accountability in the actions of the police department? And then my question for Kelly, too, is how much how much money has been invested in the police department in this past year and how much of that is going into our community based organization? So first question is for a police department. Chief Luna, you know, what is the department? I think you shared some of it, but I think lifting it back again. What is the department doing to build trust in the community? Ensure there's accountability. And for Miss Canopy, how much has been invested from the recovery funds and how much of that is going directly into the community based organizations? A Council member sorrow in regard to the police department and trust. Simple answer. Actually, it's about relationships. It's about partnerships. Every day that our officers are out there and it's 24 seven. Every contact they make is built on trying to garner that trust because it doesn't work. And I believe based on surveys that we take, we're not a perfect department, but the majority of this community does trust us. There are incidences, of course, that have an impact on it. And then we have to come out and be as honest as we possibly can within the law and say, this is what happened. If it's a there's a problem, we're going to fix it. As far as accountability. If you look at every government agency, whether it's in this city or abroad, I don't know what other department holds themselves more a

ccountable than your police department. The mechanisms that we have, whether it's internal internal affairs, every time we get involved in a use of force or an officer involved shooting the the critiques that take place internally, the level of, for example, just looking at stats coming in here, we're getting an average of 180 praise a month. Which, you know, in a way that's a good thing. And there are some people who are abusing the system. But for the most part, putting out information for us, our policies out on the Internet. And there's a whole list of things that we're doing today that we weren't doing, say, five years ago, and just trying to put out more information about who we are and what we do every day and really get to know our people on an everyday basis that we're no different than anyone else who's out there. You, Chief. Ms.. Kalb my question again are do you have the question? I just want to make sure I know you're sorting through it. So I think there there have been multiple funding streams in the past year. And so I think that, you know, the the first funding stream is around the racial equity and reconciliation funding, which came to the health department about 1.5 million of that approximately this year. I want to say about 400,000, just over 400 or \$500,000 will be in the community by the end of by the end of this year, partially because we are you know, we have some delays in hiring and there's more resource available for the community. Generally, we're planning on \$300,000 of that approximately going into the community each year. We also have the CARES Act funding, which we were able to do. If we look at all of the health equity and food security and early child and all those different pieces was approximately \$10 million that went out in the past year. And then we are planning through the Recovery Act funding for about 1.5 million for youth development of violence prevention. And if we look at overall youth, it's 3.2 million going out, but there's approximately just over \$3 million going out for around health equity from insurance and investments within the movie The Quinta and the Black Health Equity Collaborative and others. So there's there's different pots of money and that are all short term. They're all there are they're all 2 to 3 years old. The CARES Act was six months, but the Recovery Act is 2 to 3 years to be able to engage and invest in our communities. Thank you. And, you know, just last thing I want to add is that, you know, a lot of many of the items that are in the people's budget is, you know, we have been having those discussion and I want to make sure we do work, continue to work at ensuring we fund these different requests more and more . But some of these are new that we've just funded, like the Camille Land Trust and that, you know, if it's not coming, there are alternate alternative ways to find funding for that through state, you know, ensuring that and then also language access and digital inclusio

n as well. There's a commitment to continue to have dialog, but we also have a deficit coming up. So I think that there's I think there is an understanding this is important and that we're committed and we have, you know, started the process in funding. And I think that it does it, you know, that there is a commitment to continue to do so. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, I have Councilman Austin. Thank you. I'm ready now. And thank you for indulging me. I was was paying attention to the public comment and and just kind of forgot that it was my turn to go. But I do appreciate all of the comment this evening and the presentation from staff on two very important departments. Pivotal

department on critical departments for our city. I'm. And I want to appreciate my colleagues for for pointing out, particularly in the people's budget, the fact that we as a council, as a city, have been taking into account all that we've heard over the last couple of years in terms of moving this city in and being more. More equitable and intentional. With what? Our service. I think. My biggest challenge and I'll just be straightforward with our health department, with so much resources coming into the city. And I think every city is dealing with this as well, ramping up and having a capacity to be able to deliver the service that we want to deliver is going to be a real challenge not only for the city, but also for the community based organizations that we're going to be. Asking you to partner with us. Right. And I'd like to see a lot more energy being put into planning on how to deliver and deliver well for the city of Long Beach. Bottom line, all parties involved. I did have some very specific questions regarding the budget. And so I'm going to get into that a little bit. And first, I want to talk to Ms.. Collopy and the. Health Department budget. Specifically related to. The administrative budget. In the executive office. Sorry about that. I'm in 520. There was 75 full time position, 75.6. That was adjusted in 21 and then in 20. There's a budget of 65 positions. But the the actual. The actual world budget is much different. Can you can you explain the variation? I think I'm on my way. May have the wrong one here. Give me. I come from? Are you. Are you looking at the difference between our f y 20 proposed? Sorry. I'm sorry. The Homeless Services Bureau. Oh, okay. So I was. Like, I. Executive Officer. Okay. Right. Right. Oh, so that there was a huge variation. It looks like we got probably an influx in 21 probably from. Take care that I guess. Uh huh. Um. But the budget positions from 20. From employee 22. Employee 22 or ten less. So the question is, do we that we lose positions or we're the positions that we're budget in and apply 20 not field. We certainly went through and during our fy20, we certainly went through a phase where we were we were having we had unfilled positions in FY 20. Um, although once it. In FY20 we had unfilled positions. And so there

and then in this area 21, we have significant increases in the number of positions through all of the grants and opportunities. So we've been hiring, you know, like a special project officer, the mental health services, the public health nurses and many more. Okay. I may want to dig in a little bit later on on that, just to understand then how we're funding positions and whether or not the positions are filled. I'm going to be really paying attention to that. And Councilmember, if I may, we do have our budget staff here. We record questions and then we can get at some of those back in writing. So if we don't have it tonight, just ask it and we'll make sure we get that to you. Thank you. And I'm not wearing my glasses because they're following up on me here. And then on to Councilmember Blackmon Richardson's point regarding the youth fund. I think he makes some great points about, you know, moving those funds into the community. And but I want to make sure that we are supporting community services and and organizations that are delivering in our city. Right. Programs that we know are working that that have the capacity to deliver. We're not taking a chance on anyone. And I'm specifically call out, you know, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club. Um, I think he mentioned the math collaborative and I'm sure each and every council member can think of youth led organizations and youth organizations in their districts that are that are delivering and making a difference. I wanted to just get that in there. I think for EI PD, complacency is not an option in any way and we have to continue to be innovative and engaging in the community. And I want to just. Thank you, Chief, for for your flexibility. I want to thank the department because you guys have been through quite a bit over the last year. Crime is is is I mean, if we this is a council that prides itself on making their data informed decisions. The data is not headed in the right direction right now. And what a lot of what I've heard this evening, it just would not, in my opinion, be smart or responsible for this council to entertain cutting our public safety budget at this point. So I want to be very clear that I'm paying attention. I'm looking at data, but I'm also hearing from constituents all over the district and all over the city. That might not be the best decision right now for for this council to move forward with it. So with that, we have made some decisions over the last year that have been impactful. I guess my question is to the city manager, to the chief, where are we at with our helicopter operations? As it currently stands today. Council member, Austin, thank you for the question. We have helicopter service up. It is vital to providing the best service that we can to our community. The force for our force multiplier it creates and the confidence it gives the officers on the ground. Not to mention to the vice mayor's point earlier about response time, that helicopter could be anywh

ere in the city within minutes over an incident directing units in and that is extremely helpful due to the reductions that the police department had last year. We did cut 51 police officer positions and part of those reductions was in that helicopter unit. So the staffing there was reduced. We did have to reduce a shift so there's less coverage in the city, unfortunately. We currently have two sworn police pilots that are in that unit and we have two tactical flight officers that are also in that unit. But we're looking at the budgets. Several of the council members have showed a lot of interest in and making modifications to that. So we are working with financial management in the city manager's office, looking at all of our options to potentially bring that service. I don't know if would be back to where it was, that would be optimal, but at least put it in a place where it's we're maximizing it as a community because it is an amazing tool. I think I'm looking for what's manageable. To maximizing. Not necessarily. I want to know what's manageable was immediate. When when we had six individuals in the unit. That was it wasn't 24 seven coverage. And optimally we'd like to have that thing in the air, 24 seven that provides the best service to the community. We can afford to do that. I understand that it puts all of you in a very difficult position. We're trying to maintain what we have now, which is most of that's unbudgeted. We're pulling from different places because as a police chief, I have to make decisions of where this department could be most effective with the resources that we have. So right now, having the two police pilots and the two tactical flight officers is basic, because beyond that, I'm really hurting us. If I take that out of the air. If I can add we did make a change last year. The original proposal was to go from six officers to two civilians and we started getting into the meet and confer. We did not change any service models until we've gone through meeting Converse and we're still at our old service model. But we determined that that was not a feasible approach. So we ended up adding that two police officers and PD cut other funding out of their fleet in order to to do that. And so that's all outlined kind of in the memo. So we're back to four officers I'm sorry, two officers, two civilians. And what's under debate right now is, do we keep the two civilians? Do we convert those two officers? Does the council want to go beyond that? It's probably about 120,000 to convert the officers or civilians to officers and go to four total sworn. If we're adding back two more positions, that's probably in the \$580,000 range as an addition. I have a few questions as the mayor. You know, Mark, so I heard you talk about the recruiting class and and the academy and and making changes and new recruits are going to be asked to be different types of officers. Has the has the job description for for for the police department and for new poli

ce officers changed at all in the last year? Absolutely. Yes. And and it's because we listen we listen to our community. We listen to each and every one of you as what our expectations are of a police officer. The world evolves. We have to pay attention to what's happening not only in Long Beach, but across this country. We listen, we're evolving and we're going in the right direction. And to that point, there are can you explain that the BERIC, the Recruitment and Advancement Committee, and who is that comprised of and recruitment advancement will will help interview potential new officers in the academy. Is that correct? Thank you, Councilmember. So there's a couple of things there. The, um, the recruitment group, working group takes a look at they work with civil service. So it's two part because civil service is part of the recruitment initiative. But the recruitment working group looks at its internal to the department, but it looks at ways to improve the diversity within our organization, how to reach areas that traditionally and historically we haven't been able to reach and increase recruiting that way. So there's a couple of things that will take some time to move forward. We're operating off of a current list with civil service, so we'll try to select the best candidates possible off of that list with today's criteria that that the chief was just talking about. So the recruitment group will be looking at diversity, mentoring, leadership internally and externally. Thank you so much. And my final question and thank you for indulging me related to your budget. I do see a. An ad or an upgrade from a lieutenant position to a commander to serve as chief of staff could explain how and what we're doing there. Thanks, Councilmember. The the upgrade for that position was we were operating off of an old program where we tried to change the staffing model within the chief's office to a lieutenant as chief of staff and realized that that was not a feasible option based on the scope of the duties and the requirement for that particular position. So we used some cost savings to create, um, a, to bring back a commander. Position as the chief. Of staff move it from. We were using an Internal Affairs Commander to cover both Internal Affairs and the Chief of Staff responsibilities in the interim. And so we have now our Chief of staff back at a commander position. Thank you for that explanation. And I just wanted to add and it goes back to Councilwoman Sorrels question about accountability. Accountability. The demand for accountability

has never been higher. And some of these upgraded positions were putting people in positions and at links where we can. Absolutely there's more oversight, more accountability, more transparency. And these positions help us to increase that. And looking forward to having more conversation. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you to both departments for your presentations this evening

. I thought they were very informative, and I think the conversation that we've had and are continuing to have is going to help inform some good decisions. I think we can all agree as a council and I think the majority of constituents, that it's important for us to have balance when we're talking about public safety. There's a whole aspect to preemptive efforts to help shape public safety and opportunity and access and those kinds of decisions, especially for our youth. But we also have a reactive need for public safety that's also essential and important. And I think everybody everybody would agree with that. In terms of preemptive, you know, I want to commend our health department for really leading and a lot of the new initiatives that we have initiated over the past year to three the last 1 to 3 years. In terms of our youth, we've we've initiated a lot of violence prevention initiatives, which I think are great and programs I would like to see moving forward some more youth mental health initiatives. As someone whose son's best friend committed suicide three weeks ago in purple states, who was suffering from mental health issues that were exasperated by the. Isolation experience during COVID. I think we need to be having more conversations about mental health. And I also think we need to be having more youth opportunities to have conversations about substance abuse every single day. In the line of work that I'm in, I see people get involved with substance abuse in a way that that they don't think it's going to affect their life or grab a hold of their life. And it does. And sometimes it does so very quickly, depending on what it is they're using. And the prevalence of fat now that we're seeing being used today recreationally and the fentanyl that we're seeing being mixed with other drugs is is is. Absolutely. Unbelievable. When we were talking with all these conversations about homelessness and transient activity, the the opioid use and the fentanyl use that we're starting to see locally and regionally is it's very concerning. So I would love to see some preemptive programs that address mental health and substance abuse as part of our, you know, initiatives for reallocating money. I think those I absolutely agree with a lot of the public comment. We need to pour money, more money into mental health, substance abuse and treatment, preventative. But I also think on the other side that we need to also be prepared with some of the reactive public safety necessities, like when people call the police, they do expect the police to arrive within a reasonable period of time. Every single one of our residents wants that. And I'll tell you today. I had no intention of doing this. I had a full day of meetings, but I spent from 9 a.m. to 12:00 today with a victim who is the DOCA applicant, and I helped her apply for a U visa this morning and I walked her down to court and I helped her apply for a civil restraining order because she is the victim of dom

estic violence. And her frustration is that when she calls the police, don't do anything. The police don't come. This is not in the city of Long Beach. But the point is those people deserve public safety protections as well. They are residents of our city. And when they when they are victims of crime and they call, they have no one else to call when they feel like they're going to be attacked or assaulted. And when they call 911, they should expect that the police are going to arrive in a reasonable period of time. And for me, you know, it's it's one thing for us to make assumptions about response times throughout the city. But what I'd like to know is who's doing better response times than Long Beach and what can Long Beach as a city together, not district by district, but together. How could we get better response times for the whole city? For me. I'll tell you, most of my residents are paying prices for their homes that are equivalent to the city that's 1.8 miles away, SEAL Beach. There, their housing prices are very similar. They want response times like SEAL Beach. That's who they're comparing themselves to. I know that's not realistic. The cities are different. The demographics are different. But I think whether it's north, east, southwest, it doesn't matter. Every district, every division wants better response times, because although we don't want this to happen, I think everybody, even the folks that want to route money away from the police department also want to be able to look at people in the face and say when you feel like you're in danger and you feel you're about to get attacked and you have nowhere to go and you have nowhere to turn, you should be able to call the police and they're going to come and help you. That's that's the number one defense. To have losing their lives or being injured. And so I think

that's really important. And I think we just we need to have that balance. And for me, that idea, when I hear people say, let's route money away from the police department, what I hear is we need to invest more in mental health and youth programming and helping people have opportunities and access so that they don't get on that criminal justice pipeline. And I think that's really important. We need to do everything we can to root as many resources as we can to that. I'm 100% on board, but not as a punitive sanction to the police department, because from everything I know, our police department doesn't deserve as a whole as an entity to be punished, especially for the actions that were done elsewhere. We'll address things case by case in our city. And of course, where there are lessons to be learned, liability to be had, and accountability for police officers that that don't do the right thing. That has to happen on a case by case basis. But on an overall broad street scheme, we shouldn't be punishing any department as an entire department because our residents are going to be the ones that suffer. So for me, I want to make sure t

hat we have that balance. And I'm going to support everything we can do to support both the parameter of. Preventative measures as well as the reactionary measures. I think that's important. I am a huge. Proponent of. Sworn police officers flying helicopters, because I can tell you, you do not want a civilian coming into court and testifying on a trial that involved a police helicopter pursuit. You just don't that that's as a prosecutor, that's the worst kind of witness in the world you want. Like Councilwoman Allen said, it's like the Uber driver coming in. Maybe that's the trend and that's where the world is going. And maybe I'm a little old fashioned, but I believe that you should have police officers driving police vehicles and police officers flying police air support. That's just my belief. And I think it's really important for us to think about how important that value, that asset is. You know, we don't see a lot of crimes that are single handedly solved by air support, but certainly air support is providing assistance to officers that are on the ground. And their testimony, depending on the case, it is maybe essential for for any prosecution. And so I want to make sure that we're we're conscious about that. And and I understand that basically the the low level cost of the program to maintain it is in the mid hundreds. If the money was there, if we could find it, I would support it at full recovery. That's that's how important I think that particular item is. I also think traffic safety is very important. There is a lot of data out there that shows that enforcement, proactive enforcement is effective in reducing traffic fatalities. And we simply don't have enough proactive enforcement. I want to recognize Commander Ellis in the East Division. Who realize this traffic safety is a major issue and it is doing the best that he can with one time resources to fill those needs. But our traffic bureau for a city of our size is not where it needs to be. That's just my personal opinion, because I think a traffic fatality is just as tragic for the family members of the deceased as a shooting, as they've still lost their loved one and they've still lost their loved one as a result of a collision that could perhaps have been avoided if someone had been deterred by having been stopped and educated earlier. And I just I don't think we have the resources to do that as much as we need to. We need to be issuing more traffic tickets so that people have the opportunity to go to classes and learn about the importance and what can happen if they're drinking and driving and someone dies. That's very important. Those are lessons that I think people learn, unfortunately, by coming into contact with officers in a traffic enforcement setting. So I support more traffic enforcement, and I wish there was a way that we could find more money for it in this budget. With that, I just I want to thank everybody for the work that you're all doing. It's really important work.

And just because we want to support. You know, active patrols and good response time does not mean nor should anyone ever conclude that we don't want to and aren't fully committed to supporting all the other front end mitigation methods that are available to help our youth and help them give a chance. Get a chance. So thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Vice Mayor Richardson. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. Just one thing I heard one of the drilling on. A little bit more. Chief, did you say that you have your funding, these four positions, the two sworn pilots and the two support officers, without it being budget? You're doing it because you see that it's needed. That what I heard. Yes, sir. That's exactly what you heard. I have no budgeted I have two budgeted civilian pilots in the air support unit currently, but I am taking from other places in the police department and I'm filling it with four police officers right now because I believe it's that important. Okay. Mr. City Manager, you mentioned a bit earlier that the recommendation last year on the two civilians, operationally that's not working. Yeah. So the chief's talking about operationally right now how he's filling it with bodies. I'm talking more about budget. So we cut from 6 to 2 and then as we

went through the meeting confer, it was clear you have to have the helicopter observers and so we needed to add back those two positions. Police department basically recommended cutting in their fleet budget to add two police officers. I did that as a current year enhancement and I let the council know in a memo and then that's in the budget in front of you now. So now we're back to four our two civilians, two police officer positions and some of the concepts are talking about is do you upgrade those other two civilians to have four police officers or do you then restored back to six, which that would be the \$580,000 increase to go back up to six? I think the four sworn here's what I would say. I've heard a lot, you know, a lot. I heard that raised a lot today. So if the if a budget oversight committee or staff makes it makes them whole by by having the two sworn officers and two sworn observers operationally, I think the case has been made. And so if we can figure out a way to make that make that work as if it adds operationally what we think it does in order to be effective in the community, that's something I can support. And then the second thing I would just say, so I, you know, I would love to see from a process standpoint how that comes back. The second thing I would say is, you know, a lot of a lot of conversation about all the things that we should do as a city. But I think we have to get to the basic desire of someone who lives in your city and is dependent on our services. If you and we've heard this a lot as it relates to response times. People just want to know because I do get complaints in every department and a lot of it is because some of my neighborhoods are very, very far away. Hey, we did

n't get a street sweep in this week. It didn't, you know, they didn't show up again or attracting you picked up or my response times and we dealt with this with fire was 3 minutes later because we were so far away how far north we are. And I think some of this is on all the extremes of the city, the Far East, the far north. I think we need to be able to, you know, make a commitment if some areas of town at 3 minutes and some are five. That's not good enough, I think. And I say that's something we have to address now, but we have to be able to make a reasonable commitment to no matter where you are in the city, your trash will be picked up. Your response time is is is fair. It's not a 2/2 difference or disparity across the city. We have to be thinking about that. And I know that's not something that can be addressed in one budget, but that is something that we should be making a commitment to, to everybody who is in a city, no matter if you live in the middle or on the outside. That's just a comment of mine. Thank you. And back on the helicopter, we'll make sure an hour or two before we give you the actual numbers, what it would take to get back to four, which I agree is a very reasonable approach. And then what it would take to get back to six, you have both those numbers. Thank you. I'm gonna make some remarks as well. And then I think we will be moving on to the rest of the agenda, which is of a full agenda. Let me just just begin by thanking again the budget staff, and I know the BBC and Councilman Orson is the bosses working through its meetings as well to get us through the budget process. I want to just let me start with the health department and then move on to the police department. Just I want to just to say to thank the entire health department for really, first and foremost, this a very difficult year and doing an amazing job with the resources that it has. I'm grateful that at every level of government, the county level, the state level, the federal level, we have received a significant resources to grow our health department, I think, by maybe 200 bodies. And so I'm hearing a lot about supporting our health department tonight. And we are. The health department has never been larger as far as I remember it, and it's robust and it's doing a lot of great work. And that's going to continue. And I think that we want to make sure that the health department continues to have the resources it needs to protect us from future pandemics, but also to take care of the community recovery programs right now that are so important and working with our community organizations to do that work. So just think of the entire team, particularly Dr. Davis and the entire infectious disease unit that's doing wonderful with the vaccines and everything else. So a huge thank you. And part of the recovery is also working on making sure that when I heard a lot tonight and from council members is that obviously for for true community safety you have to have also the

preventative work. It has to happen consistently and thoroughly and that's something the health department is very involved in. So I just want to thank you for that to just the chief and to the leadership that's here. Part of recovery and we've talked about this a lot is also the safety recovery, and it's ensuring that we continue to make sure our community is safe. I've said it many times at Long Beach today. By every. Any way you look at the data is safer than it was 20 and 30 and 40 years ago. Doesn't mean we don't have challenges. It doesn't mean that. That guns have not

become a source of. Of increase in shootings. And if there isn't a gun epidemic. Because there is and we still have incredibly tragic incidents in inner city that happen. But we are and have and have continued to ensure. I believe that the police department I look at what 21st century policing actually really means and how we change and improve moving forward. And I think you guys have and continue to do that. I want to thank you, Chief, and your entire team. It has been a very, very hard year for everyone, for all of you. I mean, I told you this, of course, privately. But I think it's important also that we look at where the resources are today and what the community is looking for. And I agree with some of the comments here. At the end of the day, folks want to know when they call 911 that some are going to be there to help them and if they're going to be there when they need them. And that's something that the service that we provide every single day. And I also know and one of the reasons why I'm proud of where we are headed in many in many ways is we're also recognizing as a city and quite frankly, as a country, that there are some 91 calls that could be handled by other folks as well. And police. Police officers today are expected to be police officers and social workers and medical workers and do a variety of things. And I think we and I want to make sure that we provide you the support to focus on policing and the important work that has to happen in our community. I agree with some of the comments we have to ensure. I appreciate the police department has never been more diverse. Under your leadership. It's more diverse today than it's ever has been. When I when I attend the and I attend every single graduation that your department has, and I look at these young officers, what I see back are folks that want to serve their community and that look like our city and that more and more we have women serving and more people of color and folks that want to want to give back. And I think that's something that. We'll continue to grow with within our city. And I also see. Particularly with the younger officers, a real call to to to service. And and I believe that the training and the investments we're going to make in projects like the training facility and the are going to be are really important investments that that this council is going to make. Finally, let me just say,

on the helicopter issue, which has been brought up repeatedly, I also support what's been said. It is important, I think, for police officers to fly police helicopters and particularly those that are sworn and that have that experience. And so I think we've asked I know that the BBC, I think looking at this issue and hopefully will incorporate it as we move forward in the next few weeks to make sure that that piece of the budget gets adjusted. And I look forward to working with the other members that are interested in making that change. And and let me just say in conclusion that. What to me, what's important moving forward is that we're focused on a complete recovery. And that is not just the health piece, that's not just the economic piece, but also the people in this community deserve also to feel safe. And I'm hearing from folks is they also want to make sure that there are enough police to take care of their needs, that police are there at an adequate amount of time. And so the response time piece is really important and which I know that we're working on to ensure that we are modeling a true community police department. And all of those things I think are really important. So thank you all for the presentation. I appreciate hearing from both the health department and the police department and Alicia's any objection. We have a motion in a second to receive and file the report until the next meeting. And so please cast your votes on that. Motion carries. I'm 26. Communication from City Attorney Recommendation Declare Ordinance Amending the Long Beach Municipal Code related to temporary enforcement of the Long Beach Health Orders regarding COVID 19 and declaring the urgency thereof. Read the first time and over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading wide. This item will require two votes. There's a motion in the second adjourning public comment. There's no public comment. Thread with to vote on. This was the first one in motion. And a second please cast your vote. Motion carries. Okay. We'll queue up the second vote, please. Motion carries. Thank you. I believe that with all the items on the agenda. So for new business. Is that correct, madame? Quick. Yes. Is there any in your business, please? And super. Thank you. Eric Garcia. I'd just like to remind fourth district residents that we have the fourth District redistricting meeting tomorrow night, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.. The location will be Browning High School and that is at 2180 Obispo Avenue. And importantly. Communication from Councilwoman Allen, Councilmember Arango, Councilwoman Price, Councilman Austin Recommendation to request city attorney to draft an ordinance to enact kid's zones to find a safe spaces for children at local parks, playgrounds, beaches, and other areas intended for use by children. Councilwoman Allen. Yes. I thank you, Vice Mayor. And also I want to thank Councilmember Ranga for his partnership on this item. I heard from many of my reside

nts and folks that are concerned about adults misusing public playgrounds and spaces. Recently throughout the city, we've seen spaces designed for children vandalized and misused. Parks in my district as Miracle on Fourth and Promenade Square Park are impacted by ongoing loitering issues which discourage park usage by children or their guardians. Given these trends, I think it's necessary that we look at ways to create safe spaces for our children at our parks. By establishing kid's zones, we can assure the city, playground equipment and play areas specifically designed for children remain safe and remain available spaces for use by children. So we have to take steps to protect these children. And so they also can enjoy the parks and the playgrounds. Thank you very much. Thank you. Councilman Price. I want to thank Councilwoman Allen for asking me to sign on to this item. We I think it's imperative that we have spaces that are designed for children and used by children. Just recently on our one apparel playground structure, we've had to do numerous repairs because it's such a great structure that adults have been also using it and trying to to be on the equipment. And it's impacted the equipment and it's used by the children because of the damage that has resulted. Additionally, I think it's sometimes intimidating for children when they see adults in a play space and just the way that they're trained to be wary of adults, strangers, makes them not feel as comfortable in those spaces. And I think it's important that we create areas where children feel safe to play and have equipment that's appropriate size and designed for their ages. We've put a lot of effort and care into designing age appropriate play equipment in our parks and recreational areas. And and so I think this item is a really good one to address some of those concerns. I do have a question for the city manager. When this policy goes into effect, would there be any opportunity to do a period of targeted enforcement just to make sure that people are getting education and outreach regarding the new policy and some of the limitations of adult use of those play structures. So before you bring back an ordinance and then vote on it, we do want to bring you back some information in a memo about just resources, capacity, enforcement options that we can certainly look at, that we do see this as kind of dealing with some of the more a one off occurrences where we have some some real issues where there's permanent, you know, restrictive use of of an area, you know, that is within our resources kind of looking at every every area all the time is going to stretch us a little thin. But we can certainly look at informing people. We're going to look at signage as well so we can bring that back as part of the memo. Yeah, I mean, I think about some really hot areas that are both being used by adults and children right now, but perhaps designed for children like some of the playgrounds on the beach, so

me of the widget activities that we have. Certainly they were not designed for the size and weight pressures that they're getting. So that would be great. Thanks. Thank you. Council member Urunga. Thank you. And I want to thank all of my colleagues for drawing on this. I have a couple of parts of my in my district that were have recently been damaged. And I think that it's incredibly important to have a zone where kids can play and be kids and not adults being kids . I have a question for I guess, is Mr. Brant available for parks? No. Yes. Okay. Yeah. Can you give a brief summary as to the cost that we have incurred over the last two years or so of damage caused by adults on our playgrounds? Yeah, certainly I can think of probably a half dozen of the instances I know of. Councilwoman Price cited one of the more recent ones that was disappointing once the one apparel playground had been opened, I think within a matter of several days due to some adult misuse of the playground equipment that was obviously designed for children, that caused us to secure the whole area, take it out of community enjoyment, and then have some of the components re-engineered. I think that was probably probably around \$50,000, I'm guessing, for the re-engineering for fortifying of the supports. And then as as you know, in CD seven, we've had some unfortunate, very significant losses of playgrounds. And again, from my perspective, I think, you know, with the best of intentions, we do want our playgrounds to be safe and welcoming for our young families and our kids to have healthy, creative play areas. And I think, you know, the kids zone in particular would be a very wise move. But I do know it's going to take a lot of coordinated effort across inter-departmental teams to make it effective. So and we'll do our part to contribute to that. But in terms of an overall dollar figure, I know Admiral Kidd playground in particular was probably going to be about half a million dollars in cost. And that's, again, the loss of access for play, too. But we've had, I know, combined park, Craftsman Village Park and just quite a number of them that have had a lot of abuse and misuse that do cost considerable amount of dollars to bring back into a safe condition. But thank you for the question. Thank you. And just to add, also, while I

like to zip line, I mean, my first time ever zip line in the summer, there was a zip line at least from this part that was damaged because adults were using that line there. So I think it's very important that we protect our playgrounds and that we make sure that they ensure that children are the ones that are taking advantage of it. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Arthur. Thank you. And I want to thank Councilmember Allen for taking the lead in bringing this item forward. I think it's something that I certainly a sentiment that I share and I hope the rest of our colleagues share as well here today. I believe that playgrounds should always be a safe spaces

for our children to play. And there should never, never be a deterrent for a family or child to use. Utilize the playground. Um, we should also understand that these playgrounds, particularly now, you know, we are investing in playgrounds in our city. These are public investments and we need to protect these investments, ensure that they are being utilized for the population that they are meant to. Meet. Millions have been invested in a new playground in our city. I can think of four new playground, brand new playgrounds in my district alone. Jackson Park. Marina Park. Well, there's lots of lidos where kids are now enjoying park space and enjoying time with family and looking forward to that. I was walking my dog a few weeks ago, a couple of weeks ago, and encountered a gentleman sitting on the top of a slide at one of these parks. And I encountered him and asked, What are you doing? Because I'm just hanging out. It looked like he was involved in maybe smoking or whatever. And and it struck me that this is very timely and necessary because. We know the damage has been done. And again, this individual with smoking and who knows what could have happened while he was there. I may not have I may I should probably not have engaged him. But it was okay, was a fair dialog. But it opened my eyes to the fact that we need to we need to pay closer attention to our playgrounds. And these playgrounds are designed for children and not adults. So I'm happy to support this item and look forward to something coming back with that. That can be enforced, but it's also fair. Thanks. Thank you, Councilwoman. And they have. Been nice, Mayor. And thank you, Councilwoman Allen, for bringing this item forward, along with my colleagues to sign on to this very important item. I think that the health and safety of our children has to continue to be a top priority for our city. I think this is a really great item that provides an opportunity to establish safe spaces for our children, and that really tells the family that our children continued to come first. So I'm really excited for this and for the city to be able to explore possibilities for kids throughout the city. I know that being a recipient of a playground that combined a park like Director Dennis shared was not very good. I, you know, was negatively impacted, and therefore the children were not able to use that playground. And, you know, because of all the reconstruction that needed to be done. And like Director Dennis also shared, it's not it's an expensive process. And we could be using those those funds for other things. But but I'm glad that this item is coming forward and that we really are intentionally making kids sound more friendly and welcoming to our children and our families. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. Thank you. I spent a considerable amount of time in our city's parks. My daughter's favorite park rotates. Spent a lot of time. At least three of us have spent a lot of time in Stearns Park and sent a

lot of time in Eldorado Park. Spent a lot of time. I can't think of the name of it A Butterfly Park, because butterflies are my daughter's favorite. But one of the other things that I do see and I get kids on them, they're really important. And I think that it's it's critical. I think that all park equipment that is put into our city, I've seen in other cities that they say the age appropriate there. So this park equipment is intended for children under the age of 12. This park equipment is intended for participants under the weight of £225. And I think that that helps because you talk about adults and adults want to help their kids try playground equipment. And I've had a broken slide for a considerable amount of time and we have some amenities adjacent to one another that are intended for older kids and then amenities that are intended for younger kids. And occasionally when the older kids that weigh more and might be in high school or they're with their younger siblings, then they're climbing up a slide and they put their foot through it. And that's a dangerous situation all of a sudden with broken plastic. So I think that weight and age is a great tool and I see parks that have been doing that a lot in the region. I've been to Parks in Colorado and other states, and age and weight I think are really critical on all park equipment. So thank you very much. Thank you, Councilman Hooper, now. Thank you. I'd like to thank Councilmember Allen for bringing this item forward. Director Dennis did not mention it, but Rotary Centennial Park in the fourth District has had challenges for years, and this ordinance would certainly help that. But beyond protecting

our existing assets, I see some potential here where with this in place we can look at properties that would not have been considered in the past, and we could build top lights in areas that might have been challenged without this ordinance. So thank you again. Thank you. I'll add my comments here. As the dad of two kids under 12, I'm happy to support kids. I think it adds a level of comfort to parent, to know that, you know, there's there's kid activity and kids in the kids own and and it makes us feel good. And, you know, I would also say that, you know, I want to make sure that we have that if you establish kids own, let's make sure the equipment inside the kids own. We're proud to let our kids play on because we still have a lot of areas where our playgrounds are just not in great shape. And so, in general, happy to support this item on any public comment on this. Okay. No matter. Motion is carried. Thank you. Two more requests to move up items. Item number 19, please. Thank you. Two more requests to move up items. Item number 19, please. Communication from Councilwoman Sara. Councilmember Your Honor, Vice Mayor Richardson. Recommendation to request City Manager to work with community stakeholders to create a vision and feasibility plan for a Cambodian American cultural center. Councilwoman Far

row. Thank you, Vice Mayor, and I thank you as well as Councilmember Urunga, for signing on to this item. And I want to. Jim Whipsaw. Look, I'm sorry. I do not mean well among own, but Laconia. I couldn't join my own. So I just want to thank everyone for being here today who've written. Comments and emails of. Support, as well as. Making sure to be here. To speak in support of the item. As many of you already know, because we commemorate the Cambodian genocide every year that many have resettled here in the aftermath of the genocide, making Long Beach, the largest Cambodian population in the United States. And which is why I am so proud to bring forward this item, to make sure that we make this dream of so many Cambodian living in Long Beach, the beginning of a reality of creating a Cambodian American cultural center. And then, given how arts and culture was almost completely lost during the genocide. It's been so important to many of our Cambodian elders that arts, culture and history is not lost, but that it's not only celebrated and promoted, but preserved so that the next generation, such as myself, the Cambodian Americans, are able to also learn and understand as well as the broader community, learn and understand the arts and culture and language as well of the Khmer people. So I also want to add that the mayor supports this item as well, even though he couldn't be here today. So I spoke with him and that he was in support of this. So I wanted to make sure to share that and also want to make sure to share that. It's and you know, we just had such a rich culture of making sure to celebrate our diversity and the culture and adding into the many cultural centers here in Long Beach, and that we hope to add the Cambodian American Cultural Center to it. With that said, I love to open this for public comment. Thank you. Vice Mayor. Thank you. Councilmember Sara, we have I'll offer a few comments. We do have 18 people here, so I want to make sure we get to get to them. I just wanted to say I'm happy to support this. I think it's important. It can do a lot to enrich our cultural tapestry, the cultural center. We've taking steps on the African-American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center, and I certainly believe the Cambodian American Cultural Center will be a tremendous addition to our city's cultural fabric. That said, let's go ahead and begin public comment here we have I'm going to call them up three at a time. And if you come up and line up because there's 18 people, if you can come up three at a time, that would be helpful. First is vital in this. And then next is Daniel Lu and Suzanna Sneed. Is it on? Going to they're going to help you lower the podium. Beautiful. Thank you. Malala. Okay. Thank you. Good evening, countrymen, and how the woman and wife honor honorable mayor. My name is David. Throughout the night in. My friend. Call me that. My parents and my father, all the survivors of the killing feel. I've been a long time resident

of the state. I live in District one, all from I've been living in Long Beach over 30 years plus. Since then I have seen that Cambodian American have come a long way in a nine. We overcome a lot of racial violence and tension. And our neighborhood is now named Cambodian town. Honorable Mayor and member of the City Council. Now it is time to start a new chapter in our history. It has been a dream of for a number of years by many a Cambodian American. To have a cultural American culture center in a united state. We have 320,000 Cambodian. American. California have an estimate of 118,000. Yet outside of Cambodia, Long Beach have been over 20,000 lodges in the country in one city. I'll compare the American need at home for our identity and legacy so we can preserve for the next generation and educate other American about army music or band or our food. Ancestral artifact has partially. Our rich history of our global. I hope his vision. I don't know. 19

Campbell or American Culture Center come to realization with your support and with your hope. Thank you. Thank you for your time. Next is Daniel and after that is Suzanna. And after that is Christina Lee. Daniel. Hello. Hello. Hello, City Council. Thank you for sharing space in your presence today. My name is Daniel Loo and going public comment on behalf of Cambodia towns thrive based on our community vision plan, draft and community engagements. With over 200 plus community members, many expressed the need for youth educational spaces, outdoor, multicultural center and civic comments to meet the overarching guiding principles of creating healing restorative communities. Of these community priorities connected to creation of the Cambodian American Cultural Center. It provides a space for across racial and ethnic dialog, as well as intergenerational conversations that preserve not only Cambodian history and culture, but also the rich and rich history and culture that is unique to a diverse community that makes Cambodia town what it is today. The center will be essential for us to move forward from no history, no self taught, to know history, to know yourself, which is a essential part of building community capacity, reimagination and power. Uh. Although the Cambodian American Cultural Center will hold great significance for the Cambodian community in cultural peacekeeping, police keeping. It will also serve as a space to share knowledge and community expertize from all communities of color. Because the path towards collective liberation is together, not separate. As Angela Davis mentioned, we need to create spaces to dream first, to then reach re-imagine futures. Disinvestment is part of the longer movement for racial equity and reconciliation. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next, this is Dennis Main, followed by Christina Lee, then Mark Hobson. Then trip the welcome. Thank you council members for introducing this topic. My name is Suzanne Thiam and the executive director of the United Cambodian Committe

e. And on behalf of UCC, I urge you to support this Council item in support of a Long Beach Cambodian American Cultural Center. As folks have shared before me is that this space will create a safe space for commune members to not only learn, but also heal together from the genocide, but also for our young and next generation to be able to understand more about themselves and their identity as Cambodian Americans. In addition to that, the work that we do within our Cambodian community, UCC helped co-lead the Cambodian Town Thrives Collaborative, and our vision is to uplift the Cambodian vision plan for Cambodia Town, which includes actual development and investment within our communities. What that means is that we help different focus groups and community forums within this focus group and kumu forums, one that was held by Cambodian families and elders. The committee members shared that they really wanted a space to share their culture with one another. So they talked about being able to share food, language, but cost cross-cultural exchange not only about the Cambodian community, but also to learn about the Latin X community, about about the black community here in Long Beach. And so with that, this space can not only can only can also uplift the Cambodian culture, but also uplift cross-cultural solidarity and understanding across all of our communities. The ways that you see using that is that we're supporting the African-American Cultural Center and also the Latin X Cultural Center. So I urge you to support this counter item and to ensure that there's community input into this process, but also to build cross solidarity across other communities. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we have Christina Lee and Mark Hobson and Roth from Christina. The River Sewer. Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, an honorable city council member. My name is Dr. Christina Lee. My practice is in the First District, and I'm also a local pastor at the Long Beach Cambodian American United Methodist Church, located in the fourth District. I am here to speak in support of the District six. Councilwoman Duff, the City South Agenda Number 19 for a number of reasons. So, number one, the Cambodian American Cultural Center, which I would call the center, is will be a place where we as a people can connect to our ancestor registry and to continue. Their legacy. As the descendents in the United States. The CAC center will also be a place where people and the children especially can gain a greater understanding of what the refugee had to overcome to be here today. The CAC Center will keep the heritage alive through knowing the loving and the beautiful cultural values of the authentic. My ways and that were nearly destroyed by the Khmer Rouge regime. And the. CAC. Center can contribute to the unique diversity. Of the. City of Long Beach, with the greater public understanding of the Cambodian American narrative through awareness and education. The center also will remind the Khmer children of th

e potential in the strength within them. So by making them aware that they can survive, they can do it despite what their background or their parents have gone through and they can harness to use that for their own pursuit. For example, so I was an orphan who arrived in the early eighties, but I was able to become who I am today through the loving and caring support of the Christian family who has supported me. And just because I was here and I didn't see any other people around, but there was some Cambodian community I could relate it to through the churches. The center will also be a place of the elderly where they can relax and relive the stress of life. And it's a position that's very important to have that connection and the support. Thank you. Fantastic. Next we have Mark Hobson, then Roth from the Angelina Train. Mark Okay, my name is Mark Hobson. I'm going to read a letter for gymnasts in case you couldn't make it today. So dear dear Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and honorary city council members. My name is Chan Hobson, executive director of the My Parent Association with an office located in the sixth District. And speaking on behalf of the Key Board of Directors in support of District Six. Councilwoman Susie Searles, Agenda Item 19 for a Long Beach Cambodian American Culture Center. For over 2000 years, Cambodia was well known for its many remarkable temples, such as Angkor Wat and its beautiful silk weaving. It also has a rich history of literature, arts, dance and culture. Unfortunately, much of the Cambodian arts and literature was almost destroyed by the communist Khmer Rouge, and the majority of artists and artisans were killed. This is why it is crucial to have a Cambodian cultural center that promotes and preserves my art, culture and history. For this reason, we come together today to support District Six Councilwoman Sylvie Sierra's agenda, item 19 from Long Beach, Cambodian American Culture Center. I urge you to support this item by voting yes on the agenda item 19. Thank you. Thank you. Next is Rock Prom and Angelina Tran and Anthony Vieira. Rock the Fool. Um, well, I will be her interpreter. Okay. Thank you. Look for Toy Story three chosen. Is the market like. Go off to the right problem. You've got people moving in like me. Two with one or more android, five door gear. Those who get paid for a film to try and acknowledge and stop looking like Nokia. Malcolm Gladwell. Some guy got repriced all that long term and tried to downplay the fact that all you're. My name is Prum. I am sorry that from beginning June would have thought. Vice Mayor Rick Richardson and City Council Member. My name is Robert. I am the resident of the District six. I live here in Long Beach since 1981. I am very active and getting involved in numerous volunteers activities and participating in meetings in the neighborhoods and in the city, such as neighborhood clean up, street, cleaning up, gathering three planning, tree watering to make our neighborhood fre

e of traffic and beautify our city. Tonight. A lot of Americans might in a year come through an order from more or less a market column photograph and stuff like from movies like Beat Cop and Cardinal Law about the book My American. I am here. I am standing here in front of you to speak in support of the District six in the of the Cambodian American Cultural Center, the Law of Capital Crime. I am a Chicago D.A. like Damon Chapman. The way I am outcast to approach write that talk me and my twang your unfavorably ni forsyth I look back and let the cool calm of the uptight backgammon player for a little suck My folks, I'm fake You let my back roll now because I'm not like. The Cambodian cultural center is a place with the seniors, and the young people will have a chance to interact with each other, to learn about Khmer tradition, language, arts and culture from the past before the Cambodian genocide and the life of Calmeyer or to choose here in Long Beach to create a strong bond with the young generation . So the and third generation gaps will become closer to them no longer available. Wait a moment. Coming. Your own God gets much more clear. And also how bonding between the young generation so that the new generation can be mourned together. But the pearl cam, I mean, ran for some time, kind of, you know, I'm on my way to my I mean, let the pay up to wake you up to wake me up. I want the mountain of family and castle to wake up. And you have to say. It is very important to have the Cambodian American Cultural Center with the senior will have the opportunity to connect with other seniors for mutual support whenever the need will help them in that dialog with you. Thank you. Almost all local control can be lost by watching out my job. To learn more about the poor. Come on. I'm an accountant, so therefore I'm asking for full support in the items by voting yes on agenda item 19 for the language Cambodian American Cultural Center. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Next is Angelina Tran. And after that is Anthony Guerra and then Linda Shay. Angelina. I saw Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Honorable City Council members and city manager comedy. My name is Angelina Chen. I am a resident of District nine and I am the assistant peer leader of the Youth Inspiring Change and Unity Youth Group. The Cambodian American Cultural Center is a necessity for our youth to appreciate their culture and

embrace their identity. Growing up in Long Beach, I didn't have much opportunity to thoroughly learn about our whole Cambodian culture because it wasn't taught in school. All I learned from my parents was that they lived through the horrific communist regime. And they had to flee the country and settle to settle in the United States. Hence, young Cambodian Americans growing up in Long Beach don't really know much about their own history, culture and language and authentic art. This will lead them to lose their own sense of identity. And I truly believe that our identity an

d heritage is much more than just surviving a genocide. We can't just let one tragedy define who we are as a community, and our community deserves to know about the beauty that our ancestors left behind. And for our elders and young generation alike, it would mean the world to us, for the Cambodian American Cultural Center to become a reality. I strongly ask for the full support from VICE. Mayor Rex Richardson and city council member. Thank you, sir. Next is Anthony Guerrero, then Linda shave and math, then may lie. Anthony? Oh, yes, sir. My respects. Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and Honorable City Council members. My name is Anthony Guerrero. And I am the My Parents. Association peer leader of Youth Inspiring Change and Unity Youth Group. The Cambodian American. Cultural Center will be. The core center. That will highlight the rich cultural, intellectual and spiritual. Richness of the heritage of Cambodia. The ability to learn. About their. Beautiful language, the majestic arts that existed during the Korean period since the 12th. Century, and the. Knowledge of Cambodia. Before the dark years. Grant them the connection to their heritage that they deserve to know. This Cambodian cultural center will. Encourage them to cherish the beautiful. Heritage that still exists within Cambodian society today. This special. Cambodian. Cultural center is the place to highlight the. Legacy that they will continue here in the city of Long Beach and in the United States of America. I would like to welcome at least the City Council. To support. The creation of the Cambodian. American Cultural Center, to. Provide a means for the Intergenerational Committee residents to benefit and rebuild their own community and the relationships bonding with each other. With this with this transparency, transparency of this city of Long Beach. Thank you. Thank you. Next is Linda Shay. Then Maya laughs. And then same thing. Can Linda can be absurd. Good evening, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and honorable council members. I'm Dr. Linda and I live in the first district here in Long Beach. I'm speaking in support of District Six. Councilwoman Dr. Sally Sara. Agenda Item 19 at for the support of the Long Beach Cambodian American Cultural Center. The Cambodian American Cultural Center will allow survivors of the killing fields to heal together with their loved ones. Cambodia has a rich literature, literary, artistic dance and cultural history that was almost lost in the war. Every survivor that has passed away takes with them an irreplaceable story of not only their lives in the killing fields, but Cambodia before the war had happened. Sharing these survivors historical memories with the young generation keeps the memories of not just the survivors, but the memories of the educated, creative, artistic Maya who built a great society before the war. The Cambodian American Cultural Center will be a place for the elders to alleviate isolation through having a sense of community that will enhance

their quality of life. And in addition, speaking from a public health professional professional, I want to bring to your attention that it's going to provide a safe environment for them to tell their stories, share them, and definitely improve their emotional wellness and their health. So I urge you, please make this dream of ours happen. Thank you so much for your time. Thank you. Next, we have Mueller. Then Hancock. Dan. Then trial. Sonia. Thank you. Hello. My name is that. It's made me a laugh. And I am a Cambodian American refugee who had the privilege of learning the sacred art form of Cambodian classical dance in Long Beach. It is such a privilege for me to be here and advocate for this center. Since I was 12 years old, I was part of my arts academy. Since its incorporation in 2000 to first as a student. For the last several years, as an as an instructor and the managing director of the Long Beach programs, I have the responsibility of being one of the gatekeepers of our culture and traditional arts. And because we almost lost this art and we're only here by the surviving 10% of artists. Long Beach has the opportunity to help unite all of the remaining artists and provide the space to preserve this altogether by having the center. It's my pride to pass down our culture and tradition to the next generation and remind the older generation that is not forgotten. It is difficult for a parent to speak about their past and what they've gone through. But I have witnessed their stories, their tears, as they felt inclined to share about their past. It is during these moments is when I realize that this art can be a form of healing for survivors from

a young age. All I knew about Cambodian being Cambodian was only darkness. I never knew the details of what my parents went through and just only knew about violence and suffering. And it wasn't until I enrolled in dance school was in, I discovered the rich and vibrant history of Cambodia. Being a dancer allowed me to learn the history and tradition of what Cambodian is, and having this hub will allow our community to grow and thrive even more in this diversity. The younger generation will have a safe space where they can learn and understand where they ancestors came from and help them understand their identity. Your time is up. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next is Song Con, then Charles Song. Then Andy Song can be up. Before we thought we were still looking at banana. Good evening. Five major council members. I'm very happy. To be here, and thank you for the opportunity given. First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to. A City council member. Dr. Hill, etc.. For introducing this important agenda. Item 19. And I would like to take this opportunity also to say profound thanks to widespread. Richardson and also councilman. Roberto agenda. Odinga for your signing on the agenda items. In short, on behalf of my family, I have three kids. My wife via a volunteer. We are a community volu

nteer since we are here. 2018 remove from Cambodia. 2017. But we I enjoy living here Long Beach Road home. So we would like to request Honorable Vice Mayor Council member to support the items by voting yes. On agenda items 19 for Long Beach, Cambodian American Cultural Center. Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Next is Charles Song, then Andy Redd and then Charles Wong. Charles, thank you. Thank you. First off, I'd like to say it is so wonderful to see you all safe and well. Good evening. Annabelle. I smell like witches and. Honorable Council member. My name is Tom Song. I am a co-chair of the Equity for Cambodians. And a community organizer. I like my fellow brother and sister to speak in support of District six. Councilwoman Farrow's Agenda Item 19 for a Long Beach Cambodian American Cultural Center. Long Beach is home to the largest population of Cambodia outside the Kingdom of Cambodia. This is due to meeting tomorrow, resettling and immigrating to the city after the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime in 1979. The Cambodian Genocide Watch a traumatic moment in history where millions of lives were lost and those who survived, including my family, were severely traumatized by the ordeal. During this period, much of the arts and cultures had been destroyed and nearly lost forever. This is why it is crucial to have a Cambodian cultural center where most could have a place to heal and promote preserved art and culture. City of Long Beach is also home to amazing culture, including the Museum of Latin American Art, the Pacific Island Ethnic Museum, the Homeland Cultural Center, and the Long Beach of Japanese Cultural Center . The construction of the Cambodian American Cultural Center will continue the ongoing tradition of celebrating the diverse art and culture in Long Beach. Honorable Vice Mayor and Ottoman Council Members. It is so right for you to support this item and I thank you so much for it. Next we have Andy Redd and Charles Wong. Chad Wong and then. Totally normal. So, Andy, Europe, soul mate, vice mayor of education and I am both city council members. My name is Andy RATH, and I'm a freshman at Cass High School in Dominguez Hills. I'm also a resident in the seventh District. In a youth aspiring change in unity member. As a Cambodian American youth, I don't know much about Cambodian history and have no ideas about the trauma that my grandparents had gone through during the communist Khmer Rouge regime. I know that my story is not reflected in what I see in the textbooks. The stories that I learned from my parents about the Civil War and the genocide, along with the challenges of resettling in the United States. I heard about the youth issues, the mental health, and the challenges our people faced as refugees. Yet every time I look at photos and paintings of the wonder of Angkor Wat and other temples that were built during the Mai Empire, I know that there's a lot more for me to learn about my grandparents and. Parents history and traum

a and pain. I want to learn more about my heritage and the rich civilization that our people had. I have a definite belief that the Cambodian American Culture Center will be a place not only not just a place where our grandparents, parents and elders to share their sad and happy stories to help each other . But a place for youth. For a place where the youth can go to, for inspiration, to learn more about our identity and to recognize the potential that we have inside us. We like to have a place where we can be together and recognize what it is to be American. I am standing here on behalf of all of my youth as. Time has expired. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much. Next is Chad Wong in satin of Mom. The Invention, a grainy chat. Good evening, Vice Mayor and city council members. My name is Chad and I have been a resident of the sixth district for 41 years. I am here

this evening speak in support of Agenda 19 for Long Beach, Cambodian American Culture Center. The city of Long Beach has been home to many cultural sites that have been blessed to be a culinary vendor in the past. With the Museum of Latin American Art. The Pacific Island. At the museum, the Homeland Cultural Center and Long Beach, Japanese culture. But I have yet to work with my own culture center. It's because we never had one. There are so many residents from the past 41 years. That are of Cambodian descent. They have made great strides and made historic and historical contributions to the Cambodian American community and to the city of Long Beach. They brought with them the importance of art and culture for four decades. It's been sewn into the fabric of the Cambodian community, the Sea, Long Beach and the Greater Long Beach area. I personally know so many friends, residents and former residents of the Cambodian. American background. They are successful in Korea, such as public servants, lawyers, police officers, doctors, nurses, teachers and business owners. They have paved the way for so many of us. Having the Cambodian Culture Center will be of great importance for Cambodian Americans and for the city of Long Beach. It will bring Cambodian history and give cultural equity. It can be a place to share among other rich cultures, within our city and abroad. I urge you to support this item by voting yes on agenda item 19 for a Long Beach Cambodian American Culture Center. Thank you. And pass the thank you starting our mom version of grainy and tone and talking off camera to. Bill Wise may call himself immensely thorough and all council member. And hi everyone. My name is Tanner Mom. I am a student studying in Long Lake City, Colac, flowing in Cambodian town. Many Cambodian and I have had the dream so many year for Cambodian American Cent. Cambodian American Cultural Center. In Long Beach, which is. Who got the people in community to come together. And I would like to take this opportunity to request Mr. Wise, Mayor and Council Member, for approval, the Cambodian American Cultural

Center. That is the heart of Long Beach. As we want to show our noble. To know the Cambodian town. So that Cambodian people can come and support. Last but not least, we are looking forward to seeing your consider. And I have a letter from Global Refugee Awareness Holding Center. Be a community leader. The Global Refugee Aware Now Hearing Center is writing to you to request funding support for our nonprofit organization in Long Beach. California. We have so elderly people and young people in our community. In 2016, by offering education and services to a wiring of resources in Long Beach area, the specific purpose of the organization is to provide have area. Our mayor and I will Kathy on mental illness and suicide prevention. We would like to continue providing method and technique to enrich individuals through our education and pathway program. This is expanded. And thank you. Thank you so very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Our final three, Vesna Antoniou and Chaw Van Horn. Okay. So what we have to do is a good opening by Vice Mayor Richardson and then good evening to council member. Yeah, that's my name. And Colon that I'm the date the body was about in the healing center. And then I'm leaving at least three, four. And the address? One, three, four, four. Stanley Avenue Long, California. Nice little a little fall. And then, uh, I would like to support the, uh, council, the, uh, solely saddle and that the proposal the about the Cambodian and American culture in Eden Center in Long Lake. So the agenda is for the agenda is tonight in. Yeah. So I'm the Cambodian American that we met and then I got from Seoul Malaysia. Yeah about it wanted to help the war on the Cambodian American culture or center in long like that for the Cambodian the elderly and young generation to know about the culture. And then we want to have the culture too. So in the war and then to Seoul, to all the Cambodian American that living in Long Lake and that little everywhere. So the thank you for the love this only that a proposal proposed leader of the Cambodian American culture. So I'm come to speak for today about the Cambodian American culture and community that in Long Lake City I vote by America son and then council member that to approval to approval for the Cambodian American Medical Center. Your time is expired. Thank you. Thank you for your time. Tour Van Horn. Yeah. Small business can no longer get the long term loan they. People love money and some always love from a few thousand thought that would come through me and some rap quarterback my. Yeah. My name is Wisner. I live here in Long Beach at the Fort District. I'm here to support the Cambodian American Cambodian American Cultural Center. So I'd love to have some army, some to replace them. Thank you and goodbye. Thank you. I think that's satisfied. Public comment. Thank you to everyone who showed up. Very powerful, thoughtful comments. Thank you so much. We're going to take it back behind the rail. We ha

ve Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you so much. I wanted to reserve my comments for after the community input. I just want to thank so many of you for taking your time tonight to come down here. And this is an important day and this is an important opportunity. And I'm so supportive of all of you and the work that you're doing in the community and working towards this important asset that I believe that we can get to. Thank you. And as you now reach out to me when I can be helpful. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember You want to thank you back, Mayor, and I want to thank everybody who came today and offered their comments on this very important item. I think it's part of the evolution of Long Beach. I mean, back in the day, we were known as the International Hotel, and that certainly is true and true today. I always talk about the story when in 1983, 84, when the U.S.S.R. first opened up, I was part of the committee that made the transition from the La Raza Neighborhood Center to the United Cambodian Center. And that was the beginning of a long relationship between myself and the community community as well as between the commuter community and Long Beach. We welcomed you then. We welcome you now. And this center that we have is just going to be another great step forward in the growing relationship that we have with each other. More importantly, for me, cultural centers like these we have in the Filipino community, Latino community definitely is about our children and it's about our children learning about our cultures and the cultures that we grow and we maintain the strength of our diversity in our city. So I welcome this opportunity to investigate this ability to open a center in the kimono community and looking forward to having a center identified and a groundbreaking in the very near future. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Allen. And so thank you, Vice Mayor. And I just want to say thank you to Councilwoman Farrow for bringing this item forward and Councilmember Turanga and Vice Mayor Restaurant Richardson for signing on to this very important item for a Cambodian American cultural center. I also just really appreciated all the speakers that came here today. Just thank you for sharing your stories and your heart with us. I especially enjoyed hearing the youth talk about their desire to learn more about their history and their heritage. And it's just a beautiful testament to how important this cultural center is going to be and mean to the community. I supported the feasibility study for the creation of a Latino cultural center, and I also believe it's important to promote the development of our Cambodian community and culture also. Our diverse communities here in Long Beach deserve cultural preservation and beautiful spaces to learn about each other. So I just really look forward to you, you know, identifying a location and I just can't wait to see that happen. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Thank you. And I want to just start then

my support. Thank Councilmember Thoreau for bringing this item forward. We have really turned a corner in the city, and in the last few years, we both dedicated ourselves to celebrating culture, celebrated art, and really put in our. Our values are where our mouths are, so to speak, in terms of celebrating diversity. And this is another step in that direction. I think this is long overdue. I look forward to working with this community to make this cultural center a reality, along with the African-American Cultural Center, along with that next American Cultural Center. We will be able to have a world class city that I think we will all be proud of, but be an example for other cities across the country. Thank you, gentlemen. WOMAN They have. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Thank you very much, Councilwoman Sara, for bringing this item forward. I think it's only fitting that in, in a city where we pride ourselves with our diversity, that we finally bring in a Cambodian cultural center. I think that's amazing, amazing news. I know that I have a lot of Cambodian community in me in my district, and I want to thank all of you from my district that came and spoke today. Thank you very much. And I look forward to supporting the Cambodian cultural center every step of the way. So congratulations on this historic item. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Price. Thank you very much. And I want to thank all those who came out tonight to support in favor of this item. I think it's a fantastic item. I want to thank a couple and Sara for bringing it. And like my colleagues have stated, our culture and our diversity in the city of Long Beach is what makes us so special. And anything that I can do to help support different communities being able to celebrate and honor their culture and their traditions and set a framework for the future generations to be able to be rooted in the culture of their. They're their parents or grandparents and those who came before them. I will be happy to do so. I, like many of my colleagues, have stated, I stand here ready to support anything you may need to move forward. Thank you, Councilman. Super not. Well, thank you to all the speakers here tonight for sharing your stories. Also, a special thanks to the fourth District residents and those representing organizations headquartered in the fourth District for speaking tonight. And I look forward to supporting this item. Fantastic, Councilwoman Sorrell. Thank you. I you know, I

want to add that in addition to creating this Cambodian American Cultural Center, it's just adding to the Latino Cultural Center, as well as the African-American Cultural Center. That well will have the space to be able to understand our roots and celebrate and promote the arts we're able to cross, come together to learn from each other as well. That's what I hope we can do. But I also didn't expect to get so emotional as each speaker came and spoke. It just reaffirmed why this is so important and I am starting to get emot

ion again, just talking about it. So I just appreciate all of you for coming to speak your heart and your mind and your soul about what a dream this process is to begin exploring, creating a plan and a vision together in unity with our elders and our youth so that we're able to come together and root ourselves and to be able to grow together in this process. So a countdown. Thank you, jambalaya. All right, a fantastic item. Congratulations again, members. Please cast your vote. Councilwoman Mongo. Motion is carried. Thank you. Next, we have item 24. Item 24 Communication from Councilwoman Pryce, Chair of the Port Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Recommendation to send a letter to the city's federal legislative delegation advocating for safety resources in the federal infrastructure package to include funding for local jurisdictions related to traffic enforcement. Councilmember Gonzales comes with a price. That's okay. Thank you. This item came out of committee. We did have a presentation by Dr. Tyler Curley regarding some of the federal legislative proposed federal registration dollars and the focus on traffic safety. Unfortunately, the the federal discussions and the proposed drafts of the legislation don't include enforcement by the police in the area of traffic safety. And so I would like, through this motion to request city staff to draft a letter to our federal delegation asking that there be some flexibility to use some of those federal traffic safety moneys for proactive traffic enforcement, for DUI and speed contests and other speeding violations. Our traffic unit at the Long Beach Police Department has been has been reduced by virtue of our budgetary constraints and needs. And my concern about that is that the reduction of the traffic safety, the traffic unit of the Long Beach Police Department has made it more difficult for us to conduct some of the proactive enforcement that we need. I realize traffic safety is not the sexiest of issues, but if you have ever known anyone whose life has been impacted by a drunk driver, whose life or the life of their family members has been tragically ended by a drunk driver, then it will be a priority issue for you. As it is for me, I have dedicated over 20 years of my life to supporting victims of crime, many of whom lost a loved one as a result of an impaired driver or a driver that was speeding or engaged in a speed contest. And I think that we need to have a stronger and. More proactive traffic enforcement team on Long Beach PD. And I'm hoping that some of the federal infrastructure dollars will allow us to build our traffic team back up to allow for more drug recognition experts to be on the Long Beach Police Department, to allow for more directed enforcement teams to do traffic enforcement on our major corridors and to be out there conducting not just enforcement, but outreach, education and warnings about speeds, about impairment and about all those things that really impact traffic

safety for our community in addition to traffic design, road design and engineering that we already are focused on. So I'd ask my colleagues to please support this item because the infrastructure dollars can be utilized for things outside of what is currently listed and contemplated to include personnel and traffic enforcement efforts by cities through their police department. Thank you. Thank you for Mongo. Thank you. I'm grateful to serve on this committee and very supportive of the item and throughout my time with the council. And actually one of the reasons I ran for city council is because of a traffic light. And I will tell you that the safety of our streets has been a consistent priority. We have tried to use whatever resources become available to our district for flashing crosswalks, studies on lights, trying to make it safer for pedestrians. A majority of the pedestrians that are really moving through our community at certain times of the day are youth. And quite frankly, since COVID, I will say that the speeding, the severity of DUIs and the distracted drivers across our city are completely out of control. And we've had several vehicles run into houses. We've had several vehicles hit pedestrians. And some have been fatal and have really rocked the heart of our district. And. I recognize that you can't have a cop on every corner, every day. But we need more enforcement. And I'll continue to work with the city staff to come up with design changes that really protect residents. We're talking about major boulders being put in front of houses that have been hit multiple times. And we've had cinder block walls just completely annihilated and people are just driving too fast. They're already violating the law. So there's no more laws you can

pass, just a lack of disregard for their peers and children and the number of signs that I've seen. Put up, please slow down. Children's play here consistently goes up because the erratic, speeding and distracted drivers are just at a new level that the I. I have not seen in my lifetime. And it's very disappointing. And I don't know another way around it. I've I've heard the study is that enforcement only impacts a resident who gets either the ticket or the fine or the whatever for a short period of time. But at least for that short period of time, the residents are safe from that driver. So I will I will take a moment just to thank our former commander who's here, who on several occasions when we would report the erratic driver, he would make a personal call to either the family or the parents of the individual who were speeding or erratic. But it's just not enough. And we need more. And I'm very supportive of this item and thankful to serve on this committee. Thank you. I'm going to just just add some comments and a friendly amendment here. So I think all of this certainly makes sense. And I'm glad that the committee took this up, and I think it's a worthwhile request. I also know that we epithet led com

mittee are organizing requests in alignment with our request for this infrastructure bill. For example, you know, this is one request, but also there's no local dollars in general within this infrastructure bill. There's, you know, there's federal, you know, roads and things like that. But we do want to have a local infrastructure program, which I think is really important. We certainly want to do groundbreaking ribbon cuttings on streets, but we want to do groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings and other critical infrastructure important to our communities, you know, community centers, schools, whatever it is as well. And so I want to make sure that we're speaking with one voice. And so I'll ask that that this go and be a part of the, you know, whatever overall message that we're sending as the sort of route to get there. So whatever that looks like, I know that we're going to have another committee meeting in the next month. I know that in Tyler, Dr. Crowley, we anticipate that bill to move like October-November, is that correct? Yes, sir. We will likely have more details on the reconciliation package this month, but it may take through the end of fall or this year to remove both of those packages. Right. And there may be other things that come up between now. And is that okay with you to make sure we speak one voice? Yeah, I. No problem with accepting that as an amendment I just timeliness is an issue. And so when this committee was formed, the mayor specifically said to me, I want you guys to take up the federal legislation that's coming out for infrastructure and so that we're just trying to move on it. We've had four meetings now, right? So we're trying to move on it. I just I just don't want to delay. But I think speaking with one voice as a council is always really, really important. Good. So, so right. So I think working on the bill is good, you know, giving feedback. But at the end of the day, you know, we're going to speak to one voice of the city. So, you know, I think you I think you've accepted it. So I think we're we're good in that place. Couple of mongo. I just. What are you asking for? There not to be an immediacy of the letter that the items rejecting or requesting the items requesting a letter. To the federal delegation. So are you asking that we hold the letter until after the Federal Legislative Committee? Is that a question? The motion belongs to Councilwoman Price. Councilwoman? I mean, yeah, I guess I just don't. I don't know when the next committee meeting is. I, I just want them to know that this is a priority for us as soon as possible. Now, I want the letter to come immediately. And then how long does a letter usually take when it's possible to put the letter? I know that's. I don't know. When's the next Fed meeting? I guess that would help. So I think we I don't have the date in front of me, but I know that you've been working with time has been working with Matthew. We've had a consistent meeting. We've talked about we ju

st got past the last reconciliation bill. Now we're working on infrastructure and the idea that there's going to be a convergence of all the issues that work together. And we certainly plan on, you know, I mean, from you know, we've I think we invited a number of members to actually speak to the committee, federal members. We've talked with, you know, Congressman Lowenthal, who we're doing that process. And so what I don't want to do is start having, you know, different messages come out from different places. We typically have that issue when we talk with like the port, for example, they may ask for a big request. And sometimes we say, hey, let's make sure we ask those questions better. If you're talking to Army Corps of Engineers, for example, they may say the top priority is dredging, and you may say the top priority is to break water. And so sometimes there needs to be sort of convergence of priorities, and that typically happens at a fitness committee and so on. So. So I think what I'm asking for is we speak one voice, we take this letter, whatever else is

coming, we deal with it. I mean, there'll be some immediate thing we're advocating today. We're still engaging today. But what I don't want to do is start sending from two committees, you know, shooting from two committees, no different priorities. Yeah. So that's why we brought it to council because this council were to vote on it. We would be speaking as a council. Not if I didn't reach out as the committee chair. I brought it to council. When you started that, you said you were you were bringing this forward from your committee when you opened up. Correct. It came out of committee to the full council. So as chair, I didn't personally reach out to the federal delegation, because I believe it's appropriate for us, despite our relationships, to come to council and get direction from council. So I think we would still be speaking with one voice if we all, as the council, agreed that this was a priority. And unless I'm missing something, I don't know what the detriment would be to send a letter of support on behalf of the City of Long Beach for this item, and then send another letter of support for other items. I don't think that would be inconsistent, is what I'm saying. But if you'd like to include them together for whatever reason, I'm open to that too. I just this item is urgent, in my opinion, because I want to get it on the radar as they're discussing this legislation. I just I want that to be on their radar because it's not a priority item. It's not like the bridges are important. Traffic safety is not it's not that. It's just as you're talking about traffic safety, can we also include personnel dollars? That's all. So thank you. I don't know. That would be we would be inconsistent. And I'm I'm agreeable to anything. I just wanted to bring this forward so we can move it forward faster. And I thank you. I don't think we just go back and forth. You should just you what you want to speak

of? Oh, I thought. I still had the floor. You asked me to ask Councilman Price the person out. You deferred. I'm sorry you took most of my time. Can I recue? Thank you. Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I see the infrastructure committee as the mayor's instruction to lead on infrastructure. So, Councilman Price, this committee went over this. You had an excellent leadership on your committee to go through the discussion and really bring it forward in a meaningful way. I am very supportive of this coming forward from this council. Now, if it passes with a majority vote, if there was a schedule I know an economic development committee, we set our meetings, we're sat on all of our meetings through February or March. I recognize that certain committees have to pivot and move more in alignment with other agencies and other entities, and that's great. But I'm supportive of us having one voice as a council and voting on this tonight and that this letter would come out. So back to my original question to the staff. When the council typically passes a request for a letter to be sent to the delegation advocating for something, does that take a week? Does it take ten days? Does it take three months? I usually takes about a week to ten days or so. Right. And so you're still planning to move forward with that as the item on the floor stands? Is that accurate? Yes, I understand the item. We would write the letter stating that the Council approved this motion on September 14. Wonderful work and additional resources. I just want to make sure that that was still with whatever was going on with the friendlies. I just wasn't clear. And as the second term of the motion, I wanted to be clear. Thank you and still supportive of the item. Thank you. Okay, so I'm just gonna say this. You know, we're seeing these committees. The one thing that resonates with me is if the mayor's asked the Infrastructure Port and Transport Transportation Committee to take a lead on infrastructure bill. That's not my understanding. I know that he has to work on it, but that doesn't that didn't necessarily change from I respectfully when you just make my claim statement. So if that's if that's what the understanding is, I have to talk with the mayor and we'll figure it out. I don't have a problem with finding out if that's your operating understanding coming into this meeting. But I also know that we stood up at the beginning of this process when we changed our committee structure, we said, Hey, this is your lane. These are this is where we want you to focus. And if that's what we're going to focus, then let's commit to the committee structure fully. If we're not committing to a committee structure and I know this has been raised by the members that we'll have, you know, folks jumping in and out of, you know, different committees. And if that's the case and it just comes down to who has a majority on council for every issue and we'll have no order. And if that's the case, we'll just, you know,

vote how we feel on every single issue and not have that process, committee process. We did a good job on, you know, let the families process through the Infrastructure Committee process. It worked. I think it you know, we spoke with one voice on delivering the, you know, \$208 million there. But the process worked and we anticipate it following that very same process on the Infrastructure Committee. So I'll have a talk with council with the mayor. You know, he has a

different vision on how this works. But I'd like to be organized and how we communicate to the federal government as the chair of the Federal Legislative Committee, helping off the. I structure committees. They work when they work. And I would just say, if there's a friendly I believe there is they're friendly on the on the floor or not. It sounded like it was accepted, but they felt like it was rejected. So I'm not sure what they do, except the appointed will work with the village committee to speak with one voice and have a letter together. I accepted that. But I also I don't know what the timing of it is. And we have some urgency, in my opinion, with this letter. But I, you know. If I we can get through the schedule. Councilmember. Well, I would just say that we've all we've experienced a little bit of frustration with the committee process in terms of moving important items before the, the, the, in bringing items before the Council and the gamesmanship behind the committee process. And so if an item is important to and afraid of on the floor here, I think it's important that we. And we move that item. And then obviously the Federal Lands Committee can also weigh in on that as well. And I would just say, if there is the friendly here, please make sure that they make the friendly so that the Fed actually takes action on the item. Right. And not a report back on item because that's important. Thank you respectfully that the committees the fellows committee has worked. There hasn't been gamesmanship. I mean, the proof is in what we did deliver with the infrastructure plan. We worked together with the mayor, regional agencies. We spoke with one voice. The plan the plan worked. We're going to take that very same approach to the infrastructure package. That's good. I understand this is important to the council. I understand. But our federal strategy of how we communicate work really well. And so I just want to go to Tyler because, you know, I'm just going to I think I'm going to draw this friendly because this is getting really personal here. I just want to ask Tyler. Tyler, what is the the urgency on sending submitting this letter today? I keep hearing that there is some urgency. And as sort of the manager of this process, I want you to explain what the urgency is if we have a plan to engage through the reconciliation process. What is that urgency that we're hearing about tonight? Well, at this point, we don't know the exact timeline of the entire package, but we anticipate it will tak

e a little while longer for them to finalize both the reconciliation package and the bipartisan bill, which is what that presentation was about. The committee level, I would say, you know, the urgency is that we we had a conversation at the committee level and there is an interest from the committee to make this known to our delegation. But again, we don't know the exact timeline on whether the bipartisan bill might be taken up separately. We don't anticipate that, but I'm not exactly sure when this full package will be taken up. Thank you. So the reality is there is no procedural urgency here. This is simply council members saying this is a council priority and I understand that. So we just acknowledge this is an independent council priority separate from what we're doing. And I accept and I receive that. Councilman Superman. Thank you as a member of the Senate led committee. And first of all, I recognize respect the fact it's up to the chair to set the agenda, but I'm not aware that we've embarked upon this at all. I think our last meeting was April 29th. Great presentation by Mr. Small. I think it was really enjoyed that. Yeah, but it was a receiving file. But I don't know that we've so far we haven't embarked upon what the other committee has done. So if we're going to move forward on that, I just don't have any background in it at all. So I just want to mention that, Mr. Vice Mayor, if I could make a suggestion, I sort of think it's okay to say here's one priority. And we can specifically say in the letter that we expect the city of Long Beach to be providing additional information on priorities within the federal legislation. If that is something that the council is worried about. Thank you, Councilmember Mongo. Thank you. I think that there's a little bit more to the story, too. I mean, Fed Ledge worked together with economic development on the priorities for the last bill. And I think that in the same way that economic development really took a lead, got out there and met with the community and heard all those things, met with city staff, pulled it all together along the way. There are. I see. And again, I no disrespect to Dr. Crowley. I think you're excellent. I don't think it's his urgency that we're talking about. I think the urgency is coming from hearing that, especially after our discussion today, of how colleagues collaborate and how they have their own committee work. There's value in sending the letter sooner so that our delegation has a formal notice that this is something that we want them to start collaborating with their colleagues on because it's not under consideration at all. And a lot of times that's a planting the seed far. But for any procedural urgency, there are discussions and dialogs that happen. You can bring up topics and other areas and really facilitate the growth of that seed. And so for those reasons, I think that the urgency component is more for a noticing of our delegation. This isn't as

much of a noticing

to the committees or the formal structure or any of those things. And since that committee has done so much work on this and Councilmember Price has already set several additional meetings and agendas, I think that they're on a great path. And I hope that if you do have a discussion with the mayor about roles and how that works, that in a similar way to what I had the discussion and you had the discussion with the mayor on the previous package that it's a very collaborative process where Councilmember Price also has a seat at the table. I know that for hours we couldn't literally sit at the same table because we were on the same committee and there was all this procedural stuff. But since you both are on the same committee, I think that that's a very good opportunity to start that collaborative process between two committees. Thank you. Thank you. And actually, that's a good example. On the economic process, we did begin we began the process of discussing the economic proposal. There was a change at one point in committee leadership, but what ultimately happened was the advocacy took place on the federal side. So the policy work and that happens in a lot of different bodies, the policy work will take place in a policy committee that expert has expertise and then the advocacy happens in advocacy committee, the led, federal and state led committee or advocacy committees. They take those things. They coordinate the advocacy, the lobbying group. We served on these committees together. I think what you're proposing actually is exactly what I'm saying. I think our lobbying efforts should be coordinated. So I don't think there needs to be a fight here just to talk about we know what works. You know, Councilman Super and I'll mention that April is when we have the committee. Absolutely right. That's when we were focused on the federal the bill, the Federal Recovery Act. And so we focused on the Federal Recovery Act in many ways. And so, you know, so that's what I envision in this process. And I think that's where we can ultimately get to. Are you caught up again, Councilman Mongo? Yes, I guess I would just say that having served on Fed Ledge with you for years, back when we first started, advocacy is more than just one committee. A lot of us can work. And I did work along with community members and stakeholders and leaders, to continue to provide advocacy for our priorities for economic development. Though there were no federal legislative trips at that time due to COVID, there was still a lot of discussion around what's possible and other ways that we can engage. And I had several. I remember sitting at the facility next to Congressman Lowenthal and at any opportunity that any one of us has the ability to advocate for our city and us to get funding and our priorities. I just I know that we should take those opportunities because that is what's expected from our residents and neighbors. So glad we came to a place where we can all work together and

supportive of this item. And I want to appreciate the work of the committee. Thank you. Thank you. As any public comment on this item. There's no public. Comment. Members, we've got a vote. The motion is carried. Thank you. Now we're going to go to the item 27. Oh, we did 27 already. I think we're on 22 now. No. 34. Looks like 34. Sorry. Please cast your votes. Thank you. We're going to do all the transfer items, please. 21, 22, 36 and 38. If you can please read those into the record, Madam Clerk. Item 21 SE Communication from Councilwoman Mango. Recommendation to increase appropriation by \$1,000 to support the 2021 Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 30th, 2021. Item 22 Communication from Councilwoman Price Recommendation to increase appropriations by 2026 to \$1 for a community concert on October 3rd, 2021. Item 36. Communication from Council Member Oranga. Recommendation to increase appropriations by \$1,000 to provide a donation to century villages at Cabrillo in the amount of 1000 to support their celebration written in the source and item 38. Communication from Councilwoman. Councilwoman Ellen and Vice Mayor Richardson. Recommendation to increase appropriations by \$470 to provide a donation to two partners. Support for Martin Luther King Junior Park BLOCK Party at Resource Fair and Resource Fair. Thank you. Can I get a motion in a second, councilman? From the comments. Okay, Councilman. Mongo, any comment? Any public comment on these? No public comment is casting votes. In this. Carry. Next item, please, which is the next hearing, which is 24. Report from Economic Development Recommendation to receive a supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution continuing to zafira a parking and business improvement area assessment levy districts three and four. Dr. Eric Romero will also make the staff presentation for this hearing. The depth of marketing and business improvement area was established by the City Council in 2010, allowing for the live even annual supplement to be paid by businesses located in the district. The city contracts with the Zafira Business Association

to manage the Business Improvement District and their Board of directors serves as an advisory body to the to the City Council on matters related to the district. State law governing this district requires an annual report be approved by the city council. The annual report describes the boundaries, proposed activities and budgetary information, as well as the method and basis for the continuation of the assessment. The annual report proposes no changes to the district boundaries or the method of living. The assessment and the proposed activities will focus on marketing, special events and maintenance and beautification. This concludes my staff report. All right. We need to make a quick transition. Public comment on item 24. No public comment on. Okay, Members, please cast your vote. I mean. Motion is carried. Thank you. That concludes wi

th a comment. We're not going through the regular agenda. We're going to begin by taking item 46. Item 46 is communication from Vice Mayor Richardson. Councilwoman Allen. Councilwoman Farrow recommendation to direct city attorney to draft a resolution in honor of Long Beach 24th Annual Veterans Day celebration. Mr. Richardson. Thank you. Tonight, I'm proud to bring forward a draft resolution in support of Long Beach's annual Veterans Day celebration. On Beach has a long and rich history of being home to our veterans and supporting our local veterans. We became a home to many after World War Two, shaping our city's legacy as we know it today. We're home to century villages Cambria, which offers short term permanent housing to 700 veterans. We have our own VA hospital. I was there this morning helping provide lunches to staff and veterans there at the VA hospital. We also have a long standing tradition in my own council district as home to the Long Beach Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Festival for many, many years and many generations of council people. So supporting our veterans is something important to our city. It's something important to me personally. My father was a veteran. Many of you know, I was born on Air Force Base and Scott Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. Many of my uncle's family members were veterans. These were heroes to me. I've revered these people. This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Long Beach Veterans Commission. Many of you are, many of whom are here today. We've been there since the very beginning. I'm proud to have introduced that. But even more proud of the work that this Veterans Commission has taken on over the course of the past five years, including the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Strategic Plan, which is the document this this commission worked on and is currently in implementation. And we certainly still have much to do, although we've taken great steps toward eliminating veteran homelessness and offering a pathway to permanent housing. We still need to do more and continue to take steps to support our veterans here in our city. I'm glad to see our city staff who have served our country coming together as a staff association to offer support and pathways for other veterans who are seeking opportunity in our city. And above all, please take this week to extend your own support for those who have served and join us at this Saturday at the annual Long Beach Veterans Day Festival on November 9th, where we will offer special recognition to one of my predecessors, former valor of former Vice Mayor Lerche, who chaired our Veterans Day Parade for many, many years, who's been a champion for veterans, who's a good friend to many of us. We're going to have a very special presentation in recognition in honor of Bell this Saturday. And so that said, I'm happy to make this motion today in support of this resolution. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Sir. Q Mr. Mayor, I am honored t

o second in support this item. I thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson, for bringing forth a resolution to honor our veterans. And just wanted to share to that that I have a veterans park in my district that I hope that we can do more to honor our veterans. And I also want to thank my six district commissioner on the Veterans Commission, Lance Santiago, who has served our country but continues to do so in his way, in ways he can give back to the community and. And just want to express my appreciation to all our veterans for their service that they have provided to our country and continue to do so to this day. Thank you, Councilman. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And thank you for bringing this item forward to my colleagues. I feel very strongly that Veterans Day should be recognized as an important holiday in our city and throughout the country. Rarely do you find people so dedicated to a cause or value that they are willing to put their lives at risk to fight for that belief. These are the people of our United States military during intensely difficult work, far from their homes and their families, and often unimaginable conditions. The role we ask our military to play is far reaching, and it's the only interaction that people abroad may have with an American on many occasions. So building trust in complex situations is critical to the work that they do for our

nation. Military veterans should hold a special place in the hearts of all Americans and especially those of us here in Long Beach. We may disagree with politics or decisions to engage in war or the use of military power around the world. But the people who willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend America around the world are uniquely heroic. And for that, I thank them and I thank all of you as a military family with a spouse who is a veteran. I know that the commitment our veterans make, and I know and I hope that everyone will take the time to thank them for their service. And I do so tonight and will do so as often and as frequently as I can. Thank you for your service. Thank you, Councilwoman Councilman's in the House. HQ and thank you, Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Allen and Councilwoman Sorrell for bringing forward this item. Individuals are recruited into the Army and the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coastal Guards with the promise of greater opportunities and to honor and to serve the honor of heroes work, which is something that they do very good for our nation. Yet upon their return, sometimes they're not received with the resources that that they so need. So I hope that today we are reminded that we need to do better and do the things that will honor those who fight so much to protect our nation, our veterans. We need to make sure that we provide not only mental health for them, but also provide housing and be able to really honor them. How they deserve to be honored, not only on the special day, which I I'm so happy to honored them on this special day, but also honor the

m throughout the years by being able to give them the protection, the hope that they deserve, especially for fighting for our country. I am honored that we can celebrate Veterans Day, and I thank all of our veterans for their service. And I truly hope that this day serves as a reminder that we we not only get to celebrate, but let's continue to do the work so that we can continuously honor our veterans. Thank you also to all the veteran owned businesses that contribute to our local community and economy and to all of our V.A. systems, especially our V.A. hospital here in the city of Long Beach and to all of our vendor veterans that proudly serve our country. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Yes. I just want to say thank you, Vice Mayor, for introducing this item and allowing me to sign on to it. I think it's important that we recognize the service of our community members who have sacrificed so much for us, for our country and our city. And we just have such great, deep gratitude for our veterans. Thank you. I, of course, like the council, want to thank all the veterans that are here. I know there are actually folks in the Veterans Commission and people that have served our country but also our city through through this commission work. And so I just want to thank you and I look forward to participating in the many events that are happening towards the end of this week and going into the weekend as well. It's going to be a great time, I think, to celebrate and to be with friends, family, and particularly grateful that the community and Vice Mayor Richardson are also honoring vice mayor of our church and his service, and not just to our country, but also his service to to the city as well. It's going to be a really special, I think, weekend this upcoming weekend. With that, let me go and go to public comment. I think, Madam Crook, I've got four members of the public. As we have four sign up for this item. Right. And his guests are also Sarah Green. And we need to double more. Can you please find out at the podium? Ryan and his. Honorable mayor, members of our city council. My name is Ryan Antes. I have the privilege of serving as chairman of the Long Beach City Veterans Commission. We just want to say thank you to the vice mayor and to the city council for the support we've received and for this opportunity to kind of find our place in continuing to serve veterans and continue that legacy of service, which is long been the history of Long Beach. It. It's difficult leaving the military, and I'm sure that I'm not unique in finding that. Learning my place in the post service world, in post combat world was kind of a great challenge. And I find that many of us look for opportunities to continue to serve as a real basis for helping transition into. Being productive members of our community. And events like the one that the vice mayors organized up in the ninth District on Saturday and the various other items that the city has kind of taking care

of providing for us throughout the year really provide that opportunity to engage our veterans community and to help people feel at home here in our city. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve. Thank you all. Casarosa. Although by Sarah Green. I'm sorry. You may begin. Thank you. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. My name is Gus Orozco and I am the president of the Veterans Day Committee, a nonprofit organization that is charged with honoring local veterans. I'm also a proud member of the city's veterans commission, which I have been serving on almost since its inception. And I want to thank Vice Mayor Richardson and

Councilwoman Susie Price for helping me get on that. It's been it's been a really good ride, and I'm really proud of all of the work that we've done. I want to also thank you for honoring my friend, our friend and my mentor, Valiant, former vice mayor Valor, a Coast Guard veteran who served in the Coast Guard all together for over 30 years. As you all know, council member of former vice mayor, council and council member. Our lurch has been ill for the past couple of months and it's a very emotional subject. And I really want to thank you for making the last couple of weeks of his life something that he is going to take with him and something that we are going to be able to keep with us for the rest of our lives. His impact to the city spans generations and his impact is going to live on and I know it's going to live on for the rest of our life. Long Beach veterans are one of the most diverse special populations that exists. We've got generations that span centuries. And I know this for a fact, because if you look behind me, you'll see our friend Mike Murphy, who definitely spent a couple of generations. Mike. You and his friend next to him, who he just met, Jim Dolan, both Marine Corps veterans from Vietnam. I'll make this short. Thank you again for honoring our friend valor. And thank you for the commitment that you have made to help our veterans. We have we have a history. We have military training. And a lot of that military training instills courage, commitment and honor. It also instills a large sense of camaraderie and community, which you can see behind me. So thank you for this resolution and we'll see you Veterans Day. Good evening, Mayor, and members of City Council. Thank you for bringing this item forward. I'm speaking as a U.S. Army veteran, but really speaking on behalf of all city employees who are veterans and all veterans within the city. Just last year, city employees for the employee veterans have started to band together to connect as a group, to support each other, share stories, share resources, plan social events, and hopefully be there as a welcoming group for folks that are transitioning out of the service, but really can be something that's difficult. I came right out of the army. I got out in June of 2017 and I started with the city in September of 2017. So I only had a few mon

ths between that, and I really connected with a lot of folks that are that are veterans within our fire department and police department. And they really were a welcoming group for me. So I'd like that to be for, you know, be that for other people that are that are joining the city as employees. So unfortunately, last year, COVID got in the way of us gathering. However, we're looking forward to starting to gather safely again in the near future, especially with all of the upcoming Veterans Day events this week. We're also especially excited to begin to partner with our Veterans Affairs Commissioners, many of whom are with here are here with us tonight. Thank you again for your support. When you get up. Yes. Thank you and good evening on the honorable Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and members of the City Council. My name is Juanita the Fillmore. I'm a member of the Veterans Affairs Commission representing the ninth District. I'm also a U.S. Army veteran, and I'm also an advocate for women and veterans of underserved communities. Presently sitting on the board of the International Association of Women of Color. Tonight, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak on the draft resolution in honoring of the 24th Long Beach Annual Veterans Day celebration. Such events are very important to members of the veteran community and also the servicemen and women that have that are presently serving, as well as their families and members of the community. It offers an opportunity of us to come together as members of the community and members of the City of Long Beach to celebrate present, past and current servicemen and women with high rates of substance abuse, PTSD, depression and homelessness. These events help boost morale and show appreciation for the service of the men and women to our country. In closing, please consider our veterans and transitioning servicemen and women. On budget and line items for such as housing, education and employment. Thank you again for your continued support of the Veterans Affairs Commission, the community and veterans services organizations that support veteran programs and services. And thank you for your time tonight and have a good evening at Miller. Good afternoon. My name is Eric Mueller and I'm the executive director of US Vets Long Beach, the home of the largest homeless, previously homeless veterans service organization in the nation. I just wanted to thank you all for the opportunity to speak today, and thank you for all of your support. Every day I look at young men and young women who have served our country and are unfortunately plagued with mental health disorders or the inability to find affordable housing, and is with the support of both our council members here in our community, members that I'm able to serve over 800 people a day. And so, with all things considered, I just wanted to spend this opportunity to both thank you and thank them for their service and thank you for acknow

ledging all of their hard work to make our freedoms what they are today. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. Miller, and everyone that spoke, obviously. Again, thank you all for your service. Deeply appreciate. It's good to see Mr. Murray back there as well. So. Always good. Always good to see him. And I want to go ahead and also go to Councilman Mongo who signed up. Thank you. I want to take a moment to appreciate each of you for coming forward today. And then I want to extend a hand at least once a week. My husband and I visited American Legion. He's actually I just texted him to find out where he's at, 716 tonight. And if any of you wanted to pop by, he's happy to buy you a beer. I think it's really important for there to be opportunities for veterans and your families to come together in a very relaxed environment. And if there's anything I can ever do to be supportive of you or any particular veteran, please don't hesitate to reach out. This is a continued process and a very big gap between the ages that you see of individuals that have come together and the ages of individuals who are actually veterans. And so I'm appreciative of all of you and your diversity today and a lot of you and your youth. And I hope that you'll reach out to others in your same demographics and bring them in because that family is a very strong family. And until you can sit in a casual environment and really talk about life together and the perspective that you have, there's just so much value in that that comes with that relaxed environment. But if you'd like a beer, he's at 716 tonight and happy to toast to any of you. Thanks so much. Gentlemen, often. Thank you. And I want to also appreciate this presentation this evening and salute our veterans and everyone throughout the city who are coming together in recognition. Veterans Day is usually a very special day here in the city of Long Beach and particularly in the north side of the city where we do, you know, we have a parade and a fabulous recognition for for our veterans. I'm very, very heartened to know that we're going to give a special recognition to our former vice mayor, Val Lerche. He is deserving much deserving of the recognition because he has led the charge for veterans in the city for many, many years and oftentimes with what resistance. But he's done so valiantly. And it's really, really sad that to understand that he is dealing with some some serious health issues today. I'd just like to also take this opportunity, and I'll do so in home new business as well, but also to invite the public to the Expo Art Building at 4321 Atlantic Avenue on Thursday, Veterans Day from 12 to 712 noon to 7:30 p.m.. There'll be a special African American Military Heroes exhibit hosted by the African-American Cultural Center at Long Beach. And so a great presentation. There was a preview of it at first Friday's just the other night, but they really have gone out of their way to to honor our veterans , particularly those of Af

frican-American descent. So I invite you to participate in that. And thanks again for this presentation, Athena. Thank you, Councilmember Ringo. Thank you. Not only does the US vet in the Senate district, but they also had a gold star matter that honors the families of our servicemen who lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice . One of the things that that has been known at me for for many, many years. Many of you know that I was a recruitment officer for the city for many years. And during that time we offered for employment. We offered reference points for individuals who were Vietnam era and before veterans. That has not changed from what I know and with all the various wars that we've had and they've been declared wars, we haven't changed that at all. And you know, with all due respect to my friend Mike, very Vietnam era. He's not eligible anymore for the veteran appointee to all. They're afraid that he's retired. There's there's a difference. But, you know, I think it's it's a shame that we can't offer veterans points to those who participated in the various wars in the last few years, you know, Iraq, Afghanistan, for 20 years who were there. And I think that we need to look at changing that. And we have a new human resources director and perhaps we can work with him and maybe what we can do to change that, that opportunity for veterans to gain a point or two when they get on the list for employment with the city especially, we're looking at those who are police officers and firefighters that we want to recruit and serve for the city. So perhaps very directive to the city manager in regards to maybe get something going with that if even if it's just the city lobby set offers that, I don't know if that would be possible, but I think it's something worth looking into in investigating. Want me to answer that, Mr. Modica? So come to me. I think Mr. Murdoch and I were literally just talking about this very same thing. So back when I watched you, when I was on the city council, I put a measure on on the ballot, a city wide ballot Measure C, and it did the exact same thing. It passed by a strong majority of the public. And it was just getting some of the data we're going to actually put out. I think Mr. Murdoch is going to be putting out a memo about this here in the next day or two. But the the additional points that were

given to the civil service program has provided since we passed the since the city passed measure , see what it was put on the ballot. It's already provided 4480 veterans additional opportunity to seek employment, with the city making up seven to about 7.2% of the of our qualified candidates over the last ten years. And so I had not seen this data until just a few days ago. I think that this is a they're putting together a memo that's going to go to the council and to the community. And so we often don't talk about about Measure C. It's actually one of the first things that I brought to the council when I got elected and

we put it on the ballot. And it has since then given those additional points to veterans that apply for city jobs through civil service. And so I think, you know, the city should be very proud that they implemented that measure. And it's actually not just a municipal code change, but it's actually in it was done by the people of the city with something that stands today. So we're really proud of that. I thank you for that clarification by me. And I think it's because we don't slap our own backs every now and then. I mean, that's something that we should always provide in terms of being proud to show that we are taking a very serious view of our veterans and their service. And for those veterans that are out there, thank you very much for your service. Thank you. We have a motion. Any second. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote to. But in this case. Thank you. And before I go from that, Mr. Modica, is that is that memo report going to come out the next. I know we wanted to get it out before Veterans Day this year. Is that coming out in the next day or two? Yes, we can get that out in the next day or two and talk about the specific points that are awarded. There's ten points for a veteran. There is 15 points for a disabled veteran. So there's different different benefit levels that we're able to provide to that. So, yes, we can do that. Try remember the year do we do that in 2010? 2010. All right. Thank you. Okay. We have next item that was asked to be moved up was item 45. And this is also by Tommy Richardson. Madam Clerk, can you please read the item? Item 50, please? I'm 53 poor from development services. Recommendation to receive and file a report on container stacking and height and height limit regulations and approve this item. Manager's Emergency Action to temporary waive enforcement for a period of 90 days in alignment with the governor's executive order citywide. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Orth. He will give the staff presentation. Thank you, Mayor. Can you hear me? Thank you, Mayor. Members of the City Council. The global pandemic has created a disruption in manufacturing and the supply chain that has risen now to a national crisis. Cyber shipping containers, storage shortages is a byproduct of a confluence of many factors that have existed now for many, many months. To that end, Governor Newsom signed an executive order to address the storage crisis. Shortly thereafter, the city manager temporarily waived the enforcement of cargo container stacking for a period of 90 days. Parking is permitted in the city's industrial zones. Subject. However, it's limited in terms of the stacking limits within within one or two heights. There are no stacking limits within the port of Long Beach. According to the according to the the zoning designations that are exhibited here. Well, give me 1/2. There are over 4900 acres of potential space that's available for cargo container storage. However, that said. Based upon sparse research, we have found

that there are approximately 37 sites potential businesses permitted to start containers within the allowable zoning designation. However, there may be unlicensed operators as well as inaccurate business license information. And we're going to research that and bring that back to you. More information within the 90 days period. Thus far. Um. Why this creating problems? Thus far, we've had no reported impacts to surrounding communities that have been that we haven't received any. We will continue to monitor and engage with the port for assistance should we have any issues that come up regarding any potential impacts. And we will be reporting back to you within the next steps to either extend, expand or in the 90 day period of time. Please note that specialized equipment will be needed to start containers which may limit the stacking activity. At this point, we're asking that that you receive and filed this report and approve the city manager's emergency action reports that is available here to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you very much. And that concludes that report. Thank you. I'm just coming up my screen ahead on main screen, I'm going to vote cast. Okay. Is there motion on this? The second. Okay. Councilman Austin, any comment? Okay. I mean, I guess, you know, understanding it. And I'd like to hear from the board as well before we actually vote. That's a possibility. Let's do that now. Comment. We can we hear. From. Report. And thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. I'm here to answer any questions you may have with regard to the global crisis that we are experiencing in the supply

chain. So let's to say the nation's largest port complex has received the attention not only in Washington but in Sacramento. So we're doing the best we can to address the scenario that we have currently. I do believe that we will at some point move beyond this challenge and not only in the global global supply scenario, but also here domestically. So hopefully, again, this is a temporary measure to address a real crisis that we have in goods movement here in the United States. Thank you. Thank you. We don't we don't have questions at this point. Okay. No questions. Okay. Well, thank you so much and appreciate your support. Thank you, Mr. Cordero. Councilman, anything else? Sure. I wanted to just to say, obviously, these are extraordinary times where we the last year have had to make adjustments through our ordinances to support. Just about everything to maintain our economy, maintain our systems. And this is one of those adjustments that is maybe a little painful, but one that that I think we have to make to support the, uh, the supply chain crisis that we're facing right now with our city. As you go out to the, to the beach right now and go along the boardwalk, you can see container ships lined up for as far as you can see them. If you take a flight and you come into Long Beach Airport, you can see these container ships lined up

as far as you can see them. We need to have aggressive action to move this cargo, give back to a space of normalcy. And so I support this item and I think the council should as well. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. And they are. Very supportive of this item. Thank you. Thank you all my comments here. So the the issue with capacity started well before they were car there were ships lined up four miles outside of there and there were pairs there were that created a rush for folks the same things as quickly as they could and broke things in a box and get out here and limited capacity for storage. And so even if you just drive over the Gerald Desmond Bridge and just look at the ports, and if you continue over to the Harry Bridges Bridge, you're going to see it, you know, cargo stacked up, levels higher than we've ever seen. And that's going to spill out. We're going to see that there's capacity going to be needed in the area surrounding the port all the way out to an inland empire. That's it. I think for a period of 90 days it makes sense. But we have to have a real conversation about is this really a 90 day deal? If they're in if there's an indication that it moves beyond 90 days, there needs to be some public engagement in the neighborhoods surrounding these facilities. They're clustered in North Long Beach, the west side, and in some in areas around that are around the airport and these these neighborhoods. And I've looked at mine, there's only a few they're really adjacent to neighbors but we don't want to do is take these neighborhoods approval for granted. All too often the area, the neighborhoods directly adjacent to the ports are impacted by the operations. We've been heading in the opposite direction for a long time. And so what we don't want is for the way that we address this national crisis to be just on the backs of those who are most impacted. So as we think about this and other steps, let's just prioritize that the impacts on our local neighbors. We also have to have a conversation, some thoughts about what some of the air quality impacts are going to be as well. But that said, is there any public comments item? There's no public comment. Saying no members, please cast your vote. As with. Emotions carry. Motion is carried. Great. Next item number 16. Report from Police Department Recommendation Receive and file a presentation on police initiatives and advancement from the Long Beach Police Department citywide. Okay. Is there emotion? We've got a motion in second. I'll turn it over to staff at our police department of setting up. Give them a second to get through. Welcome, Chief. Thank you very much. We do have a presentation. We were in front of you back in January with a similar presentation talking about the number of things that police department is working on. We'd like to take this chance to give you an update and kind of a reminder of the body of work that they're working on and how it also ties into our reconciliation pla

n. I will turn it over to Chief Luna and his team. Thank you, Mr. Modica, and good evening, members of the City Council. I have with me today, just before I get started, I have Ruby Marin Jordan, she's our admin bureau manager. Got promoted recently to that position before she was in charge of our Office of Constitutional Policing, which I'll be talking about extensively tonight. And then I have Commander Padel Dowd, who's the chief of staff in our office. Transformational policing is a cultural shift that promotes justice and equity, fostering trust, collaborative community relationships, and empowering all officers to make positive change. To the benefit of the communities that we serve and protect. Our department has been proactive in identifying areas in which we need to evolve. We have also learned or I'm sorry. We have also leaned in to the call for change by embracing opportunities as they present themselves. As a result, we have been

extremely transformative in the way we do business, and we are committed to equity and social justice and to ongoing professional development and growth for our organization. I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the employees every employee of the Long Beach Police Department for their dedicated service and. Their willingness to embrace the many changes during these challenging times. And I specifically want to call out the Police Officers Association and the I am as well, because they've been our partners. Anytime you make change, you have to have labor on board and they've been partners in that manner. I also, in a sense want to thank the mayor and all of you as council members for your continued support of our police department and the opportunity to present this at the Council tonight. And as of as I talk about these changes that that I'm talking about, I've spoken to each and every one of you on many occasions, and a lot of this change occurs because you are very progressive. You listen to our community. You want the police department to reflect the city's values. And a lot of that will be talked about this evening. So thank you for that. We strive to align our department's mission of public safety through partnerships and our values with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and Sir Robert Peel's principles of policing, which inspire our own core values of ethics, intelligence and respect. As I've said in the past, the Long Beach Police Department is very different than it was 30, 20 and even ten years ago. Our community and our environment has changed and our department has and must continue to evolve with this change. Tonight, we will be providing a presentation on the Police Department's Initiatives and Advancement, which serves as a follow up to the study session we did back in January of this year. In the next year. In the next few slides, I would like to illustrate. How progressive our department has been, how we have evolved over the years, and some factors that have infl

uenced that evolution. In January of 2021, the major City Chiefs Association Executive Board, in which I hold an elected position on that board, released a report regarding police reform. That has been helpful, a helpful resource for our police department. We strive to align our policies and procedures with the major city chief's recommendations, which bring us at or above the national law enforcement standards. Major city chiefs are setting the tone and paving the way for modern policing and for us here at the Long Beach Police Department . Another report that has been a guiding resource for our police department in the last several years is President Obama's 21st century policing task force report. Outlined in this report are the six pillars you see here on this slide. We have utilized and tied specific initiatives to this report to help us manage and lead our department. This report promotes effective crime reduction while building trust through unique problem solving efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. We have embraced those unique problem solving efforts through programs such as our neighborhood walks, which we are continuing to roll out in each of our patrol divisions and our community liaison officer program. And you, the City Council, as I stated earlier, have shaped the way we do business, whether it be through reconciliation, training, recruiting, hiring or transparency efforts. And each of you I can name one program that each of you had brought to us that has impacted the way we've evolved. You are advocates for excellent policing and reforms. Here you will see a timeline of 30 different examples of initiatives and advancements since 2014, including training, equipment, wellness and community involvement. And it shows the diversity in our recruit classes are various partnerships, alternative response in our work with the City Prosecutors Diversion Program, which provides members of our community options other than incarceration. As a result of our hard work and modifications in training, equipment and the areas of accountability over the years, we are realizing significant declines in the use of force and citizen complaints. Use of force is down 28%. Citizen complaints down 30%. You will also see here references to increase diversity and transparency efforts. Together, policies and procedures provide a roadmap for our day to day operations. Effective policy change is key to the reconciliation process. Since 2015, we've made over 100 adjustments to several different policies. Some you see listed here today. In addition, we have replaced the word should with Shell to strengthen the wording and all of our new policies and policies currently under review, including our use of force policy. The preservation of life has always been at the heart of policing. Refocusing on that core ideal has never been more important that it is than it is right now. And there is no issue of greater consequence in the community we serve or

to the community we serve in our profession than the issue of use of force. That is why we challenged the conventional thinking on how to approach use of force situations, in particular those

that involve people suffering from mental illness to ensure we stay in line with best practices and improve the delivery of our services. Excuse me, our services. We conducted a comprehensive review of our use of force policies which are listed on this slide. We identified areas in those policies that could be modified to help prevent officers from being placed in situations that endanger themselves or others where the officers have no choice but to make split second decisions to use deadly force. The safety of everyone in our community and strengthening the foundation of trust between our community and our department are our top priorities. Constitutional policing is at the core of our community policing philosophy. Creating the Office of Constitutional Policing reflects a forward looking evaluation of what constitutional and relationship based policing mean today. It also represents our commitment to advancing practices that provide equitable, just and fair policing to all. Our Office of Constitutional Policing works closely with other city departments and the Office of Equity promoting the initiatives outlined in the Framework for Reconciliation. Reconciliation got our attention, and we learned and we continue to grow as an organization alongside our city family. As you will see here. We are invested in goal two and three of the framework for reconciliation. We are currently collaborating with our health department to reduce gun violence in the Washington neighborhood. We are also working with the Health Department, along with the Communication Center and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Performance Lab to address residents services needs that reduce reliance on traditional law enforcement and medical. 911 Responses better known as alternative responses. We are participating in the National Justice Database to help improve transparency and accountability. Our department will also provide RevPAR and crime data to the Center for Policing Equity to analyze and to provide a deeper understanding. Of what can produce racial inequity in policing. That becomes important as we are going to release more report data later on this week because we're concerned about what that data says. And we're also concerned about the fact that when we look at our shooting stats and we look at our victims and the suspects described that those are usually people of color, typically Hispanic or African-American males. That is very, very, very concerning. We are also currently working with the University of Southern California to implement the police department's portal in their Lewes registry that we've brought to this council floor. The portal is intended to be used as a component of applicant screening before hiring a police officer. In addition, the registry will be used

for research into trends and patterns of misconduct, leading to new solutions for improving law enforcement practices. At our presentation in January, we provided a report on several other initiatives that the Office of Constitutional Policing was working on. And tonight we would like to provide updates on that progress. One of the biggest accomplishments to date is the Assembly of the Community Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from faith based organizations, neighborhood associations, business districts, attorneys, residents, as well as Cal State, Long Beach professors. They provide input and participate in meaningful discussion on a variety of department policies, especially those that impact police community interactions. As a result of their efforts, our use of force policy has taken on new a new shape. Many of the recommendations are currently being incorporated into our policy, which will be posted on our website in the coming months. They have also reviewed and provided input on the vehicle pursuit policy and have recently begun reviewing the facial recognition technology policy. Other initiatives that have been completed include the early intervention program that's already been fully implemented in our patrol bureau bias free policing, policy and training. That's a special order that's been completed and the training is ongoing and then compelled statements that are now being provided to the PCC. And we recently entered into a demo, you with the Center for Policing Equity, to conduct the critical analysis of our RIPPER data and crime data. Future initiatives include reviewing our processes to ensure we are in line with best practices. Continued collaboration with the Office of Equity. Working with the Office of Civic Innovation on two projects, creating a data compliance integrity unit and assembling a recruitment and Advancement Advisory Group. As you have heard tonight, we continue to adopt progressive changes in our department to reflect the needs and changing expectations from our community for police services. I am so proud of the employees who continue to adapt to these new change changes in their work environment. We will continue to work hard with our community partners and the Office of Equity through the framework of for reconciliation to continue to implement meaningful change and progressively move us towards. As a 21st century police department. And that concludes my presentation. Oh, thank you, Chief. I will go to the maker of the motion. Well, before I do, I'll just say thank you for the report and the data presented here. I would

just in any way, I mean, obviously, the. The council chambers isn't packed with people, you know, really interested in this report tonight. But a year ago, we had, you know, a lot of interest in police reforms and changes and a lot of recommendations from from our public on how they'd like to see a lot of these police department operate in the future. And obviously, by the the da

ta that was presented here today and a lot of the hard work of the council staff, and we want to appreciate the Office of Constitutional Policing for actually listening and being innovative to implement changes in a department which I hope will be better received by our community and recognized for, for the, um, for the efforts that we're making to be more compassionate as a, as a department and more responsive as a department and understanding the, the, the many challenges that have gone into the relationship with particularly communities of color. Um, so thank you very much for the presentation. I for one, appreciate it, appreciate all of the, the diligent work, particularly over the last year or more to, to advance this department. Thank you for your leadership, sir. Councilmember Your Honor. Thank you. Senior member of Apple. Therefore, the day. Of gratitude for this comprehensive report. And in all the years that I have worked for and been in the City Council, I have never seen anything so comprehensive. The police department, in terms of their initiatives and their and their report, in terms of what they are doing to improve policing in Long Beach, is a document that I think we should probably be looking at periodically, updating, of course, not about it, hear a lot of data that can be reviewed and of course rerecorded in terms of showing what kind of progress we're making as a police department to see the Long Beach. Little were the things that that did not represent. It meant that I knew where we had, at least in effect for a number of years in the past was the implementation of a community special interest groups that you would meet with that we would achieve, such as the Latino, African-American, LGBTQ. Very similar groups like that that would have a. A voice with the two in regard to issues that may have been very specific or particular to that specific group. Are you planning on implementing that again or are you still is it still in effect? Are you still dealing with these groups? And if you are, I think it would be helpful to know that and maybe report in the future as to the number of meetings you held with the various groups and the topics of discussion, whether it be hiring or or general policing as a whole. Thank you, Councilman. Your anger for that question I talked about in the presentation that community advisory committee. And what we did is, is we took what I believe to be a very diverse group, not only in culture and race, but in thought from across the city, who is advising us on our policies, specifically the use of force policy and others to come our way. We heard the community loud and clear. As the acting mayor stated earlier, when people were here talking and demanding change, we listened. And that's what this report is about. And with our community groups, it's it's absolutely we do not survive without partnerships and getting that input. We do not have the same configuration that we had once upon a time when we ha

d a robust community engagement division that came through multiple reductions in budget. But you know what? We didn't blink. We didn't just give up and say, we're not going to do that anymore. So we've consistently tried to evolve and think of different ways of recreating that valuable input other than the fact that we are in the community. And I think all of you know this from all of our division commanders were I think last year we had well over 300 community meetings. A lot of them ended up being virtual because of COVID, but that never stops. And we didn't have that before. I think we picked certain community members, had them come in, and then we heard from them. Now that's more broadly utilized so that nobody feels left out. That being said, we still have we still have like, for example, a Latino advisory group that does come in and attends events and they're very connected to the police department. So that's just one example. Thank you for your report. That's all. I have a better bear today. Thank you. Councilmember Price. Thank you very much, Chief, and members of your team for the presentation. I mean, I chaired the Public Safety Committee for many years, almost my entire tenure on the council until recently. And I have had the opportunity to engage in some pretty serious, controversial and far reaching policy issues with our police department and those meetings. And I've never once had a situation where the police department has said, no, we can't. That's not possible. That's inconsistent with our culture and that's unique. And with most city departments, you know, usually when we bring up the suggestion, the first response and I get it, it's human nature. People get defensive and they view suggestions for improvement is as a criticism, even when it's not meant to be that way. I understand, but I've found the police department has always, whether it's the chief or someone who they've had staff, public

safety has always said, we'll look into that. That's a great idea. Let us evaluate what other people are doing. And as a result of that, I think we have some policies today that are very forward thinking that incorporate best practices. You know, I think we have a long way to go, as does most of the law enforcement as a profession in terms of our criminal justice system and making it. Relevant to the world around us today. And not being afraid of changes, but embracing them. And I think, you know, I deal with police departments every day. And I think, Chief, you and your team have done a great job, at least listening to what else is out there and being willing to consider suggestions whether they're feasible or not. Your first response to me has never been. It's not feasible. It's always been. I mean, even if it's totally not feasible. And a crazy idea. You've said we'll look into it. Let us research it. Let us look at see what's out there, let us evaluate best practices. And that encourages, I think, a very good partnership between you

and council members. At least that's been my experience and it doesn't shut down the conversation. You always leave room for additional conversation, and I think that's important. Are you guys perfect? No. Do you and your officers sometimes make mistakes? Yes. Are you the type of department that expresses a willingness to make changes, learn from mistakes, and move forward with best practices? Yes, and I think that's really all we can ask for at this stage. And I want to thank you for the presentation that you've done. I know you've got to be working really hard on these initiatives, and it should not go unnoticed how hard you work to get to this point and honestly, how hard the officers, the rank and file officers who support the department have worked to embrace the changes and to adopt some of the cultural. Cultural changes in the organization that have been necessary as a result of things that we have all learned as best practices. So thank you, Chief. Appreciate having you and your team here with us tonight for this presentation. I'll turn it over to our current public safety terrorists who come from afar. Thank you. Thank you, Chief, and your team for the presentation. I appreciate the thorough. Presentation. Of how you and your team have been able to take all of the feedback and information from the community in how to integrate it in your plans and initiative moving forward. I think that it's. It's definitely noticed that there's a lot of consideration to and how cross department work can happen. I like that that was included because we see that none of our department works in isolation and in some sense there's also some parallel or overlap as far as the work with that you do with the Health and Human Services Department and probably others too, as we move forward. I think with some of the goals that you have, I think some of the things I've learned from having been the chair of public safety in the past year is I appreciate the opportunity to have conversations about how do we increase transparency and accountability, given the continuous conversation about what that means and what that look like. And I appreciate the movement and how we can do that together in a way that provides information and builds trust for the community to see that there is a process forward in how we can take steps to do that. And I look forward and seeing how we can continue to, I think as the goals get implemented, to seeing how those steps can be shown and how it can be done. And I think a lot of the tests will be how the community, their feedback on it writes their response to it. That's the real task and that's what we'll see. Is it working? And it's not how we can fine tune that together. So I look forward to doing that, to having those conversation and appreciate a lot of the efforts taken to make sure that we're being the most transparent account of that that we can be. And I hope that we can continue that dialog to do so for to best se

we our residents. So thank you so much. Thank you so much. A couple of members in the House. You. I wanted to thank you, Chief, and our police department, for your effort. And your willingness. I think that I absolutely echo the sentiments of my colleagues. And I just wanted to say thank you very much for all the work that you do. Great, though. Thank you for the comments. Is there any public comment? There is no public comment on this item. So an excellent presentation. Members, please cast your vote. Motion is carried. Emotion is key. Thank you. Annexes. 37, please. 37 is a report from Parks and Recreation and Marine recommendation to rename the Eldorado Park West Senior Center, the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center, District four. Thank you. There is a motion and a second counsel Supernanny. Thank you. This proposal was unanimously approved by the Government Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee on September 28 and unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 21st. As I've said in the past, Dr. Thomas Clark is the longest serving councilmember in the history of this city and also served for 16 years as a city college trustee. I was asked in the past, you know, why Eldorado

Park? No one associated that with the Fourth Council District. Ironically, these items came before these committees and commission prior to our most recent redistricting. But Tom Clark originally served on the Parks and Rec Commission. He led the way to acquire the land for Eldorado Park, and that was in the fourth District in the first part of his term. Ironically, he returned to the fourth District on December 18th. So we'd appreciate your support on this item. And I would add to that, I had the ability to talk to Dr. Clark when he was still alive and asked him about what recognition he'd like to have. And he said if anyone wanted to ever name something for me, I'd like it to be associated with Eldorado Park. Some very pleased to bring this item forward tonight. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Alan. I'm very much in support of this item. Councilmember Ringa. I had the honor and privilege of serving under Dr. Clark when I was an employee for the city, as well as serving alongside him as a member of the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees. The man was honorable, honest, direct, and he was a mentor to me. So I'm very proud to support this item. Thank you. I'm also enthusiastically support this item. I think customer support, this is a great honoring of a really incredible leader and man. I have also had a chance to spend time with with Dr. Clark, and I think he's someone who has just such an incredible legacy. And this is a great way of continuing to honor him. And of course, not the only way we've honored Dr. Clark, but he's someone that that makes a lot of sense for this naming. And so I just want to thank you for your leadership on this and to the Parks and Rec Commission, to everyone involved in the process. It's a g

reat move idea. With that, there's no public comment. I believe so. Members, please cast your votes. The motion is carried. At 1036, please. Item 36 Report from Human Resources for recommendation to Adobe resolution approving an exception to the 180 day waiting period for public agencies to hire Michael J. Mays for a limited duration to work in the office of the City Attorney's Office. Mr. City Attorney, there is a version of the motion in the second in this controversy for a. Thank you. As one who was honored by being sworn in by Michael Mays in 2016 for that term in office, I'm very happy to make this motion. And I'd like to thank our city attorney, Charles Parkin, for doing a great sales job. I don't know how you did it, but thanks for bringing them back. Vice Mayor Richardson. We love Mike. Can we just bring him back indefinitely? Thanks. Yeah. I just want to add, what's the best item on the agenda? I think. Just I think I think he's someone that's just greatly loved. So I look forward to him helping out and doing, you know, doing whatever whatever you and the team need and moving forward. So there's emotion any second. There's no public comment on this item, so please cast your votes. All right. Congratulations on your title. Number 22 with. Report from City Manager Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with the California Department of Cannabis Control to support the Long Beach Cannabis Program citywide. Looking for a motion in the circuit. Okay. Uh, Councilman Ranga, I want to speak to your motion. Okay. Councilwoman Sara, I was elevated. I had no clue. I think it's a good project, great sorrow. It's great to be able to have additional funding to support our cannabis program. Thank you. In fact, the councilman often thank you. Obviously, I support this motion. This is you know, we're not in the business of turning away resources from from the state. Obviously, we have some ambitious objectives here, particularly related to social equity and implementing that here. I'm kind of waiting to hear from the city attorney in terms of how and how you envision utilizing these resources to get there, but also support our program. City Manager, you want to give a brief back report? Yes. Emily Armstrong will be able to answer some of those questions. Emily. There. Can you guys hear me? Yeah. Okay. Yeah. So the \$3.9 million that we're going to be receiving from the DCC will actually go towards the. Overall cannabis program. So what we're looking to do is to convert the provisional licenses in the state's process to annual. And through that process, we're also looking to streamline our operations and expedite them through the process. And so we're looking to hopefully cut the application process by half and then hire some additional staff in almost every single department with these funds. So it'll be a great a great resource for the cannabis program. Fantastic. Anything else, Councilman? All right. No,

thank you. I appreciate that. And obviously, we will look forward to learning more time moves on. All right. All right, Councilwoman Allen. Yeah. Just a quick question. Can you clarify one of the ways in which the software can be used and can the funds be provided to applicants to help defray the business startup expenses? So this grant in particular does have some limitations. So this grant is not related to providing direct grants to applicants. This grant, actually, we're going to be hiring staff

and consultants to basically help applicants throughout the process. And it does have some limitations in terms of the funding that we can do. So this is actually going to hire staff and consultants for regulatory compliance, application processes, things like that. There is some funding that's also going to be going toward website design and technology to hopefully streamline the communications with applicants. But it cannot be spent on direct grants or loans or anything like that. Okay. Thank you very much. Right. Thank you. Let's go to public comment. Very public comment on this item. We have one member of the public, Eliot Lewis. Please begin. Did you guys hear me? We can hear him. Yeah, no, I just wanted to make some commentary in general. It's nice that we're getting some more funds. You know, the state collects 900 million in taxes. They're redistributing 100 million. Not the best system. I really wanted to focus, although I think all taxes in cannabis are too high. I really wanted to focus on the cultivation and tax. I think we should completely eliminate the cultivation tax. We have two really big brands here. We're creating great cannabis culture. We have Fresh Bake and we have Wonder Bread all across the state. The governor included up in Sacramento, they're getting rid of cannabis tax. San Francisco's got rid of all cannabis taxes. Sonoma's got rid of cultivation tax. Humboldt is right behind it. We continue to tax cultivators at the same rate. Although there's been massive price compression and they're suffering, they're barely keeping their head above water. And again, it's not about me. It's about good policy. You know, we don't like paying the retail tax, but it's really cultivation that we need to focus on. Council did a great job of modernizing the other vendors. Now we need to focus on cultivation and you know, depending on what time it is, I don't have an orthodoxy on that. I was the one retailer that came out and said, Hey, with the pandemic, we're doing really good. Let's raise taxes temporarily, half a percent. And, you know, like cause and like, you know, of the Rockies and Hershey of Pennsylvania, we're creating a great cannabis culture here. Long Beach hashtag farmers is becoming a thing, and we need to cultivate that, no pun intended. And at the end of the day, like Long Beach got put on the map from nineties, rapper Sublime, all of these different things. Cannabis culture is going to be part of that. And I think it's real

y important, you know, more than just the money you got, you know, jobs and everything else at stake. And I want to say that the amount collecting the cultivation tax based on our research is, you know, a very small amount, around \$1,000,000. You know, we're budgeted for 8 million, we're collecting 10.3 million. And as the reforms come in at the state, I suspect I suspect that number will be more. So stop taxing farmers. We need to modernize the tax code, especially as it goes to two cultivation tax. Get rid of it altogether. We got a \$3.9 million windfall and this is happening up and down the state. Let's stay progressive on the issue. Let's stay modern and let's stay up to date. I think that's all have. That concludes public comment for you. All right, members, please cast your vote as well as the roll call vote. District one. I. District two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. I. District nine. I. Motion is carried. District nine. I. Motion is carried. Thank you. With item 23, please. Report from Development Services Recommendation to adopt middle income housing program to include the policy components included here in citywide. All right. Thank you. I know there's a there's a staff report on. Yes. Mayor, vice mayor and members of the council. This is a pretty complex process. We would like to spend some time to go through what we've been working on to try to develop an additional tool for some middle income housing. We have, of course, the director of development services who can walk us through the policy and some of the implications and be able to answer questions. Oscar. Thank you, Mr. Modica. Please. Next slide. Thank you, Mayor. And members of the Vice Mayor. Members of the City Council. Moderate income households are those households that earn between 81 220% of the area median income. These households are looking for affordable housing as well as others, but earn too much to qualify for the standard subsidized lower income housing. City programs have focused on a variety of programs to assist very low and low households. Thus, we have not been able to meet the moderate income housing units required under the current housing element. And the next housing element will require over 40,000 moderate income units. In February of 2021. The City Council approved the participation in the case middle income housing program for the purchase of the Ocean Air Apartments for middle income housing on a pilot basis. At that time, the City Council also asked staff to conduct further research and return to council with a proposed Long Beach middle income housing program. This presentation summarizes staff's recommended policies, which was prepared with the assistance of HRA advisors who are here tonight to answer any questions and is attached to the council letter that you have in front of you. Next slide, please. I

would like to provide a brief middle income program overview. Th

ere are three primary parties involved in these transactions, which include the JPA and the JPA Act as a sponsor as well as the owner of the project and is also the bond issuer. The city is considered the host and can request the sale of the property after 15 years. The developer is a project administrator that is responsible for putting together the deal. These projects are 100% financed by tax exempt bonds. Bond terms are typically 30 years. There are two types of bonds associated with these transactions. The first type is a series, a bond. These bonds are intended to acquire the property where applicable for new construction, for financial reserves and other cost. The series B bond is another type of bond and that that is provided solely to the project administrator as preferred equity. Next slide, please. The JPA or Joint Powers Authority or the owner has the ability to purchase, own and finance the project, including existing or existing housing or new construction projects. Some or all the units are typically restricted to moderate or middle income households. If the city approves the project, it will enter into a public benefit agreement with the JPA, and the JPA will have a property tax exemption during the term of the bonds. How? Household income restrictions terminate at the end of the bond term, and the city has a right to force the sale of the building after 15 years and realize any net proceeds from the sale after the debt is paid off. Next slide, please. This financial structure is relatively new in the long term data and its success is really not available. The financial structure does not rely on the excuse me, it does rely on economic growth to pay off the debt rather than more conventional financing structure. So what the city is attempting to do is to with with these programs. Is to reduce the risk. And provide real, meaningful middle income, affordable units. To accomplish this, the middle income program has been designed to ensure long term housing affordability, ensure adequate long term property maintenance, reduce the. Risk of. Foreclosure, recover the city's pro-rata share of the property tax revenue, provide oversight and accountability, and provide access for the processing of these requests. Next slide, please. This slide is intended to illustrate all the parties involved as currently structured with other deals. The interaction between the city or the host is with the owner. As you can see from the attached illustration, what these policies are intended to do is to provide more, like I said, more oversight and accountability, accountability to the other parties involved in this agreement. Next slide, please. So the program, again, as indicated in the report, the program that we are proposing is flexible and we've established a structure that can be tailored to a certain project's attributes. Therefore, we are asking the Council to approve the following policies. The first policy is a provision for a requirement of dee

per affordability by requiring deed restricted moderate income units that will qualify for the Reno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Credit to maintain the city's housing element requirements. Also, the provisions are intended to rely on or to propose housing affordability that is based upon income state income requirements. Although this is a flexible term and we can use other affordability requirements like providing that there's greater affordability in the project field. Another provision or policy is to maintain the city or to recover the city's property tax losses via a host fee. And lastly, we have other public benefits, and this is intended to be a bit of a catch all, if you will, again, in order to be able to tailor a transaction to the attributes of the project. And some of the things that we could consider is if a project comes to the city that provides other revenues like sales tax. In the case where you have a mixed use project or the preservation of older properties, this will allow for older properties to continue with certain amount of improvements. Next slide, please. In order to implement these policies. The program includes bond underwriting standards. These include such things as a host fee, as indicated earlier, to recover the pro-rata share of the city's property tax revenue. It also requires things like a third party appraisal to review the administrator and the and the sponsor or the owner's cause for the acquisition and sale of the property. Again, we are recommending that rents be limited to 30% of household income consistent with current affordable housing standards and that net tenants get paid utility allowances as well as other things, including affordable restrictions, to include a minimum 55 year deed restriction on these units. Next slide, please. Additional underwriting standards include establishing reserve accounts with escalators to ensure proper property maintenance. Ensuring bond debt service ratios of 1.0 beginning on year one. Minimizing the interest only financing so that we can establish bond amortization at the end of the bond terms. The city's ability to review construction costs for new construction projects is also part of the provisions. Underwriting provisions in other provisions are

included to reduce debt, maintain a healthy operating expenses and return on the investment. Next slide, please. The program also includes standards as well as oversight provisions for such transactions and annual fees for the oversight, such as allowing the city to review the closing cost of the bond transaction, allowing and providing an annual fee that would pay for the city's annual review of the project. Making sure that the asset there's at least three years worth of asset management reserves in the project. Provisions in the project deal and making certain that the series B bond not capitalized the interest. Next slide, please. Additional oversight provisions include the city's ability to review and approve any

additional debt exceeding \$15,000, as well as the ability to force the sale of the project after the 15 years of long term and the ability to approve or reject changes to the project team. The project team, including would include the JPA slash owner, the administrator and the property manager. Next slide, please. The policies also prescribe qualifications for the middle income team. We are setting certain provisions or standards, if you will, for the JPA. The administrator, the property manager, the property manager, excuse me. And also the provision to include an independent municipal advisor to participate in the transaction. Next slide, please. Tenant protection provisions are also included in the policies to prevent the displacement of existing tenants, while ensuring that the rapid replacement of two middle income households and adhering to the OECD's affirmative fair housing provisions, as well as honoring housing vouchers. Next slide, please. As envisioned, the program will require significant annual reporting, including a tenant satisfaction survey, household income and rent information. An assessment of the condition of the property in an annual financial report. These reports will be required in the Public Benefit Agreement and the city may request corrective actions based upon the report findings. Next slide, please. The program also provides an application and a review process with fees to support Stat's review, including the third party reviews. Thank you. Next slide, please. And I know there's a lot there's a lot here to unpack. But at this point, the city's recommending staff is recommending that the city council approve the middle income housing program, as indicated in the attachment to the council letter. That concludes my presentation. Staff, including. H.R. Nick, are consultant, is here to answer any questions that you may have at this time. Thank you. And I'll just add a comment and then we'll go to Councilwoman Sun Huff, whose maker is cued up to make a motion. But I do remember when staff said, Hey, let us have some time, go come up with a policy. Because, you know, the last project was a pilot. And since then, you know, we see that other states, other cities are adopting this. And I just want to thank the staff for taking the time to put a policy forward. So what we do is consistent, and I love the things that I heard. Tenant protections are within that. Some of the things that the city values are within that. So we're expanding middle income housing while preserving units as well. And I think that's having more tools in the tool belt is certainly important. So I want to go to Councilwoman and they are. Thank you, Vice Mayor. For that. And thank you very much, staff, for that presentation. Thank you. As you know, I'm the housing advocate and I truly believe that when we say housing for all that it really means housing for all. We need to ensure that we focus on increasing and retaining local employment opportunities in o

ur city and for our residents. And as we continue to work on breaking the generational poverty cycle, that we also plan to expand and build in opportunities for middle income housing. Even so, this program is designed to ensure long term housing affordability and maintenance is still a main focus of our city. And this is an area in which our partners that point have been very supportive of. I've as I've mentioned before, I'm a huge supporter of our students and our local university. That provide outstanding educational force in our city. Which is why I'm very excited for the partnership between Health, State University, Long Beach faculty and staff for this middle income housing prepackaged in Taiwan. Spin off. Oh, sorry. Sorry about that. That's okay. For the middle income housing proposal that has been introduced recently. And I want to make sure that this item supports the this project. Given the opportunity I'm sorry, given the complexity. I'd like to take the opportunity to raise a couple. A couple of things. And first, I want to say thank you to staff for all the the work that they have put into this, because they really deep dove deep into this issue. And they've really done a lot of work on this around it. And so I really want to say and I also want to thank all those who who have reached out to my office and in support of this and all the letters that I have that I have received. So I'm very thankful for that. I would also like to ask staff to come back within 45 to 60 days with an amended set of criteria that distinguishes between grownup construction and

acquisition of existing buildings already under the modern income housing program. And in that regard, I'd like to make the following three recommendations for this item. First, I'd like to. I'd like us to adopt. I'd like us to adopt the general goals for the middle income housing program set forth by the staff report. Second, I'd like for us to direct city staff to work with Walter for California State University, Long Beach and CSC Aid to move forward with the faculty staff housing proposed that submitted by Waterford in September 2021 and to return to City Council within 60 days for final approval. If the proposal meets the three primary goals set forward in tonight's staff report, aim make the city whole from any projected property tax law to achieve the city's affordability goal and see demonstrate that the property has adequate financial reserves and maintenance is required. So, I'd like to recommend that. Direct and direct staff consultant. Eight are and eight to work with the larger development community to refine the most specific of criteria set forward in the h r. In a report attached to the staff memorandum for future projects to be considered under the Middle Income Program. Thank you. All right. Thank you. I see a motion. I'm going to ask that before your next person. Do you are you clear on what that motion was? I know there was a pretty large, pretty long expanse of

motion. Could you just speak to that? Yes, Councilmember. I think we're we're clear. We've got 45 to 60 days to come back to take the goals that we provided in the staff letter. And at the same time, consult with. Our. Waterford and CDR to make certain that we become whole as far as our loss in the property tax revenues and other provisions, and more importantly, to separate between the new construction projects versus existing transfer of existing projects. So I believe I've captured that and we can certainly do that, come back and at the same time and negotiate with Waterford on their proposed deal. And what we would bring back to you is policies that either align that hopefully will align with the Waterford project. And so we'll provide that analysis to you in 40 to 60, 45 to 60 days. Thank you. Okay. We're going to. Okay, we'll keep we'll keep going. Councilman Austin. I think a council member of the day has put it very, very bluntly and clearly. I mean, obviously, there is a huge need in our city to build housing, affordable housing, workforce housing. I think this policy advances that and gives us puts it in a good position to continue to do this, particularly in our downtown area. And I think it's a great place to continue and come back with specific projects in mind. So I support the motion to. Right next, we have Councilman Price. Ask me real quick, Justice. Can council members further clarify our interaction with H.R.? And I just want to make sure I understand that correctly. I didn't even understand the question correctly. Oscar. Who are you? Do you have a question for the magazine? Yes, the maker of the motion council member. My apologies. If you could just restate the and our ability to work with a consultant as part of your motion. Yes. I would like them to work with the water it. Well, with with obviously with staffers, with water, Ford and CSR and all the parties involved so that we can move this project forward. And I just want to be clear, Mr. Worsley. What we're talking about is a policy, not a specific project. So the motion here is saying create a separate sort of come back in 45 days with additional research, work with partners, additional research and recommendations around, you know, existing structures that are going to opt into the program. But it seems like new construction and all those things, those goals are fine. Let's keep keep here from our colleagues. But I think we should be clear. We're not talking about a specific project today. We're talking about the policy in front of us. I want to be clear on that. Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I support the motion wholeheartedly, and I'm super excited to support a project that includes a partnership. With State Long Beach Beach. Great. Thank you. Come on, Alan. Yes. Thank you, Councilwoman de Haas. I agree with everything and I'm really interested in middle income housing. And I know that these middle income housing programs are new and untested and unteste

d. But I think what we have here is a robust a robust and flexible program. So I will be supporting this item today and I look forward to future discussions on this topic. Great. I don't see any other council comment. We're going to go to public comment now. Any public comment on the site? Yes, we have three public comment. Sharon, your time begins now. We thank you, Vice Mayor and members of the city council, Alex Charron, speaking tonight on behalf of Waterford development. Very much appreciate the opportunity to speak in support of the policy. We also appreciate the efforts from city staff on Monica, Oscar Forsey, Linda Tatum and their team. It's a very complex issue as identified by the maker of the Motion and Waterford as the sponsor and participant in the city's only pilot project in the modern income housing in Oceania supports the policy and the

continuing discussion. Appreciate the opportunity over the next 45 days or so to engage further with staff on how better to refine and clarify some of the policies outlined in city staff. The Cal State Long Beach proposal was submitted last year, and so our concern when we saw this item was obviously reconciling a project that was already in the pipeline with the city's need and understandably so for a larger policy that would cover it in any future projects. We are simply asking and support any decision in movement that would further clarify the distinction of this policy between ground up construction and acquisition type construction. We also have put together a number of data points on the Ocean Air Project, which I think would be very informative and appreciate Linda Tatum in her team coming out at the end of last year to tour the facility. I think by any metrics, the program has met or exceeded its affordability goals. I would just remind staff that Waterford is in full support of a policy that requires the city to be made whole. We've made that change, obviously, since the Ocean Air Project. So any project proposal moving forward should not leave the city in the hole from a tax revenue loss stand basis. And again, appreciate very much your support for this policy, and we look forward to working with you collaboratively. Thank you very much. Aren't going to be very visible. Public comment. Yes. Our next speakers and control. Time begins now. Good evening. I don't pretend to understand how this works. I can only go by what I have read in the L.A. Times that, yes, I assume there are some cities that are going with this plan, but there are also cities who have rejected it, such as San Jose. I am very much for low cost housing help. But I do not understand helping. Middle income. Unless I can get some help. I'm not with Social Security. I'm. I don't even. I couldn't even qualify for middle income, but. What worries me is that. We are giving these. Units. Pass on paying property tax. But as I understand it, then there will be a host fee. So I do not understand. I'd like to know the difference bet

ween what a person would pay and property tax and what they have to play with the host with fee if it really is advantageous for them. And according to the L.A. Times article, the units at Ocean Air, the one bedroom units, were \$600 more than units in surrounding one bedroom facilities. So it doesn't seem like. People that are. Taking advantage of this are really getting much of a deal. I think that. The Council needs to really. Have an independent. Advisor on this as to whether this is really going to help with middle income housing and with the ocean there. It's not expanding housing because they're using housing that's already there. Thank you. That concludes all speakers for public comment on this item. All right. Thank you. All right. So we've heard from the council staff one more time. Um, staff. Do you have any final comments before you go to them? Yes. Vice Mayor. Thank you. So just to sum up what I think we heard, I think I heard support in general for the policy and from taking the next step and move it forward. I think we heard support for construction that if we're doing new construction, that in general those are supportive, but that we have some additional work to do on the acquisition projects, which is the ones that Waterford are proposing. And we will certainly engage with Waterford to get some specific comments now that a policy is out in the public. We would welcome any suggestions on specific language, on things that need to be modified, things that would help projects actually get approved. And then we would also engage with them to understand concerns and negotiate some additional language, if there are any, that can meet both both parties. The proposal that was mentioned back in September that currently has a lot of good things doesn't match up completely with what we presented tonight. So there would be some additional work we'd need to do on the policy before we're able to just move that one forward. And then we would return to council within about 60 days to let you know where we are, what we have agreement on, and what some of the areas would be that council could then consider if you were ready to adopt it or if you needed to make more tweaks. And with that, I think we're ready to move forward. And thank you. So it is great that we did the pilot, we did a study, we got the study back. We have a new tool now, which is good, and it's going to make the city whole address the concerns that was raised last time. So that's why it was also a roll call vote. District one, district two. I district three. I. District four. All right. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. Hi. Motion is carried. Fantastic. Thank you. Next I have item 20. But what's the next time on the list that might might be out of order? What do you have? Item 24. Motion carries. Thank you. Let's hear item number six, please. Report from Development Services Recommendation to two contract for a survey of existin

g buildings for a total contract amount not to exceed 884,350 citywide. All right. Looking for my cue system? Is there a motion on that? Okay, I see. Councilmember Gurinder, would you like to stick

your motion? No, I'm good with Nike. Okay. We need a second on this. All right, Councilwoman. And they are second. Is there any public comment on this? We have one public comment. Allie Perkins. Your time begins now. Hi. I'm a little confused. I wanted to speak on agenda item 1220 2-0045. Was that in that whole. The number of consents that you just voted on. No go item items one through 19. That Allie Perkins would like to speak on, item five. Which is part of the consent. Yeah, I was a little confused. I apologize. Okay. Well, I'm you know, we're on a different item, but if you want to spend your 3 minutes on this, we'll hear it. Okay. I appreciate that. Mr.. Yes. Okay. I'm speaking on agenda item 20 20045. As a parent whose children attend school in the city, I am concerned about the public health orders in regard to COVID 19 that my children's school is required to follow. I speak for many parents when I say that these requirements are unlawful and nonsensical. We are fed up with the restrictions that continue to go against our children's health and wellness and further subject them to harmful mask wearing isolation and vaccination protocols that have been scientifically proven to cause more harm than good. If your main concern was with health and safety of my children, then why are cloth and paper masks acceptable when the CDC as well as other valid agencies, have proven them ineffective? In fact, many psychologists have declared them detrimental to mental, emotional and cognitive growth and learning. If Koga if COVID is so deadly, then why do schools not have has stations to dispose masks and other infected items properly? If Omicron is so contagious, why is that? That my possibly expose child needs to quarantine. Yet her sister, who resides in the same home and goes to the same school, doesn't. Why do unvaccinated children need to mask and quarantine when exposed but vaccinated do not. Regardless of the proven fact that vaccinated still spread and contract COVID. I would love to hear some answers. With COVID variant, with COVID variants weakening, we are starting to see the decline of severity. Children have from the very beginning been less affected by COVID, by COVID than adults. When children can contract COVID while they can still contract, COVID is widely known that most do not get sick and if symptoms appear, are very mild. Yet protocols continue to be enforced, creating a massive increase in mental health illness. As someone who works intimately, intimately with youth in the mental health field, I can tell you. You guys have failed our children. I would love to draw your attention to the \$401 million of federal funding Long Beach School District has received since March 2020 . This information is on the Web for everyone to read. This has n

ever been about the health of our children. It's been about the money, the \$400 million incentive to turn a blind eye to the damage this district has caused. The youth of this city has served no one except those who continue to enforce these policies. Per the American Rescue Plan Act, which is where you have received the bulk of your money. The Esser three requirements state that schools must address how they intend to implement prevention strategies that are reasonable and consistent with the most recent CDC recommendations. In other words, schools will not receive funds unless they state and obey CDC regulations. But these regulations are not backed by honest science. They are unfounded and appear to be arbitrary, not to mention inconsistent and unreasonable. No money, no amount of money can help our children at this point. Thank you. That concludes your time. Thank you. Let's take a vote on item number six, please. Roll call, please. District one. I district to. My. District three. I district for. My. District five. High District six. I District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. Motion is carried. District seven. My District eight. By District nine. Motion is carried. Fantastic. Onward to 27. Please report from Parks, Recreation and Marine recommendation to receive a report and adopt the proposed Parks Recreation and Marine Department Strategic Plan 2022 to 2032 citywide. All right. Let's go ahead to the staff report. Yes. I will turn it over to Brant, Dennis and Meredith Reynolds for a staff report. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Modica. Good evening, Vice Mayor. Members of City Council. Served three years of engaging, listening and learning. We're honored to present the final parks, make Long Beach the prime strategic plan this evening. This is an effort that's been informed by a considerable number of partners and stakeholders. And despite being interrupted by a pandemic, this provided a unique opportunity to reexamine the important role of parks in community resiliency and recovery. Next slide, please. The plan guides operational staffing and budgeting decisions for the department over the next ten years. This plan contains goals, outcomes and actions for how the department prioritizes our work, how we organize our staff, how we decide where to invest, and how we partner with our community with equity as an overarching theme. A department strategic plan is different than a park system's master plan or a plan that addresses the types of programming for a particular user group. Although these are important and are referenced in the plan, I'll now turn it over to Park

Planning and Partnerships Bureau Manager Nancy Bates. And you're and Deputy City Manager Meredith Reynolds, who had served in that capacity before moving to the city manager's office. They'll be co-presenting tonight's brief presentation. Next slide, please. So just to provide you a little bit of information of what's in the plan, the strategic plan is to organized,

to provide a history of our community and a context for our department in the past, present and future. We then focus on the community's feedback, which contributed towards our statement of possibility and values, which we'll get to in a few slides. And lastly, the plan outlines eight goals that will help us achieve our statement of possibility. Next slide, please. So we have a lot to be proud of as a department and as a city. Just to give you an example, out of the 100 most populous cities in the country, we ranked 31st in that Trust for Public Land Park Score Index, which is a pretty significant accomplishment. But at the same time, we have a long way to go when it comes to Parks to Park Equity, while we have 6.6 acres of parks per 1000 residents in our city. We know that the ratio is much lower for central, west and north Long Beach, where there's a combination of a few things where you have fewer and smaller parks and also high density neighborhoods. This is why equity is such a strong theme that's woven throughout our strategic plan. Next slide, please. I'll turn this over to Meredith. Thank you. From the beginning, the park's community engagement effort was grounded in best practices, was planned to be accessible and inclusive and centered community voice. And what began with a very personal approach with in-person outreach at park events in the summer of 2019, became a full pivot to curated virtual engagements after a period of hiatus, while staff was reassigned to support the city's pandemic response in all, the department and engagement efforts connected to close to 400 community groups had over 1600 people take our survey. We deployed posters and service stations at community centers and promoted surveys and listening sessions on social media. We even had a strategic plan engagement band visit over 30 community events. And all of this was done in the city's four languages to maximize language access. Next slide, please. In the virtual space, we collected surveys and park stories in multiple languages. We had our user groups data and dedicated listening sessions where we shared progress with opportunities for feedback on draft goals and objectives. We engaged in various social media outlets and connected with trusted community partners, asking them to share the opportunity to participate in their specific networks. We also recognize that many staff still face a digital divide and divide as creative ways for community members to engage from a safe distance. We added lawn signs with QR codes that connected visitors to online engagement tools while they were safely visiting parks. We set up cardboard service stations at learning hubs to reach those who visited these spaces. We produced a Part Stories podcast series featuring some of the department's partners and city staff to share how our department plans partners and produces programming and manages our operations. And we engage the Parks and Recreation Commission on several instan

ces to share drafts of our progress. Next slide, please. As a considerable amount of planning went into creating an intentional and meaningful engagement process and participant experience, which was intended to cast a wide net in a way that anyone could feel included, heard and valued. This process also had a series of opportunities for input, but participation from department staff who are experts in their field, as well as opportunities for leadership of the department to explore strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We acknowledge that the interruption of the pandemic had a significant impact on our best laid plans for in-person engagement during the pandemic. The engagement process was considerably augmented out of an abundance of caution for people's safety, and we instead shifted to virtual spaces to listen and engage. This engagement process provided our team with the opportunity to reengage with those we've had relationships with for many years, to reduce our re-introduce ourselves to those we have limited contact with, and to establish connections with those who were new to us. Each of these instances was an opportunity to demonstrate the value of the community's knowledge, and we took each interaction as an opportunity to build trust with these partners. Next slide, please. Our process included consulting, consulting other adopted city planners to ensure the goals in these other arenas of city work were incorporated. We know that land use, mobility, climate action, housing, digital inclusion, youth, seniors, animals and racial equity are all interconnected and there are intersectional aspects of all of our work. Our process also included researching best practices for similar efforts across the country and from coast to coast. Our partner organizations are engaged in impactful work that we

learned from and were able to infuse this learning in the plan. Many of these plans had a strong, inclusive community engagement effort, centered equity and community voice, and called for strong support. A partner systems to address issues like climate change, support, mental and physical health and result in greater park equity. Next slide, please. In March 2020, when the first cases of COVID were present in Long Beach, Park, staff roles pivoted to shutting down operations at the city's 167 parks and shifted to new operational models. Our parks and open spaces were never so appreciated or heavily used because of the pandemic. And while many other places were closed, our parks remain open. Our park and beach maintenance teams devise new parks and beach sanitizing schedules. Signage was placed and replaced, communicating the ever changing COVID guidelines. Our community ambassadors were deployed for the safe use of parks. Virtual programing was developed to shift programing online, and our learning hubs provided a safe and free learning space to complete distance learning. Hundreds of staff shifted to work from home schedules or deployed to

support other city departments, including standing up and staffing shelters, operating vaccination clinics, eating and contact tracing, and even developing the city's COVID testing program . During one of the city's most pressing emergencies, department staff met the moment being versatile, resilient and capable of supporting the community when they needed it most. Next slide, please, and I'll turn it back to Nancy. So not too long ago, the city council approved one time dollars towards park maintenance. And those dollars were very much needed. But in the long term, we really do need structural dollars to properly maintain our parks at a level that the community expects and deserves. And as you can see from this chart, we fall short compared to the statewide dollars available per acre in terms of park maintenance. Also want to add that park maintenance was a very high on the list of concerns and feedback that we received from our residents. Next slide, please. So in addition to the rounds of surgeries that Meredith outlined, we went back one more time after we prepared the draft strategic plan to collect one more round of surveys in the four languages. And we collected close to 70 responses at that time, and this helped us further refine the strategic plan. And I also want to add that we continue to hear feedback on our strategic plan, and I would encourage residents to continue to reach out to us with whatever questions and comments that they have. Even if the plan is adopted tonight, it doesn't mean that we stop listening to the needs and concerns of our residents and visitors to our city. Next slide, please. Now, speaking of our statement of possibility, it is that we make our parks and beaches safe, welcoming spaces for our residents and visitors. Putting people at the center of all we do, including our park users, partners and team members to creative to create inclusive, enriching, healthy communities for all to thrive. And this is something that we've really developed from all the outreach efforts that were described in our presentation. And these are based on very specific values that include being effective, thoughtful, transparent, resilient, collaborative, respectful and nurturing among other values. Next slide, please. So the strategic plan itself is organized into. Eight goals, with. 24 outcomes that yield 160 action items that are based on what we heard from the Community Stakeholders, survey respondents and also Parks, Recreation and Marine staff. Next find. While you can view all the full details of the plan in the plan itself. For anyone listening, just wanted to outline what those are. And our first goal is to provide safe, accessible public spaces, while our second goal is to offer meaningful recreational programing and events. Third, we have prioritized health equity across the city. Next slide, please. We also want to build innovating and lasting relationships. That's our fourth goal. And fifth, we have connect inter

nally with the community clearly and transparently. Our sixth goal is to establish an environmentally sustainable park ecosystem. Next slide, please. And seventh, we have ensured a diverse and dynamic workforce. And lastly, we have as our goal, to create a financially secure and resilient operation. Next slide, please. And with then with this, I will turn it over to Director Denis. Thank you very much, Nancy and Meredith. I'm very pleased on the efficiency that you walk through with very extensive strategic plan. I do want to share that our next steps in implementing the strategic plan will involve breaking down the outcomes and strategies into short, medium and long term phases that can be implemented over the next decade, starting with this current year. We will report to our Parks and Recreation Commission on an annual basis. With that, I want to thank the Commission for their ongoing support throughout the plans, development and their future support as we move into the implementation phase. I also want to thank the staff and all the community members who

got us to where we are today and also City Fabric, who was our consultant on this project. This concludes our presentation and we welcome any questions or comments that you may have at this time. So thank you very much. All right. Thank you, Brant and Nancy and Meredith. We're going to go to public comment first before we go to council comment. Our first speaker is Denise Bernard Yearwood. Hi. Good evening right there. I'm a resident of Buffalo and I saw the report we on the west side of me, three or four plans and I have the report. So in regards to this, I believe the government underestimated the funds they needed to acquire additional hardware. So I. Think that means more and. More participating see as the benefit of the physical. And mental health of the president. So I. Think by allowing lands along the river as he developed for. Moving his facility. Possibly further statement, support for settling. In for air as proposed by the City Park Coalition. Do we. Consider developing the. Complex at 37 to 1 along the river? I've read their statement that using grant funds where the land and I believe. There is a platform, there. Are plans. For the L.A. River basin. So I. Strongly urge you to amend the plans. By. Our next speaker is an Cantrell. But evening in Cantrell. Speaking for the River Park Coalition, this document makes clear that Long Beach needs to budget more funds for maintenance and acquisition of Parkland. River Park Coalition agrees with the goal goals. Quote Every Long Beach resident has walkable and bikeable access to a neighborhood park and established park equity acquisition guidelines for securing land, for developing new parks and open spaces in park poor communities, unquote. River Park Coalition would like to suggest this solution for acquiring park land on the L.A. River. The city should settle the Civic Place, Sequoia lawsuit and do an environmental impact report with th

e alternative river. Using this land is park land purchased the land from the owners using grants. This will help fulfill several of the strategic plan goals. Add more parkland in a park deprived area and as this is pongal land, fulfill the goal to amplify and degenerate people, cultural practices. And. Connections to the land. This park would be an ideal opportunity to educate on the history and connection of Indigenous people to Long Beach. I urge you to take this last opportunity to obtain this property. Parkland. I'd also like to add that to make Parks safer, I would urge you to bring back the Rangers. Thank you. Our next speaker is Anna Christianson. Unmuted. Yes. You're on mute. Hello. We can hear you. Okay. This is from the lawsuit of Weapons Task Force Sierra Club. Re Indigenous peoples acknowledge the Hodgeman tribe, not only the Tongva as indigenous to Long Beach as they share the Territory, act as caretakers and vendors of the land and waters and regard football as their sacred site. Acknowledge that Long Beach is now also home to tribal peoples from throughout the United States and North Central and South America, as well as the Pacific Islands, knowledge that the sacred sites above that includes the lows through those wetlands, a knowledge that from a tribal perspective, taking care of the land means ensuring that it can support life for future generations to come. Not only humans, but the whole web of life return parklands to our high human tribe, at least some of them, and enter into management agreements with these entities. Acquire tribal, cultural and burial sites within the city and preserve them as natural spaces, place known sites on city property into open spaces and parklands . We climate change. Do not add or expand paved areas, buildings, artificial turf, playing fields, plastic grass, seawalls, or the port of Long Beach under open land and waters in the Highlands area or coastal zone communities subject to inundation due to sea level rise. Do not add more concession stands re bit venues at the expense of open space repair. The Belmont Pier Re equity prioritize acquiring land and making park improvements in underserved communities. DeLay or deny new projects located in overserved communities until park equity goals have been met. Teach everybody to swim for free. Do not rely on the U.S. pools for the general public's use for wildlife and bird. Appear to prioritize making habitat for birds and wildlife in park maintenance and acquisition plans, including along the L.A. and San Gabriel River and in the Lower Cerritos wetlands. Folk don't focus only on public access and recreational opportunities, utilizing concessions, especially vet fees for revenue streams or maintaining marine infrastructure and services to maintain boats which focus on the entire ecosystem. Plant trees and groundcover that supports birds and wildlife. Reestablish native species. Don't keep trimming trees every single year, erasing wildlife and bird habi

tats. Don't permit fireworks shows that pollute air and water to harm marine life and disrupt nesting birds, causing them to abandon their nests. Don't use herbicides to maintain parks, marinas or green belt and don't support restoration projects that erase and replace existing wetlands and tribal areas like the LC plan for the Lowe's to be those wetlands we go carting your employees. Please do

finally provide your 450 part time seasonal employees with health benefits, including paid maternity leave. So thank you. Our next speaker is Roger Martin Holman. Our next speaker is David Hall. Hi, this is David Hall. Well, Motor City members of the council, I do support the Parks Recreation Marine Strategic Plan. I think it goes far in addressing the lack of our parkland in West Long Beach and downtown Long Beach and along the Los Angeles River. I think that parks benefit everybody in the community and we really need parks not only for the youth, but for others, for recreation. We also need parks to improve the air quality, especially in the park communities. You know, what's interesting, I think, is that Councilman Richard Richardson, in the background, you have Martin Luther King. And I think that's great because the city manager did a report a year ago for the City Council on Parks across Long Beach, and the inequality of Parkland dates back to the days of segregation. And I think the disparity in Parkland needs to be addressed, and I think we need to remedy it. And I really think this strategic plan will go far in correcting this injustice and bringing parks to the people who need it on the West Side and in our park communities. So thank you very much to the Park Department. Great job and I encourage you to support this plan. Thank you. Our next speaker is David Sonata. Your time begins now. Good evening, counsel. My name is Davids and I have the honor to serve as the chair of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department. Tonight, along with my fellow commissioners and staff, we are excited to present support with comments and act on our city's long awaited strategic plan that will lead us forward as a city. The Commission applauds the hard work and commitment staff has provided in working with and listening to our city's neighborhoods, underserved communities, and partnering with all departments of the city in keeping park equity open and open space in the forefront while maintaining our high quality of life, safety and healthy choices throughout our park system. With that said, our outcomes from this plan will not allow for the status quo. It is imperative we work with our communities to improve upon facilities and programs and serve our public to the best of our ability. This is a lot to unpack in this plan, but it has been 20 plus years since Council last received a strategic plan for our Parks Department and is needed to continue to maintain and build on park equity, improve our focus on maintenance of our parks, and continue to provid

e valued programing and open space with our partners in the communities across the city. The importance of our park and beach system and its services show where the public lived during these challenges. Challenging times of pandemic. Parks and beaches are where the public enjoyed family or family open space, mental health and programs for all ages. While the department keeps us safe, sane, healthy throughout our day, this is an asset we cannot ignore. At present, we are below the local and national average cost per acre for maintenance of park operations. Maintenance must continually be addressed by council and take a turn toward increased funding and council support to protect one of the city's largest assets. With 33,125 acres and 167 parks. In our system, we stand tall as a diverse city. Who knows the importance in providing park and beach access equally to all our citizens and programs of education of value to all ages. Tonight, together with my fellow commissioners and the PRM staff, we ask each of you to embrace this roadmap and collectively ask you to receive an app, not just file on the goals and objectives this strategic plan provides with equity and maintenance as top priorities. We ask you in your monthly meetings with director Dennis and during the budget process to invest in our neighborhoods and communities, address the inequities that continue to exist in our city, and work toward improving additional funding and available grants for maintenance to improve our park and marine facilities. Let's keep our park system up to the standards our city deserves. We respectfully ask the Council to support, discuss and approve this new and engaged strategic plan and receive and continue to act on its content moving forward. Thank you for your time. Go. Our final speaker is Roger Martin Holman. All right. Thank you very much. Can you hear me okay? Yes, we can hear you. Great. Thank you so much. And thank you, Vice Mayor and members of the city council for hearing us tonight and for your attention to this. I'd like to state that I'm here to align my self with the comments by Ms.. And Control that were made earlier, and also to speak to the total imbalance of Park Space in Long Beach, West Side, specifically, because that's where I live for among other reasons. But we get the worst of port pollution, perhaps with the exception of downtown, and we have very, very little parking space per resident. And we. And we're sitting here while space that is the last possible opportunity for getting more open park SpaceX is on a chopping block and it's really disheartening and frustrating and I'm hoping the city council can do something. But again, I would just like to say that the remarks in this country are certainly important. And thank you all. That concludes public comment. All right,

thank you. I'll take you back behind the rail. I did offer some brief comments and we have a long list of council speakers. But thanks to everyone who spoke on public comm

ent and all the hundreds of residents participated in this process over the last, you know, over the last couple of years. And thanks to that, I think, you know, it's noticeable to me what your values are through this presentation and this report. I think, you know, I think it's, you know, strategic plans are important. They help to institutionalize, you know, the values and the strategy so that every time a leader comes in, a new staff member comes in and the council member comes in, there's always something to work with. You have a general idea of where the organization is heading in part, you know, incredibly important, you know, to the community members and council members. I think what happened was, you know, what happened when we transitioned Highland Park, you know, made more investments into more of a regional center with, you know, senior programming youth program. Health programming makes a big difference. And I know that's incredibly important to a lot of folks. I also know that over the years, you know, I've heard things from some staff and others. When you raise issues like this, there's a big disparity in parks and open space. I've heard things like, hey, you know, we have a, you know, a quiet moratorium on new parks because we don't have money to maintain them. I understand the maintenance issue. We certainly have to do that. But I like this plan, this plant and doesn't hide it. They say right out the gate, we have a problem in north central west Long Beach. Here's what it looks like and it attributed to to history. Like the last person who spoke talked about the history. All of these decisions were human decisions, you know, based on land use, where freeways are built, you know, what zoning looks like, land use, all of that created the disparity that we have today. So I believe that strategic planning, you know, things, general plans, all of those things are mechanisms that can be used to sort of right the wrongs of the past and help chart a more inclusive future. So from this standpoint, I like that this plan leans into equity and doesn't hide from and so so I want to thank staff. There's there's obviously a lot here. I got a chance to peruse it but I got to spend more time with the strategic plan. But from what I see, I think, you know, if we go after, you know, what's called out as the sort of larger vision statement instead of only goals, we can make a real difference. So those are my general thoughts on the plan. Our first person cued up is Councilwoman Sara. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Just to add to what you shared, I want to thank Brant, Meredith and Nancy, as well as all of the PR and staff and all those involved with getting the strategic plan together in the past three year. I know it's been a challenge doing the community engagement during the pandemic, especially when you're trying to get them out in multiple languages in the midst of the pandemic. And I just also want to appreciate that equity was mentioned as that being c

entral as part of this plan, and that I think it's really important that we think about it in addition to the climate change issue, that's also crucial. Prime is also a crucial partner. And in addition to our Health and Human Services Department in violence prevention and strengthening our neighborhood in our community. So I had a chance to read through it and appreciate the way the goals and the outcomes are aligned. And I think that is a good way for us to provide guidance in the way that we can move towards all the goals. And also for me, I look towards how do we ensure equity in all of the parks in central Long Beach. And I appreciate, I think that we've already started implementing or using that as a guide to doing to helping to improve our parks from Brent's leadership and improving communications to Senator Lena Gonzales, ensuring that their state funding, as well as our other legislator that ensure that there's investment into our parks. So with that said, I wanted to ask a few question and I would make one observation in that with that equity being central to, I think, the framework for this report, I think it's also interesting the number, the demographic of those who filled out the survey. So I'll speak to page 135, which the question part 25, it's question 35, which is how much total combined money that all members of your household earn in 2018. And over 50% came from the \$100,000 or more income level, while less tend to less. I will say 10% or less are \$99,999 income level or less. And so my question is when how could we have done better to ensure we had more equitable response from across our different community members and how? And then the second is, how do we ensure that while we have a predominantly number of certain kind of people filling out the survey, that it's at least equitably inform how this report was written? Those are my two questions. I want to add a third, but I will wait to see if I have to queue up. Yeah, well, thank you. Council ministers Brant. So I do appreciate your your question. And I know there were a lot of factors at the mid-point in our outreach and I realize that when we

had attempted to bring this strategic plan for accounts. So last July for a variety of reasons, I think for the best reasons, we did have a numerous months to work with all nine of the council offices to really look at avenues or ways that we could reach all corners of the community. So I do want to credit a lot of the messaging and cooperation with all of the council offices that I think we did glean a lot of input from many of the community members that early on, you know, even the digital divide. I think when we relied a lot on electronic surveys, that that was an obstacle for many. But I also know that through a lot of our stakeholder groups and focus groups that had representations of a lot of the corners of the community, the senior community and youth, that those were reflected in a lot of the goals and the values that were gene

rated. It's just that in those circumstances it wasn't as easy to capture, I guess, the family household income levels, although I do feel confident that a lot of those voices were clearly heard by representatives within a lot of those stakeholder groups. Okay. Do I have time to ask one more question? This will be my last question. Or should I queue up again because there's no timer? And I'll just ask you really quick is how can we ensure what's the process to getting ongoing feedback? I think Nancy shared earlier that we're able to our community members are able to like is that in an email process or is that just call? And Nancy, how do we make sure there's ongoing feedback even though we have a strategic plan now? That's that's the next one. This is brand again. So I think on our website and this is our commitment to the Parks and Recreation Commission that we'll be assembling, you know, an annual report on really a daily if not weekly basis. So I think most likely on our website, we'll make sure there's a link for continued dialog and input from the community because this will be a work in progress for lots of obvious reasons. And I think, you know, two or three years ago kind of the nature of how the strategic plan was developing certainly took a whole different approach as we were reimagining our own programing and our own operations because of the pandemic. And I think since we're not out of that yet, you know, as we enter into the new normal, I think we're going to find a lot of new approaches and a new ideas. I know even within the past year, we've had a lot of newer interest in some of our recreational aspects of what we do. There's been a voice for rugby and pickleball. There's a new sport called Tech Ball. Our seniors want to be more active and we really have to be very cognizant of the health protocols, but also think about ways that we can keep people healthy and that so we'll be open to, you know, a lot of the new trends and a lot of the opportunities. But I think our department has always prided itself in being a good listener to the community and really, you know, all nine council offices, as we've learned from month to month, have been the best, the best venue, our best liaison connection to a lot of residents who really care about the importance of parks and recreation, to build a healthy community and all those great qualities of life that make Long Beach attractive. Thank you so much, friend. Thank you. All right. Thank you. Yes, that was a very long 5 minutes. Next, Councilman Austin. Thank you. And, you know, there's a lot of good content going on here and a lot of good comments and good questions. And so I want to just first say that Parks really do make our city, they make Long Beach. And this strategic plan is very impressive to me on many levels. I want to thank our staff for their hard work with the Parks Recreation Marine Commissioners. But more importantly, I want to thank the community who participated in this engage

ment process, which I think should be really uplifted and saluted for all of the work that has gone into this. No other department in our city is equipped to do this type of engagement, in my opinion, like Parks and Recreation. And so they have the the the access and the day to day interaction with so many folks in our city and a very, very diverse and representative diversity in every, every way. I think this strategic plan, it really helps to define our mission that comes to our parks and rec parks for the next several years. In the end, it will help us create new opportunities for programing and access across the city. With with equity as the foundation comes to mind. And I'm really, really impressed with that. I'm glad to see that there was some emphasis on maintenance, because I know that that is an issue that my constituents care deeply about. We do have great parks. We should look at our parks as assets in care for those assets. And so to the extent we can budget and plan more resources to go toward maintenance, I think that's that's a that's something that we as a council need to take on and deliver for for the city. And, you know, there was considerable public comment related to park equity and in acquiring more park space. I just wanted to say, I know this council and my office working with our state legislators and really with our county board of supervisors, Janice Hahn, we were able to secure 11 acres along the river that will be dedicated for

park space. And I want to make sure that that is you know, that's not missed here. That's not a missed opportunity here. That is, and \$3 million from the state of California to help with the planning and development of that space. So that is that significant progress that we shouldn't overlook in as we move forward. Again, I really just want to salute the engagement process here. The time that has gone into getting this. This is a three years process. And to park and rec directors move on. The staff that had anything to do with this this great document. And it's something that we can definitely build on for years to come. Thanks. Right. Thank you. Before we go to the next one, madam. It seems like a few people that queued up either weren't recognized. So after we get done with this, I just want to let folks know I'm going to go back. If you can identify that list when we're done, we're going to bring them up so that they can see. You understand that? Madam Court. So the individuals who have their hand raised currently, you'd like to call on them after the comments from the council? Yeah, I get it. We've changed our format a little bit today, so some folks didn't have the rules. Let's just make sure that they're ready. You can cut off the secret list now, but those people who have their hands raised in queue, please make sure that they get a chance after we're done with this for deliberations when we vote. Okay. Next, Councilman Price. Okay. Thank you very much. So a couple of things. First of a

ll, a huge thanks to our Prem staff for the presentation tonight. And Meredith, it was nice to have you back for your guest appearance tonight and our Parks and Rec commissioners for all of their participation in this process. I think it's been really great. There's a couple of things. So in looking at the priorities, I mean, I think. It's really disheartening to see. That our maintenance budget is below what the national standard is. That's really disappointing to me because I think having safe and clean parks should be a core function of the city. And so I think it's. Important for us to to figure out I mean, when I looked. At the priorities that were listed in the report. Maintaining an efficient. And fiscally sustainable budget, or I forget which words were used was really like the last priority. I think we should figure out how much money it's going to take to create safe park spaces and maintain them. And that that that fiscal responsibility for that effort for the city should really be a lot. Higher up, in my opinion, because if we can't afford to maintain the parks and have safe parks. We're really not utilizing that space and allowing it to be utilized by residents in the way that it should be. So I really want to. Talk about that. Priority as being an important one. We want to make sure that our residents are feeling safe in going to the park. I think. Programing, I mean, when we're talking about concepts. Of equity and access programing is really, really important, especially for our youth, but also for our seniors. I think every park in the city should have opportunities for engagement for. Our youth and our. Seniors. Those are our two most vulnerable communities in terms of isolation. And the mental health and public health impacts that come along. And they don't have that that recreation and that that stimulus of interacting with others. That should be a major priority. And I think that's something that's called out in the report. But really, when we talk about. Health and we talk about access and and equity, we really need to be focused on making sure we have programing options available at all of our parks. We've talked a lot about undeveloped land. That's been a topic that's come up a lot to our council. And I appreciate Councilman Austin's comments regarding the efforts and the progress that has been made. I'll highlight how I will. Highlight also that Assemblyman O'Donnell also has helped us in developing. A helping develop some open spaces that weren't previously usable. And hopefully those will be very positive projects. And I look. Forward to that. But I'm wondering I'm not sure if there's a motion on this. Vice Mayor Is there a motion yet on this? Uh, I don't. I don't believe I heard a motion with Council on the Soros bill. First made one. The verdict. Was that emotion or not? I don't believe that. I didn't make a motion. I don't want to. Bryce, there's no motion on the floor. Okay, so I would make a motion to receive and f

ile. But in addition, I know that the council members representing the. Areas where we've talked about a lack of park space are probably plugged into this. But I think for city wide we're hearing enough about it. But in addition. To receiving a file, I'd like to direct the city manager to come back to council within 30 to 60 days, whatever is feasible for him. On the feasibility of engaging stakeholders and creating an. Open park space plan for the undeveloped areas of land and the areas that we've identified as needing more park space. Which which, per the report in the comments tonight, would be central, west and north Long Beach, just to kind of see where we are with that. I know that's something that we've asked the city manager to look into and work on, but it would be nice to get a report back at this juncture now that we have our strategic plan in place. But I

have no additional comment. Thank you. Next is councilwoman. They. Thank you, Vice Mayor. And I would like to second Councilmember Price's motion. And first of all, thank you so, so much to our Parks and Rec, the Marine Department staff. I know that this has been a long time coming, but I'm super excited that we're here. I'm really happy to see all of the excitement around this strategic plan. I think this is fantastic. One of the things that I also want to point out is that we acknowledge in this strategic plan, we acknowledge that we are on hunger land. And that makes me very, very proud that we actually were able to put it into our strategic plan. And a lot of people till this day don't know that. So it's very important to have something like that in there. I'm also very proud of the community input that was given. I'm so excited of all the collaboration that went on, especially from our commissioners as well. So thank you. Thank you for all of that. I think that it is very important that we that we acknowledge what a big, big high having open space in our community is, especially in these last two years, where that's where most of the community felt. See, and when we were forced to be inside, that was so good to be able to have some space to go and be able to social distance and be able to enjoy fresh air as much as we could. So I'm very happy about this. I do share the same sentiments when it comes to the maintenance of our parks. I think that we definitely need to make that a priority because I really think that safety and the maintenance of our parks go hand-in-hand because if you have a clean park, I really do believe that it encourages more safety around the park. So I really I'm glad that that was brought up. I think it's very important. I also think it's very important that we bring up a lot of our I mean, that it was brought up that programing is essential, especially for our youth and our seniors. I think that that is a fantastic point, and that is usually who is able to take advantage of such programs that we offer. And I think we you know, we ha

ve such great programing and looking at the programing through equity lens is going to be highly important. And so I'm very happy to see that in this plan. Also, I you know, I wanted to make sure that everybody knows that, you know, all the hard work that has gone into this. And yet, yes, like it was mentioned, we are doing good, but there is a lot of work to do. And I am very confident that by adopting this plan, we can move forward and make our parks even more safer, more welcoming, and definitely more space for our residents to come and enjoy. So very, very happy to support the strategic plan for this for the Department of Parks Rec and. Thank you. All right. Thank you. Next is council member supernova. Okay. Thank you. I have. First of all, great report and very impressive 151 page report. And kudos to the Fort District residents who read it and gave me some questions from the report. And I have I'll put it down to two questions. And the first one has to do with the SWOT analysis that Meredith mentioned. So if Meredith still there was 100% of the data derived from the general public in this report. SWOT analysis should. And the membership for the SWOT analysis was a staff activity. So the particular attachments that are included with the plan were made up of input from the department's leadership team, site supervisors and general staff across the different bureaus. We asked similar questions as part of our community engagement sessions, just not in the same framework of a SWOT analysis. So those questions could be a little bit more user friendly for the public that has incredible knowledge, but maybe not intimate staff knowledge. Okay. Thank you for that. So this puts the next comment in perspective then. Since the SWOT analysis came from staff, I had questions about placing City Council in the threat category. So if you want to check page 131, it's not that we're doing a bad job that we're going to call it in the column of weaknesses. We're actually a threat. So if you look under a Community Recreation Services Bureau. Some of the threats include climate change gangs, drug dealers, drug users, vandalism and city council. So I won't put you on the spot to answer tonight. It is a long report. There's a lot of stuff to look at here. But if you could get back to us, what what staff's thinking was in coming up with that scenario, that would be very helpful for us to do a better job of what we do. Thank you. All right. Thank you, Councilwoman Mongo. Thank you. I want to thank the staff and the community for their participation. There's been a lot of comments and a lot of important things have already been said. But I think that one of the things I've talked extensively about with the community and with our current director is that once the strategic plan is done, I think we really need to talk about our Parks master plan in terms of not just the spaces that are undeveloped, but as we look forward in determining which playgrounds need to be re

placed, which playgrounds need to be fixed, where we need additional field space, all of those things and the types of amenities that are invested in. I think we really need to look at the city and

the parks more like businesses do. So you might be super close to something, but the flow of traffic and the way that people drive and the amenities that they visit have a lot to do with different types of patterns that we've learned a lot about through our economic development department. And so I'd love to see us next steps move forward with understanding what amenities should be at what parks, and whether are our early education parks, what are our older kids parks? What amenities can be adjacent to each other for parents who have kids of multiple age groups? Where are the best places to just have open space? Where are the best places to offer classes? Where are the seniors coming to and from? Where are the bus stops that get people there and so on and so forth? So I know Brett and I have talked about this a lot and I've resisted putting forward an agenda item until this would come forward, because I know we've all got a lot that we're digesting and that this was a big project. But I look forward to a very robust discussion about those things because council offices and districts they change. But the way people drive to and from schools work where you can take your kids to a park on the way home from school or work, how that all fits together, where practices are, where classes are offered and there's a lot to it. And I think we need to do a really thorough job of understanding that. And as we make these major investments and then we can also see we're working on the all inclusive playground at Eldorado, where would the next one be? What does that amenity look like? We've talked a lot about adding certain inclusivity swings at certain parks. There needs to be a reason behind a system of why we choose what we choose and where to make really good investments for the future. Thank you. Right next is Councilman Allen. I thank you, vice mayor. And just also a big. Thank you to Brant and to Meredith and Nancy and just all the community for their involvement. The strategic plan is comprehensive and it outlined all the fantastic achievements of the city. So just a big congratulations for getting to this point. And I know it was a big lift. I saw in the plan that Bixby Park was the second most popular park in the city, and it's nowhere near the largest park. So I think it just goes to show how vital the urban park and open spaces are important to our residents. And I'm also sure as a result of COVID, that it's much more appreciated and used. I also wanted to say that these survey results validate what I've seen of the condition of our apart and and also the beach equipment. It needs some love. And I also want to say really quickly, I just a big thank you to assembly member Patrick O'Donnell. I just have to give him a shout out for our 850,000 for Bixby Park

that he was able to secure from from the state. That money is going to go a long way in transforming that park very soon. In a big way. Also I want to say to the staff, thank you for responding to all my various questions about how you conducted and incorporated the public outreach plan. I had a lot of similar questions as a Councilwoman Alfaro, so I do appreciate all the details and the presentation on Slide 14. You see that goal. One Seek to ensure that all residents have safe, walkable or bikeable access to neighborhood park, which includes adding new park space and poor areas. So thank you for that. I do have a quick question. Can you can you just share with me a little bit more about future opportunities to offer concession agreements, some parks, and what those opportunities might look like and how that can help us maintain safe, clean and accessible parks. Yeah. Thank you, Councilwoman Allen. That's really a great question. I think, you know, the past year, our entire leadership team has really utilized the pandemic to to look at all of our parks and our services with new opportunities. We've really reimaged a lot of the things that historically maybe the community has expected, but there's been a lot of really exciting best practices sprouting up from the pandemic in parks systems all across the country. So I do want to give credit to Nancy and her team, actually, Meredith, when she was our bureau manager for our planning and partnerships and initiated a lot of conversations with potential concessionaires, we did do an RFI to see what kind of interest we received scores of really creative possibilities that could be introduced into parks in north to south, east and west, and we'll be embarking on an RFP process shortly to really put a lot more substance to that . But we really do believe that by introducing a lot of those kind of visitor amenities in our parks, and it's really about serving the public so that they not only come to our parks with they enjoy their time there with their family or just individually. And some of the newer recreational opportunities can really enliven some of our parks where we do have challenges, where when we can introduce more positive activity. It really is very, very transformative. It makes our parks more welcoming, more appreciated, respected and actually safer. So I'm glad you asked that question. And we do have a lot of those initiatives moving forward. So thank you so much. All right, campers, remember your anger. Thank you. I've been listening to this with somewhat of a. Mixed emotions here. In the sense that while my website district has been

mentioned quite a bit in terms of being park poor, we do have a West Side plan to get more parking space out there. Land. Land is hard to get, but it doesn't mean that we don't have the effort out there to try to create more land. One of the reasons why I voted against the the storage facility and the sequel Environmental Impact Report, there was a vote or tw

o to accept the negative declaration because I felt that if we had a full square air study, it might have come out a little different so that we could create a little bit more park space in that area. I'd like to thank Supervisor Hahn for coming through and having identified that in those 11 acres that the Council member Austin mentioned, that we could create more park space. I'm not sure where that status is. I know that the Parks Recreation Department has come before and and trying to create the the total plan as to what parks are really park space in perpetuity. I continue to work with Parks Recreation to create more space to create more parks, especially in the West Long Beach area, because that's what we need, that we need and and we need, of course, funding and also looking into that. I've been. Several times. I'm talking to our assembly speaker and our representatives in Sacramento about identifying some funding so that we create more parking space as we need a year Long Beach. And hopefully we will continue we're going to continue those efforts until we get a real positive response, because that's where that's where the fight is. The fight is funding, and it's not there now, but it doesn't mean that it's not going to be there tomorrow. So we continue to work with that and hopefully we can make a difference. That's not to say that this is not a good report. It's not a good a strategic plan. It is. But of course, I hope that we look at it from the fact that it's a document that it contains, that it can be adapted and that it can evolve to include a lot of other issues that we've got going here. One of the things that was mentioned before was that we were able to get some. Funding from us. Assemblymember O'Donnell for Bixby Park. I had a. I had a. A playground that burned down at the Admiral Kid Park. And unfortunately, those moneys weren't available for that. Although we do have we do have efforts to get some funding for that. But we have to go the route of having a fundraiser for any donations. We shouldn't have to do that every time there's a playground destroyed. We have to have a plan so that when we have our our playgrounds damaged, that we can replace them fairly quickly and not have to wait an insurmountable amount of time to have that equipment replaced. So maybe in the future we can look at how we can incorporate some kind of funding mechanism in a strategic plan that would provide some funding in a in a, in a regular basis to address these kinds of issues where we have equipment that needs to be replaced or upgraded so that we don't have to keep our kids away for the park and not being able to take advantage of those facilities as well as the other facilities that we have in other programs. So for example, seniors lunch programs, home study, progress, homework sections, those types of things. So and I'll leave it at that for now. Thank you. All right. Thank you, Councilman. And they have. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I also wanted to

point out. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Donna, for making those points. I also wanted to share and maybe start to share a little bit more details on the development that is happening on in the first District along the 710 with the Drake Chavez extension and the wetlands. I think that that's such an exciting time for for us right now to have that to have that coming and that plan that's been there and it's finally gotten some some funding. So it's coming alive. And also, we have the new Lincoln Park. This going to be opened very, very shortly. So really excited about that. So that maybe if you could just briefly touch on on the development of those plans that we have in place already. Yeah, sure. That's a great topic, Councilwoman Zydus, and thank you for your leadership and and, you know, linking us to a lot of great community partners. So certainly within the Drake Chavez masterplan or Footprints, there's a lot of exciting movements I know that I'll be must project, which is congruent to that area. And you know, with the reconfiguration of of the bridge, the Shoemaker Bridge and the shoreline redevelopment or realignment, it opens up really a brand new canvas to create an even greater sense of place and open space for the West Side. Yeah, certainly. It's no secret we're very, very excited about the advent of celebrating and dedicating the new Lincoln Park in a few weeks. You know, unfortunately, with with COVID, it's going to kind of reign us in with what we can actually do. But I think, you know, we'll make a virtual celebration and shout out the good news to the community for what I think will be, you know, a flagship of pride and certainly one of the best urban parks in the nation here to to complement the really world class development around Civic Center. And, you know, the Billie Jean King Library, it's really the nucleus of a great destination. And I think we're very proud with even our smaller parks, you know, in and around the

West Side, that there's a lot of really great things happening. I'm really happy with what's happening at the Armory and the adjacent minor park. I think that's really important. I know with redistricting, a lot of boundaries have shifted some of the parts of interest between you and your colleagues. But we continue to look at it as a citywide park system, serving a really great community. And regardless of where the boundaries are, I know each of you are very dedicated and you understand the importance that Parks have been to the community, especially during the pandemic. We have a lot of great things happening, a lot of wonderful opportunities on the horizon. And so I'm glad you raised a question. Thank you so much. This is. Thank you, Councilwoman Ciro. Yeah. I think I wanted to clarify the motion on the table at the moment. I think I heard Councilmember Price sharing that it's direct. The city managed to create kind of a report on open space is that the motion could. Now they go ahead. Face am

endments under developed. Okay. I just want to make sure that we don't create more plans when we have them, because we did I think Meredith did the before she left to go into I think to recover working on recovery when I think she created a three alarm beach park acquisition feasibility report that that identified all of the potential opportunity. And there's been several other reports that's been done around and just vision plans for spaces and parks like the Drake Chavez the vision plan to know the there's like the river the lower L.A. River revitalization plan that identify opportunity spaces adjacent to the river, uptown open space. So so I definitely, you know, and supportive of making sure we identify them. I think that we have and they've been listed here. I think there's over 120 something sites. So I just didn't want to make I just want to make sure we're not doing more redundant. And it's really looking into, I think what Councilmember Durango was speaking to is looking at our funding, making sure we are funding and in prioritizing what we want to do. So that's just what I just want. Make sure we don't do it doesn't work and we have the plan already. Councilman Austin. Thank you. I'll be really brief. I just want to follow up on those councilmembers and there's a couple of points that she made, but also just, I think. We also need to highlight some of the good work that has actually happened over the last ten years or so in some of these areas that we have identified as areas of need. Specifically with the Dominguez Gap, the forest wetlands. Know it's about 70 acres right there of park space that have been developed. It's passive use park space along a river that has been developed over the last ten years because of the city council's dedication and recognizing a need there. And so and I said on the lower L.A. River Task Force hand up to this work with a number of different cities and stakeholders in the a year long process, looking at opportunities, as you know, from miles and miles of L.A. River. Nowhere no cities have developed like the city of Long Beach has. And not only that, I know Little Springs is also another area which significant acreage has been developed in the central are more city and as part space. So in the eighth district alone, 40 acres of new park space and of passive as well as active recreation space has been developed. So I think it's important that we also highlight and celebrate our successes as a city, but also understand that we still have a lot of opportunity to grow. And so I highlighted 11 more acres of opportunity space for here in the city. And I see that that that's just an opportunity. Right. I just highlighted that in an area that we're also focusing on. So again, to our Parks and Recreation staff, you all did a great feasibility report about a year ago, came back with good information. I think we build on that document. We build on this strategic plan, and we will build an equitable future for our ci

ty. Thank you. Right. Thank you. That concludes council comment. We still have six people that that are in line to speak. I want to go to staff quickly, you know, in hearing the conversation. I think we want to just make sure that, you know, we acknowledge the good things that have happened, the progress being made. We also don't want to go back and start to reengage stakeholders around work that's already done. Council is a day sorry that you know, as it relates to outreach, we've done a lot of outreach, the uptown open space plan. I mean, they've got an American Planning Association word for outreach and identified an inventory of every vacant parcel just in District nine. But I know that there's additional work like what Meredith has done and others, but we don't want to do is imply that that work had been done. I think we're at the place now because we've done so much in terms of identifying inventory, as far as identifying vision and engaging the community. What we need for the city to do and it's Grant and his budget is to put his money where his mouth is. That's what we truly need to do is now pull the trigger and develop these parks in open spaces. And we've seen some great success, but we need to do more, particularly if we know that we have

another state budget surplus and there may be additional investments coming down. We know that there was a conversation about earmarks. I'm not sure if that's going to happen either. But we just need to make sure as we apply for funds, it reflects what this document actually says and that we're building on the things that are already outlined. Let's go to public comment. Dave Shukla, your three minute starts now. Good evening. I already to you. You can read it or not. But since we're talking about opportunity space, I like that concept a lot. Uh, it may be redundant given the conversation. I think it's very, very deliberative and, frankly, a productive council conversation. Kind of amazing. Um, but the one point that everyone seems to kind of keep in on, and I think that we should underscore is how we acquire. Convert and site land for park space. That's important. It's path constrained not just by things like state budget surpluses and funding cycles, but also some of our fiscal requirements. And, uh. You know, maybe those things align with existing development pressures. Maybe they don't. But as. Uh, Councilmember Arun said, you know these. These faces have got to make sense in 20 years scale, 100 years scale. Perpetuity scale. Um, and so, yeah, I, I, I just, uh, take this opportunity to shamelessly plug the cows in rulemaking because there's, there's a lot of oil and gas land that was, uh, kind of a parcel that quick and easy in our city's history. And unlike most states, we don't have these these setbacks for health and safety. If we were to, uh, based on some special analysis they did of AB 345 a couple of years ago, uh, just in Long Beach, we'd have more land than was bought up and sold back up

through already a. It could be a lot of land. They don't make more land. You know, like in the Superman films, like Luigi Rizzo was trying to make more land. Like they don't make more land. You could get more land. So yeah, think about that. Might be a good time to convert to a livable economy. Uh, thank you. Our next speaker is Leslie Gerritsen. Hi. And myself. Thank you. What a great report with tremendous information. I'd like to quickly, quickly introduce myself. Leslie Garrett, then. I'm a resident from Reno. I am also a board member of River Park Coalition. And I know we had some wonderful. Speech. Tonight for those of you who may not be aware of the coalition we formed about a year and a half ago, and we're working diligently on greenspace with the West Side, specifically in response to 37 to 1 specific place. We do have pending litigation and we are very hopeful. And thank you for bringing it up. We really want to see that air. That being said, let me go ahead and talk a little bit about the report. I thought it was a tremendous job and we met a lot of work that went into place. I know in my community here in Rosarito, our park is utilized what we and fortunately work on the neighborhood list for outreach. So I want to make sure we have that going forward. In addition, one of the things that I really hit home for me was talking about the fact that 14,000 of our trees of 32,000 so have are disease dying or being removed. And what I read about the maintenance, which is a huge problem in our city based on looking at that report. So I'm curious when I read about the park impact fees for proposed housing developments in Long Beach. They are a source of funding that can be used for the park maintenance. There was a Quimby. Act passed in 1975 which required developers to set aside land or funds to pay fees for park improvements. So the first park impact fees, they were implemented in our city in 1989. However, these fees have not been increased since 2010. So I'm curious, why hasn't that happened? There's a lot of development going on. And the other question I have and don't expect an answer now. Where do those funds actually go? Did they go into the general fund or they go for maintenance? And the last what I wanted to make is the fact that there are already a lot of plans that have been in place. I know there was conversation about the lower L.A. River. We had some great meetings this time with Patrick O'Donnell, who's been a supporter of ours and also Councilmember Austin. I am really looking forward to seeing some of these plans to come into fruition. And I want to make sure I, as a community member involved in helping make this stuff happen in our community. So thank you very much to the Parks and Rec Department PRM for putting it together. I know it was a lot of work and I am excited to identify some of the deficiencies and looking forward to help over the next ten years of these plans. Construction. Thank you. But will the individual wit

h the telephone number ending in 4013. Please press star six your time again to the. Hi. My name is. We're not in either. I am with the Hamilton Neighborhood Association. Our neighborhood borders paramount and this. Strategic plan is near and dear to our heart because we have zero accessible. Parkland or open space for the public. And I believe I speak for all the North End neighborhoods, starting as well as McKinley. When I speak to the fact we need as much open space and park space as we can get. And I really appreciate the effort that has been put into this by Parks and Rec,

and I appreciate the level in which this has been presented. I also just want to end with as tag receive, and that's what we have to do now. We can't receive and file. We have to receive an act. We're desperate for open space. We're so desperate that we built we take little tiny areas of our neighborhoods. We throw a picnic table on it and a few trees, and we call it our open space and we maintain it as residents. We need this plan. We need it to come to fruition. We also have in plan a Hamilton loop that we have been working on for several years since 2014. It's supposed to open up the freeway areas around. The freight around the freeway from Atlantic to Kerry. Vice Mayor Rex Richardson has been a huge supporter with us on this. It's taken the collaboration of Caltrans, the county, the city. It's hard to get all these folks together, but I really appreciate the effort that's been put forth and that as well with these plans in place, the strategic strategic plan, as well as the 91 greenbelt plan, we will be able to at least have some open space. I hear people talking about maintenance. I agree with that too. But please just understand, there are parts of this city that have zero open space. Thank you for listening. Have a great day. Our next speaker is Mariella Salgado. Good evening. Thank you. I come to you as vice chair of the Parks Commission? We serve as an advisory board to you and our city regarding park lands, plans and improvements and other budgetary priorities. Our parks do not have unions or lobbyists to advocate for its needs or importance in the community. Yet it plays a crucial role in the health of our community, particularly for our youth, our 0 to 8 population and zero four seniors. As many experienced in the pandemic, our parks and open spaces became a focal point for health and will also highlight the importance it plays in providing afterschool and summer programing and child care for our families. Our park system is one families heavily rely on for recreational opportunities. Affordable programing and an important childcare provider for our workforce, particularly women. This department and our world of commissioners has equal importance and relevance as public safety. This plan lays the foundation for future priorities and investments. As such, I'd like to highlight the importance of our approach to advance health equity. A Goal within the Racial Reco

nciliation Report. You all voted unanimously to advance racial equity in language. This initiative also references Park Equity, recognizing the impact of open space on health for those who need it most. Hello. We can hear you. Oh, I'm sorry. Did you guys hear me earlier? Yeah, we heard you. Sorry. Um. In its current iteration. Our commission recommended the park in health equity goal number three to be the primary goal. Its current iteration stays safe and accessible public spaces as a primary goal and in my opinion, maintains the status quo. This plan presents an opportunity for you all to ensure there is a prioritization of projects, investments and programing to address historical disinvestment policies and systems that have negatively impacted a majority of our residents across the city. To change the future of park investments, where residents in Long Beach have access to nearly 16 times the park space and those living in Watts, Long Beach and park plants like my car park and masterplan aquatic recreation in North Beach no longer remain in planning phases for 22 to 30 years. As a first District resident, our Drake Jarvis Master Plan is well over 25 years old. I also want to add an important plan that was included in the strategic plan is the city's early childhood education strategic plan that promotes the well-being of our 0 to 8 population. This plan was not included in this plan, and it should. You see, this plan discusses the importance of increasing the quality of programs delivered to young children, remove barriers to quality, educate early education and access to green spaces regardless of ability and geography. Park investments promote positive outcomes for our city. Our parks plays a vital role in meeting so many of our city goals, from health initiatives to economic empowerment and make eating more equitable. You bear the responsibility for. Promoting. Equitable access to resources and services to minimize the disparities our residents experience. I hope you will consider our Parks Commission recommendation to place equity as the primary goal. Hamilton neighborhood as a comment was submitted earlier. Should have given space. But I won't if we do. Thank you. Our next speaker is Rae Garbage. Good evening. Thank you very much. I am a member of Carp Citizens about responsible planning, Long Beach Reform, Coalition and Neighborhoods First. I also served on the Parks and Rec Commission from 1985 to 1993, and we have the same story. We have the same challenges. We had the same issues. I look at listen to you, and I appreciate so much the work that goes into it. But I think what we really have to look at is to stop repeating the problems or glossing over them. And then what happens is you get to a budget time and you have to me, you city council have to make budget cuts. And if I understand it correctly, I think we're somewhere between 13 and 30 million deficit this year. But regardless, those cuts have to be made and they seem to be made

on the backs of Parks and Rec rather consistently over the years. The water budget has not been added to for Parks and Rec and they pay their own water bill. The cemeteries, when they were added, they went on the responsibility of Parks and Rec with no increase in their budget. That's something that I really, really ask you as council members to pay attention to when you come up to the next budget period. We have places in our city Eldorado Park Area three. The ponds and the walkways are atrocious. They are not accessible. They're dangerous. Those should have been fixed years ago. Shire Park, the pond that has not been functioning as intended for years since I was on the Parks and Rec Commission, the bathrooms in our parks and our beaches should not be locked, but they should be maintained. And I know it's all about money. It's all comes down to the dollars. So how we spend it, you know, maybe those priorities need to change. Also, I was reviewing the 2021 salaries last summer, and I found that we have a number of mid-level management people in Parks and Rec with fewer worker bees, so the work doesn't get done. So we contract with check that instead of having those people on board that really love their work and took pride in taking care of their city. You know, I know I'm about out of time. So, you know, we've lost ten and a half acres, in my opinion, with the Boy Scout Park. We've lost acreage at that. The biggest gap opportunity for both storage. And now there's another seventh District residential project in the pipeline that could be Parkland. So I hope that you will look at that when when Councilmember Urunga said land is hard to get. It is hard to get, but we have a lot what we did have a lot of surplus city owned properties that can become pocket parks, not quick sales without some benefit to Long Beach residents. And the Trust for Public Lands was a great organization that we tried to work with. Of course, when when times were tough, when we were in the Great Depression area, it was hard. They didn't have the they didn't have the money available to them as well. We also were. Thank you. That speaker is Laura Summer. Yes. My name is Laura Soma. Thank you very much for this second chance of public comment. I would like to point your to page 33 of this plan. There are three excellent maps on the plan, the first one being the Long Beach Red Lighting. The 34 years of redlining that Long Beach experienced during the building years of postwar. And then the second map is people of color in Long Beach. And then the third map is called Park Equity. The only correction I'd make on this page is I would title that park in quality because but these three images, I think, tell the story of this entire clan. And I think the remedies. Are pretty clear that we do that. The city does need to support park development in the west, central and north. I do support the motion to have a city manager come back and report if plans are already in place. I believe

those can be part of the report, but we do have 25 acres, I think currently under a proposal to become an RV park. And turning back to the map with people of color. I'm just looking at this. That community want a park or does the community really want an RV storage? And I think that's a big outstanding question. I'll read a quote from the strategic plan here. It says, There is lack of equity in terms of park space and open land versus East Long Beach. There's so much need in the west, central and north Long Beach. Where there are more residents living in denser neighborhoods that each deserve their own Eldorado Park. And I will close with page 102. One of the first actions is to establish Park Equity acquisition. But it says guidelines. But I believe one of those. Guidelines is to acquire. The park land before. It's built in and covered with concrete. And I think that's why it's applicable. When you're going to build an RV park on 25 acres, you might want to step back and really consider the real purpose. Should that be parkland for the community? And then it does say also here in this slide, just partner with the county. And, you know, the county of Los Angeles did a lot of redlining on their own. It was a cause. It was a nationwide, horrible phenomenon. But the county I believe the county would thank you. Well, the individual with the telephone number ending in 7340. Your time begins now. Please press star six. Thank you. This is Karen Recite. I'm president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers. And we appreciate park staff. We see them go above the board, above board and be on their job every single day. And we're we're not in favor of adopting this plan right now because I'm going to address some senior issues. We feel that there are gaps that are missing that need to be included in the plan. And we really appreciate your ability to be open in discussing these issues. If we're talking about equity, you know, there's very little mention of the YouTube community. They do use our parks quite heavily or the disabled community, and most of our parks are not really accessible. So these issues need to be included in the plan. We don't think the goals are specific enough. You know, what gets written in is what's going to get done, and if it's not written in, it won't get done . Are we going to have police in our

parks? Are we going to park rangers? I can't go in and out the front door of the senior center because we have people, some. Of them drug users. And it's not safe. So seniors are particularly targets for people that are looking to do damage. And there's not really a lot of discussion about what's going to happen with seniors as one of the newest partners for the Parks and Rec. So we've been in space at the senior center for four months. We have handed out 400 warm coats to seniors that have to stand out in the cold to get their food during food distribution days. And they didn't have coats. So we got them coats. Working with the National

Council of Jewish Women and Chase Bank, we distributed help distribute. We paid for 168 Thanksgiving meals. So seniors that came to the senior centers have a Thanksgiving dinner in partnership with Partners Apart, we have distributed 276 dining cards in over 250 grocery cards, and we've done that at 40 senior centers. We have held a senior center safety forum with the police, got the police more engaged with the senior center and keeping the seniors safe. And we had over 100 attendees and everybody received lunch. We distributed over 1000 caps and scarves to seniors all across the community. And these are things that nobody talks about. The grocery cards I could give out probably ten times the grocery cards that we have money for. Thank you. That concludes public comment. All right. Let's move to the roll, please. That concludes public comment. I spoke to a local police. District one. My district to. I. District three. II. District four. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. Art District eight. Uh. District nine? Yes. District nine. As motion is carried. Great. Thank you. And now we will hear item ten, please. Report from Police Department recommendation to authorize the city manager to receive and expend grant funding up to 368,000 for body worn camera policy and implementation program to support law enforcement agencies and increase appropriations in the General Fund and the General Grants Fund Group and the Police Department by 368,000, offset by grant revenue citywide. Thank you. I know Councilman Price for this item on Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I was hoping that we could get a brief staff report on this. Given the public safety committee back on the days push for this particular body worn camera policy. I just want to know exactly where the new body worn cameras are going to be deployed. Thank you. Yes, Councilmember, I will have the police department answer those questions. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember. The all of our body worn cameras, currently just about 630 are deployed in the field to patrol personnel in some of our special specialized units. The goal being full deployment for our entire staff. But currently, any public facing specialized unit and patrol personnel have body worn cameras. Okay. And are we still using evidence? Econ. Or you. Can guess we are evidence dot com is our storage platform. And we're still using the axon on cameras. Correct. Okay. At some point, I know it's probably not this particular item, but I would love a report back on what some of the costs have been. I know initially when we wanted to deploy. Body worn cameras. We talked a little bit about the cost of responding to praise and things of that nature. So, Chief, this will probably be a future item, which is for you to think about. Now that we've been using body worn cameras since 2016, I'd love to know what the costs, actual actual costs are as opposed to what we thought they would be in terms of the cost to the city.

I think that's something that's worth a report back at some point. Thank you, Councilwoman. We can definitely do that and put something together to bring back. Thank you. Will bring an item, but thank you, chief. I appreciate it. Thank you. I have, Councilman. I'm sorry. Council member Austin. And thank me the second. Yes. I think in the motion. And I support the request from the maker of the motion. Thank you. And and Councilwoman Allen. I guess my question with the answer. Thank you. Vicki, is there any public comment on this item? At this time. If there are any members on the from the public that wish to speak on this item, please use the raise hand function or press star nine. See none. That concludes public comment. Iraq Police. District one. I district to district three i. District for. I. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. Hi. District nine. Hi. Motion is carried. Thank you. Now here we have our first hearing, which is item number 16, I believe, which are our general plan amendments. So let's go ahead and get right into our hearing. I'll ask the correct to introduce the item. I think you know, I think we have our last item, which is item 23. Item 22, report from Financial Management Recommendation to receive and file the fiscal year 2021 year end budget performance report citywide. We can't even. Grow. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the city council. This is great. This is a report of the final year and status of FY 21. For context. And as a reminder, the FBI 21 budget was established during the start of the pandemic and in the middle of an incredibly swift recession. During this time, Long Beach, along with given the

nation, faced tremendous uncertainty as the pandemic would impact the economy, city's finances both on the revenue and expenditure side. So when the FY21 budget was proposed and finalized, it was uncertain how severe the downturn would be and how long it would last. This report shows that as of the end of episode 21, the overall fiscal impact of the pandemic was not as severe as originally anticipated, with key general fund revenue sources such as sales tax rebounding very quickly and even surpassing FY19 pre-pandemic performance. The general fund is ending the year with an operating surplus of 2.2 million and Measure A has a net program surplus of approximately 10 million. The Tidelands Operating Fund also ended with the budgetary funds available of 2.2 million. Recommendations on the uses of these funds are provided in the report. Additionally, I wanted to note that as part of the Long Beach Recovery Act, the city was able to recover revenue that was lost due to the pandemic. This has allowed us to strengthen our fiscal standing. Our operating reserves are at 14.9 million and our emergency reserves are at 47.8 million. Back to where they were prior to needing them to cover the 20 million shortfall in FY 21. So we're about 2.6% and 8.5% respectively of normal operating expenses, which is w

ithin our financial policy range for our reserves. This concludes my staff report and we are available for questions. Thank you. I have a motion by Councilmember Austin. Absolutely. This is great news. Thank you for the staff report. A grace. We forecasted a little bit of this in our our budget exercise just a few months ago. And like I said, this is very welcome news for our city. We're able to fund some of the priorities for the council put forth when we passed our budget back in, it was at six. And this is again, I'm happy to support this. Looks like we're headed in the right direction and I'm encouraged going into 23. Thank you. Thank you. Councilwoman Price of the second councilman. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to thank our financial management division and graces for this presentation. And I want to thank Councilman Austin for his leadership as the chair of our Budget Oversight Committee. These were a lot of projects that we wanted to make sure that we got funded for a variety of projects throughout the city. And I'm so glad that we're able to accommodate these projects. Thank you. If you can't remember what your anger. Thank you. I'm especially pleased that we were able to fully fund the playground at Admiral Kidd Park after the devastating fire that took place last summer. Kudos to the staff member, Austin. Thanks for your chairmanship of the Budget Committee and good job. And we're also going to be able to upgrade and rebuild the playground at Silverado Park. So both of those projects are excellent for the district. Thank you very much. Thank you, Councilwoman Zendejas. Thank you, Mayor. I first I wanted to thank our financial department. Great. Thank you to you and your team for the hard work that you've been doing on this. And I also wanted to thank our amazing city manager and his team for pushing this through as well during two very, very tough years that we have had. I'm so happy to see that after the fact, after two years of this pandemic, Long Beach has managed to come out stronger and with them with an operating surplus that will help fund so many amazing projects such as the MLK, statue restoration and all ability playground and tree trimming and improvements, which are all very important. I also love to see that that there's money being allocated to supporting cannabis social equity programs to establish a food truck lending program, a sidewalk vending vendors ordinance, a COVID 19 memorial, among so many other great city actions project. So congratulations on bringing us to this point. Thank you. I hope. Councilwoman Sara. I just want to thank Councilmember Austin for his leadership in the being a chair of the Oversight Budget Committee. And, you know, make and just this is just good news. It's always great to have good news when when concerning money and budgets to be able to fund. I think several of our parks, including the MLK, not just only the statue restoration, but the renovation that can be done at the MLK park an

d I think many others like the Bixby Park and others. So this is just great news and thank you very much. Thank you. I want to thank, obviously, Councilman Austin, but the Budget Oversight Committee and just staff for the work on these projects. I'm really excited that there's so many small district projects that are going to improve the city and improve spaces for families and for folks who enjoy. I mean, and some of the big projects that some of us have been advocating for for a long time, and some of the signage projects that I'm really excited about and others. And so thank you for this. Is there any public comment? At this time. If any members wish to speak on this item, please press star nine or use a raise hand feature. Seen none. That concludes public comment. Right. There's a motion and a second to approve. Please do a roll call vote. District one. I district to. My. District three. I. District for. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine.

All right. Motion of security at zero. Thank you. With that, I think we have a second public comment period. If any members of the public would like to speak and seek a public comment, please press start on user raised hand feature. Dave Shuker. Good evening. Can you hear me? Yes. We can hear you. Thank you. Appreciate the contribution. It's helpful to have a second public comment period and one that's. Regularly scheduled at the end of meetings for a variety of reasons. But especially if you know the topic for what I'm speaking to you about is what I mentioned earlier at these congressional hearings on climate misinformation by the oil and gas industry. It's helpful to have this just in the span of just a couple of hours of different. Things are moving that this fast, but only in a city with a 24 hour report and 24 hour problems associated, but also globally with the restructuring of oil and gas markets. I'm sorry, Mr. Mayor. What item are nine? Item nine excommunication from Vice Mayor Richardson. Councilwoman Cindy has an Councilwoman Allen recommendation to direct city attorney to amend Long Beach Municipal Code chapters 5.53 and 5.55 to remove their sunset clauses, thereby making chapters 5.53 and 5.55 permanent. Thank you. Turn this over to Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This action tonight will take some of the important actions that we instituted at the onset of the pandemic, when we didn't truly understand our economic situation and our health situation. And now that we have a better understanding, we know that the pandemic, the economic recovery will take some time. The action tonight will take two of the three initial ordinances, particularly related to recall and retention, and make those two ordinances permanent until such a date. The City Council will remove Saturday to remove those ordinances, so this action would make them effectively permanent. No, it doesn't apply to the sick leave policy. We were one of the first adopters on addin

g local sick leave protections, but since then the state has now adopted safely protections. So we have no need to extend the sick leave protection because now it's state law. When we initially took this out as a city council, we did so out of recognition that, you know, COVID was shipping everything that we know about our daily lives. And as a city, our role was expanding. Our role is changing. And we know that we're a city that has made significant investments into tourism within our city and that we depend on services. The services provided in our city are directly connected to tourism. But we also saw that that saw that that was the very first industry to be hit. So the city council, you know, rightfully so, stepped forward and thought about a comprehensive package of protections both for industry and for workers. We were among the first to do that. We actually led the nation on a number of the things we did during COVID 19 around testing, worker protections, sick leave. So we've been a real leader, one of the first cities in the nation to guarantee three weeks of sick leave. And so that was incredibly important. But now it's shifting from, again, corporate relief to economic recovery. This makes a lot of sense. Number one, it's a proactive effort. So taking a step to make recall and retention policies permanent. What it does is it ensures that, you know, we know that, you know, we're going to deal with additional spikes and different additional variants. It's not as if we know by now that it's a win. And so what it does is this locks in protections to make sure that we're ready to meet whatever, you know, whatever impacts there are to our workforce. And so that's the added protection. We also know that we're probably, you know, the pandemic will be here for four or five years and the economic fallout will take significant time to recover. And since we do that, we have a responsibility as a local city to use our power to extend those protections through that pandemic recovery. These you know, these are not you know, there was significant discussion initially about what actions to take as a city. And I think, you know, we arrived at a really good place. I think today this action, I think, is a real commitment to our workers that, you know, as we recover from the pandemic, no no community, no worker is going to be left behind. We have a case recovery where we know people who have made, you know, white collar jobs and make a significant amount of money, for the most part will bounce back. But low wage workers here in Southern California and in Long Beach, based on our quarterly, quarterly economic report, they're the most vulnerable. And so these workers, we know, are the ones that are persistently dealing with unemployment and they're the ones. 11 Responses. So actions like this help to secure the floor and ensure that people aren't slipping out of the workforce and into homelessness. And as the recovery comes back, they know that our city cou

ncil and our city council has their back. So I want to just take a moment and just acknowledge I just want to take them all. Acknowledge. Congresswoman Annette Barragan, CFA, California Faculty Association, Long Beach Clergy. Laity United, Latinos and Action for Migrants and Action National

Council of Jewish Women of Greater Long Beach and West Orange County. Long Beach Immigrant Immigrant Rights, Coalition and Filipino Right of Migrant Center. The L.A. Confederation of Labor for sending their letters of support also acknowledge there were letters letters that indicated there wasn't a fiscal review done. I just want to state for folks that we updated the item on a supplemental to Atlas support and to add financial management's fiscal impact statement. So if folks have concerns, they feel free to defer to financial management on that. But again, what we're doing is pretty straightforward here. We are sort of we're simply removing the sunset and redefining the opening sentence. It is more broad is not about the initial just COVID reaction of COVID, but this is you know, now we're we're thinking more long term about the economic recovery of our city. That's why it's important to make these protections permanent for low wage workers within our city. Thanks a lot. And I'm happy to make the motion as written. Thank you. There's a motion. And then the second I have Councilman Allen. I thank you, Mayor, and and also thank you, Vice-Premier Richardson, for your leadership on this item. It's just flat out common sense policy. And I'm proud to see you. And I'm proud to see the city of Long Beach leading on this issue. This is a simple change. It removes the sunset and it protects workers and the industry against future economic crises. As the workers in our hospitality industry just deserve that respect the dignity and opportunity that accompany a stable job. And this policy will indeed stabilize jobs. I also want to mention that the workers, mostly women and workers of color, are the ones who made these industries into middle class jobs through decades of activism. So let's make sure that we preserve these gains by making right to record retention into permanent policies. What this is also good for business is just hard to rehire workers, especially qualified ones. You have to train a workforce and these workers can come back and hit the ground running. They already know the job. And there is a cost. And it. Don't quote me exactly, but it's in the thousands of dollars to train a new employee. The making the right of recall or retention of permanent policy will provide a more stable environment for both the workers and hotel owners. I also like that the workers that will be hired back will be hired back in the order of seniority. And I think that that's really smart. I've also heard from dozens of residents and workers about the need for this change. So I strongly support this recommendation. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. Next up is Councilwoman Mongo

. Thank you. I'm going to be supporting that item today. I do have a couple of questions and or requests of vice mayor and just a better understanding. So, vice mayor, I know you and I and Councilman Allen all serve on the economic development. Committee together, and I would have loved to see this come to the committee first. It seems that there's a bit of urgency because it's coming directly to the Council on a supplemental. Are you open to also getting some feedback from our economic development director and or our web executive director on the financial impact and potential opportunities that the city has to improve and or build upon and or modify and discuss. Options. I appreciate that this is for one particular industry, but lots of industries were hit, and I think that there's some value in having a broader discussion of what that looks like. But just just to be clear, this is a follow up to an item in December, right? In December. So we received two from four memo from the city manager. These protections were going to lapse at the end of the year and we were going into holidays and our concerns. So we we postponed this and said, give us some time to get past the Comic-Con surge and get past the end of the year to come back with a recommendation. And so I think the committee can at any time take up and do the evaluation, and I will support that as the committee. What I don't want to do is change the timing on the item today. So if you're saying if you want on a parallel track how to do for the research by other industries, I'm happy to work with you on that. Absolutely. So I've received some feedback from hotels in the fifth District specifically, and they're having they've made multiple offers to individuals to come back and they're getting no response. And so their challenge is, of course, that they need to then fill those positions. And so I don't know what that cascading scale looks like in my understanding of what the limits and timelines are and how we incentivize the workforce to come back. Because there's a demand, there's, what, 1.5 jobs for every one employed person. And we we have to come up with an incentive structure that both values the workforce and their skills and their commitment and dedication while balancing help and an understanding of each person's personal risk and then also understanding what implications our policies have. We also recognize that the country is experiencing the highest level of inflation, and there's a lot of theories out there on what caused those and what types of policies. And we want to make sure that we don't create a worse off situation. We might make a policy one day that raises wages 3% or 4%, but then inflation 7%. And

so the net out-of-pocket on a person might be bad. So I just think that there's some value in that. And I would appreciate if you'd take the lead on working with our economic development director on that agenda item for our next meeting. Because I see a lot of value in

in having a really broad discussion and inviting business leaders and workers to that discussion. So I appreciate that. That's great. I'll support that item today and I appreciate we're at very, very unusual times, but hopefully we will be past them soon. Thank you. Absolutely. Thank you. Thank you. Have a few more speakers. But our city attorney also wanted to make some clarification remarks. Thank you, Mayor. Yes. As mentioned by the vice mayor at the December 7th Council meeting, the vice mayor's item directed the city manager to not sunset the Long Beach Municipal Code chapters 5.53, 5.55 and 8.110. And they were to sunset no sooner than February 28th of 2022. This item, as the vice mayor identified, addresses two of the three ordinances and if approved tonight, will make those sections permanent. But we do not address and is not addressed is section 8.110 as a result of this item tonight, without further action by the council item 8.110 will sunset effective February 28th 22, as the Council's awareness the vice mayor mentioned earlier, the state has addressed through legislation the additional covered sick time. So we are available to answer any questions. But we just wanted to point out that this item tonight and wanted to clarify that the other the third item that was extended by the vice mayor's motion in December will expire on February 28th. And the final point is this items that this come back within seven days as the council's aware that there is no meeting next week. So this item would come back on March 1st. But there will be no sunset of the item and this item will be heard on March 1st. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman's in Dallas. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you. My vice mayor Richardson, for bringing this item forward. I'm honored to be a co-sponsor on these efforts. Making right recall and retention into permanent policy is common sense. It's a common sense policy that strengthens Long Beach's economic development strategy and economic recovery, as we hopefully are exiting this pandemic. As we all know, this pandemic brought to life the incredible value as well as the high vulnerability of workers in industries such as those of hotels and janitorial workers. The pandemic has no mercy on anyone, anyone. And we do know that it has affected all of us across all industries. But workers in these industries were hit the hardest when 90% of the hospitality industry shut down during the pandemic, leaving workers without their livelihood, those without the ability to feed and care for their families. Here in Long Beach, we acted in a in response to this concern by establishing these worker protections back in 2020. However, because of the pandemic has continued for much longer than we all expected, in the sense that based on these policies have added to the uncertainty and fear of many of our workers, many of whom have experienced hardships here from my district, workers that work in the nearest hotels and years, places around here in the downtown

own area. These policies are specifically designed to ensure the rehiring of employees in the event of another temporary shutdown or contraction. And since this pandemic is, it seems to have been longer than anybody perceived. I think it is very fitting and timely for us to step up and try to make this a permanent ordinance. Again, I think you, vice mayor, for inviting me onto this item and I strongly support this item and I hope that my colleagues and I can all be in solidarity of this item. Thank you. Thank you. Councilmember Al Austin. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and I appreciate the item coming forward. I want to signal my strong support for this item as well. And I want to just everybody wait. We're waiting in public comment. That's five votes already. I want to say that obviously COVID 19 devastated our our hospitality industry was a huge setback. But the impacts there were not just financial and on business. They were impactful for residents, for our residents, for people, for workers, for the employees. And if anybody has never experienced mass layoffs, I'll just tell you, it's a it's a hard thing to deal with. As a former aerospace worker here in Long Beach. I've experienced that. Coming from Detroit. I've seen that over and over again throughout my life. And I can tell you that for four workers in a in an industry to mass layoffs, it's impactful for not only the workers, but it's impactful for the business as well. So I think it makes a lot of sense to be able to to retain a quality workforce that understands our hospitality industry, that understands our city, that they don't need to to start from scratch. But have it have been invested into their roles as hospitality workers? These are low wage jobs. We know that there's no guarantee that everybody goes back to the roles that they were in two years ago. But I think it's only the moral thing to do to to extend that opportunity for these workers as our economy hopefully rebounds, as our tourism industry, our hospitality entertainment industry here in Long Beach rebounds. And so I'm to my soul

for support for this item. It was a no brainer when it came forth originally. And it's it's it's a no brainer today. Thank you. And I do think we need to enlisted advise better pay across all sectors for all workers. I think that is the incentive council to go to work to retain a great workforce. Thank you, Cousin Ringo. Thank you, Mary. And I want to lend my support to this item. As I said many times, when other ideas are come forward this way that regarding auto workers and public service essential workers, I will always mention the fact that I have family who work in the auto industry and they were very much affected by this pandemic as well. And I and I can straightforwardly say that not everybody gets hired back and want to be hired back. So I think that the sign up here protects workers and it guarantees them an opportunity, if not get a job back, at least getting giving them an opportunity to

get back and reach and restart and continue their careers as they want to. It's a it's a labor of love for a lot of these people. They love their work. They love working with the public. They love working hotels and they love providing service. So I think that when it comes to it, at the end of the day, individuals who work in this industry love their jobs and would love to come back. So I fully support this idea of hearing thank you to all the sponsors of this item. And you have my vote. Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman Sara. Thank you, Mayor. I just want to express my strong support for this item and thank Vice Mayor Richardson as well as Councilwoman Allen. And they have for bringing this item for. Councilwoman Pryce. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I, too, want to express my support for the item, but I also want to thank the group of hotel workers that I had the opportunity to meet with and acknowledge that I appreciate the changes that were made to the ordinance, as we discussed, to kind of fill the gap in that and the Nexus connection that I felt was necessary in approving the item tonight. I think that change was made, at least it was made to my satisfaction in terms of the nexus. And I want to thank you for listening. Thank you, Councilwoman. I'm going to make a few comments and then we'll go to two public comment. Well, let me just say that I, of course, agree with with all that's been said. And I just want to remind folks that when the first right of return recall legislation came forward, these worker protections, and when Long Beach actually made the decision to put these protections in place and to ensure that folks had a job to come back to and that they would be protected at work. This was actually really a bold move that Long Beach took, and it was at the height of the pandemic. We were first in a line of jurisdictions that were doing this work. And Long Beach, Chuck, with what I think many of us believe to be a historic and important step for workers across our city and and the region. And the truth is, is that the work that was done by this council impacted other laws and other efforts that were done across the state. So I do want to thank the entire Long Beach Council that was supportive of this measure when it was first in front of us. I also want to thank just the incredible support in talking to so many of our work organizations and union leadership and business owners, community members that were all engaged in this process because we know that workers were facing a really difficult time and continue to face a really difficult time at our workplaces and in this economy. And just want to thank you. And finally, I do want to thank the staff. I think our team at Economic Development and our team at the city attorney's office and so many others worked very hard on this. And we had a lot of conversations in the first round of of legislation that passed, and we continue to in this next round. So a huge thank you to Vice Mayor Richa

rdson, Councilman Allen, Councilman and D.A. for bringing this back to us. But I also want to honor the work that everyone did leading up to this. It's really been a monumental effort. And so I'm really proud that Long Beach continues to stand by and support our workers. And with that, Madam Clerk, if we can do any public comment. And there are any members of the public that would like to speak on this item, use the raise hand feature or dial start nine. Charlie, your 90 seconds start now. Hello. Council members and mayor, this is Charlie Cano with Unite Here Local 11. Can you hear me? Yes. Okay, great. Thank you. Thank you very much for your support for. For hospitality and janitorial workers and ensuring that the folks have a chance and a right to come back to work as we come out of this crisis. It's very well appreciated. The special thanks, of course, to those who ensured introduced this motion today for standing with workers. This as this point, as was pointed out, both host hotel and janitorial workers who are having a much longer time than expected in going back to the office, are really in a crisis very similar to that that hit the aerospace industry in the early 1990s. We don't know how long it's going to last, but with making this permanent, we make sure that that folks have a chance to get back to work and that we're ready for whatever comes,

whether it's this pandemic or a future economic crisis. This is something that does not cost employers anything. In fact, they can even send letters to us. They can send letters to many workers and then hire, offering them a right to come back and then or and then hire in order and then hire an order back in order of seniority. So there's no downtime between when they send the letter and a need to sort of send consist can send other letters and it and it also protects workers in case of sale no worker should have ever lost their jobs. Thank you, Raquel. Your 92nd began now. We when I started this actually summer, I can't remember. Please hold while we get. The interpreter on the line. 1/2, please. The next speaker is Maria Parola. All. You heard me. Yes. Okay. My name is Robert. And all in. I'm a hope to work. I'm a union member, but I believe that we need a permanent right to be called to work and keep this law. This law is helping a lot of workers to go back to work. So I believe we need to keep this little sample of the higher Lombard, the many workers that try to go back to work. But that restaurant is still closed. And I hear that they said they've been calling people they refuse to call or they don't answer. But what I hear is happening in this hotel that management is hiding your people. When they how many people are home waiting for, they go back to work. And these people are willing to try it in all positions. But. This company tried to hire new people and. I really believe that we need to keep this low to make sure that people go back to work and keep jobs around the country, that many o

f them being told. So I do believe that people have don't have to leave the job because the job is false. So I believe we need to involve people to make sure all these people. Thank you. Thank you. Raquel. We went to service. What about Simon and Candy in Brazil? Let's assume we have a fever. Am I right? I am. Raquel Estrada. Members of the council. I am very thankful. Raquel. Raquel is the aggressive youth development of our house here. Thanks to this law, I had the opportunity to go back to my job. For the European position in Ireland. Because I was one of the first one to be fired from the hotel and my position was not opened yet. It looks as if the late member of the hierarchy there may muscatel a couple of the young Bulgarian without him. And this law was the one that protected me for the hotel to find a position to place me back into a job. Back then, my goal is to try my 15 tobacco. I have more than 18 months without a job. If they go through, let them tomorrow. Let me smoke. Or Simi Valley. Well, whatever it is that. And I have other coworkers, friends of mine that they didn't have the opportunity to go back to work yet. And I think this is going to happen. And that is why I am very thankful for all your support. Thank you very much. Next speaker is Christian Castro. Your time begins now. Obamacare. Yes, sir. Okay, great. Good evening, councilmembers. My name is Cristian Castro and I'm a resident of Long Beach. During the beginning of the pandemic, as workers across the country were being forced to go into work without protections. Millions were laid out and many more, millions more related. It was Long Beach. I led the nation and protections for these workers to combat COVID 19, and I commend the commission and the council for leading the way. The devastation of the pandemic has hit us all, but especially our black and brown workers who are disproportionately impacted by COVID 19 infection and by unemployment. While things may be looking up, we know that we are nowhere near the end of this. This item is personal to me. My mother is an immigrant and spent years working in the hospitality industry. It's painstaking work, but work she was proud of and it's work that anyone can be proud of. To me, it's simple. Our janitorial and hospitality workers have been on the front lines since the beginning and deserve to be protected. Let's protect our low wage workers and our communities of color by voting on this item. Thank you. Gary trick. Your time begins now. Good evening, mayor and city council members. My name is Gary. A trick. I reside in the fourth district. I'm speaking tonight as president of the Long Beach chapter of the California Faculty Association. CFA at Long Beach represents over 2900 faculty, coaches, librarians and counselors. At issue, I'll be on behalf of our members. I urge you to make right to recall and retention. Permanent CFA Long Beach believes that equity and justice are only possible if we put people at the center of our

public policy. These policies are examples of that and will help shape a recovery that includes everyone. I really want to thank Mayor Vice Mayor Richardson for leading on this issue for everyone else who is who has really got us to this point. And again, CFA at Long Beach urges a yes on this particular ordinance. Thank you. Next speaker is Garcia Lopez Reyes. Your time begins now. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the council. My name is Grisha Lopez Reyes, director of Language Coalition for Good Jobs. Our priority as a coalition has always been advocating for progressive policies that address the growing inequality that we see in our city by

promoting living wages and strong worker protections. For this reason, we strongly support making Long Beach right a recall and retention permanent policy in the city. We need to ensure that there is equitable recovery for all. And as has already been mentioned, it is the labor of these incredible women and workers of color who have transformed the industry and who are key in our ongoing economic recovery. Making these protections permanent policy in Long Beach is critical for businesses and workers. Having these protections in place is an economic development tool. Long Beach has invested millions of dollars in its downtown hospitality industry with the promise of a return of good jobs for Long Beach residents. Locking in permanent right to recall and retention ordinance for these two industries help to protect the promise of a return of good jobs in Long Beach. It also protects the wages and benefits that have been fought for decades and preserve the quality of work within these jobs. We urge you to make these permanent policies in our city. Thank you. Next speaker is James Swallow. Good evening, Honorable Mayor Garcia and members of the Long Beach City Council. My name is James Swallow and I am a third district resident. And speaking tonight on behalf of Long Beach Forward. Long Beach Forward strongly supports a need to make the city of Long Beach is right. A recall and retention ordinance is permanent, and we thank you for your support. Despite our collaborative effort to help residents protect their health, this pandemic continues to linger and has disproportionate impacts. And those are on the social and economic margins of our city. As was pointed out, these policies have been critical to protecting the lives and livelihoods of Long Beach workers who are overwhelmingly Latinos, black and Cambodian and Filipino. We're really thankful that our city's leaders support the permanent adoption of these policies to prevent a deeper social and economic crisis where race and class defined, who does well and who does not. As community members, we know that it is our shared responsibility to help keep ourselves and each other safe and healthy. And we must prioritize the people most impacted. We know this is not a new approach. It's called equity. Racial and economic equity is the way forward yesterday,

today and tomorrow. So thank you for your support to make the right of recall and retention ordinances permanent. Next speaker is Ann Burdette. Good evening. My name is and Brigitte. I'm an organizer with Long Beach. Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, otherwise known as Clue. You know, I really want to thank the Council for initiating the threat to retention policy at the outset of the pandemic. And I want to thank both Mr. Mayor Richardson and council members that they have been, Alan, for bringing this item forward to make it permanent. You know, it's entirely possible. To argue for worker retention from the hotel industry standpoint. I mean, why would you hire inexperienced people when you can rehire dedicated, trained and team oriented staff who've already been integral to making Long Beach hotels economically successful? But that's kind of beside the point, because right now we have Long Beach families who have been through the worst economic crisis this country has faced in generations, and they're ready and extremely able to return to the work that feeds their children, pays their rent and their taxes. We do say it is immoral to deny these folks their livelihood, to say, oh, I know you've suffered enormous deprivation and loss and now go out and spend your time looking for work. This right to recall. And retention policy needs to be a permanent ordinance in Long Beach because as we all know, recovery means everyone. Thank you. Next speaker is Robert Northop. Good evening, Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Richardson and members of the council. My name is Rob Lowe, top policy director at the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. And I'm here tonight to speak in favor of item nine. First, it's our belief that workers in these industries honestly should have had these rights all along. Proud, brave workers, some of whom we've heard from, the majority of whom are women of color, transformed these industries over the last few decades in the middle class, jobs that can sustain a family. And we call them retention, preserves that proud legacy and helps the city maintain good jobs and what are traditionally low wage industries. Second, once the pandemic is finally over, the economic devastation that's left in its wake will take years to sort out. So any form of sunset is misguided. As we currently speak, we're seeing the role of private equity take hold as speculators are purchasing hotels, janitorial firms and other businesses, resulting in a change of ownership. And workers should not be punished with suppressed wages, benefits or termination when this happens. The retention ordinance specifically protects workers in such a scenario. And third, while we're cautiously optimistic that we're close to the end of this pandemic, the reality is a new variant or some other economic calamity will eventually hit, whether that be in the near or distant future. Making these policies permanent helps Long Beach proactively get ahead of such a scenario and

have a forward thinking economic strategy for these two industries. And finally, one which led by being the first city to move right of recall and retention for hospitality and janitorial workers. And we have an opportunity to once again prove the Long Beach continues to lead by voting yes tonight. Thank you for your time. Lee. Charlie, your time begins now. Thank you, Mayor and Honorable City Council people. I totally support the right of recall attention, but I as a fellow fellow hospitality worker on Shoreline Village for numerous years, I had a lot of friends during the pandemic that actually were making more money not working than actually working. A lot of people want to go back to work but have fears because we also need to work on bringing more tourism and more people going downtown, shopping downtown, maybe even doing staycations because as you know, as a hotel occupancy, it has to be at a certain level to have a certain amount of staffing. So I would ask our city council to please also work on bringing more tourism on our business, getting more people to dine downtown, so therefore that workers will feel comfortable going back to work and making money. And number four is if you go on any and did or Google right now, my friends, I have like five brands looking for jobs as servers, front desk clerks and they're not hiring because the sales aren't there. So can we please work on bringing more business? And I really appreciate it. Thank you. Next speaker is Veronica. Your time begins now. When? Not just 1/2, please. 1/2 for interpreter. One so we'll know when. Any sensible embassy interpreter. Soil interpreter. Command. Support for the entire US Army. Good evening. My name is Veronica Laguna and I am a member of the C. So you continue. Our good and then I went up 3 minutes ranking 93rd of Premier has ordered an industry that I. Him at the beginning of the pandemic. The city of Long Beach was the first city to make sure that all the workers in the cleaning industry, in the hotel industry, continue to. Be in the rest of the world where the largest river vessel that gets it, I don't believe. They were able to come back to their positions after the closing of the hotels and buildings. Xavier Martin insisted I was 17 and he said, yes, there was a water. We knew that our work were safe and guaranteed and that our security was also kept. And yet so I met M.A. Neto, Gary Payton from Seattle. And Long Beach sent a very clear message the respect our job as essential workers. I want it but the aluminum Brazil I mean they are necessary and using I said it's a labor of money. And now we're asking the city council, the city of Long Beach and also the city mayor to help us make this provision, this law, permanent. But I could put my face in our hands and the government representatives. So we can keep on working without being worried that we're going to lose our jobs. If telecom, which is, as you know, this is something we are watching. And I hear that ma

ny of you are already in favor and support this and we are really thankful for that. Which I connected with him. Thank you very much. Have a good evening. Our last speaker is. Anabella. Your time begins now. All our not just you and I, we love it. I mean, so. Yeah. Mr. de Sindicato, SEIU, you know. Available be in general hello. My name is Anabella and I am a housekeeper. I'm also a member of the SEIU. Continue it. He narrowly gave up on them yet in the lap of Balaclava. Yeah, but as I say, most Indian delivery, I'm a bit more micro. So it is obvious that these are clear that this pandemic is not over. We have these new variant Omicron. Continuing ESL and also Miami totally not putting one up. Young Madeline Carter in four came forward to protect our whole system of a beleaguered automobile. And janitors and housekeepers in that position. We're in a more risky situation. It's kind of delicate. And so it is hard for us to continue. As we come up in remote work that is so useful to get it. All from. The palace. An unplanned and at the moment offline aggravates commuter from a janitor from a Colorado failing. And I heard many of the council members tonight are supporting this move, this motion. And so for that, I. Really thank you. Very much for that opportunity. Continue to. Forget me. No one wants us to reconstruct. I would say you want my opinion on my first area in answer, given the man with remarkable. I won't take alphatauri. To or dry or drought. But yeah, my Roseanne. And not only because we are going to be rehired, but the fact that we're going to keep our seniority, that gives us certainty that we're going to have a good job when we come back. And also, it gives us hope. Hope because we going to keep on working and be ready for the future if there is another pandemic in the future. Muchas gracias for the love. For your. Fans. Amanda Nothing went back or. Mocking our coverage. This Italian aid hospitality and hotel features commerciale. So thank you all for taking us into account as essential workers, janitors, housekeepers, workers in hotels and in all these commercial buildings. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. Thank you. And with that, we will go ahead and do a roll call vote, please. Councilwoman Cindy has. Hi. Councilman Allen. Hi. Councilwoman Price. Hi.

Councilman Sabina. Hi. Councilwoman Mango. Councilwoman Sara. I. Council member Oranga. I. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. Yes. The motion is Kerry nine zero. Thank you to the council. Next, we're moving on to item ten. I. Motion is carried eight zero. Thank you. Next item is 20. Please report from Public Works recommendation and find that all requirements of the final subdivision map for condominium purposes for the Shoreline Gateway Project have been met. Approve the final map for tract number eight two, two, four, five. District one. Can I get a motion? And Councilwoman did ask. Got a second bit. Councilmember Austin, is there any public comment on

this? There are any members of the public that would like to speak on this item. Please use the raise hand featured. Actor nine. CNN. That concludes public comment. Thank you. Let's go to the roll call vote. District one. By. District two. By District three by district four i. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I District eight. Motion carries eight zero. Thank you very much. Next item is item 21. We have three audiences that are reading. So Councilmember Superman, I think has a motion for item 21. Can I get a second, please? Second break comes from Ringo to add any additional comments. Item 17 Report from Public Works Recommendation to authorize City Manager. To execute all documents necessary. To amend. Six contracts to update the Construction Task Catalog. Citywide. So is there motion and the second move often? I'll go ahead and second it. Um, I'm gonna start after we have a brief report on this. Yes, but. We can give one if you'd like one. This is pretty. This is just an extension. Right? It's pretty straightforward. Any public comment on this item? If there are any members of the public that would like to speak, please line up at the podium. Or if you're turning virtually, please use the raise hand feature or dial star nine. Seen none. That concludes public comment. Thank you. Roll call vote with District one. My district to. I. District three i. District four i. District six. I. District eight. High District nine. All right. Thank you. We have a first item up is item 17. Item 17 Communication from Councilwoman Zendaya's Recommendation to direct city attorney to draft resolution to advocate changes to the California retail food code. There's a motion in a second. I think we have come to consider how do you want to do public comment first or do you want to address, please? There's one member of the public. Mankind could. Try again. My name is Cameron Coon and I started a catering service at the worst possible time in January of 2020. In order to survive the pandemic. My partner, Juan Fernandez, and I took our pop up cafe intended for film set, and we became street vendors. During the past year, we've served a cappuccino to Robert Garcia, a peppermint mocha to Rex Richardson. A Ice Americano to Suzy Price's husband and at least two hot chocolates to Mary's. And each of those beverages, harmless as they were, were prepared and served under the threat of criminality by the city of Long Beach. When the Health Department first made it clear to us that there was no way to permit our coffee cart unless it had a built in NSF certified three compartment. Think we were baffled. What about all the other street vendors? The fruit stand one is fortunate to find in a food desert who often provide children with their only healthy option for an after school snack. The iconic SoCal taco stand opened late on a Saturday night to help sober up the hungry bar crawlers, the mostly posse day laborers who spend long hours out in the elements supporti

ng their families while providing the rest of us with an authentic cultural experience that nourishes us. And vitalize is our cityscapes. We demanded to know How do all of those other vendors get permits? Long Beach doesn't give street vendor permit. The health department can see that they're all illegal. We sometimes do sweeps where we go around the city to issue citations, make arrests and impound their carts. This exchange took place right after the first winter peak of COVID, while an airborne virus was overflowing our hospitals and killing droves of Americans. Most people still weren't vaccinated then and everyone is praying they want to get deathly ill from the long lines at Starbucks. We were serving coffee and tea safely outdoors, being told that there was no realistic or lawful way to continue doing so. Learning about these policies during the peak of the pandemic is why we have been pushing Long Beach to legalize street vendors. By their very nature, they reduce community transmission of COVID. To treat them as criminals has always been wrong. But to do so during a pandemic and in the name of public health as an injustice that we just cannot accept. Thank you to Councilwoman Mary and De Haas for bringing these crucial commonsense reforms to Long Beach, extending the long overdue dignity and legitimacy to our community's valuable and vulnerable offenders. Thank you to State Senator Lena Gonzalez, who recently introduced SB nine seven to legislation that will create a pathway to permitting for vendors throughout California. And

thank you to all the city council members who vote today in support of these efforts. Anyone can get involved at k street vendors. Dot org. Thank you for your time. Appreciate it. Thank you very much. But Councilman and de House. Thank you, Mayor. This is a very, very personal item. I, I really feel that our street vendors and sidewalk vendors are an integral part of our Latino culture, especially here in the United States, in California, per se. A lot of us can attest to remembering growing up and anxiously, anxiously waiting for that horn to go off by the window to see our favorite allotted or our class battle game. I know I have my favorite, whether it's coffee at the beach or whether it's, you know, and a lot of other spots, though, at the park. It's an 8.4. It's a point right now more than any other time that we create a pathway to permits for street vendors and sidewalk vendors. Our street vendors and sidewalk vendors are hardworking people trying to make a living. In many of the Latino communities, you grow up learning to respect and value your street vendors. And I hope that this report, this item, will help us all not only respect them, but also recognize their importance and provide ways to help them sell their products with dignity. I'm hoping that my colleagues can support that, support me and allow this to report to happen. It is very important that we take action now. I know that during this pandemic w

e have had a lot of violence against some of our street vendors, and that's because they don't feel protected. You know, they won't report when they are violated against because they don't feel protected. So I think that now is the time to find ways to help them. One of the questions that I was going to ask staff of is, I know that there's also in in the requests, there's also a request for a moratorium on citations. And so I think that's a very good thing. I also want to make sure that we leave a little room for those that are doing the bad actor benders. I know that, you know, the majority of the street vendors are good. They have good product, they have clean products. And that's why, you know, their purpose is to keep getting repeatedly customers back. So. So one of the things is like I would like to see like maybe incorporated in there something that where if someone is a bad actor that we can give them some type of, you know, rules or regulations that they have to follow. Of course, maybe making sure that everything is is actually, you know, gone through everything is explored before we go to giving them a citation. Is that something we could do? Yes. So I think that would be a very good modification. We would like the ability in those instances where we have really public safety, health issues and people who are not complying do still have some enforcement tools. But we certainly understand the sentiment of what the council is trying to achieve here. Thank you. I do think that that's important. And I do think that, you know, we're on the right path. So with that, I encourage my colleagues to support this item. Thank you, Councilman Ciro. You Mayor and thank you council member Sunday has from bringing this item forward. I think that it's timely as we're in this road to recovery for them from the pandemic and our street vendors are part of our economy and they're important part and part of our community and business as well. And I just want to say that I also want to thank Senator Lena Gonzalez for bringing forward this bill, SB nine seven to that council members recommending that we bring forth a resolution to support this. I also want to thank her, as well as Councilmember Yarrawonga and Vice Mayor Richardson, for supporting an item I brought for last time, which was safety and security program for street vendors. And it's also timely at this phase of that will be bringing out more information. But one of it is that the street vendors are eligible applicants for the small business relief grant that's been released as well and other support that nonprofits will be able to give them so that they're able to navigate what other ways they can do to continue to recover as well as protect themselves. And so I'm really I think this is all timely so that we can really, in the end of the day, consider how do we support our street vendors so they're part of our economy and that they're able to do business without fear and that they're able to also ma

ke sure that they're taking care of their family in a way that is healthy. So I just I think this is timely and thank you for bringing the resolution that the item to support. Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember Superman. Thank you, Mayor. So the recommendation, what I've heard is unclear. So if the city attorney can draft this resolution, he must know far more than I. So I guess I'll direct this to staff. And I heard in particular from the Zakaria Business Improvement District. Now, to be clear, I no longer represent that area. It's mostly in districts three and two at this time. But we have a long history serving for over six years in that area of complaints. So I'll just tell you what they asked me, and that is, does the recommendation pertain only to sellers of food? Does it pretend to sidewalk sellers of cell phones, Dodger shirts, stuffed animals and other tchotchkes as well as food

trucks? The recommendation states to adopt a resolution implementing a moratorium on issuing citations to sidewalk vendors for vending related to activities, including for selling goods without otherwise necessary permits. This seems to allow all sidewalk vendors to continue on public sidewalks without business permits, health permits or bid fees. During the pandemic, existing brick and mortar business owners have jumped through expensive hoops to set up parklets for dining and retailers of goods have been prohibited to have parklets to sell their goods. Yet they continue to get billed for city and business improvement district fees, plus now late fees. So that those are the questions from one business improvement district. And my concern would be on the health aspects here, if we can't cite, then do any health regulations apply? Is our health department involved at all, in particular cross-contamination of utensils, handwashing, etc.? So it's a long question, but do have a response from staff. Councilmember Supernormal start with with the as I understand the requested action and the item as it sits before you at this time is a recommendation for us to draft a resolution which is supporting potential state legislation regarding. Regarding food vending and. Food safety. The as I understood the there was also a request or discussion of a possible moratorium on enforcement that would be brought back to the Council after it's crafted for council consideration and adoption at a later date. We couldn't do that this evening. So that is, as I understand, the motion on the floor. Okay. So if I could just follow up. So so we don't know the parameters of the state legislation at this time. We're not we're not clear on on what that will be. That that I certainly don't have that in front of me, you know? Correct. All right. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you. I wanted to just first lay my support to moving in this general direction. I think when we saw food trucks begin to emerge, it was out of necessity. There were barriers to entry for restaurants and food trucks

were more flexible for folks to be able to do business. And, you know, unless necessity is the mother of invention, I think we're seeing a lot of innovative food carts coming up. And I think, you know, it's a pathway into economic progress. And I think it was a Cameron. Cameron, you did that really cool coffee cart at our District nine holiday party. Right? That was incredible. All the things we're able to pack into that cart. It was affordable. People loved it. That was a great experience. And so I think, you know, generally we have to maintain health, obviously, but whatever we can do to change our practices, to remove barriers of entry and let people get into the space where they can start with a cart, maybe to a truck, maybe to a shop. That's the things we want to support. So Council Amazon Day has some I'm certainly proud to support this. I think your new you know that's that's motion a bit to say you know you're not going to exclude any citations for any violations you're saying use that as a last resort. Is that correct? It sounded like that's what you where you were going. And I think that makes a lot of sense. Say, hey, be flexible, but if you know someone's doing something that's not healthy or not safe, we still have the ability to enforce our laws. But I think generally the sentiment of where you're going is we need to figure out a more flexible way to allow street vending to exist in a way that's still thoughtful to other businesses and thoughtful to the pedestrian experience and all of those things. But I'll tell you, I mean, I was impressed, Cameron, what you were able to do and you know, I would love to see, you know, this just breed a whole lot of innovation, innovative coffee carts and fruit carts that are you know, we can you know, Long Beach has the coolest carts. I don't know, like it could be a cool environment that we have something that adds to our pedestrian experience. So I just want to offer my thoughts and offer my support for this item. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Orson. I thank you. And I appreciate the item in the discussion. I love my little team and any time I have the opportunity to to see them. But I also will just say that I share some of the the the confusion, but also many of the sentiments. I think we should be encouraging entrepreneurship. We want to create a pathway to business and we want to make sure that we're being balanced and fair across the board. I know for a fact that when food trucks were introduced into a couple of my business districts and the areas that I represent, it created a little bit of a friction with some of the restaurants. Right. They said we're paying business licensing. We are we're paying high rents. And, you know, I'm selling. Pizza and somebody is selling the same product in a truck outside of my business. You know, I think in crafting this and moving forward, we need to look at parameters that that recognize the ability for hopefully everybody to thrive and not to creat

e those those type of conflicts. And so I'm really concerned about about that. If we don't manage this in a manner or craft this in a manner moving forward, that that kind of recognizes that. Also, I

wanted to just point out in the staff report, Councilmembers and Day has brought forward, it said that certain outdated provisions in state law are impeding the city from achieving the goal of fully integrating sidewalk food vendors into the economy. Do we know what those provisions are? Can we speak to those and any specific stuff? Councilmember. But I'll defer to the council members in the House to talk about the item. But then I can answer some questions on where we are with street vendors versus food trucks and state law and how the municipal code currently is. I was curious about the provisions that are outdated that are creating those barriers. And then what I. Think that's referring to is a number of things have happened in the state of California related to street vendors. A couple of years ago, a new state law passed that basically said that cities cannot prohibit unreasonably street vendors on their sidewalks. It was really designed with the food in mind, but it's also been unclear, and that's why we get some of those cell phone services and the ones that are, you know, that are out on our streets right now. The city's municipal code does prohibit those things, but we are superseded by state law. So we have essentially suspended those provisions. We don't enforce on those PD is not gone and enforce those in a very long time. But we still have a requirement as a health jurisdiction to enforce state health law so we don't create those regulations. Those are at the state level. And Kelly Up is on the line. If you'd like to ask some questions. And so we have essentially pulled back from the PD enforcement of that. But we do still need to go out and make sure people are safe. So I think that some of the the disparity and then we also have our street, our food trucks, which fall under a different section in Long Beach. And those are actually permitted through L.A. County. And we're currently going through two different efforts right now. First, to reform food vendors or I'm sorry, the food trucks and that process is underway and we have a consultant helping us. And then we funded an effort that the council just gave us money for to really look comprehensively at street vendors and modernizing our municipal code and trying to make it more streamlined, which this item speaks to. And so that speaks to my next question. And thank you. What does the current permit processing process look like for street vendors? I mean, and why is there a barrier? So I ask Kelly Colby to talk about the health aspects of that. And I do not believe they are permitted from a from a business licensing perspective. We don't require business licensing. That's part of what the state does not want us to do. And until we get a new set of municipal code to really talk about th

e time, place and manner, we we don't have that on the on the books, but we do from a food perspective. So Kelly. Yes. Good evening, uh, councilmember. So, um, you know, as the city manager has discussed, there's a set of state requirements, their health and safety code that we have to hold all food providers to, and so an applicant can apply for a health permit. It's all laid out. Um, we've worked on documentation. We spent a lot of time working with our food cart vendors as well to help them through that process. Um, if they're interested, as we've been working on an education first process first and then they apply for those food permits and then we work with them to bring their cart to code based on what the state requires us to hold them accountable for. And so in that process we go through that and then they actually so food carts can be permitted. There are many permitted food carts there. There are the stickers are placed on the cart itself. Um, and then we work with them from that process. So there is a process in place and all that information is on online. So I guess I'll wait for the item to come back to determine and understand what the streamline would look like. But I guess the next question is, is there a time frame in terms of what a typical permitting process looks like for a food cart? I'm I'm not sure I can answer the time of of like for the individual. But this is a really complicated issue for us. It has been something the council has brought up a couple of times, and it's in our work plan, but it's been pushed back a little bit. COVID really hit us hard, and as we try to figure this out, this is one that crosses like probably four or five different departments. A lot of these are on the public right away that are in front of a business. Some people feel like they should be regulated like a business, but they're not bricks and mortar. There's development services involved. PD gets all the calls because people call in for PD, but it's not really a public safety response. And then there's health. So we have ask you for funding. I believe it was 50 grand or something in the last amount and the last left over the last year and funding to really bring on a consultant that will help us put all that together. And we're adding on to their scope of work because they're doing food vendors right now are food trucks right now. So food trucks is coming to the council probably in the next month or two months we'll get a handle on food trucks and what qualifies as a food truck and where they'll go. And then we plan to tackle this issue and answer a lot of these questions. Councilman Price. You and Councilman Austin kind of touched

upon it. But this is an issue in the bid specifically, and that's what Councilman Superman pointed out from one of our bid directors. What is the existing law in terms of our ability to. Allow or not allow street vendors. So generally, I believe we are not allowed to we're not allowed to restrict them unless we have

have a municipal code in place. And even then, you can basically say this is like your area. You cannot be larger than a certain amount, but you're not able to just outright prohibit them, if that's correct. Mr. City Attorney That's correct. Councilmember I don't have the the the actual state law in front of me. I can certainly get that and forward it up to your office. But I believe that's correct what the city manager said. But is it limited? Is it limited to food or can they sell cell phones and other things on the sidewalk? So we believe the original intent of that legislation was more on the food vendors as what people talked about. But the legislation, it appears to be pretty broad that services are included as well as other things. So that would be some state legislation we would be very supportive of as staff is to help clearly define what they mean by those types of street vendors. Because we when we talk about street vendors, we talk about food and the person selling, you know, the tacos to make a living. But we often see some really aggressive corporations that are basically using our city streets to sell cell phones and insurance and those types of things. And then so if so, obviously, because at state law, we we need to follow it. But if we enacted our own municipal code, could it be more restrictive than the state law and disallow for certain types of sales? I think we need to look into that. My my initial impression is, no, you're allowed to, within the state law, basically define how it's done and where it's done, but not actual being more restrictive. But that is those are the types of questions that we're really hoping to get some professional assistance with and pull that report together. Okay, that's great. And I look forward to that coming back to us so that we know kind of what our options are and that we are doing our best to advocate for the bids who have obviously some concerns regarding bid fees and assessment fees that they have to pay that others might not have to, which as a as a business owner in a bid who has to pay the assessment fee, I understand in terms of the food vendors, I understand that this item tonight asks for a moratorium. But what happens if there is a major health concern, like an unsanitary one particular unsanitary food vendor, for example? Yeah. So first, you're not changing anything tonight. That request is to come back with a resolution and allow us some time to craft that. I think Councilmember Zendejas addressed that with some change in her motion from what's printed, which is to allow for in those health situations for us to still have enforcement action, that it's not a blanket moratorium. And you, Kelly, can probably answer questions about specific incidents, but we always try education first. And so this would just be memorializing that, that education, education, education. But if there are clear health and safety issues where we're required by the state code to protect public health. O

kay. Thank you. And and I missed that change in Councilman Van de House motion, so I appreciate that clarification. Well, I do have a question. If we were made aware of a particular food vendor that might have unsanitary conditions, let's just say hypothetically, and we didn't do anything about it and someone were to get food poisoning or sick as a result. Would we be liable? The city. That. I mean, it depends on the notice and what we knew and when we knew. And yes, but we would certainly need to take action on that. And I think that the Councilmembers Amendment addresses that. Right. I mean, the city needs to adopt and follow the health regulations. That's great. I appreciate that amendment. I think it's great and prudent. So thank you. Councilman and de house. In. Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to make that clarification that. And this item is requesting for us to do a report on just food. So just wanted to make sure that we did that. And I also wanted to to thank Cameron for for being here today and, yes, for having a spectacular coffee cart. If you haven't seen it, you have to see it. It's just so amazing. We were able to enjoy it at the pike when one evening after caroling through our neighborhoods. And that was really, really awesome. And I want, you know, other street vendors to be able to do that. One of the things that we wanted to do in that we had we had ice cream vendors at our DIA de los Muertos stuff. So we were trying to include them in all of our events. And I think that's very important to be able to have a pathway to permits so that we can actually be able to bring on these small businesses and be able to support them in this way, especially now in our recovery time. I think it's more important than ever to be able to examine and really, really look at any and every opportunity that we can have to help people advance themselves. Of course, doing it in a very healthy and and good way. So thank you. Thank you. And

I hope everyone will support this item tonight. Vice Mayor Richardson. Just just a quick question. Some thoughts as you do this study. So I know that there's a vendor in my neighborhood who always works the same corner. I also know that there are vendors that move citywide. So as we think about it, maybe there could be some either some franchise system or, you know, some who have a broader license to move citywide, to have a higher standard or whatever. Or if you work a certain area, you have to have some relationship to that local business district or whatever. But, you know, as this conversations happened, I'm thinking about maybe there may be different tiers of permitting for like, let's say someone has more than one car. How do you handle that? Just just some things that I'm thinking about as we have this conversation, but thanks a lot of things is very helpful. Councilmember Hooper now. Thank you. I would just like to return to the comments of the of Kelly Collopy. It's just not clicking with me.

It's been a lot of years since I've been food safety certified and from the corporate side, not a restaurant operator. But what strikes me is that you can assess a cart, let's say, and give it a grade and improve it. But that's not how health inspections work. They go to the operation. For instance, you can get dinged for improper hand-washing procedures within the restaurant if they don't witness that. Now we're talking about a facility, a cart without a handwashing sink. So I'll tell you, I'm mystified. And for that reason, I have a hard time supporting something. I just don't know where this is going. Part an expression. I think we've got the cart ahead of the horse and we need to straighten this out with health before I could support it. Thank you. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. I believe we did public comment already on this item. So, members, please go out and cast your votes. The machine's next item is item 18, please. Let's go ahead to item 30, please. Item 30, communication from Councilwoman Price. Councilwoman. Recommendation to request city manager to work with Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, as well as the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Group to develop a plan for the future of Pickleball in Long Beach. Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. So I want to thank an advanced city staff for bringing this item forward. And I want to thank the members of the audience who are here tonight to talk on this item. I will say that I believe our Parks Rec and Marine director is already way ahead on this item. This item tonight is really more of a status report of what he's already been doing and an opportunity for us to all understand what he's doing as he and how he's going to be directing his efforts in the future. I'm going to turn it over to our PRM director, Brant Dennis in a moment to talk a little bit about what he's already been doing on this item and the progress that he's made. But I want to thank the Pickleball Advisory Group and members of whom are here tonight for working collaboratively with Brant Dennis on this plan and the updates that we're going to receive tonight. They've been a fantastic partner to the city and put in a lot of work over the past six months to enhance access to the sport of Pickleball in the city of Long Beach. I want to go ahead and turn it over to our PRM director to perhaps give us a little bit of an update of what you're working on. And then if it's okay, I'd like to turn it over to public comment. Sure. Thank you. Councilwoman Pryce. So the history for at least what we call our Long Beach Pickleball advisory group is about six months old. It was brought to my attention, and I should give a personal disclosure. I do love Pickleball. I experience that in Florida with my retired mother. And it's a great sport for active adults. And actually, I've enjoyed seeing a lot of our pickleball enthusiasts introduce it to young people when they happen. Chance walk by and hear that melodic so

und of the ball against the paddle. So, but yeah, about six months ago I was able to be introduced to what I would call kind of the core leadership across the community. There were a little nucleus groups of pickleball enthusiasts that were playing primarily Bayshore and Marina Vista Park and College Estates Park, but also during the COVID era. It was not unusual to see a lot of folks that love Pickleball out with chalk or tape, kind of making their own pickleball court lines on open, hardscape spaces. And they had their own portable pickleball nets in the trunks of their SUVs or cars. So that that told me a lot. And one of my partners, a parks board members, invited me to go over to SEAL Beach. And that was quite revealing when I was introduced by one of the council persons to their approach to introducing and meeting the need of pickleball at SEAL Beach. Over half of the people that were participating there were actually Long Beach residents. So I thought that spoke volumes about the unmet need here in our city. For Pickleball, we have 67 tennis courts and one pickleball court. So we really embraced the willingness as volunteers for for these representatives to help form the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Group . And they really rolled up

their sleeves. Over the past half year. We've done a lot of research. They've gone out to a lot of our parks and evaluated opportunities, what we call low hanging fruit, to look at ways that we could maybe with dual striping of underutilized sports courts or actually transferring some other park areas. We have some multi-use sports courts that, again, because they're not heavily used are opportunities. But we also looked at some permanent dedicated pickleball areas and I think that's actually the best final solution or landing point. I know we've had some identified tension in some of our parks where we would encourage shared use. We've tried to post some suggested hours, days of the week where they could share that. But it's just a difficult thing when we don't have someone out in person managing our park sites. But this is a great request. I think certainly within the next two months, our group can kind of polish off what we think would be a citywide master plan for pickleball. But again, that will identify and again thanking the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Group a lot of what we identify as short term wins. Probably the biggest breakthrough recently was having conversations with Long Beach Unified School District to see if some of their court spaces might be opened up, at least on weekends for access for some of the use for Pickleball. So again, we'll pull this all together, but with appreciation publicly, I just want to acknowledge all of the volunteers who have served and been really great resources and subject matter experts and. It's understatement to say they're passionate because they really love their sport. So that would be my update. Thanks. Thank you. Mr. Dennison, my understa

nding is that throughout this process, you've been briefing council members in the Park Rec and Marine Commission. Well, the Parks and Recreation Commission's monthly meetings, I've kept them apprized of all of our planning initiatives. Great. So I know we're going to turn it over to the audience in a minute. But as part of this report back, I'd love to know specifically what the feasibility is of turning some of our unused hockey courts into a pickleball courts, dedicated pickleball courts. And then I'm not sure if any council members have specific requests in terms of courts in their own districts. But I'd love for you to engage in some outreach before you come back with the plan, with some of the tennis groups to see about where we have two courts, like a tennis court and a pickleball dual use court about transitioning one of those dual use courses like Marina Vista to one pickleball court and one tennis court. But I don't want to do that without outreach to the tennis community. So if that could be included in the report back, that would be great. Certainly. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Well, go to public comment. Madam Clerk. There are 12 public comment speakers. Gary Ballard, Jacqueline Jones, David Anderson, Samuel Tanguy, Lee Swain, can you please line up? We don't necessarily have to be in order if you're up. You can just come forward. Okay. The first person to hear. Fantastic. Yes, sir. Hello. My name's Gary Ballard. I'm a USA AP Pickleball ambassador, and I'm also on the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Board. I live down the street from College State Park, where I first learned what pickleball was and how to play. There's been a group playing there for 15 years. There's open play on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday from 9 to 12. During this time, anyone could show up and play in a game. Many other days and times, private groups can play on open play days. Many times we had 35 people show up to play at six courts. I've collected 122 names of players using the courts for pickleball, many of them three or four times a week. Up until two years ago, players had to bring their own nets in their own cars. Now we're fortunate enough to have a city approved storage box on site where we can store nets, balls, barriers and a leaf blower. We use the leaf blower to blow out the courts every other day. I have about three or four new people every week asking me how they can learn the new game. In the summertime, courts are going to get busier. We need more courts throughout the city to accommodate the amount of people that want to play. We are the only park in the city as restrained both tennis and basketball courts for multi-use with pickleball. We are the only park that has signage stating pickleball days and times. Pickleball is a new, unique game where you can have fun at any skill level. You can show up by yourself and get into a game. It's very social and active. Mr. Ballard, your time has expired. Thank you. Thank you. Let's kick off, plea

se. We were told you have 3 minutes. When there's more than. Two and a half. Yes, it is 90 seconds when there are more than ten speakers. There are 12 speakers signed up to speak on the side of council protocols. Okay. Thank you. You know, we do drugs. Yeah. We, we thought we. Dropped enough to have 3 minutes to speak. I mean, 12 speakers on the list, ma'am. Okay, well, come on up. This is Milano. I'm from the Marina Vista Group Dolphin. Stand up and recognize yourself. And my name is Jacqueline Jones. She's our youngest player and I think our oldest player

is here. Surely I won't tell you how old she is, but I want to thank you for giving us this time. And right off the bat, I just wanna say I was really touched by the Martin Luther King Group. And we have offered as a pickleball community to go out anywhere in the park and share our sport with people, to support young people and to start up groups with retired people, whatever. So remember us when you start building programs at Martin Luther King, we're out there to volunteer. So my name is Jaclyn Jones and I live in District four and I was introduced to Pickleball in a free weekend clinic at a park a few years ago. And since then I've been playing four days a week because I just can't give it up. Today, I want to share about some of the things that happened at Marina Vista. Since of my time has been cut. I got to go really quick. I want to say there's four things that we need over there. We need pickleball lines and a gate added to the East Court installation of equipment box. It's urgent because I haul six nets around in my car and I physically can't do that much longer and permission to hang our paddleboards up and to have our signage changed, to amend, to have pickleball there. So we support what Dennis has been doing to help us. And this is an activity that creates an environment that is healthy to anyone's community. We're a diverse group of people can come together and spend hours socially on the court and off the court. So Alan has some things she wants to give you. I don't know. She has to give to the city council, which seems to have to pass out to everybody. So thank you for sure. You can just pass it on to the clerk. Absolutely. Thank you. All right. Thank you. Let me jump back then. Okay. So I am a U.S. ambassador for Pickleball and I've been playing it bring to Vista exactly one year ago to this month, my husband and I invited a group of people walking by to join us to play pickleball. And last month, this group had over 500 participants. Yeah, 500 participants. And they're sending money with each Friday from 9 to 12. And during that time, I've been tallying up how many people are coming to play. We've had about 80 tennis players there and we get along great with them. Even though it is a first come, first serve situation. We have a lot of pickleball players that also play tennis and we switch back and forth with all of them, but we would like to have that file amended where it

does say that Pickleball is allowed there because of this kind of growth. We started as Beginners, a group just this past week. We already have 12 people in that group of four volunteers that help support that. On two more additional days. On therefore days, we have two more days where people are coming to support those groups. So you can see how it blooms and it grows and it blossoms with interest continued to grow after that pandemic, it's clear that the permanent courts are needed at Marina Visa and to accommodate an increasing number of people. Somedays there's 50 players sitting around all on the inside edges of the court. Waiting for. Their turn to rotate in minutes. It's, I'm hoping, six sets of. Well, we. Certainly. Security box so I can leave equipment here. And I always feel fantastic. Thank you so much. Paddles up. All right, paddles up. All right, just. Just a moment. I just want to clarify. Thank you. I just want to clarify with the crooks. So we reduced the number so we can go to 3 minutes for everyone. Fantastic. Yes, sir. You're a next. David Anderson, an ambassador with the USA Pickleball Association and also a member of the Pickleball Advisory Group. Thank you very. Thank you very much, council members, for allowing the Pickleball community to speak directly to you. That's important to us. I've been trying I've been playing pickleball for a little over three years. It's one of the most exciting sports that I've ever played. It's very easy to learn and very addicting. I totally support the local efforts in various neighborhoods to beautify secure equipment, obtain proper signage, and add more courts. These are areas where Pickleball has taken root and flourished the Steve Lee area, Bayshore, etc.. But I would also like to see and promote pickleball in other areas of Long Beach that have not heard of pickleball or not or is not as affluent as these areas. Long Beach is a very diverse city, and I do hope that this great sport can make its mark on other areas with permanent courts for all. As an avid pickleball player, including tournaments and recreational play, in order to play on premium courts, I've been I've had to drive as far north as Pasadena and as far south as Tustin, Newport Beach and Irvine. When I speak of premium courts, I'm talking about permanent courts, which are the gold standard in pickleball. If if the community has nice pickleball courts to play on, the players will come. The players will definitely come. I spoke to Steve Sutton, who is a regional director with the USA Pickleball Association before I came here. And he said, the bottom line is that if you build the courts, the players and the tournaments will come. Right now, Florida is the capital, the Mecca, if you will, of pickleball. They have they hold host tournaments, that number. We have registered players as high as 2000 or more. And they are some of their venues have 64 courts and they are building more courts as we speak. I would like to see Long Be

ach to be the mecca of pickleball for the West Coast. That's what I would like to see. That's that's that's my vision. And this is a huge moneymaker for Long Beach. I can't say that it's going to compare to the Grand Prix, but it'll be up there, you know, in time if we get behind this vision. In closing, one of the most memorable times excuse me that I've had in Pickleball was introducing Pickleball to the 49 year camp at Cal State Long Beach, working with the young people there. That was a very, very exciting because they are the future of the sport. I'd love to see. Long Beach to be a capital of a factory, if you will, for breeding good pickleball players. Thank you. Thank you. All right, next speaker, please. Good evening, counsel. My name is Samuel Tongo, and I'm a banker by profession and also a business owner with my latest venture being a pickleball based clothing, athletic, athletic clothing brand. My wife, Kelly and I moved to Long Beach from L.A. in 2020, mostly to be closer to the ocean. We just we discovered plenty of recreational activities in the area and got into paddleboarding, surfing, golf and even boating, hoping to make new friends who share our passions, which we did. But it wasn't until we discovered pickleball at the magic began to happen. Seldom do we leave the courts without exchanging phone numbers with other players and arranging to play again. Almost all our new friends in the past two years were met on the pickleball courts. And almost all our existing friends have since caught the pickleball fever. Unfortunately, most of them are white and weren't able to come up with this, but they sent me as a representative. Long Beach has an abundance of natural landmarks, but it's usually the people that make a place. A Long Beach is no different. For Kelly and I, it was pickleball that wove our social fabric around us ever more, more strongly to the Long Beach community. The past two years of the global pandemic have exacted a steep social cost. As the world emerges from the pandemic, we have much to make up for heightening the need to invest more in activities that will connect us, connect people and help us make up for the lost social years. They see that every system is perfectly designed to achieve its current result, and it's no accident that Pickleball is having its moment and growing as fast as it is. It's just a sport for a time, for such a time as this. They used to say, build it and they will come. But now conventional wisdom says if they come, build it. And so I implore this council to seize this moment and make the investment necessary to ensure that the residents of Long Beach have the outlet that they need for their pent up social, emotional and physical energy. And a new public square in which to build relationships that will drive our community forward. Thank you. Thank you. Let's figure, please. Good evening, city council members, and really thank you for your service. And Brant, thank you for all the wo

rk that you've put into this. My name is Lee Swain. My wife Elaine and I love Pickleball as just about everybody else and still in the audience does. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we noticed that people are seeking new outdoor activities that are easy to learn and fun for family and friends. Pickleball has satisfied this need by enriching social and wellbeing opportunities in many communities throughout Southern California. I've seen firsthand how much the sport of Pickleball has benefited people of all ages and backgrounds, both physically, socially, including my own family members. My request is that the entire Council support the development of both short term and long term, and a long term plan to develop first class permanent pickleball courts in Long Beach, basically to satisfy the current and future demand of this incredibly inclusive and fun sport. And if you haven't tried Pickleball, I truly recommend that you and your family try it. It's really amazing. Due to its popularity and rapid growth. With nearly 5 million Americans now playing throughout the country, many jurisdictions around the county or the country have already completely converted tennis courts into pickleball courts. I am respectfully requesting that you consider the addition of pickleball lines to many of the tennis courts throughout the city to provide maximum benefits to the community and consider permanent pickleball courts at places like Marina Vista, Somerset and College Estates Park that are already very well used for Pickleball. I've played at all those courts and they're really deserving of some permanent facilities. Thank you all very much for your support. I really appreciate it. Thank you, Brant, as well. Thank you. Next treatment, please. Hello. I just wanted to put things into perspective a little bit locally following the statistic that we were given that there's one pickleball court in Long Beach and 60 or so tennis courts. There are 26 pickleball courts in SEAL Beach. And SEAL Beach has a population of 1/20 of Long Beach. They have 26,000 people. And Long Beach has 470,000 people. So I'd really urge the Council to earmark some funds. One last thing. Pickleball is growing at 39% per year in the United States. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good evening, Vice Mayor and City Council

members. My name's Ed Tang. I'm a resident mystic three. I've been playing pickleball for almost three years now. I'm part of the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Group. I really speak on behalf of the Long Beach residents that do not play in Long Beach because we don't have dedicated permanent courts majority . The majority of us are high level players, over 50 of us. And we play anywhere from SEAL Beach, Tustin or Irvine, Newport and Huntington Beach. If there were permanent dedicated courts in Long Beach, I am sure that majority of us will come to Long Beach and play in Long Beach. We would love to see Long Beach to be the hub of Pickleball. We have the potent

ial to do that. But a simple analogy if you're a high level basketball player, you're not going to play on a basketball court with a temporary basketball net and backboard that you buy at Walmart. You want something sturdy built specifically for basketball, and that's the same way when it goes for Pickleball. So today I'm going to make this brief. I look forward to the day where I and other Long Beach residents are not playing in Long Beach. Come back to Long Beach and play pickleball. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Well, just a moment, Madam Clerk. What are you keeping track? Okay, we have three more. Okay. We have three more speakers Mark Leonard, Stephen Kelton and a malian brown. Is that correct? Yes. Okay. For more. Fantastic. Thank you. You have a source? Okay. Good evening, council members. My name is Joseph Anselmo, resident of Signal Hill and Long Beach for 22 years. I wholeheartedly support this plan for dedicated pickle ball court development. Honestly, the sport efficiently utilizes a very small footprint to include and engage a large number of players at all levels of age and skill. Accommodating four pickleball courts to one tennis court, the sport really provides and promotes exercise, competitive camaraderie, and just a lot of fun for a lot of people. Thank you. Thank you. Let's keep the police. Hi. My name is Steven Kelton. I've lived in Long Beach since 1987. I'm all in favor of the permanent court site. Would be great. I want to speak more directly to Somerset Park. If you see the Signal Tribune, we had a reporter there Saturday. She did a great article in the Signal Tribune. We do encounter some issues with tennis players. We get there early. We all bring our own nets. We check out our courts, and then the tennis players say, Well, you get one hour. I said, Well, there's 30 people here. If we you know, if we want to play your game, we put 30 rackets up here and be here a week. We don't want to do that. We want to get along with them. We think immediate would be nice if we had multi-use to those courts, tennis courts. We also use the volleyball court, whichever available, and we just chalk it on when it rains, we reach it. Sometimes we have four courts, 25, 30 people playing there on Saturday morning at 9:00 Thursday morning, maybe 15 or 20. And we do run into actually three people, but I see their point. It's a tennis court. It says tennis. Doesn't say anything about pickleball. And I just would like to avoid the argument if we could put signs up identified as a multi-use court. And then if they're there, we wait our turn like everybody else. But it would be great for Somerset Park. I invite you all to come out. Beginners, new people, brand new. We have rackets you can use. Come on out and enjoy it. I think you'll like it. So that's my piece. View. Mr. Benefield? Robert Benefield, correct. Yes. He is the last speaker. So Robert being installed, I represent over 80 people who play regularly at Baysho

re Playground. Last November, Parks and Recreation Marine resurfaced and re striped the baseball courts and allowed us to post signage and install a storage locker which greatly improved our utilization of the facilities. I want to thank you for that, Pickleball, as you've heard. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. It creates community outdoors and the fresh air and sunshine, which we have a lot of here in Long Beach. It also is an economic engine, as you've heard, people make friends. They go out to dinner, to the theater and to concerts here. I've also I'm also on the Pickleball Advisory Committee, and we've worked with Brant on a master plan. I really want to urge the city to act quickly on the low hanging fruit. Simple things keep bathrooms open on the weekends. Add permanent courts at Marina Vista in Somerset, as you've heard, because we know there is demand there. Dual stripe basketball, tennis and sports courts for pickleball throughout the city. And when there is demand, then we can convert those to permanent courts and importantly, install signage wherever there's dual courts. Longer term, more expensive items should also be considered by the city. The Bayshore Roller Rink, as Councilwoman Price has mentioned, would be a great pickleball facility. Pickleball courts at Billie Jean King and Eldorado tennis centers would be great. And as I mentioned, Prim should monitor the dual striped courts. So where there's demand, we can then follow that up with permanent courts. Permanent courts are really about

equity and fairness. So some of us can afford to bring our nets, but not the vast majority of members of the citizens. And as Jacqueline Jones mentioned, we have volunteers ready to provide clinics throughout the city to help learn the sport. So on behalf of the residents of Long of Long Beach and our Pickleball Clubs, I want to thank you. And if I could just take a moment, maybe everybody here who's supporting item 30, if you could stand. Great. Thanks a lot. Thank you. All right. Because that's how to satisfy public comments. Public comment. Councilman Pryce, back to you. Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. I'm going to turn it over to Councilman Mungo as the second part of the motion. I just want to thank everybody for coming out. Really appreciate it. So I've had the great pleasure to meet some of you via phone, via in person. And then more recently. Many of you know, my husband has become addicted, despicable. He was at College Estates Park on Monday morning. He's on paternity leave one week out of the month. And the first thing he does on Monday morning is he goes in place pickleball. So he is the I think you many of you have seen me sitting on the side of the court. My brother and him are out there playing. But I will say that when we were first introduced to pickleball from my sister in law and I love my sister in law greatly, she had a shirt on that said, I'm sorry, I can't. I'm playing pickleball. And I thought, w

hat kind of crazy obsession could she have gotten into so young? And where are we with this pickleball thing? And they tried to argue that pickleball is the new tennis. And I said, my brother tried to argue that roller hockey was the new whatever when my brother was involved in roller hockey. But that fell out. And here we are. But Pickleball is on fire and going nowhere. I hope that Pickleball is considered for the Olympics. I feel that it is a amazing opportunity to really display a sport that goes from very, very young to very, very old. In my own neighborhood at the there's a school in my neighborhood surrounded by houses. And on Saturday, Saturday mornings, there are a bunch of Long Beach lifeguards, actually, who bring their nets onto the parking lot and start pickleball tournaments on parking lots now. And so I can see the growth and support, but those parking lots only work if you live close enough that you can get home and get a bathroom. And so some of the things that I've kind of talked about is that, yes, I believe in supporting the growth of pickleball. And I think we need to add at least 20 permanent courts across the city. But I'm typically not a big supporter of taking from one to give to another. And so what I would love to see is adding three tennis size courts to Eldorado, but chucking them out for 12 court, 12 pickleball courts, because pickleball courts are so much smaller. I'd love to see a reservation system and a trust fund where similar to tennis you pay. I don't know what it is \$2.25 for an hour of a court time, which split over four people is almost nothing but that that money stays in pickleball because right now that money at the Eldorado Tennis Center pays someone to go clean off the courts every week, every day, every morning at 6 a.m.. There's a guy with the blower blowing off the leaves of the tennis courts. And while it's great that you do that today, that's not sustainable in the long run. There needs to be a system in place that is protected, that ensures that you have the long term resources to maintain the bathrooms and have the blowers and to replace the nets and to add shade structures that that tennis has always had. And tennis has two trust funds in the city. And I'd like to also see in this report back the discussion of a trust fund for Pickleball. I'd also like to see now that I've been to the Pickleball courts, I have seen how the reservation system goes and the competitive nature of getting on a court and what that looks like and how that all plays out. I have advocated in the city for many, many years about transparency of reservations, and we currently have a system where you can see when someone reserves a birthday party in the park. That's great. We need to have that same transparency of reservations for courts across our city, and it needs to be a system that's easy to use similar to, well, hopefully easier than our golf system, reservation system. But that gives a benefit to a resident card. Res

ident card holders in the city of Long Beach have a benefit to Long Beach golf courses. As a resident of the City of Long Beach, you should have a benefit of first priority to reserve pickleball courts in the same way that if you're a member of the military, my husband gets first reservation for a golf time at the Navy course, and we need to look at what that looks like long term so that Long Beach residents have that benefit to get these courts. So I'd like to see. 20 new courts permanent in 12 months. And then I'd like to come up with not all of them, but some of them having a reservation system that allows for I don't know if it's a dollar an hour or a quarter, whatever it is, to make sure that there's some money set aside that every year we're investing back in the growth of pickleball, because I see Pickleball taking the country by storm and by 2028, I don't know where we'll be, but I

imagine that it could be one of those exhibition sports at the Olympics, and I'd be very supportive. All right. Thank you. So how does that my my support here what an enthusiastic bunch this is. And I'll tell you, look, I think from the last two presentations, it's very clear that residents are hungry for recreation across the city. And so I well, I certainly welcome this. And you never know what that spark is going to be. You know, I remember we did a community garden and all these volunteers who cared about community gardens came out and it became we started building community gardens everywhere because there was such enthusiasm and you never know what the spark is going to be. I like what Councilmember Mongeau said about, you know, ultimately become an Olympic sport. You know, Billie Jean King learned to play tennis at Home Park in North Lawn Beach. You never know where the talent is going to be. So someone's playing pickleball out in park. Who knows what the future could be. So, Councilmember Price, thank you so much. I think it's a great idea. And let's go ahead and go to our vote. Cantons and Das. Motion is carried. All right, we. Announce the vote. Okay. All right. Item 29, please. Communication from Councilman Super Na recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund group in the city manager department by \$250 to provide a contribution to partners of Parks for the Rancho Cars and Coffee event. Communication from Councilwoman Allen. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,000 to provide a donation to Carlo Creative LLC for Absolute Best of Long Beach Awards 2022 Communication from Councilwoman Allen Recommendation to Increase Appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$5,000 to provide a donation to the LGBTQ Center for Long Beach. And communication from Councilwoman Price in Councilman Austin. I'm sorry, that was it. Just those three items for the fund transfers. All right. Thank you. Any public comment here? No public comment. Okay. Saying non

ethless, cast our vote. Motion is carried. Thank you. We have a presentation. Let's go ahead and queue up our presentation on U.S. Navy Embark program. Councilwoman Allen. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. Yes. The motion is carried. Nine zero. Thank you. So now we'll go back up to 21. Yeah. You know. I don't like that. Item 21 is report from Financial Management and Public Works. Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to execute a contract with Los Angeles Truck Center, LLC for the purchase of eight rotor packs. C loader of refuse trucks in a total amount not to exceed 3.2 million. City. Thank you. There's a motion any second. These are public comment on this. If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 21 in person, please line up at the podium in the zoom. Please use the raise hand feature or Dr. Knight. We do have one person in Zoom, Pete Marsh. Your time begins now. You have 3 minutes. Check if your muted press star nine. And can you hear me now? Yes. Okay. Very sorry. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Council members. Thank you very much. Pete Marsh, District two. I submitted you comment on this also, and I wanted to actually walk that back very slightly. The comment encouraged you to consider deferring this purchase until electric versions of these trucks are available. And but I remembered hearing a brief last summer to the Sustainable City Commission by our Fleet Services Department and being impressed. And I went back and found that and learned relearned that they're rated as one of the top fleets in the nation and even in heavy duty trucking with plans currently in development to go zero emissions on metal and heavy duty trucks. I think in advance of the requirements from CARB but and councilmember Al staff also confirmed that they had talked with public works about this. So basically this is it's a fantastic opportunity to think about where we need to go with our purchases as soon as the market allows, which is evolving very, very rapidly in the right direction. And that's electric electric vehicles in all size scales, but also electrified machines in every other way we can. Essentially, the way to cut demand for fossil fuels is to electrify things at every opportunity and use our purchasing power to do that on our purchasing program. So anyway, I just wanted to basically acknowledge that the fleet services folks have been already for several years. Looking ahead, I was hoping that we could get this purchase to be electric. It doesn't seem like that's feasible, but please just counsel. Keep encouraging the staff to lean forward into electrifying everything and thank you for what you've done so far. Thank you very much. That concludes public comment. We'll call that, please. Michigan Eye to. Eye. District three. District four, District five. District five. District six. I think that District six. I. District seven, i. District eight. Right. District nine. I. The motion is carried

. Nine zero. Thank you. Back down to item 25, please. Item 25 is a report from Long Beach Airport. Recommendation to authorize city manager to execute all documents with Federal Aviation Administration to accept grant award for capital improvements to the REHABILITATE Runway 1230 lighting project for an amount not to exceed 8.7 million. Districts four and five. Think. Mango. Act. I'm sorry. I actually wanted to hear a short presentation on this place from the airport. We'll have our airport director, Cynthia Guidry do a brief presentation. Thank you, honorable mayor and City Council. This item is to replace the existing lighting fixtures on the main runway at the airport. The existing lighting system is in need of repair, and this project allows the city manager to accept an additional grant funds for this project by the FAA. Thank you. Councilman Mongo. I think I know. I believe you have maybe had a comment or want to make a motion. As I think the airport for always applying for these funds and the improvement of much needed. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Super. Thank you. I'd just like to make my standard request that with any construction project going on at the airport and overnight hours, that we be mindful of the construction noise. Director Guidry was incredibly responsive the last time we had an issue. So I'd like to see going into that the contractor is made aware of the sensitive sensitivity of the neighbors. Thank you. Absolutely. Councilman Nelson, I just want to add that it's been really, I think, just great to see all the investments being made to the airport in this last year to just the runway projects, and obviously very appreciative of all the grants we've been receiving, but particularly as we prepare to open up so much of the new facilities in the concourse. So it's just I love seeing all these airport items. We really are, you know, modernizing this airport in a way that's, you know, just making it even better than it already is. So it's great to see. So congratulations to the whole airport team. Is there any public comment. If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 25 in person, please line up at the podium in Zoom. Please use the raise hand feature by pressing start nine now. See none. That concludes public comment. 26. Roll Call. Vote. Roll Call one. The Roll Call Things to Me. District two. Getting District three. It three. I did. I received this before i. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. All right. The motion is carried. Nine zero. The motion carries. The motion is carried. Thank you. Item 15, please. Item 15 is a communication from Vice Mayor Richardson recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Philosophy on National Poetry Month and Direct Department of Library Services to partner with the Arts Council of Long Beach to prepare an update on the Youth Poet Laureate Program. Vice Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The month of Apr

il is National Poetry Month, and we're taking today as an opportunity to recognize poetry and also to have an update and receive an update on our Youth Poet Laureate program. Arts is an incredible part of our community. It's a, you know, something that brings us all together. And we've been incredibly supportive of arts through murals and performing arts and a whole host of things. And what we're seeing here is, oh, I have the clicker. There it is. Fantastic. Okay, great. So National Poetry Month is something that is a program that was established in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets. It's an opportunity to celebrate the impeccable body of literature created by poets. It acknowledges the wealth of humor and humor, human emotion found in poetry. And the it was approved by we brought the Youth Poet Laureate program to City Council back in 2019. I brought it forward along with Councilmember Urunga, Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Pearce, and the goal was to capture the essence of our city, inspire creativity and all residents, bring literary arts to all, to people who may have limited access or few opportunities to to poetry or expressive writing and enhance the city's current literacy and arts program and overall to uplift, cultivate and celebrate the youth voice. The program was initially stood up and the idea was to target kids 14 to 19, and they were encouraged to apply and submit poems throughout the city. We went through an initial first year where 30 teens were invited to perform at public events. It was set to launch. The full program was set to launch in 2020, but then we were impacted by COVID 19, and so we thought it would be a good opportunity to now bring it back and has staff to take another look at how we can make sure that, you know, we continue this incredible program that that really was was stopped short due to COVID 19. According to library staff, the plan is to bring is to have the program up and running by January 2023. And I want to support that effort. I think our city council should support staff in that effort to get this program back up and running. So this recommendation is. Today we're celebrating National Poetry Month, but also sort of reaffirming our commitment to making sure that poet poetry is accessible to all. And that's sort of the idea of the president of the the motion today. And at this point, I want to invite up philosophy. There is I want to divide up philosophy. Philosophy.

He's a good friend, a Long Beach poet, grew up in North Long Beach. His entire family, he's he went to Hamilton Middle School, Jordan High School in Long Beach State. And he's well regarded as a leading poet, not only just here in Long Beach, but around the nation, as we've been highlighted in, you know, verses and Flow Def Poetry Jam. And he's a North Long Beach guy and a good friend. And so, without further ado, I handed over to philosophy. Good evening, everyone. Doing tonight. Thank you for such an opportunity to speak on

the artistry that we have here in Long Beach. Coming from North Long Beach. It's one of those things that we are I am rooted in this city and being able to hold that flag all over the world and saying poems. And people say, where are you from? Not Long Beach. So that being said, I'll delve right into this poem. Through the Youth Poet Laureate program. We are planting seeds of strength in our communities, tending to the soil of our youth, cultivating their mentality with mentors and placing their fingers in the enriched soil of creativity. We are watering the seeds of their success, growing competence, teaching tenacity, and engaging young leaders to express themselves for healing and resolution. Raise your pen and write from the epicenter of your truth. Write for healing. Write until the silence becomes tears. Write until tears become smiles. Write from the core of your being. Be the voice for the voiceless. And listen and listening ear for hearts that are not heard. We have our thumb pulse on the rib cage of society, pulsing with every smile, teardrop, laughter or hugging of loved ones. We are harvesting the spoils of their hard work with integrity and a positive attitude. The children are the catalysts to change. They blossom as the stem of a sunflower, illuminating their lives as a guiding light or lighthouse, guiding ships to the shore of their success, floating on an ocean of opportunity at the telescope, seeking the horizon and morning sun. We are birthing the vision of a new generation. We are steadfast in the fortitude of our beliefs. We believe in kindness, compassion, love, literary arts, dance, dedication to the craft, and never failing to be a beacon of truth. We are honest and deeply rooted in Long Beach. We sidestep obstacles and find freedom at the edge of a pen or pilot. Gita. We shoot for the stars as supernovas in the night sky. We write with artistry and expression as a rose through concrete, pushing its petals through the cement. We are resilient as using our thorns to break ground. The lower yet program is ground breaking. It will change the landscape of the literary arts and Long Beach. It is a charging forward. It is spearheading the charge. It will create literary spaces of free thought for our youth. And plant seeds of success for their future. So bring forth the laureates. It is their time to lead. I am philosophy. And I thank you humbly for this time with you. Thank you. That satisfies our presentation. Again, we you know, we're coming out of the pandemic and we need to make sure that we get back to where we where we were and and make sure that this youthful program gets the support that it needs. Thank you so much. Thank you. Councilman Austin. Yes, I'm happy to second this motion and always move. Then touched by the artistry and the great words of our good friend, dear friend philosophy. He said A lot of powerful words in there, but I caught on to a few. And is that there? Was that. That that concept of free thought,

which is the antithesis of groupthink. And I think we could all learn from that, particularly as public officials, that we are able to think for ourselves and have free thought and not necessarily subscribe to the thought that everyone else wants us to. We don't talk on talking points. Thank you for your presentation, sir. Thank you, Councilwoman in the house. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, philosophy. You know, I am one of your biggest fans. I remember when we first met. Your words just inspired me so much. And I continued to be inspired by your so very powerful and sincere words. One of the things that I love about you is your focus on the youth and giving them the opportunity to find their own voices and really make a difference in not only here in Long Beach, but everywhere. So I got to say, when I saw you on the agenda, I got really excited and I even contemplated writing a poem for you. But I don't know that it's going to be as good as what you write. But I know that I continued to be inspired by you, and I thank you for that. And I thank you for all that you do for the city of Long Beach and putting us on the map. And you continuously do that. And I will continuously be a big fan of yours. Thank you so much for your powerful words and for your love for this city and our youth. Thank you, Councilwoman Sara. Yes. I want to thank Vice Mayor for bringing this forward and what an important program that we need to bring forward and to update given our recovery process. And I think that our young people have so much to express and there needs to be an outlet and a way to shape their identity and and find their place and to lift up Long Beach altogether. So look forward to hearing back about the program when it comes back in

philosophy. I love your shoes. Where can I buy a pair? Seriously, I need it in pink, though. Thank you. We have a motion and a second. I don't believe there's any additional public comment. If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 15, please line up at the podium in the zoom. Please use the raise hand feature or dial star nine now. See none. That concludes public comment. Members roll call vote. Councilman Sun has. Councilwoman Allen i. Councilman Price. Councilman Sabino. All right. Councilwoman mango. I. Councilwoman Sarah I. Councilmember Oranga. I. Councilman Austin. Vice Mayor Richardson. Yes. The motion is carry nine zero. Thank you very much. We now are moving on to item 16, the rest of the items on the agenda, I believe our staff items. So we'll go ahead and begin with item 16. It's 30 over 20. But you're absolutely right. It's a it's a new business item 30. Item. Thursday's report from Health and Human Services and Economic Development. Recommendation two Adobe Resolution to accept and expand grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development in an amount not to exceed 45 million for acquisitions and conversion of a hotel, property and constructions of a modu

lar non conjugated shelter unit for person experiencing homelessness citywide . Thank you. We have a most interesting customer option that we want to short report on this. Would love a short report on this. Okay, great. Please, staff. Yes. We have Paul Duncan, our homeless services manager, who can give a brief presentation. An evening mayor and council member. So the, uh, this is a authorization to enter into a contract for the state through the project homekey funding. We are currently in the process of applying for funding to purchase a number of modular shelters, 30 to 35 at the Multi-Service Center. And then we are in process currently around purchasing another motel for the utilization of non congregate shelter. So similar to the purchase of the best western. This would allow us to serve more people experiencing homelessness here in Long Beach that are our most vulnerable on the street. Gentlemen, thank you for the report. I just think it's important that we highlight this. This is a this is a pretty significant grant. Acceptance, but also application that we are engaging in every day. Residents ask, What are we doing about homelessness? I think this is a huge step forward and something that we need to definitely highlight and look forward to. Seeing tiny homes built and acquiring more hotels to serve as transitional housing for for those experiencing homelessness in our city. Councilmember Ringo. Glad to support. Thank you. My only question and maybe it's mistaken for somebody from staff because obviously this is really fantastic for the city and for I hope folks that are in-house on the Tiny Homes Initiative. What's the current timeline looking like? Is there anything updated from the last time we discussed? Are we still. There isn't an update. But what I would say is that once we get the the grant funding from the state, the idea is that we would use modular homes as a way to expedite that timeline. And the key there in terms of the timeline from the purchase to the installation is just making sure that the homes that we get are certified by the state so that we don't have to go through the planned check and inspection process locally. So that is something that we're in the process of exploring so that when we get the funding, we can identify the the manufacturer of homes that are certified by CD so that we can expedite. They're being put up and occupied pretty quickly. I can coordinate with the staff and get a rough timeline for you, but we're thinking it's probably somewhere between 60 and 90 days. And just keep in mind, I think we talked about it during the closed session when this item came up, is that we do have a requirement as a condition of the grant that once we receive that funding, we have a very quick turnaround to get the the that the units up and occupied. So we're planning ahead to be expeditious so that we can get them turned around in compliance with the grant procedures. Thank you. And from an I remember you had been be

looking at narrowing down locations. Has that gotten any further on the modular housing initiative? Well, we are in addition to the tiny homes, we continue to explore other potential locations in the city and that effort will continue. We haven't identified a specific location yet, but we are we do have a number that we're looking at and we'll be bringing something forward once we have a site that we'd like to recommend to move forward. Great. Thank you very much. Madam Quirk, can you comment on this? If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item in person, please line up at the podium in the zoom. Please use the raise hand feature by pressing star nine. See. Now, that concludes public comment. Let's go into our roll call vote. District one. Hi. District two, I. This took three. District three. District four I, District five I, District six. I, District. Seven I, District eight. I. District nine. Yes. The motion is Kerry eight two. Thank you very much. We do have one

hearing, so let's go ahead and begin that hearing, please. It's on the master fee schedule. Report from Financial Management Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the master fee and charges schedule citywide. Thank you. There's a motion any second on this already. Let me turn this over to Mr. Modica. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We can give a short staff report from Grace Yoon, our budget manager. Great. Thank you, Tom. Good evening, Mayor. And members of the City Council. City Council's approval is being requested to amend the FY22 master fees and charges schedule. This is something that's updated citywide at least twice a year to allow departments to meet City Council's stated policy on user fees, which calls for full. Cost recovery whenever appropriate. City Council last approved an amended master fees and charges schedule on September 7th as part of the FY22 budget adoption. So this report, the changes to the master fees and charges schedule includes adjustments across six departments, with changes based on the completed cost of service study. For Energy Resources and Public Works. Department, which were presented to City Council on February 1st of this year. In addition to those changes related to the cost of services study, proposed fee changes also include other department fee recommendations necessary for administrative and operational purposes. So that concludes my report. And Department Representative representatives are available to answer any specific questions you may have on proposed changes. Thank you. Do we have a public comment and we'll come back to the diets, please. There's one public comment. Dave Shukla. Dave Shukla. He's not in the audience. I don't see public comment. We to go and go back to the dais. Councilman Mongo. I just want to take a moment to recognize the staff at financial management. It has taken a long time for us to get to a place where we

know and understand our fees in a meaningful way. I know it took many years. I do want to ask specifics on an animal control licensing fee for about four years now. We've been asking that all of the licenses get coordinated through a process where you would be able to pay a partial year to catch up so that all your animals can be renewed at once, saving the department hundreds of dollars a year, if not definitely be thousands by now considering postage rates. Instead of mailing my house three animal dog license renewals at three different months of the year. You'd save a dollar by putting them all together. This has been three years in the making and I've heard excuses of, Well, we don't have a fee that works for that or we can't prorate. Do we have any progress towards that? Do we need to add a fee to the schedule or do we need to make any annotation at this time that we'd like to be able to prorate and ensure that entering into the fiscal year of 2020. Three. No. Yes. 2023. That that would be policy. Yeah. We have our director. Of Parks, Recreation and Marine. Who can come up and talk on that. Parks, Recreation and Marine was part of the round one fee study for our citywide fee study. So that may have also been something that was looked at during that. And I apologize. I know that this started before our current Parks and Rec director. We appreciate you. And we know you picked up a lot of projects and this is a big priority and I'll make sure it's done before the next fiscal year. Yeah. Thank you, Councilman Mongo. I know Stacy Danes, who unfortunately is ill tonight, or she'd be able to probably answer this more specifically. But I know in our recent council briefing last month, we did discuss this in depth. And I know she is looking into that alignment, which makes a lot of sense. So we are working towards that. And I appreciate your bringing attention to this financial matter. Thank you. Mr. Monaco, do I have your assurances that this is something we can pursue before the next budget cycle? Or do I need to bring an agenda item? Sure, we'll work on it. I'll get this as an item you and I've talked about, and we're talking with the Parks and Rec director about what's the path forward and if you'll need to bring an item. If there's some other challenge that we need to tell you about, we will do that. Thank you. I appreciate it. I know it's a priority for animal lovers across the city and an opportunity for us to really find some cost savings and save the money for the department. Thank you. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson, any comments? Okay. I'm good. Thank you. Okay. We have a motion in a second. Please cast your votes. Motion is carried. Thank you. Next, we're going to do item. Let's do the. Actually, why don't we do the 522 budget adjustments, which is 23. Item 23 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 second Departmental and Fund Budget Appropriation Adjustments Citywide. Mr. Modica. A g

race can provide a staff report. Yes. Good evening, everyone. This is graphene budget manager. Are you all able to hear me? Yes. It's wonderful. This is the second department in fine budget

appropriation adjustment report for FY 22. We do these periodic budget adjustments that we bring to council to reflect adjustment or technical corrections, changes in revenue or operating conditions that require appropriation adjustments to what was adopted. So this is the second letter, and it contains mostly various costs that are offset by enterprise fund operating revenues, funds available or other fee revenues, costs that are offset by grants or reimbursement revenues or other technical adjustments. So that concludes my staff report, and I'm available to answer any questions. Thank you. Any public comment on this? If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 23 in person, please line up at the podium in Zoom. Use the raise hand feature or dial star nine now. Seen on that concludes public comment. Thank you. Moving on to we're going to go and jump now to ordinance 25, please. We need to do a roll call. I'm sorry. We're talking about district one, district two, I District three. I district for my district five. All right. District six, I. District seven. I. District eight. District nine. I. Motion is carried. Thank you. Now we'll move to the first reading of the equity social equity piece, cannabis. Fantastic. Thank you. Let's take on the fund transfer items. 18, 27, 28 and 31. Item 18 is a communication from Councilman Austin. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the general fund group in the city manager department by \$5,000 to provide a donation to care closet LBC. Item 27 Communication from Councilwoman Zendejas recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund group in the City Manager Department by \$2,000 to provide a donation to the Long Beach Blues Society. Item 28 is a communication from Councilwoman Zendejas. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund group in the City Manager Department by 2500 to provide a donation to L.A. Wine Fest. An item 31 is a communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Zendejas and Councilwoman Allen. Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,500 to provide a donation to the College Square Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$1,000 and love beyond limits in the amount of \$500. Thank you for moving in. Second, is there public comment? If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 1827, 28 or 31? Please line up at the podium. If there are any members of the public in the room, please raise your hand by dialing Star nine now. Thank you. Please come forward. You recognized. Hi. Gentle counsel people. My name is Bridget Jones. I am the PTSA president at Wilson High School and most recently, Golden Oak Service Award recipient, which is an award given to peo

ple who donate a significant amount of their time to work the welfare of youth in schools. I only say that to just give some background. I'm actually here on behalf of the L.A. Wine Festival. I also am the event coordinator for that event. I am imploring, begging and will get on my knees for other districts to through nine to please contribute to that event. It is an event that encompasses all nine districts. As far as volunteers and businesses are local businesses, we are a event that want to be a staple to the city, just like the Grand Prix. This is our third year. We have a record of having at least 3500 visitors that encompasses residents and tourists, which is boosting economic development within our city. We want to encourage that. We want to encourage people to not be afraid to come out and fellowship with one another. So I beg that those funds are relief and that other districts contribute to that event as well. I think I spoke to Mr. Richardson. I've sent emails to all of the districts and I beg you, beg you, please contribute. Because the city fees rose 40% from last year. It was a phenomenal event if you've ever been there. And it just really encompasses what we are as a city. We foster businesses and encourage them to grow. And it is a great networking event. We didn't have any problems with the police or any belligerence or anything like that. So I implore you, other districts to please release, approve and relief funds, hopefully in the amount of \$1,000 per district to just help us out to make that a staple in this city. Thank you. Next speaker, please. It's than I can say, sixth District speaking in support of Mr. Duke Gibbons of the care closet. I think I don't know if you've been living under a rock or oblivious to the work of the man, but he's doing exemplary work in the streets. A son of the sixties might like myself, but, you know, he's ventured to other parts of the city with his work. But, you know, it's it's amazing to see someone, a native of this city, create an opportunity for a lot of the houseless population to have dignified work and opportunities for themselves. And living adjacent to Pacific Avenue. I know that they have that contract now and they've been helping a lot with it. So I just want to thank the councilman on the eighth District office for helping with that. And I also wanted to come and speak in support of Ms.. Malika Chris of love without limits. It's very few people who are really engaging with our youth and coaching and counseling them with recognizing some of the rigid, you know, hardships that a lot of

the communities that our youth are at risk opportunity youth are coming from. And she's now based in the central facility at Kings Park. I think so, our councilwoman. And, you know, they're doing phenomenal work with the people and a lot of the other public schools in the area. So I just always am in favor of showing love and light to those that are really impacting the community that I come

from. So thank you. Thank you. That concludes public comment. That concludes public comment for these items. Thank you. With our roll call vote, please. District one, district two. I. District three. I. District four. I. District High. School. District six I. District seven. I. District eight. High District nine. All right. Motion is carried. Thank you. Let's handle general public comment. It doesn't work. The stats the statistics show that it doesn't work. There is no proof that it leads to cost saving. When you consolidate in this in this had this hybridization of the utilities, when you consolidate them in, it actually works against, you know, there's momentary cost increases that then become perpetual. That's what the studies show. What consolidation? They don't actually show that things become cheaper. I can there's much scientific research that supports what I'm saying. San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles have all had top executives plead guilty to federal cases with respect to the transparency that comes with the consolidation of public utilities. So I think we should just keep it independent. I think that we should have a gas department. We should have a water department and electricity all separate. Thank you. Thank you. Next. Peter, please. Dave Shukla, resident of Third District and Ratepayer, on record for the past 25 years for the electricity account at 6333 East Eliot Street. I guess my comments are a bit different. I am curious to see this process play out. Specifically one that takes to the voters, uh, the seeming option of combining these two utilities without mentioning a third. And that's electricity. Uh. I'm. I spent a good deal of the past four and a half years trying to not only build out but use the nonprofit, the Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy to advocate for the city taking control of its electricity destiny. Specifically, as we know, in the very short term, we have to stop utilizing oil and gas as a society that's just like coal or nuclear is something that isn't worth all the attendant costs. Now, there's been a lot of questions about taking on some of the less savory aspects of the way that the utilities in this environment the past 30 years concomitant with climate change. Why is it that you haven't hired a city management fellow that can hang with me on climate in the past five years from. I mean, what is this place? Constantly a waste of my fucking time to. For the record, I think electricity should be included as a potential utility for consolidation. One of the things that I tried to do in the city for the past two and a half years and I haven't been able to get it in front of the city manager or the city council is, you know, this issue of community energy, unlike the last speaker I do know of the tremendous progress that these entities, these little servicing entities have made, uh, for not only decarbonizing, uh, electricity, but also lowering costs. Marine clean energy has shown year after year wit

h publicly available, you know, integrated resource documents of the kind which you don't seem to be able to provide. For what goes on in the city. They've been able to show that they can do it. Why the fuck can't we tell them? Now I could directly to Chris. We're John GROSS or Bob Dole, who? Both. All three of them signed on to this ridiculous. Oh, wait, let's wait a year to talk about electricity. Let's wait a year to talk about electricity. Honestly, I mean, I don't know what Edison's credit is. They're going to take away the rooftop solar. They're going to take away the incentives where they're going to move their headquarters. You know. Thank you, Mr. Shukla. That's for 3 minutes. But I'd like to know. All right, Mr. Schickel, thank you. That was 3 minutes. Is there any further public comment? That concludes public comment. Thank you. We'll take you back behind the rail. Councilman Austin. Thank you. So my question regarding this and it was prompted by by public comment, I know we currently have a water commission and this this for for the governance. Can you explain how the governance will work? Is that going to combine water and and and energy to enterprise funds to be governed by one one commission? Is that clear? Yes. So certainly today the water commission oversees the water utility and the sewer utility, and they have since the 1980s and the water commission has been existent for 90 years now. What the idea is under this consolidation is the gas utility would also fall under the commission, but we would rename it from the water commission to probably the Utilities Commission, so they would oversee rate setting budgets. Now, just like water does today, rate setting and budgets still have to come back to the city council. So that does not go away. So eventually all gas, water, sewer rates and budgets still have to come to the city council. And that Segways to my next question. You know, in the in the item, it speaks to consolidation, potentially realizing some some oil significant efficiencies right over time.

How. How will the rate payers benefit from that? Can you just explain that? Well, right now, our costs for water and sewer are cost base. So anything that I can do to reduce costs benefit the customers, either through a combination of lower rates or reinvestment. In the utility, we have over between the three utilities. We have over 4000 miles of pipeline. So we have to reinvest in that customer service improvements. Someone mentioned the conservation programs. So we can reinvest those savings into those areas. Vice Mayor Richardson talked about the hiring process. One of things that we're working on right now is with city h.r. In civil service is some of the programs that he directed me to in san francisco. We're looking at that right now with the h.r. in civil service. So we would just reinvest that money. It could result in cost savings to the customers directly through lower rates also. Thank you. And from a labor standpoint, d

o you foresee any any wrinkles with any of our labor groups between the departments? Are they represented by different groups, the same groups. That are represented by the same groups? And so we offered meet confer to all the associated labor groups. We had one take us up on it. We completed that meeting for process this week. And so it was very, very successful in all the groups to understand what we're trying to do and they're comfortable with it. Thank you. This has my support. Thank you. Thank you. Let's have a roll call vote, please. District one. District one I, District two. I. District three high district four i. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. High District nine. Yes. Motion is. Carried. Thank you. Ordinance 26, please. Recommendation to declare ordinance approving resolution number WD Dash 1441a resolution of the City of Long Beach Board of Water Commissioner's establishing the rates and changes to be charged for water and sewer services. Read and adopted as read citywide. Thank you as the emotions are second here. You know this isn't the item on the screen. Can we pull up item 26 on the screen? There is motions that can police. Thank you. Any public comment on this? Okay. We're now moving on to review the two new business items. Next, which will be 30 and 32. Item 30, please. Communication from Vice Mayor Richardson councilman's and ask Councilmember your UNGA recommendation to add language to the 2022 to 2023 state legislative agenda in support of the proposed 110 million allocation for goods movement workforce training facility located at the San Pedro Bay Port Complex. Rosemary Richardson. Thank you. First, I want to thank Councilmember Durango for partner me with me on this motion. I know that it's sort of timely and the May revised just came out and our state legislative agenda is coming back to the council soon. So this was incredibly timely to get this in front of the city council. In the state budget, there's proposed a major investment into the San Pedro Bay Port Complex, and it's for a goods, goods movement, workforce training facility. And we are the largest combined sea port complex in America and we have no training facility. So it's incredibly important that we as a city and as a port complex and as a state, continue to invest in the training well-being of our workforce. This is \$110 million investment from the state in the governor's budget. It is not guaranteed. So we need to do our part to make sure that we advocate to protect those those funds. And it's a part of a larger \$2.3 billion. Package for our ports. It's a significant, significant investment. And it's important, again, toward creating a resilient workforce and accelerating our are the jobs available in our port, particularly with the challenges ahead. And so I'm glad to bring this forward tonight and I encourage in I. Thanks so much. Thank you, Councilman Ringo. Thank you, Mary. I want to thank Councilmember Vice Mayor Ri

chard you for bringing this forward. I think it's very important that we. Maintain a very effective and trained. Workforce. This is one of those occasions where it's a win win for everybody, and I'm glad to have to support it. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Allen. Yes. I also want to thank Vice Mayor Richardson and Councilwoman and de Haas and Councilmember Urania for bringing this item forward. I think that it is vital that we provide training for goods movement workers as we roll out new equipment and technologies in this space. Zero emissions equipment requires new skills, infrastructure and maintenance and training. Our workers in these skills of tomorrow will speed up deployment of zero emission and higher efficiency goods movement equipment. So I'm very happy to support this item. Thank you. Councilwoman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And this is a fantastic item and I'm glad to support it. I have publicly supported this and talked about it on multiple occasions. I think as we look at the transition in our goods movement industry and where we're headed as a nation in areas of technology and improvement to some of our efficiencies, having a facility like this is huge to get everyone trained up and skilled for the next level of technology and deliverance of services. So I think this is fantastic. I also want to just highlight the fact that that I

think that it's very, very important. We have our Port Transportation Infrastructure Committee now. We did have a presentation from the port at one of our last meetings, and Dr. Hossa Garber talked about this facility and the excitement around this facility. I know Councilwoman Zendejas and Councilman Mongo were on that call and we got a little bit of a preview and very exciting. So I was happy to have been able to talk about the facility a bit there and all the great things that we're seeing for not just the workforce, but obviously the efficiency of our port as well as the job stabilization and retention of our port. So this is a great item. I'm happy to support it. Thank you, Vice Mayor, for bringing it. Thank you, Councilmember Austin. Yes, obviously, this is a this is an item, I think, that we have collectively as a city council have gotten behind and pledged our support for already. I.N.S. See our government relations director here. I wanted to ask the city manager in if. Do currently have an item in our state ledger agenda. I don't have it in front of me. And I've been on the State Ledger Committee for for several years now. Do we already have an item that actually speaks to this? And I know this particular item is is us basically cheerleading in there an initiative that the governor has already put forth? And so our support of the state legislative committee or the city council would be to the legislators asking them to support this as well. Is that what this actually does? Yeah. So in terms of the agenda itself, as part of the priorities for this year, our focus statements, we do have a

general statement in there around supporting port infrastructure specifically related to. You know, clean. Infrastructure and workforce development opportunities, but not specifically this project. So this would allow us to include this specific project. And then at this point in the process, we would be working directly with our delegation and the Budget Committee chairs, most likely to advocate for. This project. To remain in the budget. So my question is, do you foresee that anybody in our state led delegation would have an opposition to the governor's proposal to give 140 \$110 million to the port? Do I see any of our delegation members. Receiving no resistance from our state legislators? No. I imagine that they would be supportive. I don't know for sure. All of our delegation members, but I know they're aware of the project and supportive of the port's efforts. So this would be to make sure that the rest of the legislature that's negotiating the budget. Prioritize this as well. Well, I'm happy to support this again. I think we've supported this year after year after year in our state legenda in a general sense, this specifies that and happy to communicate this to our state legislators. Vice Mayor Richardson. I want to thank the Council for their strong support here. And yes, we have generally been supportive of infrastructure. I think it's important to note the original and the original proposal was 150 million and then it went down 210 million based on discussions. So this is really about getting into the conversation and make sure we protect the investment so we actually have the adequate resources to deliver the facility. So thanks everyone. Look forward to an IBO. Thank you. Thank you. Is there a public comment on this. That there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item 13 person? Please line up at the podium in Zoom. Please use the raise hand feature or dial star nine now. In person. Good evening, Mayor Garcia, members of the council. My name is Rob. No, tough. I'm the policy director of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, where we proudly represent over 800,000 hardworking women and men across all industries in Los Angeles County, many of whom work and live right here in Long Beach. In answer to your question, Councilmember Austin, there are actually some legislators who are opposed to this. I don't want to put anybody name out there, but in conversations we've had, there actually are people who are opposed. And we really appreciate the strong support from this council tonight. As all of you are aware, the economic activity generated at the port is responsible for one in nine jobs in Southern California. And to put an even finer point on that statement, the overwhelming majority of the jobs at the port are good union jobs that allow workers to keep a roof over their heads, put food in the fridge and come home safely to their families at the end of a hard day's work. The jobs obviously include Long Shore, b

ut they also include construction and trucking, all of which require good, honest work and all of which offer an opportunity into the middle class. But in order to fulfill that vision and to showcase the true potential of the port as a hub of good, unionized job creation, we have to focus on preparing the next generation of our workforce by training with the necessary skills to succeed, which is exactly what this facility aims to do if done right. This training facility at the port can serve as a regional asset that upskill those workers who are stuck in debt and minimum wage jobs. And if done right, this training facility at the port can target and train traditionally at risk populations like women,

people of color, and our immigrant brothers and sisters. And lastly, if done right, this training facility can prepare or will prepare the workforce of tomorrow by training them to use new zero emission technologies that preserve our environment, while also adding to the ranks of the robust unionized workforce down at the port. As Councilmember Allen said. So as they say, the future begins today and it begins by securing the proposed \$110 million in funding as currently allocated by the governor's budget. For these reasons, we're fully supportive of tonight's motion, and we'd like to thank Vice Mayor Richardson for bringing this forward, as well as the support of council members it would. UNGER And then the House for also signing onto this item. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Dave Chappelle, Third District. Just like to echo the previous speakers comments that if done right, this could be quite a asset. I'd like to speak in support of it with obviously a certain emphasis on not only zero emissions technologies and other ways to decarbonize the footprint of port operations, but also to preserve the current and hopefully expand the health and safety provisions as well as the current workforce kind of standards that the people who have jobs currently in our ports have had. I've had friends who haven't seen daylight from from inside a container ship for the better part of the past ten months because they've been busy dealing with the backlog. A lot of these workers, frankly, are concerned about automation. They're concerned about a lot of the plans it has and having a investment in the workforce itself and in maintaining, as we just heard, the current level of jobs and perhaps even expanding them is going to be a vital part of our economic recovery, not only in the short term, but in long term kind of regional dynamics . Thank you. Thank you. Let me let me just add before we vote, this is actually a fantastic proposal. I want to also just think the both the ports on the port of Long Beach side and the Port of Los Angeles that have actually been working on this on this proposal for a while. And I just want to thank our Port of L.A. partners. I know this also would not be possible without them. For those that are also unaware, the facility itself is a

Iso scheduled to also not just provide all these great services, but it's actually believe half of it is on the port of Long Beach side and the other half is on the Port of L.A. side. And so it really is going to be a joint facility and even an even in location. And I want to thank the port team for their incredible work and really the governor for really leading this effort in making sure that the funding was and has been in place. And great that we're going to be supporting this officially office as part of our state package as well. So thanks to everyone involved and particularly all the workers who've been advocating for the facility as well. And with that will do a recall. District one. My district, too. I. Mr. three. I. District four. All right. District five. I. District six. I. District seven. I. District eight. All right. District nine. All right. Motion is carried. Her next item is number 29. Item 29 Report from Financial Management Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 First Budget Performance Report. City. Thank you. Is there staff report? Yes. We'll have Grayson, the city's budget manager, make a presentation on this item. Hello, Grace. Hi. Good evening. Chair Austin and members of the City Council. This is a preview report of potential FY 22 year end projections. This report is based on early estimates from department and citywide revenue analysis, which we know can vary sometimes significantly by year end. Actual year end status will be reported in our normal year and performance report that comes to City Council in February. So first, to provide some context, the FY 22 budget was developed during the spring and summer of 2021 with a general fund structural shortfall of 27 million, plus a 3 million in one time uses. The plan was to utilize funds made available through the Long Beach Recovery Act to cover this \$30 million need. Subsequent to the adoption of the FY 22 budget, we closed out FY 21 reporting that the overall fiscal impact of the pandemic was not as severe as originally anticipated, with key general fund revenue sources, such as sales tax rebounding very quickly and even surpassing pre-pandemic performance. Based on this, we were anticipating improvements to our FY 22 situation. This report reflects that anticipated improvement, with current estimates now showing general fund ending with a shortfall of approximately 18 million, a significant improvement from the original 30 million shortfall, again largely due to improved revenue projections. Also, it should be noted that this shortfall includes support from reserves that were set aside to cover the measure and litigation related revenue loss. Had we not had this reserve, the shortfall would have been about eight and a half million dollars worse, or at around 26 million. We're still planning on covering the shortfall through the Long Beach Recovery Act plan. On the general fund expenditure side, we are projecting some higher salary savings in the police

department compared to typical years due to unfilled positions in this tight labor market that many organizations in the region are facing. The police department will be utilizing their savings to implement key initiatives that will provide higher level of transparency and operational efficiencies, as well as provide funding to other departments to support community crisis response initiative, violence prevention and citywide equity efforts. The report also provides notable updates on other funds. For example, Measure A is projecting about a \$13 million surplus following some similar patterns with sales tax revenue. And these funds are being reviewed as part of the new five year measure plan to be included in the FY 23 budget. And the Tidelands Operating Fund is also projecting to be able to set aside 12 million for Tidelands capital improvement projects to be included in the proposed FY 23 budget. Lastly, these figures factor in an estimated revenue from higher oil prices and also includes potentially setting aside up to 25% more for oil well abandonment over what was previously planned to help build the city reserves to safely retire oil wells in the future. There are many variables that can impact these final figures, so the actual amount will be revisited at the end of the year. This concludes my staff report and I'm available for questions. Thank you for the report. I was trying to keep up with all of the the the figures here, but I know there in our staff report as well. You mentioned saving salary savings with LAPD and how those funds are going to be allocated. Can you can you just repeat that? Because I think that that's pretty profound. I mean, these are dollars that were going toward public safety, but they're going to be reinvested in other areas of community and public safety. Is that correct? Yes, Councilmember. That's correct. So with the greater salary savings that the police department is anticipating at the end of this fiscal year, they are putting some additional funding into areas of core services, of crime prevention and investigation, and implementing key initiatives for greater transparency, accountability and operational efficiencies within the police department. Also, they are able to reallocate some of their funds to other departments. This includes the Health Department, library, parks. And I think there's one other department that to support efforts such as violence prevention, racial reconciliation and equity needs, and also to support the community crisis response effort. And I think I have the departments here. Yes. So city manager department for the Language Access, Support, Parks and Recreation, Health and Library Services are also getting some funding from these police savings that are being anticipated. Great. And measure a I see there's a \$13 billion surplus there. Yes, correct. There's about a \$12.8 million projected operational surplus, as well as some additional cash that's made available by changing our Mot

orola debt service payment plan. And all of those are being factored into the requested new five year outlook plan that we are preparing with our public works department for measure that will be presented as part of the proposed FY 23 budget. Well, a few streets that I have in mind that I want to make sure that we have under consideration. Residential streets. This is great news. And there was one other question that I just wanted to just get some clarification on. You know, obviously, we're experiencing a lot of, I would say, imbalance with public safety in the community. And just wanted to understand how our our Recovery Act dollars are going to go toward our violence prevention plan, particularly as we are embarking on summertime. Yeah. We have Theresa Chandler who can come up and talk a little bit more about the violence prevention. But as she comes up, one of the as we were just talking about before, some of the funds that are being redirected from police savings are going towards these programs and violence prevention programs that are currently existing as part of our Long Beach Recovery Act funds. So these funds will be going to support that. And the report has a list of those programs, a lot that can continue from this summer and into the future fiscal year. So I'll turn it up. I just think it's important that our public kind of hear about our efforts toward violence prevention. You know, we're we're in May schools going to be letting out in another few weeks. Um, summertime. We want to be, be ready to, to deal with what's, what's coming or. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. So, you know, a lot of our city departments are in grace mentioned we're collaborating we've been covering for a long time around community safety, but we've really been focusing on our prevention efforts and really aligning with goal two and racial equity and reconciliation, which is designing and investing in the community safety and violence prevention. So really looking at our beefs, be safe programing and that's continuing. It's being funded by Albury and my hood, my city books and buckets. Whoops, After Dark, our teen volunteers, Outdoor Youth Connections, Teen Academy, Youth Substance Use and Mental Health Support and tech to-go. So all of these are programs that are continuing. They're in process already, but we're able to extend hours in the summer and expand opportunities in the summertime

to keep activities for youth going. Would you please just just give us an overview. There's a there's a line item here for reentry program, a pilot program. What does that look like? Sure. So outlined in reconciliation also is to really focus in on our reentry. I'm really looking at creating an advisory committee and then also we're trying to get like a one stop shop for reentry. So this is starting that process off. And then also there's going to be a summit that takes place later in the fall. So there's a lot of activities that are happening. There's already a lot of reentry

work that's happening in Long Beach and it's just coupling along with the work that's already happening, but really honing in on the work that's happening and kind of being a connecting point within the city here. Thank you. Our health department is working overdrive and overtime to to address many of these concerns. And I'm just delighted that we have funding over the next couple of years to to address many of our critical concerns. Thank you. Councilmember, you want to give did you have any comment? No, but I'm very pleased with the the use of these funds to support some of these programs. I'm especially pleased to see that the Be Safe program is going to be funded at \$250,000 level. That's great. Excellent program. Thank you. For any other comments. Councilmember Price. Thank you. I too, I want to echo the comments of my colleagues and I want to especially thank our police department for being a partner in just so many ways and being. Very active collaborators in understanding what council has been saying and the public has been saying and reinvesting and helping make us stronger as a city. I think it just shows how committed they are to the overall good of everyone. So thank you. Is there any public comment? Dave Shukla. Uh, good evening. Dave Shipley, third district. Um, thank you for the presentation and for the pretty detailed staff report. It's a curiosity and one that I'd like to pick out against that full 25% of the increase in oil and gas revenue should go exclusively to oil. Well, abandonment. Without further details, first of all, about which wells will be abandoned, how they will be permanently sorry, which abandoned wells will be capped, and how they'll be permanently capped. What the current rate of leakage is, what the plan is for retiring a lot of the existing gas piping instead of reinvesting in it. What the plan is for retiring. A lot of the existing drilling not using existing permits to experiment with the new drilling at the same site or to pay for even newer drill sites and drills for the tie group. Specifically, the 17% increase from fiscal year 21 revenues is a great figure, but it's it'd be more helpful to know specifically how much. Extra revenue the city has received since September of 2021 relative to what it had anticipated for oil and gas prices at that time. And with the measure m cap of 12% gross revenues in the gas fund group that cap for transfers, that is something that may have to be revisited, especially now that the combination of utilities, hopefully electricity as well is something that may become a eventuality. Thank you for your time. That concludes the public comment. So here in public comment members, please vote. On the item. Councilwoman Cindy has. The motion is. Carried. Thank you. We're going to go to move to item 32, please. Item 32 is a report from Public Works Recommendation Received File a presentation on the citywide temporary parklet program and request direction from City Council. Citywide.

Turn this over to city staff. Thank you, Mayor and Council. So I will turn it over to our team in public works. We prepared the report. This came to us from a council member and approved by the entire council to be back here tonight to talk through the options on Parklets as well as our Open Open Streets programs, which includes private business as well and their parking lots. We've got a short presentation for you with some recommendations. I will say we really are looking for council direction tonight. We've provided some framework, but all of this can be changed. You can move up the deadlines, you move back the deadlines. This really is kind of the policy. And we try to provide some general ideas for you to work from and make some adjustments as you go. So I will turn it over now to Carl Hickman, our traffic engineer, and Nico McCauley and Marconi and our deputy director. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Members of the Council, thank you for this opportunity to make a presentation tonight. As you are aware, about two years ago, the City Council approved an Open Streets initiative that allowed for the installation of temporary parklets to assist certain businesses such as restaurants in continuing their operations. While indoor dining was restricted at the time. Indoor dining was then brought back, but in a limited capacity. The council extended the life of the temporary program and it is currently scheduled to sunset at the end of this month in June. I'd like to introduce Carl Hickman, City Traffic Engineer, who's going to give a presentation explaining where we've been, where we are, and where we recommend going. Thank you. Thank you, Diego. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and council members. We're going to go ahead and get right into it here.

As Deckard mentioned, the original intent, as you may recall, was to install Parklets temporary parklets in response to COVID 19 to help businesses to support businesses in their efforts. It was a citywide effort to support the economic recovery for businesses and health order and physical distancing requirements. The first temporary parklets were installed in May of 2020 at the program's peak. There were 112 temporary parklet locations citywide. There were 124 participating businesses. What that means is that in some cases, businesses shared parklets. There were 176 outdoor activity permits or EPS, as we refer to them, and there were ten sidewalk dining permits. Currently, there are 80 temporary parklet locations. Citywide 91 participating businesses. Again, some timesharing parklets 12 parklets have been removed since January of 22 alone. There are currently 27 outdoor activity permits and there are nine sidewalk dining permits. That's where we stand currently. The picture there you can see one of our PSB members refilling the parklets the corrals with water. Currently we're going to we're going to look at the number of temporary parklets. Per council district. You can see at the height of the program there were 11

2 on the far left column there, again helping 124 businesses. We have since removed 32 parklets overall. Currently we have 80 assisting 91 businesses again and you can kind of see the breakdown for each council district. CD1 has 17, currently CD2 23, CD3 34, etc. on down the list. I'll leave that for a couple of seconds there. Now regarding BP's broken down again by district. Originally, there were 176, and now we have a total of only 27. Once again, CD one for CD two has one, T three has 11, etc. on down the list. Currently there are 27. The one in the picture there is the Reno Room 3400 block of East Broadway, and you can see how it is installed really in the parking area. It's not in the public area. The plan is right now that the ops will sunset on June 30th of this year, regardless of the outcome of the temporary parklet discussion that we're having this evening. Now because Belmont Shore has so many temporary Parklets I wanted to take a minute to kind of focus on what's going on there. And the really the focus is on Second Street between Livingston and Bayshore. Currently, there are 23 temporary parklet locations helping 28 participating businesses. Ten temporary parklets have been removed to date. And regarding parking in that entire stretch of roadway, there are 517 parking stalls available, 351 are on street, 166 are on the public lots nearby on the adjacent streets. And right now, we have 52 parking stalls that have been converted to temporary parklets. Basically, that boils down to approximately 10% of the parking is now dedicated to temporary parklets. 6% on Second Street and 4% on the side streets. Now when we talk about temporary park, that's from engineering point of view. We do have many elements that we have to consider. And really, a lot of this has to do with safety. First of all, we have to have an object marker on the corner. There you see that white and black sign. It's sort of like an arrow that helps keep drivers away from the park. But we want to make sure we have a 12 foot travel way on the outside of the park, that minimum for a driver about driving vehicular lane. There are many structural elements within the Parklet that have to be strong enough to absorb impact from a vehicle. That's why we have the water filled corrals within the parklets. There are many concerns regarding the stormwater drainage, safe pedestrian passage. Utility conflicts. We are really concerned about putting parklets on top of gas lines, waterlines, electrical vaults, sewer manholes, just to name a few. And we are concerned about parking impacts and accessibility. And I wanted to point out that existing temporary parklets cannot convert automatically to a permanent status. Now maintaining the integrity of temporary Parklets we've been dealing with this now for about 25 months. The staff and transportation and mobility, we try to address every situation on a case by case basis. There is no one size fix for any of these parklets. We remove Parklets

by request of business owners when they decide that, you know, they don't want to to have it out in front of their business anymore. We're constantly having to reduce or adjust the part that footprints. What we've found is that businesses are slowly but surely trying to slowly expand their parklet space. So we're trying constantly to adjust that. We need to reaffirm that consent from businesses neighboring a temporary parklet because of frontage overlap. What that means is, is that parklets are meant to be installed in the front and the frontage of that the business that has the permit. And in many cases it can expand in front of the nearby business only with the approval from that nearby business. And we've been working hard to maintain maintain insurance compliance, and we also do many inspections. City staff, we go out regularly to inspect what's going on with the parklets. Now, we've had a lot of outreach regarding the PARKLET program. We have had virtual meetings, public and business surveys. We've coordinated regularly with the council districts. We

do field inspections and business visits, as I mentioned. We receive emails, phone calls, daily. People concerned are asking questions. And we regularly, you know, recommend that residents go to certain websites if they have a complaint to go to L.B.. L.B. must I'm sorry, go active. Long Beach. There's a survey there on the upper right side of the slide there. You can't quite see it. But that's a that's a checklist that we have and I'm sorry, not a survey, a checklist where when we go out, we want to make sure we're checking the drainage, the signage, whether we have accessibility, which is the platform firm. Are there structural elements in place? That's the example of the the checklist that we have. And then there's a small card there that we use to advertise the survey that we did last year in November. That was for folks in CD3. And we'll get to some of those results in a second here on Belmont Shore. Here are some of the results. We have 584 total responses from CD3. These were responses from businesses, residents, customers. 12 of the responses were from business owners themselves. Of those 584 comments, 38% supported the program 11 support, but with some sort of restriction. 12% were concerned about parking. 6% traffic sight line. 14 Congestion and parking. 9% were concerned about accessibility and esthetic concerns. Again, on the right there, there's some of the redundant list there of what the concerns were parking impacts, sidewalk access, esthetics, sightlines noise, quality of life issues. So we did get some positive feedback from the surveys. Many value the outdoor dining option that was available, and many people thought that, you know, the parklets improve the walkability of the area or made it feel more friendly, pedestrian friendly. There was an enhanced experience or character of Belmont Shore that was felt as well. Those were some of the results that we got and there was a

website for part of the results. Now when we talk about permanent parklets again, I want to stress existing temporary parklets are not approved or designed to be permanent. Temporary parklets are managed and permitted separately from the Permanent Parklet program, which predates COVID 19. We do have a sidewalk dining and Parklet handbook that was finalized in 2018. Permanent Parklet permits have been available through the city's existing Sidewalk Dining and Parks handbook. Permanent. I'm sorry. Permit requires design and construction of new new structures that meet permit requirements. And there can be local coastal zone requirements that apply as well. The current status of permanent parklet applications right now, only for businesses with a temporary parklet have established a permanent parklet through the formal process and guidelines that I showed to earn CD1 one in CD two and one in CD five. There are four businesses that have applied for a permanent parklet permit that are currently in the review process three in CD, one and one in CD. 730 Businesses have expressed only interest in the formal establishment of a permanent Parklet seven in CD two and 23 in CD3. And what this means is that they've come down and they've talked to our permit technicians, or they've made a phone call or sent in an email just asking for information they have not done or started any of the formal process, only expressed interest. No permanent parklets will not be allowed for the following reasons. There are some cases where we have temporary parklets with businesses, and right now they're not complying with the rules of the game right now. So if they're not complying with the safety requirements, insurance requirements or the refill of the crowd requirements, we want to discourage them from applying for a permanent parklet if they're not going to follow the rules. If a if an applicant has a business condition that has safety concerns or documented issues that have been determined by the city traffic engineer to be detrimental to the quality of life of nearby businesses and or residents. That's going to be an issue as well. Number three, all businesses located in the coastal zone will be required to obtain a local Coastal Commission approval. This is an internal city process. The picture there is a shot from Fourth Street. Now when we talk about permanent parklets, this is a really good example of a permanent parklet. On fourth, it is on the main street, not on a side street, and there's a good drawing there that comes out of the guidelines. Again, it kind of explains a general idea of what a permanent parklet should look like on a main street. Next, an idea for a permanent parklet on a side street again. There is a drawing for this in the permanent parklet guidelines. And this location is at the Socialist on fourth where they actually have the permanent parklet or a permanent design on the side street. Now the Open Streets Initiative, we do have recommendations. T

he first option is that current Open Streets Initiative and temporary parklet program sunsets June 30th, 2022. The second option is a current Open Streets initiative and temporary parklet program Sunsets on June 30th, 2022, with the exception that any business that has applied for a permanent parklet by August 1st shall be allowed to continue utilizing their temporary parklet until September

30th of 22. Now, if we decided to go with option number two, we do have a couple of conditions. First, a business must formally apply for a permanent parklet permit per the existing city permanent PARKLET Program no later than August 1st, 2022. Now, when a business comes in, they will be notified at the time of the application that the proposed permanent parklet may not be feasible because of safety or quality of life concerns. We don't want businesses going through the trouble of getting their plans, talking to engineers, etc., paying the fees when really we're not going to allow that part of it to happen anyway. For those reasons stated, if the application is accepted, the business must adhere to all temporary parklet permit conditions as the formal approval of the permanent parklet is determined. This includes review of criminal activity and neighborhood quality of life concerns. Third, the business must comply with all safety insurance and creel refill requirements that is of their temporary parklets. Parks will be removed starting June 30th 22 if businesses fail to comply. Lastly, temporary parking that's allowed on minor side streets after June 30th, 2022. Only after a case by case review by the city traffic engineer. So that is the extent of the presentation will be welcome to answer any questions you might have. Thank you very much, Mayor, and members of the Council. So we're available to answer questions. I do want to point out that was a lot of information. We focused a lot on Parklets. We're also looking for direction tonight on the apps. Right now, the council direction is that those end on June 30th. If you want to take any other action on that, we want to hear that. And again, all these dates can be discussed. The August 1st date was really designed to be people who are going to do a permanent parklet. We would then work with them and they'd be able to stay open a little bit longer. But the ones that are either not technically feasible or not, we would basically let them know quickly and then those parklets would need to go away. They would not get an extension through September 30th. So with that, we are available to answer questions and get direction from the council. Good Councilwoman that change, Councilman Price. Thank you very much. I know there are a lot of members of the public here who have comments, and I want to hear from all of those. But before we start, I want to just ask a couple of questions so that we all have the same framework that might help inform some public comment. First of all, can you a mr. Heckman, can you put slide nu

mber 14 back up? Because I'm going to have a couple of questions about that and why you're doing that. Mr. Heckman, during your presentation, one of the first comments you made was The Peace Will Sunset, regardless of what we do tonight. But then I heard the city manager say he's looking for some direction on apes. Can I get a little bit of clarification on that? So I'll clarify. So regardless of what you do, if you do nothing tonight, the parklets technically go away on June 30th, as do the OLP. So that was the decision this council made back in December is to only provide a certain amount of extension to to really work to remove other parklets and have this all end June 30th because of the item that we got last night last month. We're here tonight to give you a presentation. So I'm just reminding everybody that I think there's been a lot of focus on the parklets and everyone knows about those. I think a lot of businesses have not been paying attention that their app goes away in two weeks. So if that's the will, the council will implement that if there is a desire to have that part be extended. I really would like direction tonight so that we don't have miscommunication with businesses. Okay. So I'll probably address OJP specifically after I hear from everyone because I want to hear the comments, but I know I have some recommendations on apps. The second thing I wanted to ask about is looking at. Well, let me let me back up here. When we implemented the Open Streets Initiative. We did not, in my opinion, communicate. To the residents, the process that would be required for them to lodge concerns about a particular parklet operation to petition its removal or modification. And there is a process. So I've learned through talking with the city attorney that there is a process involved. And I'm wondering if someone from the city attorney's office can talk a little bit about is there a process? What is that process? And I know personally that we're involved in some of those discussions, but I don't know that we've readily shared the process. And if if staff will remember the last time this item came to council, I specifically asked as part of the extension that there be a process outlined that residents could have an opportunity to lodge objections to a particular operation. So to answer your question, the Council on Women Prices we had during the pandemic, we had the venue task force and so that venue task force to go out and seek enforcement of the emergency health order. In addition, they would go out and monitor some of the parklets that were out when they're out and visiting businesses. And so as part of that task force, we would receive complaints. And as a result of those complaints, we would contact businesses that had parklets. If there was an issue, we would communicate with the

business owners. Some of them were cited in the past and usually the citations would handle whatever activity was occurring or whatever the problem was in re

lation to the PARKLET as far as removal of the PARKLET. There's only been one that's been removed and that was involving restoration and that involved violations related to the health order. And we did removed out, but we noticed the business of the decision to remove the parklet. They were provided with 72 hours notice that it would be removed and they were also provided with an opportunity to have an administrative hearing. If they were if they wanted to appeal that decision to remove it, which they did. And we had the appeal and the appeal was denied in the park that was removed. So that's kind of the process that we had. If there's something else or would you have another question specific to any other area? I can't answer that as well. Well, I will, but I'll have to save it to later. So I don't want to run out of time. But in looking at option number two on slide number 14. So first of all, our permanent parklet application process is lengthy. And one of the things that I talked to the city manager about is if we're going to meaningfully allow people to apply for permanent parklets, we need that and give them this timeline of August 1st. We need that turnaround to be faster. And if we only have a select architects that they can choose from, they can't pick their own architect and they have to go through the city process and wait for city staff to be able to review things. And how can we ensure that we're able to meet these timelines? I think that's a legitimate question, Councilwoman. And, you know, it will take time for businesses to contact an engineer or a architect to design these permanent structures. You know, we will be telling businesses right upfront if they're not going to be eligible for this program at all because of safety reasons. But, yes, you are correct that they will have to quickly, you know, figure out what they want to do, make contact. And we're going to have to expedite our review of these permanent parklet permits as they come in with the designs to make those turnarounds and formal approvals happen. If you need to change the dates again, we're looking for council's direction. If we need to give them more time. And I will point out that none of this is really new. They business is really new. Back in December of 2021 that this was going away in June of 30 of 2022. So council was pretty specific that that was the time. The reason that we're just doing this now is if somebody is almost done and they've done their work and all they need to do is submit it. You know, that's kind of what we're looking for. We don't think someone who has who has waited all this time and is just today starting is going to qualify. And that is kind of a business decision that they had to make. Okay. I'm going to my time is up, so I'm going to queue back up. Before we go to public comments, there's a couple other foundational questions I want to ask Councilman Allen. Yes. It's okay, Mira. I'd like to wait until I hear from the public before my

comments. Councilman. Sorry. Did you want to go now? First the public. Yes. I just have a really quick question because I'm trying to understand option two does. What about I mean, I don't think opioids are going to be able to apply for anything permanent. So would they have a different option to be able to extend out a few more months out? Because I do have one in my district. Yes. So Opie's right now in the staff recommendation, it's it is that they would end June 30th. We would be looking for a motion from you to help provide us just with a time of how long you would want piece to be extended to. And who would it cover? Would it be the ones that are on private property? Would it be the ones that are on public property? Is it none of them. And we can help. You know, the one that you're talking about, for example, Councilmember is on would be on private property. So. And those are going to be very hard to apply for permanently because you'd have to change the underlying zoning in order to apply for that where a parklet there is an established process picking a park, but there really is not an established process to do what many of them are doing currently. Could I didn't do a motion to extend the lapse to September 30th of 2022. They're on private property just so that they have some time. If they have stuff on there too, knowing that it they can't make it permanent. That could be a motion. And then we would want to get some input on public versus private as well. And I would accept that as a friendly. Okay. Thank you. And that was for all EPS or public or private. Well, I think that her motion was for the the privates. I would be okay extending it for public. But I want to hear from the public. There is one particular PE in the third district that needs to be modified because it is. Abutting a neighboring business and needs that the footprint needs to be modified. But if they want to apply for permanent OHIP. Is that even an option now? Oh, no. So there's no option for permanent OHIP. At all. That's correct. There's no option currently for dedication of a permanent o.p. You'd have to change zoning. There's a lot of different

changes you would have to change. Okay. Well, that's a good clarification question. Okay. So for this so going. Oh, I'm sorry, Councilwoman Sarah, it's still your. Oh, yeah. No, I'm done. That was it. I just wanted to offer that motion. Sorry. Okay. Back to you, Councilwoman. Thank you. Okay, so. So regarding this process being streamlined, streamlined. So we have commitment from city staff that you will expedite your process if there are applications. That is correct. Okay. Looking here, you mentioned this language of they will be notified that they it may not be feasible because of safety or quality of life concerns. At what point will they. It's one thing to say to someone it may not be feasible. Go through the application process anyway and keep your parklet open. It's another to say we have determined, based on wha

t we already know, this location is not feasible. Therefore you need to shut the parklet down now. What? What is the answer? There will be cases where we know a certain parklet is maybe not being a good neighbor where they may be impacting the quality of life of the nearby residents. And in those cases, there is wording in a let me get the right number here in the municipal code that gives the city traffic engineer and the city engineer a little bit of authority to basically shut that parklet down or not allow a permanent parklet. So some of that authority is there. You know, it doesn't have to be a safety item. It doesn't have to be something that is that is quantitative. It can be just where we have lots of complaints, where the complaints are documented, where we know there are problems. Again, these are quality of life issues that definitely impact the safety of the area. And if I'm hearing you correctly, Councilmember, I think you want us to be a little more definitive and not, you know, maybe this, maybe that. So. I totally agree with that. I think we just need to make a decision. We've got two years of data here. And I think if it's that one is lots of complaints is not going to be feasible. We need to just give them the answer that it is not feasible. There may be somewhere with a one foot change in your boundary you could become feasible. I think that is in a different category. And if I may. Councilmember Price. Yes. Is Aaron with the city attorney's office. We are in a unique scenario here because we've had temporary parklets operating for almost for over two years where we have a parklet, a permanent parklet program that exists exists under our municipal code. And so specifically, what our traffic engineer is referring to is there's a section in 14.1 5.0 30b that specifically gives the opportunity and requires that to the satisfaction of the director of public works. Before a. Permit, a permanent parklet permit can be issued. There has to be written consent from the applicable community organizations and building associations, providing evidence of the organization's approval or lack of objection to a Park Parklet installation. So that's the process by which those quality of life considerations come forward in the permanent parklet process. Okay, good. And I wanted to talk about that because we referenced community organizations, but that is as a very broad definition. A community organization can be a group of neighbors on a street who call themselves the Blanc residents because their community, you know, engaged in community activities as a block in Belmont Shores. Specifically, there is a business association. There's two residents associations. There's no highways, but there's community organizations. So I just want to make sure that that process involves feedback from not a particular organization per se, but whether it's neighbors, community members, business association, that that feedback is obtained. Absolutely. And specifica

lly, that section of the municipal code says that it's to the satisfaction of the director of public works, which gives that ability to to ensure that the appropriate folks are having the opportunity to chime in in the process. Okay. And what about an appeals process? So I imagine that business owners have a right to appeal or do they have a right to appeal? Well, there's a vested right. There's been the extension of of an appeal or due process. Right. So, for example, for folks that are engaged in our temporary PARKLET program, our temporary PARKLET permit includes an an appeal. Right. And that was something that Deputy City Attorney Art Sanchez explained in relation to the restoration parklet removal in our code section under this permanent parklet program. That right right to vests when the parklet right vests. And that's covered in section. Sorry. 1/2. 14.1 5.110. And that's when you have a. Parklet permit that has been extended and you're going to have some significant change or revocation of that permit, and that's where the appeal arises. Okay. So the right requires both due process of documenting the allegations, following through a certain process, and then the right of appeal. In relation to the permanent Parklet program? That's correct. In relation to sorry, in relation to the temporary PARKLET program? That's correct. In relation to the appeal rights under the Long Beach Municipal Code for the Permanent Parklet program. There needs to be that vested

right in the permit. It's in the Parklet itself. Got it. Okay. All right. I think I have enough questions right now that I've asked that might help answer some of the questions, but would if it's OC. Vice Mayor, I'm sorry, the mayor's back to go to public comment. Yeah, we're going to go to public comment. We do have a significant number of folks who have signed up for public comment. So it's more than the ten threshold. So that'll go that will be the 92nd clock automatically for the council rules. So if you want to go ahead and read the first set of five folks and then we'll just go through the public comment. Thank you. Will the following speakers please line up at the podium? Heather Carlile. Mark Carlisle. Bill Sheehan. Rita Santos. Oceana and Kelly MacLean. Hello. I'm Heather Carlisle. I'm the owner of the Belmont Shore Children's Center, located at Terminal Avenue in Olympic Plaza. The park put in front of my business was put there without my consent. There has been a gross lack of enforcement of violations. The Iconix IP structure be shown in the packet that I have submitted to you in advance of this meeting is it is within six feet of our classrooms and playground structure. B is harmful to our children, disrupting their peaceful environment and interfering with their ability to learn that children hear inappropriate music with vulgar lyrics daily. Per the Long Beach Noise Ordinance, our schools designated a quiet zone, locating lively group fitness activities with loud

booming music and shouting and structured instructors adjacent to children's classrooms should never have been allowed and should stop immediately. I respectfully ask our District three Councilmember Susie Price to make a motion to amend the ICONIX or IP so as to remove structure b. I ask the other council members to support this vital request. The removal structure be is fair to both the gym and the preschool. The gym has a plethora of outdoor space and structure, a Olympic Plaza Park and the gym's 4000 square foot roof. Rooftop. Please protect our children and remove the iconic structure. Be away from our classrooms. Thank you for your consideration. Council members. Mary Garcia, this is Marc Carlile, and my family owns the Belmont Shore Children's Center that my wife was just talking about, located on the corner of Olympic Plaza and terminal in Belmont Shore. May just be straight to it here. I'm here to request that our District three Councilmember Susie Price make a motion to amend the Iconix Fitness OPIS on Olympic Plaza so as to close and remove the ap parklet structure that is positioned between the property lines of the Belmont Shore Children's Center and to return that space to the original state and purpose. Please note that I am not asking you to deny the extension if you so decide to do so of the Iconix Fitness App beyond the current expiration date of June 30th, 2022, but instead to amend it so that it protects the rights, health and safety of the children at the Belmont Shore Children's Center, as well as the members of Iconix Fitness. Under an amended Iconix, fitness would still be granted the structure that currently occupies 175 square feet, 175 feet of Olympic Plaza between their property lines, as well as the continued use of the entire Olympic Plaza Park itself. In addition, iconic fitness has 4169 square feet of outdoor space available on its rooftop. The only thing that would change would be the removal of the structure in front of our property that has become brutally inappropriate and is without our consideration. Your time has expired. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Bill Sheehan. I'm a Long Beach resident. I am opposed to granting another extension for the Belmont Shore. Temporary Parklets on safety grounds. Have any of you ever driven north on Pomona or Laverne Avenue and tried to make a right turn onto Second Street? A sizable portion of the site line looking west is blocked by Parklets. And what I took away from Mister Hickman was that some of these parklets will be rejected because of safety reasons. So my question is, are there currently unsafe parklets that we know about out there and why haven't they been removed? Yes, the parklets have helped the restaurant survive COVID, but indoor dining is back and so should the repeated sightlines that would allow drivers to drive more safely in the Second Street area. Thank you. Good evening to all. My name is Rita Santos Toyama, and I am a resident of Dist

trict three. Please appreciate that a one size fits all approach to Parklets is not effective. The overreaches and abuses seen by bars and restaurants in Belmont Shaw are unlike any anything you've seen or likely to see in your own districts outside the third 45 of the 93 total parklets are in District three. Some 30 of them on Second Street and the pier. The bulk of those expressing interest in permanent structures are in the same area. Four of you have zero parklets in your district and have likely not experienced the hazards an affront to quality of life that residents of Belmont Shaw feel and smell every day. Others have half the number of parklets in the third. The third district does. Please understand and respect that the unique landscape and density of our

neighborhood is not at all safe and conducive to ongoing assault of community standards. The lack of oversight in the two year old temporary parklets point to a grim future for permanent ones in the Shaw. Please sunset the temporary program on June 30th and the overreach protect our Valley community. Thank you. Kelly Macklin Well, the next five speakers will line up Ryan Hoover, Melinda Cotton, Jeff Miller, Jenny Holbrook and Brian Cochrane. Thank you. Please begin. Good evening. Mayor Gracey and City Council members. My name is Kelly MacLean. I work alongside the executive director of the Long Beach Restaurant Association and I am speaking on their behalf. I am also a Long Beach resident in District one. The LBA is an. Enthusiastic supporter of extending the PARKLET program and believes the program should become permanent. The PARKLET program has allowed for the survival of Long Beach restaurants during the pandemic and are still in high demand from both customers and employees who continue to take COVID precautions. The Attleboro also request that the Council consider streamlining the permit process for permanent parklets. The current process is cumbersome and too expensive for many small businesses. Please extend the PARKLET program. The Long Beach Restaurant Association would love to work with the Council on the best parklet process and planning moving forward. Thank you. Mayor Garcia, an honorable council member, is my name is Ryan Hoover. I'm a fourth generation language native and founding member of the Long Beach Restaurant Association. I come to unite, to voice my concerns to all of you about the premature end to the temporary parklet program. I believe I have a unique perspective with this as I'm an owner on the second street of Katy Branigan's, as well as a resident in the third district in Naples. Pardon me for once. The open street. That was a godsend when you guys opened it. It allowed us to open under certain conditions that were unfeasible for business. It allowed owners to be that were saddled with debt to take and had taken out loans to pay for the parklets. And it also allowed businesses to stay open while playing their employees with Governor Newsom. State of emergenc

y and still active COVID 19 cases on the rise in L.A. County stating that we could be heading for mask mandates again. I think it's a little early to close this program's door. I emphatically ask that you extend the program to a later deadline in order to allow time for further COVID policies to unfold, to give more time to the city and staff to facilitate a permanent parklet program that could be implemented in a timely manner, as well as give them time to set up and develop the infrastructure to accelerate a process from start to end with internal and external entities that are involved in the permitting process. I have personally gone through this already and Coastal Commission and the permitting process are not cohesive at all. Thank you. Jenny Holbrook, Long Beach resident. Mayor Garcia and council members. I'm asking you to terminate the temporary parklets. As of June 30th. This was your. December decision, and I see no. Reason why you should change your. Mind today. The businesses have had months to apply. For and build permanent parklets through. The established process. As was outlined by Mr. Modica. Parklet on Second Street in Belmont Shore or the Parklets at the pier do not make sense for many. Reasons, including. Negative impacts to parking, traffic flow, esthetics and noise. But most importantly is the negative impact they. Have had on access. For the disability community. The reach required five feet of clear pedestrian. Access on sidewalks is not. Maintained by many of the PARKLET operators and this requirement has. Not been enforced by public works either. The Long Beach Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities has outlined these concerns in detail in a. Memo that all of you received and also Mr. Modica received, and that was stated on five 1222. Please read it. Please do not extend. A temporary parklets. Beyond June 30th. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and council members. My name is Melinda Cotton and I live in Belmont Shore. We were told when the temporary Parklet program was designed to help restaurants survive COVID 19 restrictions. But somehow the iconic private gym and fitness business was allowed. In the summer of 2020 to take over half of a two way street to Olympic Plaza Drive near the Belmont Pier, closing one lane of traffic and taking over some 20 free public parking spaces near the beach. Iconix was given a special advance permit at OJP and the Public Works Department installed Orange K rails or barricades down the middle of the public street. Iconix then installed tall chain link fencing around this barricaded street and parking spaces, filling it with gym equipment and a storage container. For the past two years, only Iconix paid members and staff have been allowed this former public space. There are no longer any restrictions on Iconix, but it still has possession of this space. The takeover of Olympic Plaza Drive is unnecessary and unconscionable. The city should remove those barricades and return this public

street and public parking spaces for coastal visitors and the families and children trying to escape inland summer heat. It was an inexpensive day at the beach and. Your time has expired. Jeff Miller and brian cochran. Good evening, mayor. And members of the council and the residents of belmont shore. 100 more than 100 of them who are not able to be here tonight, but signed a petition asking that the parklets be terminated. I live in Belmont Shore, half a block from Second Street. My comments are concerning only the Belmont Shore Parklets. Belmont Shore has had the reputation of a great neighborhood. It's a nice place to live, to visit, to shop, to dine, to take visitors. Don't we all want to preserve that image? Isn't that important for the image of Belmont Shore? This image has been hurt by the parklets, and there's a danger of that becoming permanent. The substantial loss of parking has been mentioned. It's now a danger to vehicles pedestrians at intersections because of the lack of visibility. The walkability of the neighborhood has been lost. There are sidewalk obstructions. It's impossible to stroll leisurely and converse. The sidewalks are filled with dining tables, signage, servers, patrons waiting. The appearance is terrible. So to keep parklets or not, they should be decided by neighborhoods. And they may be okay in some neighborhoods, but they're not appropriate in Belmont. Sure, it would be a decision only to profit. Sorry. Your time has expired. Well, the following five speakers please line up. Julie Dean, Rita see Estella to door. Geoffrey Mozart. Dimitrios So if you can line up at the podium, please. Are and council members. How was your day? How was your morning? Pleasant, I hope. Mine started with five trucks and half a dozen workmen doing loud construction at Belmont Brewing Company, 100 feet from the bedrooms and living spaces of some 140 residents in my condo complex. My morning included someone who drove in their car through a public walkway to the foot of the nearby pier and decided to blast their music for 30 minutes. It included another 2 hours of those workmen sawing, drilling, hammering and dropping heavy items on the walkway meant for pedestrians, bicyclists and runners. Had there been an emergency, no fire truck or ambulance could have gotten through. My month has included illegally parked motorcyclists throwing debris at my window, spurred on by the owner of an adjacent catering business operating within OCP, who routinely parks his vehicles in the public walkway. It also included the same owner at 10 p.m. on a weekend, interrupting his noisy, unloading supplies on the public walkway to stand under my balcony and ask if I was watching porn on my phone because I was documenting his violations for the police. He asked in front of dozens of my neighbors if I was a pedophile. Owners and managers of these businesses haven't just encroached on public space. They've treated it as our exclusive domain. They've been contemptu

ous of residents outreach and all efforts to mitigate. They let their employees, vendors and customers do whatever they want. They lied to police and city officials. There are daily and weekly occurrences in my neighborhood. Does that happen in your area? I hope not. It's time to end these parklets or sweeps and sweeps. It's truly time. Hello, Mayor and council members. My name is Julie Dean. I live in Belmont Shore and I've been there for 25 years. There's been or there was a certified class action suit filed against the city of Long Beach on behalf of persons with mobility disabilities. The parties reached a settlement in 2017 that's been entered as a binding order of the Federal Court and has a 30 year term through 2047. The law firm involved submitted a letter to the mayor and council members sorry, addressing sidewalk access for persons with mobility disabilities as it relates to the city's temporary and permanent parklet programs. They have photographs showing tables, chairs, signs, planters, and even some semi-permanent structures that reduce the clear width of the pedestrian right of way adjacent to park, located on and around Second Street in the Belmont Shore neighborhood. The photographs show bar and restaurant patrons congregating on sidewalks near the Parklets subject. Such obstructions deny access to persons with mobility disabilities. And I know this firsthand. The city has a binding court enforceable obligation to ensure the accessibility of its pedestrians. Right of way. In addition, the requirements of State and federal disability and discrimination laws. The settlement requires the city to maintain the accessible features of its pedestrian facilities so that persons with mobility disabilities will be able to use such safely and independently. Thank you very much. Good evening. Mayor Garcia and council members. I am ready to write. And I have been a resident of Belmont Shores since 1972, and I am still thrilled that I can stand on my corner and have the choice of at least a half dozen restaurants within one block in either direction. Living half a block from Second Street. My husband and I have frequented the restaurants and businesses there since the days of the Belmont Theater and Hops Hub. However, today, these days, many of the current restaurants are overreaching and they are

encroaching on public property. They are taking up valuable parking places and they are placing tables on the sidewalks, impeding pedestrian traffic and parklets. On second, continue to be a safety hazard and an impediment to the to the vital thoroughfare for local residents, for the commuters and for visitors. In 1996. 97. Sidewalks were widened to accommodate for the specific purpose of accommodating outdoor dining. And since the new restaurants have been moving in, many of them have opened up the entire front of their estab. Your time has expired, ma'am. Name. Your time has expired. Good evening. Two weeks ago, our resident group made an impassioned

plea to city council to not allow permanent parklets in Belmont. Sure, we shared a data based presentation explaining how Belmont sure is too dense in population and Second Street has is too busy a thoroughfare to host parklets. And now we see that public works is bending over backwards to allow restaurants to request by requesting a permanent status by August 1st. With that request, the restaurant can keep their so-called temporary parklets. The temporary parklets were to sunset June 30th. After three prior extensions, they were not constructed to last two years. Second Street now looks like a shantytown. The street smells like an alley. The sidewalks are filthy. And now we have to endure this. Three more months. We no longer have a situation of need on the part of the restaurant. The two year old Long Beach Restaurant Association, which has been crying, need somehow afforded a highly paid executive director to get city deals in its members favor. The borough has been laying the foundation for widespread permanent parklets since its inception in 2020 and using the cover of the pandemic to advance its goals. You have a chance tonight to make the. Ma'am, your time has expired. Good evening. My name's Jeff Cozart, and I'm coming to you tonight from a little bit different perspective. I'm not a resident of Belmont. I live in the fourth District, but I owned the Belmont Athletic Club that is in the third district. And my concern with the Parklets speaks directly to the mature. When they first came about, I was 100% behind that program. It was needed. We were all fighting for our survival. Um. Now there are tons of businesses in Belmont Shore that are still fighting. And one of the things that we desperately need is our parking back. I have friends here tonight who are pro parklet. They are some of my friends. Clients. They owned restaurants down there and I get it for them. I probably want to keep it too. But this issue is very, very simple. It's just about what's fair. They needed help two years ago. I'm glad they got that help. But now the rest of us need what we all share back. It's really just that simple. Thank you. Mr. Mayor. Members of the city council. I'm Jimmy Lloyd, the owner of George's Greek Cafe in Belmont Shore, along with my sister, Nicky. You know, the Parker thing did save us. And it and still to this day does save a lot of people still in Long Beach. Don't want to sit inside yet. They're concerned, rightfully so. Everybody has a right to feel the way they do. We we have had a hard time this year with getting customers in staffing, cost of goods going up over 20% for our our specific needs. I think if we had the opportunity to get a permanent parklet, a lot of these concerns that came up before me would be probably be addressed in the process. I have hired Perkovic and Ruth, who has brought, I believe, two or three of the Parklets, and they've had no headway in trying to get the process into public works and get it done. So my conc

ern is if yes, if there's a process to get to a permanent park that make them look nice, make sure they're safe, make sure that there's access for handicapped people and that's more walkable, then that process should be in place and we should be allowed to at least try to apply for it. I try to play it in 15 and it was shot down and now have been told even today I was texting with my architect that it's still not a real process to get a permanent parklet. These things can all be addressed and bad players can be excluded. And the ones that I want to do the good job and be good neighbors should be rewarded. Thank you for your time. Will the following speakers please line up the podium? Nicky Clare. Pete Marsh. Rod Farentino. Jenny Cuevas. Sandy Watson. Nikki Clare. Pete Marsh. Rod Farentino. Jenny Cuevas and Sandy Watson. Good evening, mayor, vice mayor and council members. I think my brother just spoke for me. Oddly enough, I'm going right after him and I. I agree with what he's saying. We have been trying for a long time to go through the proper channels to get a permanent parklet with no headway, nobody getting back to us. I've read some of the articles in The Grunion and I understand and I agree with what people are saying. They're frustrated that we're not getting back to them and saying backing up what we're saying that we're going to help out and clean up and make it safe and make them and beautify them. But it's hard to to put that into play when we don't get any answers back and we can't. It doesn't make financial sense to spend an exorbitant amount of money to bring parklets up to standard of what's expected

to be safe and esthetically pleasing at the expense of a temporary solution. So if we can get some headway in that, I know that that would take care of a lot of the problems, and there's certain guidelines that everybody has to follow. So thank you for tearing us out. Pete Marsh. Rod Farentino. Good evening, Mayor. Council and city staff. My name is Rod Farentino. I'm a Long Beach resident, born and raised here. I'm also a restaurant owner and I am a member of the Long Beach Restaurant Association. To my knowledge, the agenda item this evening is not about Parklet or no PARKLET. It actually relates to terminating the temporary outdoor Parklet program on June 30th, or potentially extending the temporary outdoor dining period to some date in the future. And in this case, until September, September 30th, only for those that apply for permanency. The state of California still has its state of emergency in effect. I see many of you wearing mask here tonight. COVID is still here. Cases are rising once again. L.A. County is on the verge of a mask mandate. Also, the Alcohol Beverage Control has extended their outdoor drinking in these temporary spaces for one year after the California state of emergency ends. Folks, the state is still in a state of emergency. So if many people here tonight, I want to tell you that we're not in a state of emer

gency as it relates to COVID. I disagree. It is still here. Many members of the public still only dine outdoors. I get reservations. Online. Daily. Outdoor dining only. The city is considering terminating our outdoor dining program with no expedited, expedited plan to to get us through the process. We need the city to tell us what to do. By June 30th. Next week. Your police. My name is Jennifer Cuevas. I o Taco Shaw in Belmont. Shaw And I would like to thank you for letting us have the parklet throwing all this awful time in COVID, however, were not recovered. We do need the help still. We do have a lot of residents coming in loving the parklets. They just don't come to the meetings here. But we always we always get those feedback that they love it. It's important for us to keep at it. Where? At the beach. Beach. They absolutely just help us survive. We have I have 23 employees that depend on my decisions and your decisions and that actually help us keep on with the community and bring works back. And it's just important for us to keep the Parklets I understand that a lot of residents are not happy with the way that some owners are managing their stores, penalize them, do something with them. But Don, don't do it to all of us. It's not fair that we are doing what we are supposed to. We are following all the protocols. Help us survive. Help us keep going with, you know, the business and then just keep it open. Thank you. Hi. My name is Sandy Watson and I am a resident of the third district. I'm a retired schoolteacher from Albany, USD. When I think of when I think of Long Beach, we were in Beach City and we are beaches and walking on the shores and sunsets and outdoor dining. I love the outdoor dining. I think it's made a really great impact to downtown or to Second Street. I, I just am so impressed that you guys were able to get together and think out of the box. As a teacher, I think that's what we encourage our kids to do all the time and sneak out of the box. And together with the restaurant, you've come up with a way to do that. Let's not punish them now because they're not out of the whole thing. Started saying that they did it for economic recovery. You can't tell me the restaurants have recovered now when they're just starting to have their summer season, when they can have their their and their customers sit outside, which is what we want to do as residents. We don't want to be sitting inside. As the other gentleman said, it's outside dining that we're looking for. So I just hope that you will at least extend this parklets to the end of the summer to help those cuts in the restaurants and the residents. Thank you. Well, the following five speakers, please. Lineup. Katie Fahey. Anna Christiansen, Darryl Burns. Kieran Gow. Jeff Roe. Oh, thank you. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. Council members. Fellow citizens. Pete Marsh, District two. I'm a climate advocate. And so I rode my bike here today. I rode my bike this morning to a restaurant that w

e, my business partner and I chose because we wanted to eat outdoors. So we ate in a parklet. And my wife and I have only been we've only been indoors maybe three times in the last two and a half years. We still look for outdoor seating. So both for the health reasons, I agree with the folks who have said, you know, the pandemic is not over yet. We're fooling ourselves if we just say that. More, more big picture. I'm thinking about the future. We've got a good program in this city for establishing bike lanes and bike routes and bike ways. I'm just. Just learning. We've had our electric bikes for less than a month. I'm trying to replace a second car. I think we need to think about that in all aspects of urban planning to make our cities denser, more walkable, bikeable and livable. And so this discussion tonight, I think, is a microcosm of many bigger discussions to come as we try to increase the the vibrancy of this great city. Thanks very much. Good evening. My name is Katie

Fahy. I live in the third district and have lived there over 20 years. I am not against all parklets. I feel that they have enhanced our area on Second Street and people have been responsible for what they have. The owners, the managers. I can speak. I want to speak specifically to what affects me daily and my family. I live in Glendora. And when I was here, I was here back in December and told you having it on the sidewalk or having on the side street has brought dogs into my living room. I am the first line of defense. My yard and house have essentially become dog smoking section and bathroom. We can't make a blanket rule or policy. We need to do it individually and by people's actions and how they are responsible for their area. Dogs has shown time and time again they could care less of how they integrate into the community. People stand in the street, hanging on the parklet, watching the TVs, dog pastries, patrons hang out in the dry, cleaner parking lot, yelling back and forth at their friends. I have been told that they're adding new security. They're the ones who are smoking pot in the parking lot. Just this Saturday, I had someone peeing on the wall in my house and had to call the police. And I have kids that are watching this and it's not right. So you need to take responsibility and manage the parklets as well as. I hope the traffic directors listening to this because it is about. Your time is beginning, Ms. Christiansen. Fine. Just a comment. The Sierra Club most serious task force, third district resident born in Long Beach. Yada, yada, yada. On this issue, I'm concerned about two people that are violating what I think is just common courtesy and public safety. I noticed that the traffic director said that. That. They're going to assess who gets to. Stay and who gets to go. Based on a lot of complaints. And then he also said that people don't know how to complain. So I think there's a little. Bit of a. Break here. And I hope that people who learn how to complain a

nd this can be expressed sooner rather than later will be able to be taken seriously, even if it's not hasn't occurred over a long period of time. I'm concerned about, I think, the word park. That's kind of strange. But anyway, I totally understand what Ms.. Cotton is saying about Down by the beach there, where an entire street has been taken over for a gym. And it's not just the street they take. The gym takes over the park and even the beach and even the bicycle path. You can't ride a bicycle down the path. They do classes on the bike path. So this particular business owner is pretty out of control and has his own outdoor deck. So what I find is interesting. You know. As Christiansen, your times expired. Good evening. My name's Darryl Burns. I live on a glendora street in Belmont. Sure. And, you know, I think I came and spoke here a few months ago, and I was very frustrated with one establishment down the street, Doug's bar. And but at that point in time, I was really very supportive of all the other parklets supportive of this effort and really felt like, you know, how do we hold some some places accountable? I guess what I've learned is you can't hold them accountable once they have a parklet. And so my concern about extending where I was very flexible in the beginning, I would say I really encourage you to not extend the parklets as far as permanent parklets. I hope you put a process in place where there is a grievance process. What I have found is a huge burden falls on the community to have to hold them accountable. I know there are some inspections and some things done when there's complaints. Those folks are probably not out there one in the morning. I know people say the parklets are closed at that point in time. Patrons still go out and hang out there. As one of the previous speakers said, you know, we had someone come and just urinate right in front of us. You know, we had another person later in the evening, he walked by, fell down on all fours. I went over to check on him. He said he drank too much, got up, stumbled around, and then went back to the bar. So, you know, I think the quality of life. Good evening, everyone. My name is Karen Goff on the 908 restaurant El Ultimo Pizzeria. And then I'm the president of the Long Beach Restaurant Association. Oakland. San Luis Obispo. San Francisco. Manhattan Beach. Claremont. Santa monica. Most of Orange County cities. A bunch of cities and San Diego have all decided to extend the temporary permit process for Parklets. That's like what? Somehow in Long Beach we can only do it for 30 days. We've asked for over a year for an easier path towards what the permanent parklet process is, and we haven't really gotten any movement on that. It's cumbersome. It's 27 pages. There's only two architecture firms that you can hire. It's like they're backed up. The city is short staffed. We've heard that from all of you. That's like so we can't even get the parklets approved in a timely fashion. All we'

re asking for is that we get a we get a path towards temporary being extended into such a time to where we have a permanent parklet process that works for the entire city and the restaurant community. We know there's a lot of people from downtown. Sure. That have an issue with

Parklets. We get it. We thank them for their patience and helping us through this whole time and COVID. However, Bellman sure doesn't dictate policy for the entire city, so we need to take that into consideration and go from there. Thank you. Well, the following speakers, please line up the podium. Susan Row. Nadia Tushnet. Michael Neufeld. Kurt Schneider. Good evening, council members and Mayor Garcia. When I heard that on January, on January 1st, we were going to have to end the PARKLET program on June 30th. Two weeks later, I started applying for the process. I went to an architecture firm. I got told. We'll get to you when we get to you. It's been five and a half months. I've had one meeting with the architecture firm. No quote, except for him to tell me it's going to be 40 to \$60,000 to put a permanent parklet in and to lose two thirds of them. Excuse me, one third of my current parklet. I don't know how people say that this is not a survival instinct for us. We're all we've all made do during COVID. We have started to come out of it. COVID is not over. Mask mandates are coming back. And I don't think that anybody has also considered that for every park that closes, at least 1 to 2 employees will be losing their jobs from our restaurants because we have nothing to give them for shifts. So please consider extending and making the process for us to go permanent for us who are doing the right thing easier. We want to do the right thing. We want to make our parklets beautiful. We want to make Long Beach beautiful. Thank you. Hi. I'm Susan Rowe. And I actually lived in Belmont Heights about three blocks off of Second Street. Second Street used to be a destination that I would go to frequently with my daughter for Christmas parades and the Halloween candy walk, the stroll and savors. I can't imagine any of that stuff happening now. There are shuttered businesses there. I wouldn't put a business on that street right now because you can't even see the businesses with all of the parklets. I have a prepared statement, but I did want to say I didn't get a survey and it's not more walkable. I rarely go there anymore. So it's time to end the temporary parklets. The bars and restaurants have received hundreds of thousands of dollars of loans that were forgiven. Dogs alone, one of the worst offenders of community standards and frequent violator of Parklet rules, got 370,000. Belmont Brewing Company got \$923,000. Iconix Fitness \$717,000. The bars and restaurants have received extensive state aid. Even now, the city continues to dole out its remaining relief funds. To them, permit fees were way for the entirety of the pandemic. To date, the Libra won extra funds up to \$10,000 for bars a

nd restaurants to create outdoor dining and thousands more to update their technology. No other sector of city businesses has received aid anywhere close to these amounts. No individual resident received rescue funds that lasted more than a month. Rust. Ma'am, your time has expired. Hello. My name's Nadir Tushnet, and I've been living in Long Beach for almost 40 years. Not quite at the shore. But when I first moved here, one of the things I liked to do was I'm a great wanderer and wandered around the businesses in the shore. I want to talk about I understand the economic impact of the cost of COVID on on restaurants. But right now, there was two other economic impacts that we should take into account. First of all, there is a high cost to the city of oversight and accountability around the existing parklets we heard it described. So that's a cost that should be taken into account as we move on with this. There's also the economic impact on the non restaurant businesses. If you can't wander down the street, which you can't, I'll tell you, then those businesses suffer. We talk a lot. I hear a lot of talk about choosing winners and losers. If we're going to choose restaurants over other kinds of businesses as the winners and the other businesses are the losers, I'm not sure that that's actually fair. Thank you. Good evening, everybody. Mayor Council. Uh, with respect, first of all, to Mr. America's admonishment of what we've been doing for six months in terms of not a lot of us being able to get the paperwork. And I think there was a comment in the back there what we've been doing. I think I can speak on behalf of all the restaurant owners in the room. We've been washing our own dishes and cooking all the food for the guests because we can't seem to find workers to do that. That's what we've been doing for six months, in addition to running our businesses and losing money. So the reality is, is that and I have an IP, I don't have a parklet clip, but I'm certainly speaking as a fiduciary on behalf of the other the other restaurant owners here. City of L.A. just extended this to March for a variety of reasons. And this shouldn't be a permanent situation. We know that. But there's just not enough time. It's premature. You've heard enough about the process with respect to permanent parklets. We need more time. We need more time to work with you. We need more time to clean up the Parklets you know, we need to address that. It's a real problem and we get it. And you know, as a founding member of the borough, you have our commitment that we want to work with you and we want to

understand what we need to do to improve it. It's not a perfect program. It's not a perfect process. But we've been just trying to survive and keep 20,000 restaurant workers employed in the city of Long Beach. So we ask for a little bit more time and a little bit more clarity and a little bit more communication so that we can help you have the city that you vision here and help us st

ay in business. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor Garcia. City Council people and the well-behaved baby. Tonight, I'd like to address as the president of the Belmont Shore Business Association to thank all of you and city staff for what you've done, letting us have these parklets as long as we've had. I don't want to reiterate everything everybody else has already said. So many great comments have made. There's been falsities as well, but I'm here for positivity. What I will say today is that if the city enforces the municipal codes, the ADA rules, we will be forced to adhere. I am here to be your biggest advocate. As a president of the Belmont Shore Business Association, five feet. We have to have five feet. I want to see anybody with ADA issues to never have a problem in Belmont Shore. I want you to come to Belmont Shore and know that we care for you and want you to visit our restaurants and our retail. That is nobody's intent but a poor operator. They should be fined. They should be warned first and then find. I am here to back you 100%. What I will tell you right now is that to extend this would be a godsend to some. We are not through this. The permanency is an issue. I have my plans ready from my own place and so many of the other people are ready to go. If Mr. Hickman and DeKoe do this, we will help you. We will work well with you. Thank you so much. Your staff has been fantastic. Your time has expired. Thank you. That concludes public comment. Thank you. I'm going I also have some a couple questions as well, but I'm going to turn it back over to Councilman Price and then we'll go. Go then, councilman. Okay. So a couple of issues. Can someone please address the ADA concerns? And let me just make one thing very clear that I have been consistent across the board both to the restaurants and non restaurants that have parklets as well as the residents that I absolutely believe that Belmont Shore is in a different situation than Parklets throughout the city and that Belmont Shaw needs to be considered differently and separately for a couple of reasons. One, the proximity of homes to the residences, given the density, is different in Belmont Shaw than some other business corridors that have parklets. One of the residents here talked about her house literally on the alley that is adjacent to one of the businesses. That's an unusual situation and an unusual dynamic. And I've been very clear with every entity that has asked me repeatedly that Belmont Shore is differently situated and that because of parking issues, because it's in the coastal zone , that it's going to have to be treated differently. I've been very consistent with that in terms of the traffic engineers determination. Also, the traffic speeds and volumes on Belmont Shore are different. We don't have the option to close down a lane. I know people have suggested that in the past to allow for parklets the volume on that street is just too great. We can't close down a lane. I wish we could c

onsider that, but we can't even consider that. It would be horrific for traffic. The second thing that I think is is very clear is obviously because we have a lot going on in Belmont. Sure, the ADA issues might be different in Belmont Shore than other places given the number of Parklets. So can someone speak to that? Are we. Is it currently are we not in compliance? Have we considered that? What's the status. There? Councilwoman, we do have a group of people who work in the transportation mobility team. We do go out and walk the entire corridor from Bayshore to Livingston, both sides of the road on multiple occasions. I've been out there four or five times myself. When we do these walks and inspections, we're checking for a variety of things, including ADA clearances that we have to maintain. We do talk to businesses, managers, whoever is on site that can make the adjustment with tables, chairs, or maybe even keeping the patrons out of the walkway. We also have a task force that goes out and responds to similar issues as well. The problem is, is that we can't be out there 24 seven. So as we walk away from that business after clearing up whatever that particular issue is, you know, one hour later, it could rise up again. So we just don't have that constant presence there. But we are checking on that issue constantly regarding ADA accessibility. Okay. I want to talk a little bit about. I know that we said that there's no permanent options for Opie's, but my understanding is some of the Opie's that are on private property have been advised that they may be able to stay if, for example, they're able to find sufficient parking. For example, row is one of those where the Opie is in the back and they've been advised that if parking can be found that that's possibly and an avenue. And I would just want to confirm that. Council Member Christopher We are working with that business row and have spoken to others. So in those

circumstances, a property owner can always come into the city and discuss improvements. And that particular location, they are going to secure offsite parking and then remove parking spaces from their site plan. But that will be a permanent condition on private property that is permitted through development services, as building any structure would be. So it's not that they will have a permanent OCP, the O p will go away, and they will have secured a way to have outdoor dining on their private property as a permanent feature of their restaurant . Okay. Thank you. So I have a motion regarding. I know that Councilwoman Sara made a motion to extend the ops till September 30th, but I want to ask about a modification to that. What I'd like to do is for the ops, I would like a process for the ops whereby if they're requesting an extension that they apply for that extension to our public works department and that a decision be made on a case by case basis regarding whether or not that PARKLET or that OPI can be extended till September 30th. A

nd for considerations such as parking impacts, residential impacts, impact on adjoining businesses, that those be considered in that decision process. Councilwoman Sara, are you okay with that? So I just want to clarify said that if they if they wanted to extend it, they would have to apply for that extension for just three months, though. I don't know that they have to go through an application process, but an expression of interest is what we have right now for those businesses that are on a list. I just didn't want to make it onerous. Yeah. Just a point of clarification to move forward. My understanding was that the AP exemption was for only apps issued on private property. That's how I understood it. So I don't know if that's changing. Now to the opens would go through the Special Events Office and not the Public Works Department. So I defer to Tasha Day to discuss the impact on an application that it would have on staff. So most of them would have to reapply. Council member as they would have to turn in current drawings for those new structures or modified structures as well as the proper insurance to maintain those they are sent to sun. They are set to sunset on June 30th. So we would have to go through that entire process of collecting all that data. It's doable, but they would all. Have to reapply. They would all have to reapply to go beyond June 30th. Yes, they would have to reapply and we would. Have to vet all of their insurance requirements again. And that's regardless of what we do tonight. Yes. Oh, okay. No, no, no. Only if you agree with them. If you extend them past the 30th. They would have to do that. If we extend them past the 30th, they would have to do that for private and private property. And public property. Yes. Can. My motion wasn't to extend beyond September 30. I think it's June 30th. All right. Which 30th are we talking about? June 30th. Okay. So to extend them beyond June 30th, they'd have to apply. That's correct. So I don't. So that we couldn't automatically extend them beyond June 30th. They would have to apply to go beyond June 30th. They would reapply like they have been. So they've been doing this this whole time. So every time the APIs are extended. We contact everyone and they have to resubmit their information. Okay. So they would have to reapply and then you would do an evaluation as to whether you grant it based on that application? That is correct. Okay. So we would be saying if they're currently an existing AP, they could apply to go till September 30th, but they still have to go through the application process. Yes. And that application process would involve presumably consideration of the comments that have been expressed tonight in terms of parking impacts and other impacts. Yes, that's correct. And encroachment on other businesses. Yes. Okay. So they would have to apply even weaker. So what we're saying now is you could apply up to September. You could apply to extend up to September 30th. Yes. That'

s the motion. Okay. All right. I may want to come back to that. I'm out of time, so I'll come back up. Sorry. I think Councilman Allen was next. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. I do appreciate everyone that came out to talk, but I do think that these temporary parklets need to come to an end. I know that we have done everything that we can do. When these when the restaurants really needed our help, I think we all rallied around. I think we did as council. We did as as patrons. And I absolutely love the outdoor dining. And but I do have concerns with these temporary parklets. All the concerns that a lot of people expressed tonight. I'm also. Wondering, you know, we've had these the restaurants have had a really long time to get these these applications in. But what I've heard from some of these businesses that they haven't we haven't gotten back to them for their permanent. So that's concerning to me because it's if we're saying you have this time period to to apply and they're seeing that they haven't got backs, I really need to understand what's happening there because that's that's problematic. And I also wonder if there's a good number of businesses that have expressed interest but yet haven't moved forward. And I don't know what's happening there either.

If someone can speak on that, perhaps they're going to keep the temporary parklets as long as they can. I mean, I would imagine it's good for their business and it's kind of, you know, free space. But why are they not applying for this permanent position? So permanent a parklet. So if someone can help me understand what's happening there, I appreciate it. Yes, Councilwoman, let me point out that we we have had permanent parklet permits issued recently. I mentioned that we have four that are currently in the review process, three are in CD1 and one is in CD seven. And we have also already converted four temporary parklets to permanent two and CD1 one in CD two and one in CD five. So, so when we do have locations that are meeting their requirements, paying the fees, putting in their applications and their their plans, a complete application, those permits move forward. We do have some businesses who are who have talked to the permit technicians. They submit packages and they're not complete. They're missing an engineer stamp. They're missing a signature. So those processes are deemed incomplete. But recently we've had a lot of discussion about this meeting and the outcome of this meeting and the fact that many folks who are thinking about going permanent, they still need Coastal Commission approval to make that approval and the reality of the permanent park that happen. So it's still a bit of a process, but we're not just stopping the entire program. That's not that's not the case. So we heard a business say that they have applied and haven't heard back from our team. So what do you say to that? Like, how does that happen? When I hear something like that, I really want to talk to that business and find

out who they are, where they are, and what they where they are in the process. Most of our permit technicians are very reliable. They contact the businesses. So I would I would like to just follow up and see what we can do to make that process more efficient. Okay. Thank you. Come tomorrow, Ringo. Thank you. And thank you. Because remember, Alan, you brought up a slide here that I was looking at right now, and I was going to ask a question about it. And that's slide 11, where you mentioned that the the four businesses that went from temporary and permanent to a silly one, one, two, three, two, one and C five. The four businesses that applied for that are currently under review, three in CD1 and one in CD seven and in the 30 businesses that only expressed interest in the formal establishment, the Parklets seven in CD2 and 23 in CD3 in three. But obviously the, the, the one item here that put my ears was the, the businesses that are located in the coastal zone and needing a coastal development permit. How many of those businesses that we have are those 30 of fit within that the coastal zone that you know of? Thank you, Councilman. That's a very good question. Right now, we have 30 businesses that have expressed interest only in obtaining a permanent parklet permit. And I would say approximately half of those between 15 and 20 at the most are actually within a local Coastal Commission jurisdiction. So they will need a local permit, which we do here at the city. They don't have to go to Sacramento for that project. I mean, for that permit. It was part of the LCP as well. But you're correct. But the thing is, is that, you know, when businesses show interest, that doesn't mean that they've committed fully to the process. And we don't anticipate that we're going to have 30 businesses knocking on our door right now to get a permit. You know, as I was in the case, I was only interested in how many do you think are in the coastal zone that would have to apply? What I'm basically looking at is it appears that those businesses that are in the coastal zone would have to go through another layer or another process of getting a permanent parklet . Would that be correct? That's correct. I would say that the final step in the process is that coastal, local coastal commission approval. Yes. Okay. Well, good luck with that. It takes so long with the Coastal Commission, though, I'll tell you. I know experience. Yes. Okay. So and just to just to clarify that that would be an LCP that would not be going to the the full coastal commission. So when they're at that process, we're deeming them pretty much complete. So they have a couple more things to do. They in our mind would be deemed feasible. They'd be eligible for this extension. There's a small handful of those right now. It's the ones that haven't gotten through the architect yet that haven't been able to put up the dollars and the investment to make something like this occur. If we're purposes of the audience, LC

P is a local coastal program will permit that the city has already established in terms of rules of how businesses can go into the coastal zone. So just to put clarification on that, that's all I have. Thank you. Thank you, councilmember. With screening still loading here, the councilman price is next. Thank you. Okay, so on that note. The 17 or so businesses that are in Belmont Shore, Naples that are fall in the coastal zone, who have expressed an interest, have not been given an application process. At least some of them have been told there is no application process. So that's where I

feel like there's a little bit of unfairness here. We're saying if you've applied we were saying they had all this time to apply, okay, but they haven't been given a meaningful application process. So those that are on the list should be given an opportunity to actually apply so that they can get a permanent parklet because and maybe the city attorney needs to weigh in here, our current permanent PARKLET program. Which was established in 2018. Does not have a carve out for Belmont Shore. So if you're a business owner. In a different district and you are given the opportunity to apply for a permanent parklet and you're a business owner in Belmont. Sure, you still have the same opportunity to apply for a permanent parklet because our own rules don't carve out the coastal zone, correct? That's correct. Councilmember Price. There is no carve out for the second for second Street or for Belmont Shore. There are safety considerations and those considerations are applied on a case by case basis for every parklet. Exactly. And I've been very clear with all the businesses in Belmont. Sure. That want to convert to permanent that is going to be a decision that the traffic engineer is going to make based on the traffic and the parking situation in Belmont. Sure. So my problem is they haven't been given an opportunity. So what I would like to make a motion tonight is if they have expressed an interest. By June 30th. And they're going to go through the application process. And it's they are deemed feasible to go through the application process. Then I'm okay with option B, which means they need to complete their process by August 1st. Okay. What I don't want is if there are businesses that the traffic engineer has already deemed are infeasible. For whatever reason, traffic concerns, blind spots, neighborhood concerns, whatever. I don't want to wait until August 1st if we've already made that determination. So what I would like is by June 30th, the traffic engineer to let those people that are on the list are still interested in having a permanent parklet. They need to notify our public works department by June 30th. Our Public Works Department by June 30th needs to let them know if they are deemed a feasible applicant or not. If they are deemed feasible, then they can go forward with the application process, which we have not afforded them meaningfully up until this point. For

those businesses in the coastal area and they can go through that process under option B, if they are deemed infeasible, then they must tear down their temporary PARKLET By July 15th, we give them two weeks to tear it down. If they have an appeal process, then they can go through the appeal process. But that's the timeline that I would like connected to option B. Is that possible? So I'd like the team to explain or to respond to that. I think that is possible. I'd like to hear from them. I do want them also to give a little bit of information on that. They have not had a process available. We do believe they have had a process available and this is changing it slightly. They have them do interest and then a process. So I'd like to turn to Christopher Coons and to Karl to talk through the can we do this and what process have they had available so far? So Councilmember, I'm going to start and then. Carl is going to. Take over. So there's two departments that touch these potential permanent parklets and maybe no one in this room. But we have had applicants that have. Tried to do the process out of. Order and have been directed not to do that. So development services is not has not will not process any of these permits until they've obtained their public works approval. The public works process, for good reasons is extensive and it requires a lot of materials that have to be turned into. Carl We have had applicants attempt to skip that step entirely and lodge an application with development services. We've rejected a number of those because they have to obtain their safety related approval first before we can look at the suitability and the cost or so on. So Carl is going to talk about his process. Yes, we have a process where we look at, you know, the location, exactly the footprint, many of the things that we've already talked about as far as sightlines accessibility, whether they're over utilities, a lot of research, an investigation goes into whether we're going to approve one of these locations. And of course, we're taking into consideration the neighborhood quality of life questions that come into play. But again, we don't expect to see 30 businesses rushing to us to install permanent parklets. Again, it's a major financial commitment as one of the speakers mentioned. And we feel that regardless of how many come in, we're going to be able to make the process more efficient, address their concerns and, you know, put them on the right path to getting this approval if they are deemed feasible. Okay, so my time is up, so I'll come back up. If I could add something to that for what I heard you say, Councilmember, is that businesses be allowed to have until June 30th to express their interest and then city staff will respond by June 30th. And that's not possible. We would need if we have 510 people apply at June 30th, we can't guarantee that we'll get back to them on the same day. Additionally, if we find that a business is not feasible, we can clai

m that they're not feasible, have their temporary parklet removed, but we cannot stop them from applying for a permanent parklet down the road. Of course. Of course. And you're absolutely right. My understanding was that if they're not on the interest list right now. They're not going to be able to apply, but that's why I was saying the June 30th. But we can make it express interest by June 20th and a decision will be made by June 30th. That's just what we need is a date by which you can apply for it. Either we don't allow any more beyond the 30 that have already talked to us, or we determine a date in the future to get your your interest letter in. Okay. So I'm going to queue back up because my time is up. Councilman's in the house. Thank you. Just for clarification, one of the things that I see with the PARKLETS is that even though we're trying to terminate the the temporary parklets, we're also giving the opportunity to make those. Parklets. Permanent, those that are feasible. I think that if we could actually look at the ad, all of the parklets that we have right now and really work with the owners of those that are not feasible to let them know that it's not going to be possible because of many things that Mr. Karl may me foresee. I think that's important to let them know and not lead them on that. It might be possible because I'm sure that there's some that are very, very easy to see that that wouldn't work for many reasons. So I think that, you know, I would like to say and encourage you to please, please look at those and address those and and make sure that the businesses know. Also, I. Feel that being in the downtown, the Parklets have been great for so many reasons. I mean, we are downtown. I do I do think we're different from other districts and stuff, but I think that being able to help the businesses establish or go through the process of applying. For a parklet. And actually looking at certain barriers that have been preventing them to make. That park. Parklet permanent. I think it's. Also important to look. At and work with each business on a business to business basis to see what we can do as a city to help them make that that parklet permanent. So I know that's a lot of work, and I know that we're really trying to help everyone here. So thank you for all the work that you've already done and the work that is ahead. Thank you. Next up is Councilman Allen and we have Councilman Prescott. I have some you guys might have a couple questions. Thank you. And then we'll we'll get back to the speaker's list. So I just have a couple of questions for staff and just some general comments. I want to just go back just one, one step and think the council certainly I have been a supporter of our Open Streets program, which a parklets were a part of since day one. For me, it was always first and foremost about the pandemic, making sure that people were safe, making sure that people had options to be outdoors, and also to ensure that we didn't lo

se our restaurants and small businesses across our city. And there is no question that the open space and the PARKLET program has been a lifeline for small businesses, for restaurants and for workers. I also agree and understand that there are businesses and there are parklets or in some cases some of the parking lot programs that have been a nuisance. I think one was mentioned in particular that I have noticed as well that have been problematic. There have there have been in some cases media issues. And also all of that is also true. And certainly I think everyone senses of the the the frustration of many members of community, particularly in Belmont Shore. So I think all of that is is is true. At the same time, I just want to make sure what I'm also hearing is I have heard an unconvincing argument that we have set up a system that's been accessible and successful for our small business owners to actually go through and apply for a permanent process. Is it is it true that there are only two architectural firms that they can actually use? That's what I heard. That can't be true. So Karl and I were just conversing. There's two firms that do a lot of this work and are advertising to clients that they could provide these services to them. What the city is looking for is that it's a license designed professional that you're working with a licensed architect and a licensed engineer. There's hundreds of thousands of those available and we don't discriminate. There was one firm referenced in the public testimony, but there's no requirement from the city that the application be prepared by that firm. So so so there's we've got a variety of architects and firms and other folks to go. And Carl has a it's on our website, a guide, a parklet guide that we developed together a few. Years ago that. Takes businesses. Step by step through the. Application process. So we can always do better. But I think here at the staff table. To us that the process is pretty straightforward, but that process just may simply a permanent parklet may be inappropriate for many of the businesses that have a temporary one. And so so I appreciate that. And so let me can I ask also because on most issues, when it comes to business issues or planning or permitting issues, you know, you oftentimes hear from business owners who are having a hard time. And

that's that happens for whatever reason in this particular issue. It seems to be more overwhelmingly, at least what I hear from business folks. That is a very difficult process, even more so than other processes that we have in the city. So that's where my concerns stem from. Can I ask you this question also on the because I agree with a lot of what Councilman Price said about just fairness and making sure that those that have shown interest have an actual opportunity to apply and go through a process. I think that's very fair. I think I hope that's where the council heads tonight. There are areas so and I'm just and I maybe and maybe th

e staff knows or doesn't know this just by those that have been permitted already, have determinations already been made that certain corridors cannot have any parklets. Well, Mr. Mayor, the the fact is, is that we are trying to discourage the installation of permanent parklets on any roadway where the speed limit is posted above 20 miles an hour at 25 miles an hour. Now, there are some exceptions on some corridors where maybe the speed limit is 30 miles an hour on a certain section . And we can make accommodations depending on different engineering designs, ball boats and things like that to make that parklets safe for permanent installation. But for the most part, if it's not 25 miles an hour, we're not going to recommend a permanent parklet. And I, of course, operate. I'm not a traffic engineer. So I you know, I understand the safety rules that are set up for for for that. So, for example, because I don't on the top of my head know what streets are eligible or not. So let's say I am on on Second Street over in Naples, Nico's you other restaurants and in the neighborhood we heard a couple a couple tonight. Are they eligible or are they just are we telling folks who are just not eligible for a parklet if it's if they're eligible or not? What we're telling businesses is that if they're on a roadway where this posted speed limit is, let's say, 45 miles an hour, there's not much you can do from a designs standpoint to make that permanent parklet safe. However, you mentioned Naples Island. We are in the process of not only trying to lower the speed limit there, but Naples is very unique that that will call it eastbound roadways, very wide. There's a large parking zone, there's a large buffer and there's a large bike lane. So there's a large distance between the travel lane and the curb line. So in Naples Island, it's a little unique. So even though it's posted 35 and we're in the process of trying to drop that speed limits of 30, we will be willing to entertain an application from one of those businesses on Naples Island. So those those businesses would be considered. So if one of those businesses on the island was interested or showed interest, they would be put on this interest category. Yes, that's. Correct. And then how about for applicants for restaurants on Second Street in Beaumont? Sure. The same thing has already taken place where they've notified us their interest. I have a list of 30 of them. And again, it's just interest only. Right. And that's the next step that allows them to take to the next step to determine, you know, is this feasible for them? Are they committed to the process financially as well? And then those those are those 30 that are on that list would be all eligible to continue their process if they would like to. Well, currently, there's about ten on this list that I have already looked at, investigated, and I've already deemed them not feasible for installation for various reasons. Okay. And then I'm assuming that if thos

e that are not feasible for installation, we're letting them know right away. That's correct. So if they make contact with us again with the permit team, we would immediately notify them, hey, this is the problem, this is the situation. We don't think you're feasible now. You can apply if you want to. We're telling you right upfront it's not going to be an easy go. Okay. Because I think one of the things that's that's fair to the business owner also is that we're proactively honest with them. If it's not going to be feasible from a traffic perspective, from a safety perspective, I'm just hoping that we're being honest and telling them this is not going to work and that we're being that we're that at least is giving them the the information that we the best submission that we have at that moment. That is our intention. And so so we haven't it's our intention or we haven't done that yet, or we're going to do that. We're going to do that. And when we take the next step and let's say ten of those businesses that have shown interest, let's say they come in to our permit technicians and they say we want to take the next step and put in our application, pay the initial fees and put their their design plans. We're going to say, hey, you know, this may not be a good installation for X, Y, Z. This is why the traffic engineers already looked at this. I won't name the business, but there's some that are that have a very small frontage right on the side of a corner of a of a side street. It's not going to work. It's unsafe. Okay. So we I think my time is probably up to. But have we my last time finally have we at any point told any businesses yet that they are not going to be eligible? Or is that

something that is in the next step? We have not done that yet. And that's probably part of the issue here, I imagine, is that there's a lot of uncertainty. Okay. I appreciate that. Come back to me. But let me go back to Councilman Price and we'll and we'll keep going. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You hit on all the right questions. Let me just say. The information that you guys are sharing tonight. With all due respect, is not consistent with what was shared with the businesses. I have multiple emails here where they were told they couldn't apply because they're in the coastal zone. We didn't have a process yet because they're in the coastal zone. It's there's all sorts of confusion. So and let me also make it very clear, if I didn't already. We're a city with a lot of diversity and a lot of diverse business corridors. So if this is not an issue in other business corridors and people want to extend till March then and it's a different district or different business quarter, then that's fine. I'm just. My motion is based on the observations of the residents that came tonight and what I hear every single day. And I have said from day one that Belmont Shore is different because of the proximity to homes, because of the traffic volumes, because of the parking. With 52. Parking

spaces right now that are lost due to parklets. That's a huge impact in Belmont. Sure. And it's a huge impact for the Coastal Commission. This is a major priority for the Coastal Commission. And I think it's it's important for us to try to to shrink it down. So. Right now, of the 30 that have expressed an interest, I believe about 17 of them are in the Belmont Shore corridor. And other than those 17, all the other ones that have not expressed an interest would go away automatically on June the 30th of the 17 or so that have already expressed an interest or any others that would express interest by June 20th. The public works department, through the traffic engineer, will notify them by June 30th whether or not they are feasible to move forward because we don't want them to spend any money if we're deeming them to be not feasible. That's not fair. They will have an opportunity to appeal that decision, as my understanding will go through that process. But. Is that correct, that they have an opportunity to appeal the word process or no? I wouldn't say it's a formal appeal process, but they would have the opportunity to have a discussion with us to learn why it is it wouldn't be feasible. And they might say to you, okay, what if I change the design here? What if I move it there? Correct. And that's where we would rely on the design to show us what they're actually proposing. Okay. Got it. But I just want them to know by June 30th, if they're not feasible, they need to go away that that parklet needs to go away if it's deemed not feasible and you go through your process. Ah. I understand. Okay. Sounds good. Okay. Perfect. And then this streamlining. I mean, I want to also make sure that everybody understands that we've got to have we cannot talk about being business friendly if we cannot offer a process that's easy to follow and expedited. And I already heard staff say it was going to be expedited. And I appreciate that. And I'm going to I realize this is a lot to put on staff. And look, we did the very best we could with open streets to try to accommodate some sort of outdoor dining option. And I know this is a burden on city staff, but extending the process even longer frustrates the businesses and certainly it's not fair to the residents. So if this has got to be high priority until August 1st to figure out how do we process these applications and what can we do? Okay. I think I think I'm good on the piece. I believe the OP's. The ones on private property. You know, I don't think they should. I think they should have to get the opportunity to apply for an extension. And I think the ones on public property should get the opportunity to apply as well and go through that process. But I do not believe under any circumstances they should be encroaching in front of another business. I just don't think that's fair. So those are my thoughts. I'm not sure if I've given enough clarity with the motion, but really it's option B. But we're moving the timeline f

or public works to let businesses know that they're not feasible up to June 30th, so that if they're not feasible, that parklet is eliminated. If they are feasible, then they're allowed to go through the application process, which is outlined under option B. Was there a date by which they have to submit their interest? A June 20th. June 20th. Okay. So then four days from now, the ones that have submitted interest, we already have that. If there's anyone else, they have basically four days to put in an interest, not an application, but just I am interested. And then we will do that analysis between then and the 30th to say you either can move forward or not. And then after that, then they can apply and then stay through August. Then they have until August 1st to submit an application. Is that correct? That's what yes, that's what I'm thinking. As long as Public Works thinks they can comply with that. So I'll ask the team, is that a feasible timeline? Yes, that's reasonable. And what we will do is our business liaison, at least in District three, will notify all of our District three

businesses that have parklets of the June 20th expression of interest timeline. But I'm hoping public works and work can work with the council offices on the others. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. I hope all that comes from an Alan Mungo and then I'll queue up again. Councilman Allen. Okay. Thank you, Mayor. You ask a bunch of good questions. I am really concerned about this process and about if it's been really fair to these businesses after hearing some of the answers, you know, not contacting them and letting them know immediately that they that they didn't qualify, I think is concerning. So I really would like for all of those folks to be notified as soon as possible. As a former business owner myself, there are these folks are busy and we want to make sure that we are friendly and make as fair as possible. I do have one quick question and then I'll be done. But so the permanent process I know that you've for a parklets that we've had in place for many years. If that process is like this, where people go through a whole application process and they weren't they didn't qualify, I think that we have to look at that, too. I don't know if this process is any different, but if that is the case, we have to I think we have to step back and reevaluate the process and make sure it's fair for these businesses. Okay. Councilmember, if I may respond to that. The permanent process has been in place for many years, like you mentioned. And this additional this is an additional step we've added for the benefit of the businesses. We didn't do a feasibility response prior to this. You basically had to invest about \$2,000 in plans and permits, and then we would look at your proposal. This additional step is to help businesses so they don't have to make that initial investment and could come to us and say, Hey, I'm interested and we can take a, you know, a quick look at it and say

not probably feasible because it's 40 miles an hour or not probably feasible because there's a line of sight issue or you're likely feasible. So you might want to make the investment because we don't see any initial problems. So it is a new step. It is intended to help the businesses and avoid them having to make an initial \$2,000 investment. Thank you. Come on, man. Go. Thank you. I want to first thank everyone for showing up today. Whether you're a resident who lives next to a business or in a corridor, you made an investment in our community. We appreciate that. Same to the businesses. We know that it has been a tough go and taking a risk to become a business owner is a big expense and you're serving the community with the products and services that you provide, and that's important. I would like to say that. While I appreciate the staff and all the efforts you're making, it would be nice if there was a clear understanding of if you email this person, you will get a response within 24 hours of your feasible. I don't know if that's possible. I don't know if you want to announce an email address. I know that Councilman Price is offices. They will do that. I have significantly reduced number of copies in my district so I can just pick up the phone and call all of them. But it's a lot more in the third district, so I appreciate anything that you're able to do to simplify it and keep it in writing, because one of the things that's hard for us as councilmembers is the interpretation of what you think you're saying. And what they think they're hearing is not always congruent. And so we work really hard to make sure that it's in writing so that we as a council office can help step in and support and advocate for both the residents and the businesses. Thank you, everyone, for your time. Thank you. I just have a couple more questions. So back to this. The just the question of interest from from restaurants and business owners. So would we consider we have as a city, I believe, sent in response to some folks that were interested in applying for the program, that we're not taking current applications, particularly around coastal issues. So someone that has sent that that inquiry and we responded and said that we're not taking applications. Would they would they so be considered some of the has interest. Or they've been removed from our interest category. Mr. Mayor, I believe that the instance that you're referring to actually was an email sent back in November of 21 where the situation was a little bit different than it is now, as we're having this entire discussion figure out, figuring out what we're going to do to move forward. You know, we we do address questions quickly, efficiently. And, you know, if we weren't kind of in this position where we have to not only do go through the permanent, permanent parklet process, but we also have to get a Coastal Commission approval, which adds another layer of complexity to all of this. So so as a result of wait

ing for what the outcome of this meeting is, we've kind of put a pause on some of those permits that are moving forward because we wanted to make sure we're making strides in the right direction. And answer the question. I think the answer is yes, we can consider them. And then 1/2, please, sir. What I wanted to also say, though, is that because I'm look, I have emails as of like two months ago

where we're telling business owners that we're not taking. An application process and that at this time we're not accepting applications for permanent parklets or sidewalk dining within the coastal zone. And so I just want to make sure that if we sent folks an email like that. Have they been removed off the interest list? No, they have not been removed from the list. They would still be considered on the interest. Yes. Okay. That's good. That's that's good to know. And so then what it sounds like to me is I also want make sure because a lot of a lot of businesses are not going to read the newspaper tomorrow or know that, you know, they have a few days to still show interest or what the timeline processes are we going to proactively reach out to the businesses that have parklets? Well, we're going to reach out to the businesses that we know have interest. They've shown interest, and we'll talk to them and let them know if they do want to continue with the process, what those steps would be. And like I mentioned earlier, there is about four or five who already turned in plans. For whatever reason, they're incomplete. So we can get to the list of everyone who has it, because that's only going to capture people who already have interest. There may be some that have interest that have been discouraged or heard from someone else. So I'd like to get to everybody who has got a parklet and say you've got basically four days to email this email to say I have interest in continuing. Then we give them their answer ten days after that. That's great. And then I appreciate that. And then so. On. So if a restaurant has shown interest in the room or in the process, what is it that they have to do by August 1st, just so that I understand that as well, what is their requirement by August 1st. Where they're going to need to contact an engineer, a designer, to help develop a plan, maybe even if it's a high level plan, at least some sort of a drawing that shows what they're proposing. And then we can go out and do an evaluation to determine if it's going to be safe. Again, safety is my number one priority, and then we'll start the process to accumulate those businesses that need to go and get a Coastal Commission approval. And then we'll work together to walk through both of those steps, those processes. And then at the same time, the city will begin the process of contacting those businesses who are not in compliance, that are that have safety. Issues to fire them. Yes, there are traffic concerns to begin the removal of those and that would start within the next sounds like we

ek or two, correct? Yes, that's correct. Okay. Thank you so much, Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I've learned a whole lot about parklets. Many of the speeds up in up in my district are a little too fast. So we've done some curb extensions, we've done some sidewalk extensions and stuff to get some patio dining. But I've certainly learned a lot. I want to understand what we're voting on right now. So I think that will be important at the end. At the end of my comments, I want to first just acknowledge the person who said, hey, I know four or five of your districts don't have any, but imagine what it would be like if these were, you know, on your street. And that's what I can relate to because everyone understands what a nuisance is. I think that's something that's common and quality of life is something that we all care about. I would I would also say that, you know, typically you defer to council members to know and understand their local the dynamics of the local communities. And I that's something I try to always respect, but I want to thank everybody who's actually come out and talked to all of the council members about this specific issue. And I would encourage, like I've heard from many of the residents in this room about this specific issue to help educate me about it, I would encourage the restaurant groups to do the same. If you expect us to understand your perspective, you have to meet with all of us, because otherwise I you know, I'm going to row with the residents. If I don't understand what those perspectives are, I'll tell you. Additionally, I encourage better communication between all the parties. Here I It seems like you're making good progress from where it's where it's heading. The Mayor This motion is heading there was a seems like a larger group and then now there's a smaller group and then on the 20th and hopefully this motion will clarify this, there's an even smaller group of feasibility. So that definition is is narrowing. I think that also I think the mayor raised some really good points about if he's unclear and we don't haven't seen it in writing about the process. I think it's on us because it's so important to both sides that we see this process in writing, particularly after today, and that is communicated to that universe in writing. So we're all operating with the same set of facts moving forward because there were two accounts on whether or not we stood up a process for them or whether we didn't. And whenever there's a question like that, we have to err on the side of we need to do better generally. And so those are my observations from this discussion. You know, it was great to hear and to listen, but generally I just encourage better communication on the part of all the stakeholders so that we don't have to spend 3 hours on this next time. Thank you.

Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Any other council comment? So there's emotion and a second emotion. I think we've just repeated that we need

more clarification or else or we'll sit there. I think we're good. Okay. A member who's gotten Castro votes. Motion carries. Okay. Thank you. Next up is item 29. Thank you. We're going to do we have we have two presentations and some items we need to get to pretty quickly. And so unless there's any objection on the funds transfer, hopefully get through this very, very quickly. Let's read those into the record and just get these voted on, please. And the front transfer items. Item 26 for fun transfers communication from Councilwoman Allen. Recommendation to increase appropriations by \$1,570 to provide a contribution to Kalo Creative LLC to support the Long Beach Proud Weekend events. Item 27 is a communication from Councilwoman Price recommendation to increase appropriations by \$332 to provide a contribution to Liben Institute of Movement Studies for the Embodying Water or for Well-Being event. Item 28 is a communication from Councilman Super. Recommendation to increase appropriation by \$500 to provide a contribution to the Long Beach camera singers for their summer concert in the fourth District. Item 42 is a communication from Councilman Alston. Recommendation to increase appropriation by 20 \$500 to provide a donation to the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Inc to support the 2022 Long Beach Pride Parade and Festival. Item 43 is communication from Councilwoman Sara recommendation to increase appropriation by 20 \$500 to provide a contribution to the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Inc. To support the 2022 Pride Parade and Festival. Item 44 is communication from councilmen. Councilwoman Allen Councilmember Ranga recommendation to increase appropriation by a total of \$5,000 to provide a contribution to the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Inc to support the 2022 Pride Parade and Festival. General public comment. No public comment. Okay, we have a motion in a second. Please cast your votes. Emotions carry. Thank you. We have two presentations where we go ahead and do both of those and we've got each one time for 5 minutes and so we'll try to get through those fairly quickly. Let's start with the first one over a couple remarks and then we will transition to the second one. 23 report from financial management. It does require an oath as well. Recommendation to receive the supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing and grant an entertainment permit with conditions for entertainment without dancing to El Barrio Neighborhood Bar LLC DBA El Barrio Cantina at 1731 East Fourth Street District two. Looks like an oath is required. Yes. Please raise your right hand. Those who are here to testify on this item you in each of you do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the court now and pending before this body shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you, God. And you. Thank you. Thank you. Let's go ahead with the staff report. Ms.. Martinson will make the presentation of staff presentatio

on this item as well. Again. Good evening, mayor and members of city council. Before you tonight as an application for entertainment without dancing for El Barrio Neighborhood Bar LLC, DBA El Barrio Cantina, which is located at 1731 East Fourth Street. This establishment operates as a restaurant bar. The business has valid ABC license as follows Type 47 on sale, general eating place and Type 58 Catering per caterer. Permit these license. Authorize the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption on the licensed premises. Among other things, the business met the Long Beach Municipal Code requirements to be eligible for a temporary entertainment permit and was issued one in November of 2021. All of the appropriate departments, Health and Human Services, Development Services, Police, Financial Management and Financial Management have reviewed the application and have provided their recommended conditions as contained in the hearing packet. The following recommended conditions on attachment A are of note from section two of the additional conditions. Section number one in that section is entertainment activities shall be restricted to no later than 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday and midnight Friday through Sunday. Entertainment can begin at 12 noon daily. The business applied, requesting entertainment to be permitted from nine or 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. And the Long Beach Police Department recommended the restricted conditions to balance community concerns and the businesses needs. Section number six or item number six. The committee has been requested to develop and maintain a plan to address neighborhood concerns related to the operation of the business. In addition, the Department of Financial Management is requesting a change to the enclosed conditions Section one. Item four, with the removal of the last sentence of the first paragraph. Hours of sales. Hours of sales of alcohol shall be limited to the hours when meals are

available. In this particular situation, this condition was found to be too restricted after additional consideration of the communications from the business owner. Although this does not remove the requirement to continue to operate a bona fide restaurant. I, along with the Miami-Dade Police Department, as well as Art Sanchez, deputy city attorney, are available to answer any questions that you may have. This concludes my staff report. Thank you. Let's go to public comment there. Any public comment on number 23? Chou Lin. Julian, please approach the podium. Um, I, everyone actually submitted on that. And when the owner of the business, I didn't know I was not supposed to submit the comment. So I just wanted to, I just didn't know I was supposed to pretend that I needed to come or not. But here I am. Um, so I don't really have any comments to this other than I'm for it since I'm a business owner. Um, and you guys are welcome to dine at the restaurant anytime. Thank you. Tastic. Thank you. All right,

back behind the rail, councilman Alan Atherton. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Also. Thank you, Joe, for for coming out. It's great to great to see you. I just want to say that the Fourth Street and the Retro Row is one of the highlights of the second district. The bid and all the businesses there do a great job managing the area. And I know El Barrio is a very popular a spot and Joe and Jesse have done a fantastic job with the property. If you haven't been there, the food is excellent. It's great ambiance and just a big upgrade on Fourth Street. So I support this entertainment permit. I do understand that some folks have some concerns about noise or congregating, you know, out there from the business. So we just ask that you kindly keep an eye on that for all of our neighbors. And I just want to say that El Barrio is just a welcome addition to our fourth Street restaurant community. And I know that that Joe, you and Jesse are great operators and that you'll comply with all the conditions listed and make every effort just to be a good neighbor. So thank you. All right. Thank you. It's been moved in. Seconded members, please cast your vote. The motion is. Carried. Thank you. 24, please. Adam 24 is report from Public Works recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record. Conclude the public hearing. Find that the streets and alleys within the seaport the Seaport Village Complex, located at 560 on Paramount Boulevard to be vacated, are not needed for present or prospective public use and Adobe resolution ordering the location District eight. That concludes public comment. So we will move on now to item number 27. Item 27, communication from Vice Mayor Richardson, Councilwoman Allen, Councilwoman Sara Recommendation to direct City Manager to invest in community policy by working with Long Beach Police Department to provide options in the FY 23 budget for structural funding of the Neighborhood Works Program and an expansion of LAPD's Bicycle Beats program. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to excited to bring this proposal forward this evening. It's summertime. We're off to a great summer. It looks like. You know, I was you know, we kicked off the wee bit. I tried out the wee bit myself. It is definitely a challenging obstacle course, but the parks are full. You know, the the events are happening and the concerts are happening and we're off to a great summer. But we need to do all that we can to just remember what the first six months of this year looked like and how we need to continue to invest in public safety. We are still in a recovery from the pandemic, and as we recover from the pandemic, we know that there's a recovery around public safety that we're continuing to invest in and we need to remain laser focused on. We have a lot of progress, a lot of lessons learned over the past two years. You know, the Long Beach advancing piece was a great example. This was community building and community outreach that started

down in the AOC seven and West, the Washington neighborhood area. And last January, February, the city council asked them to bring it forward, to expand it to north and other parts of town. And that work was rewarded with a \$3.9 million grant to expand a number of programs from safe passages to a whole host of things. That's all good. We support all those things. We also saw last year after a successful pilot of the the Neighborhood Walks program in the Washington neighborhood, some significant results. We saw and we saw upwards of 40% drop in shootings in the Washington neighborhood. Now, we can't say it was directly a result of the neighborhood walks, but there's a correlation there. The city council has to expand that program to North. So we did a pilot last summer and that program and that pilot in the summer, we also saw emergency calls reduced by 7.6%. And we saw that shootings dropped over 80% over the first two months of the summer. Now, again, we can't say that that was the direct result of that program, but we can't point to programs that the residents enjoyed, the residents thought were good steps. And look at that data and look at those best practices and say now is the time for us to go in and expand it. Now, we've also heard

loud and clear from businesses in the community, from people who use our parks and park adjacent neighborhoods, that people want to see folks on bikes and walk in the beat rather than, you know, a cruiser pull up on Highland Park or cruiser pull up on a park. It just seems less threatening. It seems safer. And you build relationships with the people who are serving our community with law enforcement. So we know that bikes are less expensive and in fact, they're better on our environment. So you get a multiplier effect, less threatening, more engagement with the public, more public trust, better on our environment and more cost effective. Last year as a part of the safety recovery, we invested in four, I believe it was four additional. I think we did one per policing district. That's not enough. We're asking as a part of this proposal that one, we take the best practices we learned through the Neighborhood Walks program and the investment we did during the safety recovery into the into the Bike Beats initiative and expand that. I think it was called the Neighborhood Safe Streets Initiative in the Safety Recovery Plan, and we expand that citywide. Now, this request puts the number at 25. I'm flexible. It doesn't have to be the number 25. It could be more. It can be less. I think the idea here is if it was for last year, we want to see something across the whole city in a way that people actually feel the presence and see an investment program. And so as this proposal moves through the budget process, we want to see a more substantial commitment to community policing, these specific community policing programs. I believe that it's time for us to go all in. We've seen again, we've seen the evidence. We've seen

with the data set about investing in these programs. We like it. We want to do more. If we expand the Neighborhood Walks program, the bicycle program, Neighborhood Safe Streets, as well as complement this recent investment, we have 3.9 million. That's doing a lot in some of the areas of needs in the hardest hit areas. We can see potentially see some really good things begin to happen. I think we should continue to look at data, but continue to make investments here. Residents have asked us to do more on violence prevention. This is one way that we can take a program that we've already done. It has proven that it works and rebuild public trust, rebuild you know, build trust and congruence with the community and the police department, particularly in underserved communities, and make a real impact on our communities. I want to just thank Councilmember Allen and chair public safety Councilwoman Sorrow for both partnering with me on this proposal. I hope the Council will continue to advocate for this and additional ways to contribute to the well-being of our entire city. I think Long Beach residents expect us to look at data and make smart investments into creating a truly safe and healthy city. And so that's my proposal. If the second year doesn't mind, I want to go to public comment or maybe we'll hear from the second. I'm following it's public comment and that's okay. All right. Is there any public comment on this item? I don't have. Anything for any members of the public that would like to speak on item 27 in person. Please enable the podium if there are any members of the public that would like to speak in the zoom, please use the raise hand feature in Zoom. We do have one speaker as Cruz. Your time begins now. And then. Please begin. Yeah. I have been trying to get some help from the council over the past few years for this ongoing and I don't know what it feels like. Kind of like. Hitting direct attack in the community and be maybe in the gender of the city council member due to the damages that I've gone through extensively and directly had my own vehicle that was in my life literally, and I feel like I'm subjectively being broadcast for some reason on blue is throughout the city usually be institute or some type of ongoing. Um. I guess use that as an email to many of you and going to ask you why am I not getting help from this financial burden here? Long Beach. But in Riverside County as well as. We have so much to do that the police and the police each here have. Meaning within the implement. And so I know what to do. That concludes public comment. All right. Thank you. We'll take it back behind the real councilwoman, Ciro. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I appreciate your leadership in bringing this item forward and Councilwoman Allen for sponsoring as well and as chair of the Public Safety Committee. You know, we've been having conversation about what does it mean to build trust, to increase transparency and accountability. And this is one of the

program that was piloted in the aftermath of the framework for reconciliation being approved, and also ways that we can basically improve our relationships with our police department as well as our community. And I thought and we've been getting regular updates on it and it's been received really warmly in the community. And that's why I also agree that it's a great idea to expand it. I think that one of the last conversation we had at Public Safety Committee meeting was about more than just preventing violence. It's been advancing peace. And in order to do that, it's about connection. It's

about building relationship. It's about engagement. And that's what exactly this Neighborhood Walks program does and just really appreciate the collaboration, collaborative effort our departments are taking with police and our fire department and our Health and Human Services and many others in how we're addressing ways to advance peace . And so I want to just think some of the neighborhood groups that have submitted a letter of support, such as the North Long Beach Neighborhood Alliance, that includes, it looks like two, four, six, eight, all ten of the neighborhood associations, as well as the Wrigley Neighborhood Association, president of the Belmont Shore Resident Association, the Fourth Street Business Improvement District, the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, AOC Seven Neighborhood Association, as well as the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau. So they appreciate them sending in letter support and their demonstration that they'd like to see more of this program being expanded and supported. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we have Councilmember Cindy Allen. I. Yes. Thank you. Vice Mayor or just, you know, leads on this very important item. And I appreciate you allowing myself and Councilman Ciro to our to sign on to this. As a former police officer, I have worked around many my unit officers, and I know that they thoroughly enjoy the far deeper community engagement that they are able to have in that assignment. I saw that they had a different mission set than regular patrol officers and that they truly embraced the opportunity to build relationships and trust with the communities that they were assigned. And as a former business owner, both me and my staff love the bike units assigned to our area. They would frequently stop by and chat. Keep us posted on issues in the area and ask if there were any concerns. And now, as a councilwoman, I have heard from residents and business owners about how much they too appreciate seeing officers on foot and on bikes. So with all three lived experiences, I am a very strong supporter of this initiative and thank you to the officers who are already out there walking and biking and the beats of our neighborhoods. I have heard from folks in Zakaria and in downtown just about how much safer that they feel. Thank you, Councilwoman Sara, for reading off all of the all of the folks that are supporting this. So I won't

do that. But I can tell you that our community feels safer and has a greater connection to officers when they just stop by and chat and say hi and just check in on on folks. I know that the residents of the Second District feel strongly that more community oriented walking and biking beats would improve the safety and just the community relations with our officers. I too have also received all these comments in letters and support. So I just appreciate so many folks from the second district who have written in. I appreciate that. What I what I'm also vice mayor would would like for the proposal from the department is just you know how are how are we going to or how do we plan to track the work of the new unit, and which includes the effectiveness of productivity, the amount of engagement? Just it would be nice for us just to have clear expectations from the chain of command and how that the council offices will be able to be briefed on this and provide some input for consideration. So just thank you again. I appreciate you, Vice Mayor, and I really am excited about this item. Thank you. Think you have some customers that are queued up. Councilman Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I love this item. Do we actually have a program called Bicycle Beats? Does the city manager. Can you answer that question? I asked the police chief to talk about that. Thank you, Councilmember. We don't have a program called bicycle beats per se, but we do have a bike unit that's assigned to it, currently assigned to the South Division. Right. And we have the commanders have the ability to make a decision about walking beats and bicycle beats. Right. I know that's something we talk to our commander a lot. And I agree that bicycle patrols are very, very popular. And I know that the commanders have some discretion in that. Can you talk about that a little bit? Yes, Councilwoman, the the commanders, the divisional commanders maintain operational control of their resources. So they do have the ability to do things like put officers out on the street to walk and bring officers into for bike patrols or community policing. However, that has to be based on their staffing and the staffing that they have available, because their priority is really calls for service in emergency response. So depending on the situation, the staffing they have available to them and the circumstances they do have the ability to either use overtime, utilize overtime to do those things or create units within their divisions. That's great. So I know that this item asks for the city manager to incorporate some of these ideas in the city manager's budget. But I just want to get a sense of the timing. The city manager, you've already submitted your proposed budget to the mayor, is that correct? Yes. In the charter deadline, we have until July 1st to do that. So it has been prepared from the city manager's proposed budget and it is now in the comment period and review period from the mayor and will be rele

ased by the end of July and beginning of August. Now, I know the council, the full council hasn't had a chance to see that proposed budget, but I'm assuming some people in your office and the mayor's office have seen the proposed budget, is that right? That's correct. And is there and I know you can't go into the details of the proposed budget, but I know the chief has been talking to us in public safety a lot about some of his community policing measures. Is a bike patrol measure already something that's included in the proposed budget that you've submitted? So I can't really get into specifics on the budget. We don't do that until we actually go through the full process and we have it released by the mayor with his recommendations as well. That said, we have a new police chief who's very much in favor of bike units, of neighborhood policing. He's been listening to what the council, the whole council has been talking about in this area. It's been a popular program. We've gotten some grants to be able to support this work in various areas of the city, and it's proven to be effective. So we are looking at these types of components. And the police chief is going to have a proposal in the budget to look at how we kind of restructure within the police department as well as some additional resources that he'd like to propose as part of the manager's proposed budget. Okay. But that's the manager's proposed budget. That includes the police chief's recommendation that was submitted already on Friday, correct? That's correct. Okay. And then just in general, I want to make sure that I love love that we're finally advocating for adding to our police department. I know that some were hesitant to do that in the past, and I'm glad we're doing that and talking about it. But I also want to make sure that we don't impact our current patrol numbers, because I know that's an area that is causing a little bit of stress for our officers having sufficient patrol units. Is that something that in addition to the. Police. Chief's recommendations that are included in the budget that you've already submitted to the mayor for comment on, have we given consideration to how community policing efforts might impact or augment our patrol resources? So again, without getting into specifics, I do want to confirm anything we do in the budget is not going to affect patrol beat, so we're not going to be affecting what we currently have for patrol. In fact, it's going to be looking at other ways to augment some of that, some of that. So we're not taking from that area. We are looking at like the entire city budget where units are aligned. And so that'll be something the police chief will look at, but not patrol beats. That's great. Fantastic. That's what I wanted to know. But I wholeheartedly support this item and of course, pretty much any proposal that would add more officers to our department. So thank you. Thank you, Councilman Ross. And please. Thank you. You know, I have to s

ay thank you to Jim divers who brought this item forward. You know, I think it's consistent with, you know, most of the city council members who have had the opportunity to work with over the last ten years. I have never heard one city councilmember or one person from the community say that they didn't want more community policing. Right. And so I think this is a really a no brainer to support. I certainly support community policing have always been supportive of community policing, but obviously knows how we apply that. Community policing takes a different approach and it also depends on resources. We need to make those resources available. As a city council, you know, I want to applaud Chief Luna and also our new chief of. While he wish we were forward thinking of in progressive ways, utilizing resources in making our police department work for our residents. I had an opportunity to participate early on with the neighborhood watch program. I actually walked the beat with the chief and the deputy chief at the time and in our commander. And the response was was tremendous. We can do more of this. We should. However, I do think that a Councilmember Ellen made a couple of good points related to accountability and basically tracking how these resources are going to be utilized. I think that's important. The question of what actually happened in the city manager is if we were to move forward with this as recommended, will this be done in overtime or utilizing overtime budget? So I think the item requires us to look at solutions. So we would be looking at what are the cost of doing something that's proposed and also what would the offsets be. And over time model could be one, it could be a structural solution as well with with officers not going to be reviewed in the budget. Thank you for clarifying that. And again, further clarity, I would just say, you know, items like this that are currently where we're projecting, you know, the FBI 23 budget is called out here in this letter. I do would recommend this this go ask for really amendment that this be referred to the budget oversight committee as well since we are going to be dealing with the details of our budget in FY 23, we expect to get a budget in the next few weeks from the city manager as well as the mayor. And I'm sure that this will be followed a

robust conversations. And so my recommendation would be that. Sinister budget oversight. We're going to get it one way or another. But I think the protocol for you're here on the city council is to ensure that, you know, items like this that have fiscal impacts go through the Budget Oversight Committee. And I'll just also comment on the council letter that brought this item forward again. And I commend the work I do. Just caution us. I don't I'm not sure that that less than a year worth of data is really, you know, a number for us to draw our hats on. You know, we need to study this more. I'd like to get some real time numbers. And that's why on

e of the questions that I will be asking during a budget oversight committee is how much has this practice really impacted our communities, particularly where we know that it is having I don't know what the shooting numbers are. The latest update here was April 21. You know, there's a full year with the data for us to analyze and look at in terms of crime impacts overall. And so with that, I am supportive of this item. Again, I don't know anybody, every neighborhood association, every city council member, every city leader, every business leader that I know I'd love to see more community policing. You know, how we define community policing is important. You know, that's on bicycles, that's on Segways, that's walking the beat. I think that's all important. And those details are very important for us to where we are as a city council. Thank you. Thank you. Have councilman's in the house. Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to say thank you to Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Allen and Sara for bringing this item forward. As you know, in the first District, we've been lucky enough to have. Programs. Like this, very successful programs in our Washington neighborhood, which has really, really created a big impact. And so one of the things that I see is that no matter what part of the district you're in, in the first District, all of my residents are very much for community policing. We really want to know our police officers, we want to know, you know, we really want to get to know them on a personal level, especially our community leaders want to be able to have that that access to them. And I think that that's very, very important. So I just wanted to say that I'm very, very supportive of this item. And thank you for bringing forward. Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman. Mango. Thank you. If I could ask a few questions of Chief Bush. I appreciate your ambition with the word augmented. Where do we think we might get these police officers from? I guess I'm gonna ask a series of questions that kind of lead me there. How many officers are we budgeted for right now? So you're talking about our total budgeted officers for the department? Yes, sir. 803, ma'am. And how many do we currently have? Physical officers. So we're our actual numbers, which we we historically haven't put out because they change it based on injuries and deployments overseas for military, that type of thing. We're hovering around 740 right now. So we're 60 officers. Short. Approximately. And so. It sounds like taking beat officers and giving the commanders the flexibility they've always had to make those assignments is one of the options. But I just want to be really careful. We're looking at a time in public safety with significant mental health challenges and overworked and family challenges that come from whether it's fire or police and any of those. And so I just want to be really cognizant of adding additional overtime on our current staff. They're really working a lot of hours. And I

know that Monica mentioned all options. I think one of the councilmembers asked if it was overtime. I'm really thankful that you're not just looking to overtime. I think that there's also a big difference, at least in the data that we're seeing. So my other job in the difference in the culture of the new employees, you have your baby boomers who really drove to and really gravitated towards that over time. And our our younger generation is just not in that same mindset. And I think that the number one most important thing, and I think this really builds on what Councilman's and Day has said, is that those officers need to be in a fresh and community focused, engaging position. And that I will tell you, in my experience, if I was working in the Lakewood Mall, the constant community engagement is a different type of shift than a shift, responding to calls. And it takes a different mindset. And I think it's really important for us as our police department that first and foremost, we're making those right decisions. And I know that every program that the council brings forward, we always think that the ideas we bring forward are the best ideas based on the community input we receive. But we do need that additional insight and support. So I look forward to seeing the proposal that was in Chief US City Manager Monica's budget to see what that looked like in your mind before getting the council input, because I know that you're really in tune with the officers. At least that's what I'm hearing from the boots on the ground. And I really appreciate that. Thank you for coming to our community meeting. And there's just a tone about what you're doing

with our officers that I just want to keep that going and support it. As you've been doing such a great job so far. Thank you so much. Thank you. Vice Mayor Richardson. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I thank my colleagues for their feedback and their comments. And I want to make sure that all of that is sort of incorporated here. And I'll enumerate just a few things that I heard. But, you know, it's great to see that, you know, everyone and it was never a question. You know, the whole council supports community policing. I think we just have some data in the past two years that really showed that the public likes it too and the public likes and I was out there, you know, with our commander, you know, during the neighborhood walks, it felt really good. And we want to start you want to make that structural. We want to invest in that because we had a very difficult two years. So the more we can have people out walking the beat, if you notice the larger support also have business improvement district saying the very same thing. You know, folks in downtown saying we need help. Sure, we have bid we have bid security. But, you know, we want to see our, you know, police be helping us out. And I know and you know, the last program, they called it the Neighborhood Safe Streets. Your website says a number of things o

n the patrol bureau, says bicycle beats, says K-9 beats. So we just pick bicycle beats off your website because it sounded cooler. But whatever you want to call it, Mr. Chief, call it whatever you like. The data suggestion, I think. What was that with that councilman zero on the data. No, it was Councilwoman Allen. So absolutely whatever mechanism we can do, I think people want to know that we're making investments that are smart and and produce the results that we hope that they will produce. So tracking data and all of that makes a whole lot of sense. So if we could put some thought into that, how you can make sure that happens in the budget would be great. This conversation of overtime versus structural, I typically I would prefer structural, but I know you have to figure out what you have to figure out. So I'm just interested in find out how you're going to approach it. And the last thing on also going to the Budget Oversight Committee. Absolutely. That's been our process in the past. And I don't know why we would deviate from that. And so we also, you know, will hope that the EEOC takes this takes this discussion out. And so I'm happy to accept those things. And thank you for this discussion. That concludes my comment. I urge and I vote. Thank you. Thank you. I just want to make a couple of comments. I think all the council has made their comments and I think we've concluded public comment as well. Obviously, I believe that we received a mr. Mica, your budget recommendations for, I believe, Friday of last week, and so I have not yet reviewed them personally. I look forward to doing so this week and I think we can have our first meeting on those recommendations and I look forward to working on that budget as is presented to the Council in the next few weeks as we're looking forward to getting it out to the public for public comment and input. I will just say broadly speaking, and I've been talking with former Chief Luna and certainly with Chief Kibosh, I've been a huge proponent of additional police officers on bicycles. It's something that I've talked to you, Chief, since your first day on the job. And I've been talking to talking to Chief Luna as well. The more that police officers are accessible on bicycles, patrolling, walking neighborhoods, I think they really speak to a community approach to policing. That's very welcome. I know. And I think it's important to always note that there are different types of needs in policing, and oftentimes with response times and other needs, there are obviously adjustments have to be made. And it's up to you and your team to figure out what works and what approach works where. But any time that you're able to bring in more folks on the street and certainly more more embedded with a community and a neighborhood, I think is really, really important. And so I want to just think the department for having really invested in walkability and have invested in community policing over these, particularly in these

last year or two, I think there have been changes and shifts in the department. And I just want to thank you for your commitment to doing that and an encouragement to continue to do more. And so I also, of course, am supportive of what's in front of the council and what the council all said tonight as well. And so I just want to thank the department and everyone involved in supporting and continuing to support our community policing and bike policing programs. And with that, we have a motion and a second. Members, please go ahead and cast your vote. District one by district two. I. I. Three. District five. II. District six. By District seven, by District eight. District nine. II. The motion is carried. Thank you. And, Mr. City Attorney, we had an announcement on two items. Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Mayor, members of the council. We're requesting that item 28 be withdrawn this evening. The our understanding and the intent of Assembly Bill 481 is to have the list available for

inspection by the public for 30 days prior to the Council's discussion on that. And it's come to our attention that the list was amended on Friday to add one additional piece of equipment. And we would we would ask that this item be continued to allow the revised list to be made public for the entire 30 day comment period and then be brought back to the council at that time. Make the motion. Second. And this is item 17. I joined 23 International. Okay. It's moved. Seconded. Do we need to public comment again on this? No. No. Okay. Councilman. Sorry. Your comments. Yeah. I just want to thank, you know, Eric Romero, who was formerly with the Economic Development Department for all his hard work, as well as our Midtown People board members, as well as all the business owners for voting and making sure that to renew the midtown bid, it's a long time coming. It's been a bit of a two year process, but we're here and I just want to congratulate them all for the hard work and that it's just going to make sure that we continue on to this road to recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic. And I'm just so excited for us to build on the vision that Midtown that has to making it better and safer and stronger and most of all supporting our businesses and our neighborhood in the area. So thank you very much. Congratulations, everyone. All right. And I'll just add my congratulations to the Midtown PBA Board. You know, with what you know, like the councilwoman said, as we move forward to the recovery, there's lots of investment to be made. And that's an incredible partner, incredibly important partner to make sure that midtown continues to head in the right direction. And so congratulations to all of you. Let's go ahead and cast our vote on 17. Councilman's in the house. All right. Councilwoman Allen, I. Councilman Price. Councilman. Super now. I. Councilwoman mongo. I. Councilwoman Sara, i. Councilmember, your conga line. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Premier Richardson. Motion carries nine zero.

We've done item 23. Next item is 2024. Report Report and Financial Management Recommendation Award a contract to courtesy Chevrolet Center of San Diego, California, for the purchase of various Chevrolet sedans, utility vehicles and trucks, and a total annual amount not to exceed 1,500,000 citywide. Thank you. A motion is our second. It's been moved in second. Then he called comment on this item. If there are any members of the public, they would like to speak on item 24 and person. Please line up at the podium in Zoom. Please use the raise hand feature or. The start line now. See. Now, that concludes public comment. Thank you. Let's go ahead and ballot. Councilwoman Zendejas. All right. Councilman Allen. Councilman Price. I. Councilman Supergirl, I. Councilman Mongo. Hi. Councilwoman Sara, I. Councilmember Urunga. I. Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. All right. Motion carries eight zero 25. Councilman Zoro. I council member younger. Hi, Councilman Austin. Hi. Vice Mayor Richardson. All right. Motion carries nine. Of 21 police. And 2021 recommendation to request City Manager to work with Development Services Department to provide a report back to the City Council within 60 days on the status of senior housing in Long Beach. I'm so impressed. Thank you. A motion. One minute here. Hello, my am. Okay. Thank you to Councilman Austin for signing on to this item. I'm looking forward to this agenda item coming back to city council. And I have been reading some of the correspondence that we received today about the item from various senior housing advocates and folks that are interested, like the caller received. Earlier, about the. Future of senior housing in the city of Long Beach. As our Long Beach population ages, it's increasingly more and more important for us as a city to think proactively about the needs of our seniors. Community, housing, security and availability is a major issue for our senior population in Long Beach. And we should also make sure that as this Council, we're focused and work together to develop for the city's future needs in terms of senior housing for decades to come. It's been a while since we've had a comprehensive report on senior housing in Long Beach today. In fact, I'm not sure in the eight years that I've been here that we've had a comprehensive report on where we are and how we can incentivize or fund more senior housing in the years and decades to come. A lot of times we have developers who want to develop housing projects in the city of Long Beach, and it's very difficult to incentivize them or get them interested in a senior housing project because a lot of times the financials just don't make sense. But it's so much beyond financials and all the work that we're doing to make sure we have inclusionary housing throughout the city where we accommodate workforce and low to mid affordable housing units. We're not doing the same for senior housing and I think that needs to be a major focus for us moving forw

ard. We've seen investment after investment in housing in the city of Long Beach, but very little investment is put specifically into senior housing. And we do have some success, successful

projects and some success stories in regards to senior housing, but we certainly use should use that as a base to develop more. One of the other things that we hear a lot about is as we move forward and we we consult with futurists and urbanists about what kind of housing developments we want to incentivize in the city of Long Beach. We talk a lot about mixed use development and ones that are targeted specifically for seniors so that they don't have to drive there. There's a lot of walkability and a communal type of environment. So I'd like to know, as part of this agenda item, what opportunities we have in the future to attract developers to the city of Long Beach, to focus on senior housing projects, mixed use, senior housing projects and projects that will keep seniors who are looking to downsize because they're empty nesters. Their children have moved on and built their own families. How we keep them here in the city of Long Beach and not lose them to surrounding neighboring cities that offer more senior communities. So I ask my colleagues to support this item. And again, thank Councilman Austin for signing on. Thank you. Thank you. Councilman Austin? Yes. I'm happy to sign on to this item. It makes a lot of sense in light of our most recent homeless count. That actually was very, very, very illuminating. And talking about the amount of people over the age of 54 that were living that are living on the streets currently. And I think that's most more than 50%. And so this item, I think, is timely. It makes a lot of sense for us to to study, look at opportunities to find out where we are, but also to look at the opportunities to develop more senior housing to meet the needs of our community and our residents today. I'd like to just say that I think that there are some some unique opportunities, particularly with surplus lands that both are with the city, but also the school district. And I would ask the city manager's office to look into those areas. And then to the maker of the motion. Councilmember Price I just it says that, you know, to work with developmental services, that department, but I would just open it up and allow the city manager to include all departments, including economic development and the housing authority to to look at, you know, opportunities there. If you be open to that friendly. Absolutely. I think that's a great idea. Thank you. Thank you so much. Happy to support. Thank you, Councilwoman Sara. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I appreciate this item that's brought forward by Councilwoman. Pryce, because, you know, I have quite a few affordable housing for seniors in my district. And in fact, I have, I think already maybe 2 to 3 buildings that's been there for a while. One of it is Mercy Housing. And I have actually a few more that's going up

and that's that's going to be targeting low income seniors. So I love to see how based off of the housing element plan that was created, how it can be looked at throughout the whole city, which is what this item requests. On the income range of the seniors that you know it'll be available for because I do like to see and support housing for seniors throughout the whole city and how you could certainly build more. Thank you. Support the item. Thank you, Councilwoman Allen. I yes. I also think this is a great item. Councilwoman Pryce and I will be supporting this. I know that our second District Senior Commission representative, Alan Goldstein, has shared that more affordable housing is going to be really important in the growing elder abuse problems. I did want to ask Councilwoman Pryce if she would consider I got this question from one of my residents, which I thought was good. Can you look at how we can ease the senior housing navigation system? I'm hearing that each senior has to apply at each building rather than going through a central system. So that could be something. We could look. Into. Absolutely. I think that's a really good idea, too. I just wasn't aware that that's a hurdle, but absolutely anything we can do to help. Okay. And then one more Councilwoman Pryce also. Do you think that that you would consider also. Including the senior commission and the development of this report. Another excellent idea. Yes, absolutely. Maybe they can. I don't I absolutely want to do that. I don't know mechanically how that would happen. Would City Manager then work with the Commission to solicit input? I'm open to what however we want to do it. I think typically with a commission like that, we this is more of a request for information. We've done a number of presentations in the past on affordable housing. So we can kind of bring those together, show which ones are the senior projects, and then we would present that. And then we can give that to the senior commission probably after we do the two from four. And if they have certain recommendations that they would want to fold or forward on meeting, then we would do that and forward that on as well. So we can do it in a two step so we don't have to slow down the presentation of the report. I totally open to that. I think that's a great idea. Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce. And then also, this is for the city manager. Do the housing developments qualify. For density bonuses? Yes, there are certainly density bonuses that have to do with affordable housing, that state law. And so we can provide a little bit of information on that

that's not restricted just to seniors, but certainly affordable housing projects. ROTHERT okay. That's all my questions. A great item, and I'll be supporting it. Thank you, Councilwoman Zendejas. Thank you so much, Vice Mayor. Thank you, Councilwoman Pryce and Councilmember Al Alisyn for this item. I'm really excited about it. As you know, I'm very passionate about the senior

community here in our city and also the disability community here in our city. So I really think that this is a timely item to bring forward and we really do need to know more about what we have here in our city. And one of the things that I would like to see are ask Councilmember Price, if you would consider to me be even just in parentheses, include of people with disabilities. The reason that I ask that is that, one, a lot of times people with disabilities are forgotten about and not really thought of. But at the same time, people with disabilities have a lot of the same income issues that seniors do, and a lot of seniors also have disabilities. So I don't know if that's something that you might be may consider adding in to this. Absolutely. And I thank you because you've brought that issue to light for a lot of us. We've talked about things like things that we take for granted, like elevators, for example, in housing projects. And so. Yes, absolutely. I mean, I think the most important thing is for our city team that looks at this issue to figure out what incentives can be made available for additional housing. And you're absolutely right. Many of our seniors have either, you know, well, they're all differently abled, but if they do have a specific disability, they have that additional hurdle in addition to affordability that that we don't think about. So absolutely. Yes, I'm happy to include that in the report and anything else anybody wants. I think, you know, this is a city wide report. We all like we all have seniors in our district. So. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. And the reason that I say that is because me being a person living with a disability, I lived in a place that was not accessible to me for ten years because I could not find a place that was accessible and affordable because the places that I was finding were either they were accessible, but I could not afford them or they were affordable, but I could not access them with my wheelchair. So I really appreciate and thank you again. All right. Thank you. And that satisfies the council comment at my support as well. I think it's a great item to request the support and all the amendments have made it even even better. You know that as long as I've worked in the city of Long Beach, I've always known that senior housing projects are always welcome in the community. I can think of, you know, great projects like the Senior Arts Colony. Every affordable housing tour makes a stop at the Senior Arts Colony or Ramona Senior Housing up in the ninth District that took an old, dilapidated bank that had vacated and turned into a great project that added 61 units of affordable housing. And I know we have an aging population. Councilman also made a great point about the homeless count. We can't take off an eye off the eye, off the ball despite how well we've done on particularly this particular group. So thank you so much. Is there any public comment on item 22? If there are any members of the

public that would like to speak on item 22 in person, please stand up at the podium in Zoom. Please use the raise hand feature or dial star nine. Now we have one in Zoom. Sorry. This is item 21. Terry Quinlan, your housing. Thank you again. This is Terry Quinn and thank you, Susie Prize for bringing this to the city's attention. And please incorporate mobile home parks because they already exist. I did look up and found out that there are 2000 parks in the city of Long Beach and so they are affordable housing units. And I hope that you will consider that as part of your discovery as well. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Kim. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Son, I can't face successor president. One of the greatest things about the sixth district is that, proportionally speaking, we house the most seniors. Check the facts. One of the things one of the things that I would love Development Services Department to put in this report. If we just put in Friendly's in there as a citizen, I would love. For one to see that in the data cluster. I have already looked at it, but just for the sake of the public. Uh, where are the, the the density, the proportionally speaking citywide of where are the seniors running? The second part is that because if we really want to be serious about housing our elderly population, we need to figure out a way to mandate the covenant housing for perpetuity because that I my personal experience of engaging with private equity people, there's two ways of how they look at senior housing. Um, they look at it as pre because a lot of buildings there's three you can look you can also put that in the report there's three buildings that are on their way out in terms of covenant housing. The covenant is about to be up. So they look for buildings like that to buy them and they kick out all the old people. I mean, we saw that happen here, um, on Ocean with the Breakers. Um, there's bigger buildings. I think the Lutheran one is one of them, where people are salivating, waiting to buy the building so they can kick out all the seniors. That's one thing. And

then the second thing is that, you know, because of our transit hub fixation with density and everything is that they want to develop in the transit hubs, the housing. Uh, but it doesn't have the strenuous covenant of the past. So that's yesteryear. It's 47 years or more. These people are developing in transit hubs like the Arts Council colony. That was just reference people. You can look at how long that one is. People are developing those buildings with the mindset of will take federal money for a couple of decades right will alleviate are either bond restrictions or loan restrictions and then we'll we refinance by the time we refinance. We no longer legally have to do senior housing anymore. I think we can kick out all the old people and do really want to do, which is basically get a tax free luxury unit apartment building in the transit hub. So I just think that these are the kind of things that ne

ed to be in the report because it's very actively being done right now by entities nationwide like Blackstone, you know, and Linamar and a couple of other ones. So just things that that we can throw out because if we really want to house our seniors, we have to do it forever, not just for a slight amount of time. Thank you. Thank you. All right. That satisfies public comment. Let's cast their votes. Councilwoman Zendejas. Right. Councilman Allen. All right, Councilman Price. Councilman Suber. Not I. Councilwoman Mongo. Hi. Councilman Ciro, i. Councilmember Urunga. I. Councilman Austin. All right. Vice Mayor Richardson. Motion carries nine zero. But why don't I just go through these? I we just go to these quickly. Item number ten, please. Item ten is communication from Council in price of recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Health and Human Services Department to provide a comprehensive presentation on the monkeypox virus. Someone Price. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think the items self-explanatory and I think staff is going to be prepared to come back because only face wash costs. Someone has their mike on for I. Can you hear me, Mr. Mayor? Yes. You're clear. Okay. I think the item is self-explanatory, and I look forward to staff's presentation on the monkeypox virus, because I think we're getting all getting a lot of questions about it and how it transmits and how to make sure that our residents are being protected. So I look forward to hearing the presentation from staff and I felt it was important to request a study session, as is the protocol. Any time we're dealing with health issues through our health department that the council wants to be educated on. So thank you. Thank you. Can I get a motion, please, in a second. Is there any public comment on this? If there are any members of the public that would like to speak on item ten in person, please let up at the podium in Zoom. Please use the raise hand feature. Chasing None sequel. But please. Councilwoman Sun has. I. Councilwoman Allen I. Councilwoman Price I. Councilman Sabrina. I. Councilwoman Mango. I can tell you in sorrow. I can't remember anger. I can't. I'm in Austin. All right. Vice Mayor Richardson. All right. The motion is carried nine zero.