


Date: August 25, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Summary of Responses to Long Beach Budget Priority Survey**

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The Long Beach Budget Priority Survey was launched on June 16, 2020, to obtain feedback from residents regarding their budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21). This year's response rate far exceeded those of prior years, with 4,710 responses received as of August 24, 2020. (Only 330 responses were received last year.) Given the high response rate, we are providing the results to you earlier than in the past to ensure you have sufficient time to review them prior to the September 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing. The survey results will be updated for the presentation at the Budget Hearing.

Before reviewing the information provided below, it is important to reiterate that the Budget Priority Survey is not a formal survey with requisite controls and the results should not be considered representative of the public at large. The survey does not preclude multiple responses from a single individual, nor does it attempt to balance responses from all segments of the community.

Participants were asked to rate 36 different City services as being "very important," "somewhat important," "not very important," or "not at all important." This survey was available online (in English, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog), at [longbeach.gov](http://longbeach.gov) and promoted via social media and at the citywide teleconference community budget meetings.

The following are demographic descriptors of the respondents:

### **Council District**

| 1   | 2   | 3     | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | Don't Know | Non-Resident | Skipped Question |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 227 | 465 | 1,062 | 301 | 637 | 165 | 241 | 243 | 100 | 726        | 68           | 475              |
| 5%  | 11% | 25%   | 7%  | 15% | 4%  | 6%  | 6%  | 2%  | 17%        | 1%           | --               |

### **Age**

| 0-18 | 19-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70+ | Skipped Question |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------------------|
| 200  | 894   | 973   | 705   | 716   | 575   | 42  | 21               |
| 4%   | 20%   | 22%   | 16%   | 16%   | 13%   | 10% | --               |

### **Household Size**

| 1   | 2     | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7+ | Skipped Question |
|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| 566 | 1,653 | 781 | 882 | 383 | 125 | 7  | 226              |
| 13% | 37%   | 17% | 20% | 9%  | 3%  | 2% | --               |

## Results

The following is the summary of survey responses, reflecting the relative percentages of responses for each service. A weighted ranking of each service has also been included to provide a means for comparison. A “very important” response received 3 points, a “somewhat important” response received 2 points, a “not very important” response received 1 point, and a “not at all important” response received 0 points. The services have been reordered from how they appeared on the survey form to reflect the weighted average.

| Service  | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | Not at All Important | Weighted Average |
|--|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Providing emergency medical services (paramedics, EMS)   | 3,580          | 905                | 109                | 44                   | 2.73             |
| Providing fire protection services   | 3,078          | 1,253              | 239                | 55                   | 2.59             |
| Preparing the community for emergencies or disasters   | 2,704          | 1,566              | 290                | 78                   | 2.49             |
| Maintaining a low crime rate   | 2,998          | 877                | 401                | 243                  | 2.47             |
| Maintaining and repairing streets (fixing potholes, etc.)  | 2,475          | 1,778              | 317                | 60                   | 2.44             |
| Providing services and identifying solutions that address homelessness                                     | 2,818          | 1,152              | 382                | 259                  | 2.42             |
| Maintaining parks  | 2,131          | 2,067              | 349                | 75                   | 2.35             |
| Reducing ocean pollution by improving storm drains   | 2,332          | 1,560              | 534                | 191                  | 2.31             |
| Maintaining and repairing public buildings (community and senior centers, fire stations, libraries, etc.)  | 2,036          | 1,997              | 472                | 114                  | 2.29             |
| Providing free or low-cost recreation programs for youth and teens   | 2,253          | 1,569              | 493                | 266                  | 2.27             |
| Planning for the future of the city  | 1,700          | 1,936              | 680                | 195                  | 2.14             |
| Maintaining and repairing sidewalks  | 1,674          | 1,967              | 799                | 167                  | 2.12             |
| Collecting illegally dumped items  | 1,568          | 2,029              | 771                | 168                  | 2.10             |
| Providing library books, media, access to technology, programs and services (reading, homework help, etc.) | 1,930          | 1,493              | 770                | 425                  | 2.07             |
| Enforcing traffic laws to protect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers                         | 1,858          | 1,518              | 831                | 379                  | 2.06             |
| Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight   | 1,618          | 1,861              | 792                | 287                  | 2.06             |
| Providing affordable housing   | 2,254          | 941                | 682                | 700                  | 2.04             |
| Maintaining a strong budget reserve  | 1,416          | 1,998              | 791                | 234                  | 2.04             |
| Providing nuisance abatement programs (loitering, illegal drug activity, excessive noise, etc.)            | 1,919          | 1,345              | 770                | 510                  | 2.03             |
| Providing business assistance and supporting economic development  | 1,625          | 1,778              | 796                | 359                  | 2.02             |
| Providing access to libraries (hours of operation)   | 1,735          | 1,612              | 875                | 379                  | 2.02             |
| Providing environmental sustainability programs  | 1,690          | 1,462              | 821                | 555                  | 1.95             |
| Providing programs for seniors   | 1,174          | 2,173              | 920                | 288                  | 1.93             |
| Providing animal care/animal control services  | 1,180          | 2,056              | 1,058              | 306                  | 1.89             |
| Paying down the City's unfunded liabilities (pensions, health care, etc.)                                  | 1,294          | 1,602              | 907                | 494                  | 1.86             |
| Providing public access to the internet  | 1,784          | 1,108              | 899                | 790                  | 1.85             |
| Providing prompt graffiti removal services   | 1,386          | 1,557              | 1,070              | 566                  | 1.82             |
| Providing neighborhood police patrols  | 1,784          | 1,095              | 747                | 930                  | 1.82             |

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| Service  | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | Not at All Important | Weighted Average |
|--|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Providing specialized Police units (property crimes, directed enforcement, etc.) | 1,718          | 1,086              | 764                | 940                  | 1.79             |
| Providing arts and cultural programs   | 1,306          | 1,543              | 1,055              | 690                  | 1.75             |
| Providing code enforcement services (citing blighted buildings, etc.)            | 1,000          | 1,786              | 1,243              | 450                  | 1.74             |
| Prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed in the City                   | 1,332          | 1,207              | 1,062              | 864                  | 1.67             |
| Trimming trees on residential streets  | 761            | 1,931              | 1,488              | 403                  | 1.67             |
| Creating new parks and open space  | 1,090          | 1,333              | 1,352              | 794                  | 1.60             |
| Providing special events and programs for families                               | 798            | 1,635              | 1,417              | 674                  | 1.57             |
| Providing translating services (Language Access)                                 | 1,294          | 1,095              | 747                | 930                  | 1.50             |

## Comparison to Prior Year

Two services have been replaced in the “Top 10” this year. Services highlighted in yellow under 2020 have been elevated to the Top 10. Items highlighted in blue under 2019 have dropped out of the Top 10.

### 2020 (FY 21)

1. Providing emergency medical services
2. Providing fire protection services
3. Preparing the community for emergencies/ disasters
4. Maintaining a low crime rate
5. Maintaining and repairing streets
6. Providing services that address homelessness
7. Maintaining parks
8. Reducing ocean pollution by improving storm drains
9. Maintaining and repairing public buildings
10. Providing free or low-cost recreation programs for youth

### 2019 (FY 20)

1. Maintaining a low crime rate
2. Providing emergency medical services
3. Providing fire protection services
4. Maintaining and repairing streets
5. Providing services that address homelessness
6. Maintaining and repairing public buildings
7. Maintaining parks
8. Preparing the community for emergencies/disasters
9. Providing nuisance abatement programs
10. Enforcing traffic laws

The survey also allowed participants to provide comments regarding any of the survey items, or things the survey did not cover. More than 2,200 comments were received, regarding a wide range of issues (Attachment–direct, unredacted, comments from participants). Major themes in the comments are:

- Defund/Reduce Police
- Support for Police & Public Safety
- Homelessness/Mental Health
- COVID-19 Recovery
- Affordable Housing
- Streets, Infrastructure & Parks
- Employee Pensions
- Quality of Life Concerns (Parking, Trash, Traffic, Noise)
- Fireworks
- Library Services
- Youth Services
- Road Diets & Bike Lanes
- Environment/Sustainability
- Survey Format

## Attachment

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| CD | Comment  |
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| 1  | #2 How does the city expect to obtain a truthful response to the "survey" if it allows the user to complete the same survey a number of times? Here's a survey question for you: If you can't even do something as simple as a survey correctly, how can we trust you to run a city larger than 40 state capitals?   |
| 1  | 1) A higher level of support should be provided in communities of color; 2) shift the responsibility of items like tree trimming to adjacent property owners and special events to sponsorship or BIDs; 3) arts & culture programs are better offered by partners, which the City can support in some ways, but these groups need to be sustainable without ongoing annual government funding; 4) retool the fire department, including moving to paramedic model since the majority of calls are medically-related and STOP allowing fire fighters to game the overtime system by using their vacation when they are on the top of the call-in list and making time and a half x2; 5) retool police department including shifting administrative sworn positions to civilians and moving community policing programs to other Departments - maintaining a low crime rate is more about preventative programs offered through Health/Park/Library Depts not additional police officers - don't require police officers to perform foundational programs other Depts already do cheaper; 6) move Neighborhood Services to Parks, Recreation and Marine and combine for Community Services Department to align services and spread CDBG and grant funds farther (keep Code Enforcement in Development Services); 7) shift the Water Department to franchise and charge a franchise fee and water infrastructure fees instead of paying legal fees fighting over the legality of LBWD's general fund contribution.  |
| 1  | 1700 for a one bedroom in a 25 unit building with 8 parking spots and one trash can. Not so great job you got going on.  |
| 1  | Abolish cannabis marijuana businesses in low income community. It's detrimental to society and only serves a few. Marijuana business are disproportionate targeting minority communities. Provide free health care services to all residents in minority communities regardless of their personal income. Free EBT food groceries for minority communities families regardless of their personal income. Actively engage police to enforce gang apprehension and hard punishment. Increase schools funding and secure future school fundings.  |
| 1  | AFFORDABLE HOUSING ! I'm a single mother of 2 . Making 14k annual and barely making ends meet. The last thing I should be working about is the increase of rent when having 2 kids to feed. It's unbelievable that's we have so many empty condos and the percentage of homelessness keeps on increasing . I DEMAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING !!!   |
| 1  | Affordable housing, low crime, stop gentrification   |
| 1  | As a renter in Long Beach for almost 8 years and now a property owner/landlord for 2 years, I have seen many things change for the good, but also have seen some bad. For example, the city should make property owners MORE accountable for neighborhood nuisance and upkeep. As a property owner and landlord and having been a renter for almost my whole life, it sickens me to see all the property owners neglect their property and tenants which is why we have homelessness issues and families living in poor conditions where crime accumulates. I am a mom and pop landlord living paycheck to paycheck with only 1 rental property, I die my due diligence to make sure my tenants are happy and things are maintained, whether it's in the building or in the alley where nuisance builds up. The city should make property owners MORE LIABLE! The city should also look into alleyways, have the cops patrol alleyways for safety reasons, whether it's reporting a homeless man sleeping in the alley, people selling/doing in the alley, parking illegally in the alley, bbqing in the alley, etc. I have experienced all of this in the past 2 years of owning my property which is 2 blocks from the courthouse and police station and the landlords ignore all that goes on or does not help with upkeep the neighborhood. The city should also look into repaving alleyways. There was a plan that came out in 2018 about repaving the alley and shows beat and worst areas. After calling public works multiple times about repaving the alley, their plan with best and worst alley - which the alley I live on is considered one of the worst, nothing is being done. We love Long Beach, the diversity, the beach and city life, and the way the council members have helped the communities so far, but more can be done with stating small like helping the lower income areas with small steps like repaving alleys and fining landlords if they are not maintaining their buildings to code. Just that there will help lower income areas because they already feel left out because the landlords don't answer their calls about mold or bad plumbing or just tell tenants that it will come out of their rent. |

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| 1  | As a teacher I'm LBUSD, I know that access to affordable health care, housing, and internet is extremely important. Redistributing police funds to these services is necessary.   |
| 1  | Assistance to the homeless  |
| 1  | black lives matter. affordable living wage. affordable rent.  |
| 1  | Business assistance and economic development should be focused exclusively in small businesses owned by residents of Long Beach. Financial incentives should also exist for building higher density housing in wealthy areas of Long Beach.   |
| 1  | Collecting data in this matter will create a false result. Comparing item importance side by side would produce more realistic results. I could say police response is very important. I could also say programs for youth are very important. However, if you ask me which I value as more important than the other, you get a better gauge of level of importance. Assuming that you already knew that, this is a poor attempt to collect data. |
| 1  | DEFUND LBPD CANCEL RENT PROVIDE COVID RELIEF MORE MONEY FOR MASS TESTING  |
| 1  | Defund LBPD and distribute funds to affordable housing, quality jobs and services to black community and then to immigrants and other POC. Adopt People's Budget.   |
| 1  | Defund police and fund more art programs and build parking and less gentrifying business yes Mayor Garcia Im looking at you.  |
| 1  | Defund the police   |
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| 1  | Defund the police :) support mental health programs   |
| 1  | Defund the police and invest in mental health and support services.   |
| 1  | Defund the police and invest in minority neighborhoods, social programs, and housing assistance! Why weren't these issues directly addressed in this survey? You asked about trees and other less pressing issues, I question your commitment to bring about change that leads to more equality!  |
| 1  | Defund the police and provide funding to community policy and youth development/workforce programming!  |
| 1  | Defund the police and use that money to fund these programs. We don't need more police, we need services. Let me say it again, we need services and less police.  |
| 1  | Defund the police today. Keep our libraries open and invest in libraries. Meet with restorative justice leaders, listen to the community. Address and change inequities in our communities including housing, education, and employment services.   |
| 1  | defund the police, invest in education  |
| 1  | Defund the police.  |
| 1  | Defund the police. Increase library hours. I would like to be able to go there to study rather than pay money and sit at a Starbucks. The library should be open every day and open late ideally until 11PM or even midnight. We can find this money from reallocating money from the police budget to the library.   |
| 1  | Defund the police. They keep killing black and brown people in the city. Forgive rent during the pandemic, as many people in Long Beach work in hospitality, tourism which are decimated industries.  |
| 1  | Defund the Police; Fund Care Not Cops!  |
| 1  | Did not cover education and health care   |
| 1  | Dismantle the Long Beach police department. The city of Long Beach can easily maintain order without the use of barbaric power tripped officers. Community enforcement and other methods can benefit the city of Long Beach for years to come   |
| 1  | Do something about "minor" crimes that affect our quality of life!! Constant breaking into cars, stealing from residential propert, shooting drugs and shitting on public property in broad daylight in front of children and in the way of where people walk. This is a daily problem!!  |
| 1  | Don't furlough city workers to balance the budget.  |
| 1  | Fill the general budget shortfall by reducing that amount from the police department.   |

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| 1  | fireworks task force is necessary. The fireworks were out of control. Also the parks are poorly maintained with lots of trash and no code enforcement for things like smoking, off leash dogs, etc. With outdoor spaces being one of the few places safe during the pandemic, i would like to see more resources allocated to their upkeep   |
| 1  | FIREWORKS...increase fines and penalties   |
| 1  | Fix that projected 30 million dollar shortfall by defunding the police and working directly with communities to provide resources they need. The resources communities need are not more police, but language access services, affordable housing, and revitalizing underserved neighborhoods without gentrifying and forcing out long term residents for the sake of luxury housing. A healthy city where all residents can afford to live is much more attractive than "Newly Renovated Luxury Apartments!" with the original residents now on the streets. Provide support for recovery from drug addiction and you will see drug crimes drop. Give people the help they need instead of pressing the boot down harder. The world is watching.  |
| 1  | Food. Food scarcity. There are a lot of people like me, single mothers, disabled and moderately to severely impaired (mine due to traumatic brain injury TBI) who have no help. With funding gone for special programs for people like me, with brain injuries your food intake must be healthy fresh not canned super bad for brain injuries and you double your intake. Being a disabled single mom with no help, no family, my last friend died 2 years ago, instead of doubling healthy foods, I can barely provide fresh healthy food for my child and that's with strangers help. My food intake I've had to cut almost completely so as you can imagine brain healing, my progress has not only stopped it's gotten way worse and my hopes to re enter the working world have been squashed, major depression has set in and I'm hungry all the time. Speaking and walking are now extremely hard to maintain for longer than 30min-3 hours a day if I'm lucky. Now the food programs I utilized are no longer funded and I can't make jewelry, I used to own a jewelry making business, anyway I'm now so far in debt I barely hold on to my apartment. Please care about the poor. Please. My dreams were taken but my daughter's are not. She's 12 and is my reason for living. I'm all she has and she's all I have. The rent assistance programs don't help me due to requirements for documentation being unrealistic in many situations, especially for the disabled who by the way do work, some part time. Now we are sacrificed but we have kids you are also throwing under the bus who are on their way to being productive members of society, like I was (I've been working since I was 9 years old, despite child labor laws due to necessity to live). Please care about what happens to us and what we have contributed. |
| 1  | Funding and responsibility should be shifted away from police and toward social programs that address issues in more constructive and productive ways than police intervention can.  |
| 1  | Greater focus on quality of life. Wasting resources on talking points like reconciliation is a waste of tax dollars inless there is a focus on educating those allegedly affected by these issues.   |
| 1  | housing for the homeless!!!! programs for the homeless!!!! work for the homeless!!!! assistance for the homeless!!!! AFFORDABLE HOUSING, low income housing, non-credit-based housing!!!!!!!!!!!!  |
| 1  | I believe generally funds for the police should be shifted to social services.   |
| 1  | I believe the city should use every dollar it receives to take Long Beach from the ghetto it is to a bustling first class city that it could be. We are taxed so heavily in this state and the money literally goes to nothing. Stop spending it helping able bodied people, they can get jobs and help themselves. Spend more money on cleaning up the human feces, cockroach lined streets. There is so much crime because most police barely passed middle school, get them trained better. Put cameras on every street corner and actually prosecute the criminals instead of letting them run rampant. This place is dirty and I doubt this will even get read but I'm leaving at the beginning of next year when my lease is up. I'm not going to spend 600+ thousand on a bungalow in the ghetto. It's honestly very simple and the cleanup wouldn't take more than 5 years. Also, why in the world did you ban menthol cigarettes?? There's still birthday cake flavored vodka so it clearly has nothing to do with stopping kids from getting addicted to these things. That was strike 3 for me. Dumb.   |
| 1  | I did not answer "maintaining a low crime rate" because the answers to select from do not explain a "method". Arrests are not the answer - education is and community services that provide services for. Youth, teens and adults is critical before someone turns to crime. Cultural Arts needs to be available through more than the Arts Council. Parks, schools, libraries need cultural arts funding for a captive audience of all ages and all neighborhoods. Cultural , Local and U.S. National History needs taught in many ways (through schools, colleges, parks, libraries, etc. in order to reduce   |

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|    | gang, racial violence, etc.). We need to maintain the current park facilities or replace them and keep current open spaces maintained before building new parks and expanding new spaces.   |
| 1  | I have lived in Long Beach for over a year - overall i feel the city is doing a decent job with the resources they have available to them.  |
| 1  | I hope this survey is being distributed to show that the people actually want to reallocate the absurd amount of police funding to other services the help better the community. I'm disgusted with how the police questions are loaded and framed. Of course, we want to live in a safe neighborhood, but we don't need tear gas, tanks, and police brutality to feel safe. We need education. Low-income families need education. YOU need education if you think this is a good survey. Shame on you. Look at Denver. They cleaned up their Downtown by prioritizing resources, not cops. Y'all better get your priorities in check and start listening to the people.   |
| 1  | I think you can relieve a little bit of budgetary concerns by taking a count of all the non profit business, religious organizations, and service oriented businesses in Long Beach in order to create a hub/network where they can state what they are able to contribute when it comes to different types of services. You could also create a page that allows licensed professionals of all kinds, and community members to volunteer services—kind of like food finders but for community improvement and services.  |
| 1  | I want money to go to social and community programs that will give people a better quality life, which by itself will reduce crime and recidivism. I think this money should be taken from the police. The police that remain need extensive training and need to act as a last resort. Meaning the police call social workers, medics, counselors, before they attempt arrests or any kind of physical interference. We have a major depression coming because of the pandemic. We need to invest in keeping people housed, healthy, and cared for before we give the police more money.   |
| 1  | I would like Long Beach to be a city where people of all incomes and all demographic groups thrive. I do not want people of color and other marginalized groups to be harassed or worse by police officers in this city. With all of the money being visibly poured into real estate development in this city, I do not want to see Long Beach residents forced to live on the streets due to poverty, mental illness or other reasons. They need to be housed with dignity and care and whatever treatment they may need. I want to see this community invest in people. I think the current budget is over-represented by allocation to the police department. Investing in the community, including jobs and programs for young people, will reduce crime. I believe the model of over-policing communities of color is frankly pathetic, outdated and belongs in a bygone era. If Long Beach is going to be a forward-looking city that leads the way into the future, invest in communities and people that live in them, not policing and locking people up.  |
| 1  | I would like to see LB implement many of the ideas behind "defund the police," such as community run public safety, demilitarized police force, educated specialists, mental health responders. Expand community projects that aid in community pride and engagement. Thanks!   |
| 1  | Illegally dumped items could be removed if you would notify residents better about the 2 large item pickups each residence is allowed a year. Teach our residents to pick up after themselves and beautifying the city could potentially come on its own.   |
| 1  | In terms of building new parks and open spaces, I feel like money would be better spent on maintaining the existing green spaces we currently have. Also, not on the list, but the city should also review the budget for police department and reallocate funds for more pro-community items. For example, there is currently a CARE/HEART team to help transients that runs under the fire department. Using these sort of non-LEO solutions seem like a better use of resources for specific issues. Regarding enforcing traffic laws, I would go as far as say step up the enforcing of laws for bicyclists riding on sidewalks, but issue warnings instead of tickets. There has been a big push in recent years to make Long Beach a more bikable/walkable city, but giving people monetary fines for bicycling on the sidewalk can hamper that effort. Clearly, people on bikes should have some consideration for pedestrians and use common sense. However, as a cyclist I have experienced first-hand times where riding on the sidewalk at a slow speed was the safer option for the circumstances (i.e. a large truck is going down Pine Ave). I've never received a ticket, but I have heard complaints from other cyclists who feel that issuing tickets is a way for some officers to fill an unwritten quota, as opposed to ensuring safety. Clearly, if an individual is a repeat offender of tearing down the sidewalk without concern for pedestrians, there needs to be consequences that will spur a change in behavior, but let's be sure that enforcing minor infractions doesn't become a fallback for meeting a quota or filling the LCPD coffers. |

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| 1  | Increase tree canopy Clean up the beach Reduce emissions Fund public transit   |
| 1  | It's outrageous that there is no mention of MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES in this survey. The causes of homelessness, poverty, and substance use in this city cannot be tackled by LBPd alone.  |
| 1  | Let's fund schools and social services and defund the police. We don't need armed police officers for most calls, we need social workers, medical workers, etc. Let's spend our money on our children, on our teens, and on getting the help that individuals need (homeless, etc.).   |
| 1  | Listen to the community first before making any decisions. We are experts of our lived experience and know what will work for our communities.   |
| 1  | Long Beach is a dirty mess with tons of crime. The budget needs to be used appropriately to deal with the increase in crime, clean up the ungodly litter and trash, and fix our broken alleys.   |
| 1  | Maintaining a good police presence in the city is highly importance to deter crime however there needs to be a re-allocation the police budget as well as a divestment in the overall police spending in order to create a well-rounded city with multiple avenues of resources (health, medical, mental, environmental, and educational) for the citizens. Last year roughly \$43 million dollars was allocated to overall police spending while only a fraction of that was spent on the actual community. This needs to change. |
| 1  | Maintanence of our public areas, parks and streets is of utmost importance and quality programming for our youth/early education.  |
| 1  | Mental health and homelessness are very important!!!   |
| 1  | More emphasis needs to be put in areas of need than the city as a whole based on the question you asked. There is a spike in crime right now and as joblessness and homelessness climbs we need to be protected and show compassion in districts like my own which carry the weight of crime, homelessness and services, and currently the most Covid-19 concentration.  |
| 1  | More policing is the ABSOLUTE LAST THING WE NEED. We need preventative measures for homelessness RIGHT NOW, especially during this Corona virus. We need to introduce safety nets. We need to focus on protecting the PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH, and not just the businesses.   |
| 1  | My age is irrelevant. The number in my household is none of your business.   |
| 1  | Need to significantly move funding from LBPd in favor of education, social programs, and community based policing that is tailored to each situation (mental health workers dispatched instead of cops, professionals working with homeless instead of cops, etc). Stop focusing on business (over) development and start focusing on the people!  |
| 1  | Our alleys are in desperate need of paving and I have turned my ankle numerous times because of the uneven surface. It just never gets done. Many homes have their front doors on the alleys. Uncared for alleys lead to more trash and illegal dumping of items. Please also stop cutting down our trees.   |
| 1  | Parking, you MUST do something about parking in the city. The permit passes for local garages has been very helpful during this time. It would be a fast and simple solution to provide households with 1 free parking pass to local garages. The impact would be huge!  |
| 1  | PARKING. There are red blocked curbs everywhere around my neighborhood where they just seem very unnecessary. I understand there are areas that need to be blocked for fire trucks etc. but on a Long Beach street where apartments complexes are the majority containing several people in their families who all have vehicles. Provide parking lots for neighborhoods where apartments are the majority. Draw the white lines for parking spaces Organize Long Beach.   |
| 1  | Perhaps "providing neighborhood police patrols" could evolve into neighborhood watch groups and professional mental health professionals to supplement or instead of only police patrols.  |
| 1  | Please defund the police. There are bigger issues than citing people for low-level crimes like drug possession, jaywalking, and loitering. These questions are intentionally vague so that your team can choose to "interpret" however they choose.  |
| 1  | Please divest from the police department and invest in social programs for the community.  |
| 1  | Please DO NOT defund the police!! Safety is #1 priority! Stop with the foolish social programs. Keep us safe!!   |
| 1  | Please do something about the homeless issue. I can't leave my apartment without seeing multiple homeless people and all the trash in the street. The pavement is always dirty and peed on and with blood on it.   |



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| 1  | Please help the homeless and low income families. We need shelters and food banks now more than ever. Lessen the police budget and retrain the force.   |
| 1  | Please increase the Library's budget to ensure that the many free educational and job development resources are made available to the thousands of families who rely on them. Without the libraries, our communities will suffer.   |
| 1  | Please work on a tougher plan for handling the excessive and continuous use of illegal fireworks in our city. Residents, pets, and wildlife are being traumatized, not to mention the negative impact on the environment. "Educating" the public is not working. Signs are not working. Warnings are not working. It's time to get serious about this issue.  |
| 1  | Police and Fire should be the top services to protect.  |
| 1  | Police do not prevent crime, they respond to it. Crime is prevented through social support and community bonds. Let's divest from police and invest into the community.   |
| 1  | Provide funding for a citizen's review board of Long Beach PD that has actual enforcement power and can facilitate the removal of abusive officers.   |
| 1  | Public perception is the police will not protect us after standing down during looting.   |
| 1  | Public safety & maintaining a low crime rate is important but I don't want it to be confused or misinterpreted for "need or want for the police". There are many other creative ways we can maintain and encourage public safety while keeping low crime rates that doesn't involve officers with guns. #DefundThePolice  |
| 1  | Public Safety Is Paramount!! Maintaining properly funded, well equipped, well trained Public Safety Officers should be at the top followed by maintaining and then developing our communities. The events of May 31, 2020 should not happen and without a properly supported and backed public safety force all else is irrelevant! As a Long Beach resident, I can honestly say our Police, Fire, Prosecutors, and Public Works are #1 but only when properly trained, equipped and funded to do their job.  |
| 1  | Putting off maintenance makes problems more expensive later. But we don't need new parks. We don't need new libraries. Libraries don't need new books. Police don't need new cruisers. No new office furniture. No raises for police, fire. (I took a pay cut - I don't want to pay someone else's raise!) I was surprised to see the inflation of public safety on the spending graph, but everything else was basically flat. There has to be some way to make those costs go down for a couple of years to open up some budget space. Good luck - it's important work you are all doing! |
| 1  | Redirect police funds and reduce public projects in wealthy areas. Provide more services to the homeless and underserved areas of the city.   |
| 1  | Reduce money spent on policing and reallocate funds to the public good: parks, libraries, accessible sidewalks, programming for youth and seniors, disaster/emergency planning, etc.  |
| 1  | Reduce police funding and redirect toward root causes like mental health services and economic insecurity. Also WHERE IS THE CAAP? Climate change is an existential crisis- why are we still a car obsessed city?   |
| 1  | Should have been a ranking survey. Otherwise everything mentioned is important. Good luck!  |
| 1  | Some of these questions are posed in a vague manner or lumped together inappropriately. For example, I strongly support small business development, but not major developers gentrifying the city and making the city less affordable, which has been a priority for the current mayor. Also, maintaining a low crime rate should be specified with how the city would spend funds to do this. I support defunding the police and investing in community building to lower crime rates, along with ensuring housing, medical/mental health services, education, and guaranteed income.      |
| 1  | Some questions were loaded word-wise, such as "maintaining a low crime rate." Several different police questions should at least be grouped together or reworded to capture the gist of it.   |
| 1  | Stop wasting money on bike lanes and stupid road diets. Cyclists don't use them.  |
| 1  | Survey is very vague, wording could be clearer.   |
| 1  | The answers are how important these topics are in relation to the budget. Of course they are all important but focusing the budget will solve the other issues I have rated lower.  |
| 1  | The city could bring in revenue if you would enforce the law of no riding bicycles on sidewalks in commercial districts. Crack down on that easily enforceable law. Bring in revenue. Those that can't pay the fine can work to clean up the neighborhoods and work their fine off. Also crack down on Handicapped parking! I never see them being ticketed any more. Also run checks on handicap   |

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|    | placards! Bring back The LBPD Chief's Advisory Groups. They were first formed because of police brutality against Blacks & LGBT. You would then be showing the citizens that you are serious about Police Reform. If ever we needed the Chief's Advisory Groups it's now!  |
| 1  | The city needs to provide sustainable retirement packages and pay to city workers. Benefits in excess of the private sector average are unacceptable and are anchors to the budget. Politicians fall prey to police, firefighter, and city worker demands. The balance between pay and benefits need to be struck. I don't appreciate seeing city workers get paid in salary at benefits above what could be earned in the private sector.   |
| 1  | The city of Long Beach needs to comply with Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17. We currently do not meet the amended requirements. In an effort to implement public health officials' recommendations to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, which relaxes some of the Ralph M. Brown Act's (Brown Act) public meeting requirements (Gov. Code Sec. 54950 et seq.) that are not practical in light of the current public health crisis. The Brown Act places strict requirements on local legislative bodies regarding the posting, access and physical location of voting members during public hearings. Order N-29-20 allows public meetings to be held by video, teleconference or other electronic means during the period in which health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures. It further suspends numerous other Brown Act requirements, including: to identify the physical location of members participating by teleconference to post agendas at all teleconference locations which we are not doing for a quorum of the legislative body's members to be within the jurisdiction when the meeting is taking place. Instead, local legislative bodies may fulfill Brown Act requirements by allowing members of the public to observe and submit public comments through teleconference or other electronic means or combination, unfortunately the online comment system has stopped working since the shutdown and constituents do not have a phone number to call in for public comment. Order N-29-20 still requires local legislative bodies to: provide advance notice of and post agendas for public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act's time frames provide information by which members of the public may observe and offer public comment advertise and implement a procedure for receiving and resolving reasonable Americans with Disabilities' (ADA) accommodation requests. Several Bay-Area jurisdictions have begun holding hearings via teleconference, including San Francisco, Redwood City, Daly City, Menlo Park and San Mateo County. In Southern California, jurisdictions that have begun hearings via teleconference include Los Angeles, and Pasadena. Procedural and logistical questions that jurisdictions are grappling with are whether to set deadlines for receiving comments and whether and how to handle "real-time" comments during the course of a public hearing. The City of Long Beach needs to fix the graniscus form for submitting public comment, I'm a journalist and I have 20 people who will testify that the online comment has been broken. The city of Long Beach has also not met suspended Brown Act requirements regarding being able for constituents to call in for public comment, no number has been provided. In fact the last couple of meetings have not had any public comment at all. They City Council is not going to get away with this and constituents are banding together to force city council to redo all the meetings where the graniscus public comment section was not working and a call number was not provided for public comment, which has been all City Council meetings since the Covid Stay at Home Order 3/19/20. I will gladly speak to you about this potentially catastrophic mistake the city council has done. (562) 234-9296. |
| 1  | The City should focus on economic development & the creation of high/good paying jobs instead of road diets. Road diets put the cart before the horse as over 70% of the population works outside of Long Beach. Road diets prevent the efficient flow of traffic & create unnecessary delays. Road diets only serve to lengthen our commute, reduce the amount of time we can spend with family and erode our quality of life. Hardly anyone uses the bike lanes for daily commuting so to spend money on them makes no sense. The diets have also created hazards on Broadway resulting in increased accidents. The parking spaces are also dangerous and have placed more people at risk/in danger, than do the biking conditions in standard roadways.   |
| 1  | The city's alleys/Courts need to be addressed. There should be a set of standardized rules that apply to alleys/courts that include parking locations, dumpster locations, etc. (the alleys could be lined with what goes where). The alleys/courts are in need of significant cleaning, repair and replacement. All dumpsters should be in specified areas to reduce their visibility from the streets. Dumpsters should not be placed in front of garages, access gates or doors. The number of dumpsters in a given alley should be reviewed. There is a significant amount of waste that does  |

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|    | not make its way into the dumpster or garbage cans, or is removed and littered. A discussion with the sanitation department should be had to review why a box left next to a dumpster will sit there for 2 weeks without being picked up. Is it possible to have sanitation works collect some of these items also? Additionally, there are issues related to how properties manage their waste and recycling. In some cases cans are left out all week, the cans end up overturned, waste ends up in the streets and is not picked up. Property owners/managers must be held responsible for keeping the area around their property clean and collecting the garbage cans after a pickup.  |
| 1  | The majority of these survey questions are misleading and prompt a specific response. I suggest a redesign of this survey to get more appropriate feedback from the community. Defund the police, invest in youth and families.   |
| 1  | The survey is too vague and I didnt feel like it captured my real opinion. Better than nothing , I guess.   |
| 1  | There are a lot of things I would like changed, but long beach is more than just downtown. Fix north long beach. And ADD MORE PUBLIC PARKING there are plenty of empty lots that can be designated as parking structures. Provide incentives for businesses to allow use of their lots overnight. Just do something bc this is ridiculous.  |
| 1  | This Survey is bullshit Y'all asking the wrong questions Take \$ 100 Million out of LBPd and put it into other areas Invest in Youth  |
| 1  | This survey is slanted to promote the police to solve problem. We need more social services for mentally ill, substance abusers, and the homeless. To do that we need to reduce the police budget and give that money to social services. The police make problems worst. You need a course in Restorative Justice, which is more effective than wasting my tax payer money, as a home owner for more policing.   |
| 1  | This survey is too generic. Would like to see more explanation and more varied choices within categories. Hyping people up with fears of crime increases to insure more money for police is bs.   |
| 1  | This survey seems purposely vague. It does not specify where these resources will be going to. There are clearly two different Long Beach communities and we need to better serve the LOW INCOME community. I don't care if my tax dollars go to fixing a pothole on Pine and Ocean. I want you to fix the potholes in North Long Beach. I want you to provide funding to the schools with the highest drop out rates. Make these surveys more specific to serving the communities that deserve and are currently demanding you to DEFUND LBPd.   |
| 1  | Very concerned about the new inclusionary affordable housing ordinance will limit development and lower the amount of development fees generated and hurt the city budget.  |
| 1  | We need to have ALLEYS PAVED, especially "Cobre Way" between "Park Court" and "Cedar Street" in Zip Code: 90802. It has pools of stagnant water whenever it rains OR there is a plumbing line break. Mosquitoes breed there and have increased this year. Also stray animals like: skunks, feral cats come to drink from these fetid pools of water. I am a resident of Zip Code 90802 for more than 21 years. But I grew up in Chicago where my grandfather was an Alderman on the North West Side. I have looked at alleys most of my life. They can be made beautiful like the ones in "Old Town" Chicago but the "Cobre Way" debacle and complete ignorance of the City of Long Beach with regard to the pros verses the "Cons" of our Downtown Alleys is inexcusable. I would readily put up with an "Annual Alley Art Fair" by residents to get this one finally paved. Another example is the Narrow "streets" in Europe, especially in "Paris France." Many are comparable to the LB Alleys and are a potential "Source of Untapped Income" for The City of Long Beach. |
| 1  | We need to reduce crime. The city needs to reduce to homeless population, make arrests if they dont accept shelters.  |
| 1  | We should not be spending more than 20% of our budget on Police, instead it should be used for community programs that help stop crime before it happens like youth programs, education, and homeless outreach.   |
| 1  | We truly need our streets repaved around Garfield elementary  |
| 1  | With the amount of violent crime and property crime occurring, and everything we all for the police to do that is not traccional olive work, the idea of defunding the police is rediculous. We need to sort the police officers and give them the support they need to do their job. This includes getting the prosecutor to pursue charges on criminals even if it goes against the political ideology of the minute.   |

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| 1  | You guys aren't listening or responding to your constituents AT ALL. Defund the police and move a significant amount of those funds to social programs! Push back against Mayor Garcia's agenda!   |
| 2  | 2021 should be a year of support and recovery. Seniors need support in very way. People need help staying homed so that they can be safe and happy. Before we look forward and care about anything else, these communities need to be safe and fed. Nothing new should happen in terms of parks, residential complexes that are not affordable... beautification of the city... these things don't matter if our seniors care lonely depressed hungry and there are citizens who are homeless and not getting the services they need. Sidewalks and more should me repairs to be more accessible. Our priorities should be helping those lost in need In this city rather than placating the richer of our residents. Covid has decimated us, our lives and finances are in shambles. We need to be a safe and healthy city and that starts with protecting the most vulnerable. Social justice and racial equity is not on this list. Going through a restorative justice process is needed. Thank you for reaching out and assessing our opinions and needs. |
| 2  | DEFUND THE POLICE!   |
| 2  | 1. I entered a few as "No Opinion" where I thought that while the concept is important, it's about implementation and has historically caused as much or more harm as good in LB, so it's hard to answer in this format. 2. As to maintaining a strong budget reserve, I'd say it is somewhat important but not this year.   |
| 2  | 1.Parking signs to eliminate saving parking. 2. Stop people from parking anywhere onto the sidewalk. 90% of our neighborhood is a pedestrian friendly neighborhood but when you have a wheelchair, strollers or walking with your child or children it makes it difficult to use sidewalk. LB Code enforcement wont give warnings. I've questioned them. 3. Police patrol on bikes.  |
| 2  | 1-increase community policing program recently begun. 2-Following the pilot of Social Workers in the libraries to assist with homeless and social issues, expand this beyond a pilot program using interns to full time social workers at EACH LBPL location. Money from police budget could be moved to Public Health for this staff. 3-Find ways to use the library to meet many of the social needs of our citizens.  |
| 2  | A lot of savings can and should come from drastic cuts to the police department!   |
| 2  | A sound budget and education are most important. The Library Foundation already has computers and programs in place for the city to utilize. Perhaps smaller branches like Brewitt and Alamitos should be closed so more more money can go to areas of the city with low income levels and a need for more help through education...i.e. Obama, Twain, Burnett, Harte and BJ King.   |
| 2  | a) how about a pie chart of the other 80% b) police are needed but they are not the "one" answer for all of societies troubles. c) LB must stop using the oil and harbor money. oil is should be considered a limited time resource, because those islands are not going to pump oil forever. d) LB should live within its means. larger cities have smaller budgets, try to be more like them.  |
| 2  | Addressing the homelessness crisis and defunding LBPD are the most important things Long Beach can do to improve the city  |
| 2  | Animal shelter and the homeless in Long Beach needs your attention!  |
| 2  | As a homeowner that deals with homeless people hanging out in the alley next to our home, items being dumped illegally, and apartment/duplex owners that do little to maintain their property (specifically trash and discarded items) I would like to see more available to homeowners to remedy the situation. We call code enforcement and use the Go Long Beach app to report problems but it seems that more can be done/should be done to hold these apartment owners accountable. We grow weary of the trash that builds up in the alley next to our house and the property owners that seem to do nothing or care anything about it.   |
| 2  | As a resident and homeowner I believe that the police budget needs to be significantly reduced.  |
| 2  | Because we're abiding by regulations with social distancing, I would like to see wi-fi options given priority to residents as older adults or people with underlying health issues are isolated and would need technology connection to stay in contact with friends and families. We are enjoying the LBPL to GO services libraries are providing and appreciate that they are nourishing our minds with the materials they have. I would like to see libraries receive more support for up keeping these services.   |
| 2  | Bike infrastructure; Climate change; Gang intervention   |

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| 2  | Both the library and the arts are very important elements in LB because they provide education for citizens who are staying at home, from children to older adults.   |
| 2  | Can the Budget also include resources for a study to see how over policing may be happening in our City to Black and Brown community members. with recommendations/ policy interventions to stop over policing- including traffic stops. Maybe investing in supplies to fix minor traffic stop violations -headlights/rear lights- officers can be equipped with these resources/ not give fix it tickets that cost- it was good to know my rear light was out but that shouldn't have warranted a ticket and the cops shouldn't have made us exit our vehicle for a search. Redirect funding for policing to services for underserved neighborhoods.   |
| 2  | Care not Cages. Sustainability. Open spaces. Infrastructure. Affordable Housing. Local Business. Community. Defund the police. Get money out of politics.   |
| 2  | Cite landlord who don't manage dumping and waste, obnoxious loud tenants, tenant blowing off fire works or dealing drug from their properties. Don't let new construction resale and do away with low income. Address corruption in our government and bureaucracy. Aim money toward these priorities.  |
| 2  | city can't provide housing to anyone that shows up from all over the US, That is state or federal role. Some fake surveys say otherwise, but police officers that ID young vagrants told me that many are out of state. Virtually all young "travelers" homeless have cell phones and keep it touch with each other bringing in they buddies to localities that are most accommodating. Long Beach can't finance that. We have our own to take care of.   |
| 2  | Closing the digital divide is critical right now.   |
| 2  | Code enforcement should be focused on ensuring buildings are safe, and landlords are maintaining their properties appropriately, not decide what looks nice and is or isn't "blight".   |
| 2  | Commit to awarding a small percentage of City Contracts to companies that are owned by Black people. Thanks!  |
| 2  | Create specialized services that are not at all affiliated with the police to assist people in crisis with regards to mental health, homelessness, addiction. More emphasis needed on addressing the housing crisis - rent forgiveness during this pandemic, rent control at all times, stop allowing predatory investment groups to buy up the affordable housing, evict the residents, and increase the rent. And for God's sake, DEFUND the police!  |
| 2  | Creating early intervention programs for our at risk youth. Proving mental health programs for all residents.   |
| 2  | Crum should also include crimes committed by LBPD.  |
| 2  | Cut all unnecessary art programs and handouts to SSI recipients.  |
| 2  | Cut the LBPD budget by at least 50%. Prioritizing and providing community resources, education and housing for low-income Black and Latino residents will subsequently reflect in a lower crime rate because their quality of life will have improved. The city's proposed budget for FY2021 will be the biggest statement that our city leaders make in response to the public health crisis that is racism against Black and Brown people. We are all watching very closely; do not let us down.  |
| 2  | Deal with ALL quality of life issues as has been taxed. All these measures need 100% accountability. Including ILLEGAL FIREWORKS wkich is neing dealt with in other big cities by surveillance drones issuing immediate tickets to property owners. Safety, preparedness, education, access to self and business improvement, healthcare, parks and programs, infrastructure ITS all very important. Cut BIG salaries and pensions. NOW. We want parking, not more density. We want homeless services in EVERY district. We need job services in every district. Do a WPA type program for LBC, ea district. Get more contributors from BIG port and business operations. Better use of Police force and community engagement. Get drugs and gangs OUT, not released back into zip codes. STOP density drive, 🙅 |
| 2  | Defund LBPD   |
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| 2  | Defund LBPD. Fund libraries. Fund after school programs. Stop displacing low income residents downtown. Stop prioritizing high rises and start prioritizing the residents that we have. Prioritize low income housing. Black lives matter.  |
| 2  | Defund police & put money towards bettering the community: NOT terrorizing it   |

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| 2  | Defund police and use those monies to support and care for your communities. You will be surprised how crime rates will drop when people have food, housing, jobs, and mental health support.  |
| 2  | Defund police, reallocate police budget funds to fund essential services that actually do prevent crime and make Long Beach a safe and happy place to live. We need more recreation programs, educational resources, and access to our libraries.  |
| 2  | Defund police, set up community-based protection   |
| 2  | Defund the current LBPD and restrict the LBPD to have social work, mental health and deescalating tactics and training. End all excessive force. Fire officers for excessive, stop protecting killers and abusers.   |
| 2  | defund the LBPD and shift those funds to increased social services   |
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| 2  | Defund the police and fund our communities of color.   |
| 2  | Defund the police and fund our low income communities if you really want to see "lowering crime rates"   |
| 2  | Defund the police and put that money into programs benefiting low income areas to benefit mostly the children. Also put that money into providing more shelters, cleaning the beach, helping the homeless such as handing them water bottles, non-police response teams for mental health crisis, affordable health care, and teams to help those who are undocumented. No extra money for cops.   |
| 2  | DEFUND THE POLICE AND REDISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO OUR COMMUNITY  |
| 2  | Defund the police and start investing in Our Latino, African American, and Cambodian neighborhoods beginning with affordable housing, addressing the wage gap, and investing in our education. Cut the crap with trying to bait us if we want more policing. We don't! You should be ashamed of the number of people we have on the streets got us looking like Kings Landing from Game of Thrones.  |
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| 2  | Defund the police by no longer buying (and reducing) military surplus or hardware; create and provide psychological counseling and new training to all police to eliminate their overall tendencies of violence towards the mentally ill, people of color, the homeless or the unarmed citizen; eliminate the corrupted tax relationship between absentee property owners, property investment firms (like Southeby's) and the City; disarm police who respond to all non-emergency events; expose, prosecute and eliminate the anti-trust market manipulation of apartment rental rates between property owners, rental agencies; establish even greater rent control on all rental properties built before 1980- no two-bedroom apartment should cost a renter more than \$1200 per month, for example; eliminate yearly salary increases for all public employees after fifteen years; somehow regulate banking in the City- the banks have too much leverage and control over public debts and mortgages; re-elect Mayor Garcia who is a great person with still greater potential for greater public service. Please take my suggestions seriously. |
| 2  | Defund the police!   |
| 2  | DEFUND THE POLICE, keep other city employees on the job don't fire them. Why is it that police take the biggest piece of the budget but never have to give back anything. Other employees face furloughs and layoffs while police get a \$33,000 raise. 33 million paid in law suits, we need a new chief. City management needs to take pay cuts, use to be the 100,000 club now it's up to 300K club..... get real mayor   |
| 2  | Defund the police, meaning divest from them and invest in us, the community!!!   |
| 2  | DEFUND THE POLICE, PUT MONEY AND FAITH INTO SOCIAL WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES WHO ACTUALLY PROVIDE AND CARE FOR THIS CITY. RECALL MAYOR GARCIA, FIRE POLICE CHIEF LUNA.   |

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| 2  | Defund the police.  |
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| 2  | Defund the police. Add compost pick up.   |
| 2  | Defund the police. Divest from the police and invest in the community. There are many calls that they respond to that they are not trained to respond to and should not respond to. Give those jobs back to the community. Full resourced communities with things like affordable housing, quality education, mental health resources, access to affordable healthy foods, job training programs, healthcare and the like are the things that keep the community safe. Police do not keep the community safe, resources do. Fully resourced communities are healthy communities and healthy communities do not need the police. |
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| 2  | Defund the police. Fund social services.  |
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| 2  | Defund the police. Invest in community.   |
| 2  | Defund the police. Invest in social programs, education, community resources.   |
| 2  | Defund the police. Invest in Social Services  |
| 2  | Defund the police. Roughly 50% of the budget foot the police alone is nuts and unnecessary.   |
| 2  | defund the police/ more money into social service less into police response. stop police from killing people, send unarmed people to respond to things. More social workers less police. Unarmed responders don't shoot people. Stop killing black people. Make it a budget priority. Black lives matter. BLACK LIVES MATTER.BLACK LIVES MATTER.BLACK LIVES MATTER.BLACK LIVES MATTER.BLACK LIVES MATTER.   |
| 2  | Demilitarize the police units, stop funding helicopters and weaponry and start funding deescalation training, racial bias training, and emergency response for mental health crises. Use that money to fund community services and emergency preparedness.  |
| 2  | Develop more/better North/South bike routes through East Long Beach. Install 45 or 60° head-in parking for 1st and 2nd streets east of Bixby Park. Extend Rent forgiveness until Covid vaccine has reached full saturation. Begin defunding the police and replace their costs with social services that will solve poverty instead of punishing it.  |
| 2  | divest from police to invest in affordable housing and youth programs, among other community programs that do more to address the root causes of the challenges our communities face  |
| 2  | Divestment from police should be a priority for the budget of the new fiscal year 2021. Some of the budget that has crept up to 48% of the general fund should be reallocated to social services. Yes, we want low crime rates, but investing more into social services that promote more well-rounded and in-depth support for the community should be paramount, and can have collateral gains of reducing crime.   |
| 2  | Do not defund the police.   |
| 2  | Do not put "transitional" housing On 7th street. It's a major street, it's too busy already. Why the heck would we want to build more big units on busy 7th street and the small streets around it. It'll cause chaos and accidents. Thank you  |

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| 2  | Do not raise taxes or fees. Reduce regulations on small businesses.  |
| 2  | DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS!!!! PLEASE!!! YOU NEED TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR THEM!!! THEY HAVE OVERRUN BIXBY PARK AND THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY!!! DO SOMETHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!   |
| 2  | Don't defund the police/fire. We need them. Keep the city clean so people want to live and work here. Property/business/sales tax coming into the city will save us IF we spend wisely.  |
| 2  | Don't raise our sales and property taxes to keep our city great.   |
| 2  | don't disguise the police as items like "keeping crime rates low" and "enforcing traffic laws". there are ways to do this without the police. garcia needs to stop being a coward and prove to the people that he isn't owned by the police. the way to do that is defund the police.  |
| 2  | DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT DEFUNDING POLICE SERVICES. IF ANYTHING, WE NEED MORE!!!   |
| 2  | Education and after/before school programming is essential to our future.  |
| 2  | Emphasis on the translating services. Long Beach is already a very diverse city with a mixture of various cultures. Facilitating the need for **GOOD** translation services is a must, otherwise non-english speaking citizens are seemingly being ostracized when dealing with municipal affairs.   |
| 2  | Environment and empathy. Care not cages.   |
| 2  | Fire & Police Services should remain a top priority when considering budget cuts.  |
| 2  | FIX THE PARKING PROBLEM. I live on a one way street. There is room for the parking on the other side to be adjusted so there can be 3x as many parking spaces. There is a vacant lot right between McDonald's and glen park retirement home on 4th street, and that could be used for parking. Or build a parking garage there! I think the city wants us to not have enough parking so they can make money on parking tickets. If you want us to stay home and combat covid-19, fix the parking problem. Actually drive around the streets of the city and look to see what can be fixed. If you want to hire someone to do that, I am happy to do so! I have many ideas for how the parking can be remapped. |
| 2  | forget parks and libraries. These are now places for bums to hang around and sell drugs. Our police lost control of these places. Second riots in 30 years proven how under policed city is. We need more police. Forget activist. Most residents want more police and less crime.   |
| 2  | Freeze rents and mortgages city-wide. It will prevent homeless and slow further business closures.   |
| 2  | Fund police, code enforcement, trash pickup, graffiti removal. Plant more trees to control air pollution. Take care of parks, let private groups run parks. No to free children program, low income housing, any welfare, including to DLBA. Business can fund parties and special events. Charities and the school district can fund children activities and education programs. Parking is critical. Build parking lots and increase parking for residential areas and business districts. Stop being corrupt and lying to the residents.  |
| 2  | Fund schools, libraries, and parks. Prioritize equity, air quality, and the environment. Defund the police.  |
| 2  | Funds from the current police budget need to be reallocated to community-based policing and youth programs.  |
| 2  | Give resources to the fire department to provide first-responder assistance to behavioral health emergencies. The cops just shoot, beat, or ignore them.   |
| 2  | Having a low crime rate is a misleading statistic anyway. It doesn't actually show that people are healthy, safe and housed, merely that property crimes are low.  |
| 2  | Help the homeless with housing and medical support. Keep the libraries funded for people to attend classes, obtain reading materials and internet use. Help low income residents with housing and work. Build a strong community by providing the opportunity for each resident to interact with each other and build a understanding of respect and equality. Create youth programs (library, parks??), so they can learn to interact with others and understand others as well.  |
| 2  | Highly encourage funding for community development and neighborhood corridor planning!   |
| 2  | House every human being who needs shelter. Keep people housed. This housing crisis must end now. It's getting worse. Stop everything and fix it first.   |
| 2  | How about private contract for trash collecting city would save money.   |
| 2  | How about reducing the \$24M elected official pay  |



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| 2  | I am a small business owner of a lgbtqia hair salon and I have many concerns about homelessness and police brutality. I work and live on 4th street and see this activity daily. We need to defund the police Department and spread the money out to other social services. I'm glad you're finally asking US these questions. Thank you. Also-Just because I have a tiny platform to speak right now, Robert Fox is problematic to Bipoc folks and needs to be watched closely.   |
| 2  | I am all for defunding police services and funding more unarmed safety bike officers who I've seen patrolling recently. These to me are the people I feel safe around.   |
| 2  | I am asking for no increase in PRHIP and Code Inspection fees nor adding code inspectors at this time.   |
| 2  | I am not interested in funding a police department that refuses to curtail its own abuses. I am sad that the city will inevitably be forced to bail them out when they settle hefty civil lawsuits instead of firing bad cops.   |
| 2  | I am tired of the City wasting Tax payer funds on pet projects and union benefits. We should focus on supporting our first line responders such as the police, fire fighters and paramedics. The Cities politicians and life long bureaucrats have put us in a very bad position regarding terrible past negotiations regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Union. We will most likely never climb out of this hole due to these unfunded union entitlements such as pensions and health care. If we want to overcome the budget shortfall, this is an area that most certainly needs a haircut. However, I know that our politicians do not have the stomach or political will for this reality, so they will continue to pander to this constituent because the unions also fund their campaigns. A vicious circle.  |
| 2  | I beg you, defund the police and re-allocate the budget to keeping people alive.   |
| 2  | I believe it's very important to provide more funding for our libraries, as they are a hub of so many aspects of our city. Not only do they provide programming for people of all ages and economic statuses, they also act as a place of refuge to many. I would love to see a full time social worker inside some of the libraries. It's important for libraries to have social workers to help address the people experiencing homelessness that come in to the library, as librarians are not equipped to do that type of work on their own.   |
| 2  | I believe most of these services are important however need reform. Obviously I think it is important to keep crime rate low, but how the police ensure that needs to be examined.   |
| 2  | I call for the city of Long Beach to divest funds from the Long Beach Police department and invest funds into the local community. We need to provide services that will directly benefit marginalized communities in the city of long beach, rather than gentrify the neighborhoods and try to promote tourism. I find the level of hypocrisy of the current city council to be embarrassing. We do not need more policing in the city of Long Beach, we need transformative justice. We do not need tourism; We need affordable housing. We need accessible health care, which includes access to mental health services. We need to fund out education system. Take money OUT of the police budget and INVEST that money into out public schools. Show us that you care about education not just incarceration. We need to help homeless people get off the streets, murals will not feed the hungry and neither will empty high rises no one can afford. We need to defund the police. We need to start imagining bigger and brighter futures that do not function on antiquated systems. When we invest in the community, naturally the community will start to care for itself and the crime rate will lower the more we show the most marginalized that we care about them. |
| 2  | I cannot emphasize enough that the police budget shouldn't be this high. 44% of the current budget to the police? When we're in a pandemic and should be providing resources to homeless citizens? When we should be providing help to local businesses affected by Covid-19? When we should be providing help to people unable to pay their rent? Honestly, it's a disgrace.  |
| 2  | I demand that you significantly defund the LBPd and redirect that money into programs that help Black and brown communities- including affordable housing, education, healthcare, mental health services, youth programs, etc.   |
| 2  | I do not believe we should continue funding police officers. We should invest in community diversion programs and stop prosecuting misdemeanors as jailable offenses. Furthermore, we need more affordable housing NOT luxury housing the mayor continually allows. Also, climate change will be forcing Long Beach to build infrastructure to protect lives so we should be taking as many steps necessary to mitigate the effects of it now.   |
| 2  | I don't see police enforcing mask wearing Or social distancing anywhere In Long Beach especially not in the nicer areas. I don't think we should give them a lot of money if they won't protect us.  |

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| 2  | I felt some of the questions were misleading in their intention. For example, "maintaining low crime rates"—I chose not to answer this question. There are many determinants of crime (poverty, access to housing and healthcare resources to name a few) and I felt the question did not reflect this complexity. I do not support police "keeping crime low," as I don't think they are as effective for the community as is economic and racial equity. Also, in the question about emergency preparedness, I feel this is important in regards to natural disasters, pandemics, etc and do not feel police play an important role in these services. This survey seemed to have implicit biases towards supporting the police and I am disappointed in that.  |
| 2  | I found this survey to be very difficult to answer. I've lived in Long Beach for 10 years and care about the city and its residents well being. While it's hard to say something is 'not important at all' I do think a sliding 1-10 number scale could make a survey like this easier to answer. The question 'Keeping the city attractive and eliminating blight' is too ambiguous. Whether the city is attractive or not is not a problem in itself but a result of failures elsewhere and I think it would help if there was a connection between a city policy or service and 'attractiveness or blight elimination'. Thank you!   |
| 2  | I found this survey tricky because I wanted to check "very important" for most things, as I thought all these things were part of a city government's responsibilities. I think it would have been helpful to have seen the past 5 years of the city's budget, along with specific examples of how that money was spent. I think that would allow people to make more informed decisions in terms of priorities. Thank you.   |
| 2  | I have lived in Rose Park for 18 1/2 years and I don't believe Junipero has been repaved between 7th and Anaheim at all and if so, not in past 15 years. Dangerous to ride bikes on the street, and even to drive.  |
| 2  | I support hiring more police officers. I don't support giving any city employees pay or benefit raises, including police. If you are going to defund anyone, defund all of the public service unions.   |
| 2  | I think getting the homeless off the street and into institutions is very important.  |
| 2  | I think it is important to keep our city beautiful and clean, but we may have to cut back on certain things. The family programs are a nice sentiment, but because of recent events, it should be pulled back until we as a city are in a better spot. While I believe we need to look into systematic racism in our justice system, we do not need to get rid of our police force. Yes we should send some of the budget to other preventive programs, but not too much as to harm our public safety.  |
| 2  | I think it is VERY important to support small, independent businesses in our city - not corporate chains. I also believe it is very important for our city to shift our budgetary priorities away from law enforcement. It is time for our city to dismantle systemic racism by investing in health, housing, and economic justice.   |
| 2  | I think it's very important to prepare for the Olympics over the course of several years.   |
| 2  | I think people are asking for transparency and better overall communication. For example, this survey was difficult to find in the first place. And I'm not sure exactly what a "Framework of Reconciliation" actually means. Governments are only as strong and capable as the people who are in office. This means having elected officials who are able to communicate effectively. It also means hiring staff who are experts in their field and having managers who are able to listen to their informed opinions. It means hiring young capable and intelligent people who believe in government and want to stay at the city for 30 plus years. It also means having a city council that is paid full time so that they can meet more often every month and actually pass items on the agenda in an efficient manner. As for policing, and the city budget. There are good resources out there. I think this article at the Atlantic makes some good points.<br><a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/">https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/</a> This survey doesn't really capture the complexity of a city budget. Nor am I aware of how effective certain city programs are over others. What I'm trying to say is that I want to be able to trust the people in office to make informed fiscal decisions. I personally think the tools for having an efficient and effective government are already in place. It requires having a manager at the top who holds people accountable below them. Accountability doesn't mean micromanaging. It means "I've asked for something. What I requested didn't happen. Can that be justified?" |
| 2  | I think safety is very important, but some of that budget should be put towards cops that are also trained mental health specialists so they may have dual roles. On my morning walk today, I appreciate the cleaning of the beaches (tractors with rakes) as they've been a mess (found 3 needles last week without even looking--those orange parts stand out). Bixby Park is cleaned, but  |

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|    | volunteers do so much more. There are so many "homeless" people there (and on beach), although they are usually using drugs and may also have mental health issues. Stolen bikes are being chopped up too. Anyway, as a teacher, I also see the need to continue with programs for kids and access to the libraries, etc. Really, I wish we could educate all (children and adults) about homelessness, animal abuse, littering, our ecosystem. We try to incorporate this at school, but parents set the example. I wish I could find a way for the city to actually get people to care about their beaches and the city. Thanks for reading my rant:)   |
| 2  | I think the city should focus on making the city beautiful and to improve the infrastructure. I think a lot of economic development will occur if the city focuses on these things. I think the police departments budget should be decreased incrementally   |
| 2  | I think the City should spend money on improving the image of Long Beach by cleaning up the beach trash.  |
| 2  | I think the use of funds in this city could be better directed elsewhere. Too much money for police not enough for other essential services. My wife and I have both had guns pulled on us. Do these police in their souped up SUVs really protect us from this happening again? No. Foot patrols, homicide, special units, maybe a SWAT. That's it. Do we really need high speed chases through our neighborhoods for stolen cars? We need more of a tax base. How much does oil really bring into the city? Ban it. The ports? Take down the break wall clean up the beaches and watch the tourist economy boom. More bike trails. More locally owned businesses by people of color. Localize the economy in any and every way possible. Research sustainable community development. Adapt The Natural Step for all municipal operations. Set up a logical plan for utilizing resources in an environmentally friendly way with respect to our biological region as well as our diverse community.  |
| 2  | I think the way in which these questions are worded can be improved. I would like to make it clear, the amount budgeted to the police department needs to be substantially reduced. Some of the questions seemed to imply that it would require police involvement. However, I believe that most of them can be resolved without the police.  |
| 2  | I understand the police department has been allocated approximately 48% of the General Fund in recent budgets. That percentage is way too high, is not commensurate with the benefit that the police department provides to the city, and it is imperative that this amount is reduced in 2021 and going forward.   |
| 2  | I understand we need to cut back services, but lets not cut back the essentials.  |
| 2  | I want to be clear in the spaces where I inferred any support of "public safety" measures - i absolutely do NOT endorse the way the Police Department is structured now. I believe very firmly in redistributed "Public Safety" funds to new and unarmed departments that have a completely new training system that does not have the potential to harm citizens, no matter their "crime".   |
| 2  | I wish the survey covered racial inequity issues like access to affordable healthcare in low income neighborhoods. I would also like to make sure that less of our budget goes towards new development and the police department.   |
| 2  | I wish the survey was more specific. I do believe providing business support is very important, but only for small, independently owned businesses. I do believe reducing crime is important, but NOT if it is by increasing the police force. I believe that we should defund the police and establish new programs to address the safety issues of our city.  |
| 2  | I would like to see more social work services provided and less police  |
| 2  | I would like to see police funding redirected toward homeless, mental health, and education services throughout the city. I was very frustrated by the recent response of LBPD to the peaceful protests (driving in wearing riot gear on armored trucks) and to the individual on a roof evading arrest (50+ cops present including SWAT bus to try to apprehend one unarmed man). I am frequently disgusted by the way police interact with community members - for example the other night my partner and I were walking home along Broadway near the filming project on Falcon after having some drinks and my partner tripped on a barricade. The police officer present accused him of throwing something at his car and neared us without a mask. He spoke aggressively toward my partner instead of using de-escalation techniques (my partner was instantly triggered to feel angry, threatened, and defensive when the officer falsely accused him). I believe that we need to eliminate members of the department who have had complaints filed or who have used unwarranted excessive/lethal force. At this point, we residents do not trust the police and do not feel more endangered in their presence. Please do not increase the police department budget at all, but |

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|    | instead redirect its excess of funding toward non-department controlled crisis response teams of social workers and other unarmed professionals. I support the national Black Lives Matter proposals for defunding police departments. Thank you.   |
| 2  | I would like to see the City work towards reducing the cost of litigation, specifically the millions of dollars it pays out in settling excessive force and similar lawsuits each year. This money could be redirected to social programs, to everyone's benefit.   |
| 2  | I'd like to see our police force enforce traffic laws such as speeding and noise violations. It seems a great way to generate revenue and slow our streets down to keep pedestrians safe.   |
| 2  | I'd like to ask the Mayor to commit to not receiving any contributions from the Police union or any law enforcement affiliated entity.  |
| 2  | If we tackle the housing affordability, homelessness and economic development problems, create more work low income household, have more opportunities for the youth with a painting/ maintenance paid training in conjunction with local businesses stop polarizing gang members and give them More opportunities with program similar to H.O.M.E, that incentivise small local businesses to hire them, allow them to open vendor opportunities, connect with LBSU to provide youth mentorship program for their students, crime will stay low and the city can tackle the infrastructure problems using city residents labor so the economy could have a better boost. 25% of the jobs should go to those who have no job experience or difficulties obtaining work. |
| 2  | Important Issues: Safety and community policing, addressing the Black Lives Matter agenda in addition to other serious public safety issues that make us feel unsafe in Long Beach that have been neglected including dangerous explosives that are detonated in our neighborhoods. Support provided to the residents that drive around all night looking for parking in the City.  |
| 2  | Instead of catering to developers you should build more parks, more activities for kids, more school funding. Crime rate goes down when people have better access to education and programs. People can volunteer for these programs and make a difference in our community by showing kids and teens how to be productive members of society. I've lived here in Long Beach all 26 years of my life, don't turn it into a city for only the rich, this city was so diverse and amazing, stop thinking about the money and think about your people.   |
| 2  | Internet access for school-age children is essential right now. Also, low-income parents need help with low-cost or free daycare, tutoring and home schooling during Covid. These should be at the top of the budget list.  |
| 2  | Invest in the community, the citizens. Keep that money circulating in Long Beach and not to outside developers. Don't loose sight of LB, this ain't Santa Monica!! Defund the police. Spread those funds to education, improving social services, helping senior citizens, environmental causes. Elected officials need to represent the community, once you keep taking funds from unions and organizations you're no longer a civil servant but bought and paid.  |
| 2  | It is outrageous we spend the majority of our budget on police with bloated pensions. Every city official who makes over \$125,000 needs to take a pay cut. Police should be focusing on serious crimes not on parking & homeless issues. We need money for our neighborhoods   |
| 2  | It's difficult to answer some of these because historically the city doesn't always use the funding for these specific items for the types of businesses or people who need it most. Also, some of these efforts (ie "planning for the city's future" and creating more parks and open spaces) are means of increasing the speed of gentrification, which will force out low income families. Any more increase in rent and I won't be able to afford to live in Long Beach anymore which is a shame.   |
| 2  | Karma is a bitch.   |
| 2  | Let everyone know that beginning August 1 or whatever date you pick, that everything, grocery stores, gas stations, Target, Walmart, EVERYTHING, will be closed for 2 weeks. Make masks mandatory. No one leave house except to walk or ride a bike. Everything closed so no one going to work. Sigh. If only we could really do that.  |
| 2  | Libraries and free public services are most important. I would like to see a decrease in police spending.   |
| 2  | Libraries and the arts need to be supported.  |
| 2  | Library budget has been undercut for years, and it is a known fact that libraries have a big social, and economic impact. There should be mental health services for the homeless. Downtown is a business center of the city, the face of the city, but it is filled with homeless individuals that need mental health help, medication, and a place to stay.   |

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| 2  | Long Beach must focus on quality of life issues concerning our parks and open spaces. We are limited to where we can go with Covid-19. Our parks and open spaces provide a "staycation" area. These are often filled with people stealing/dismantling bikes and other property, creating mess, or dealing/abusing drugs. Meanwhile the city is still ticketing street sweeping violations as people must stay home. I feel secure, but I don't ENJOY my city very often.   |
| 2  | Long Beach needs to consider initiatives to refund the police, meaning shifting what is now HALF our discretionary budget into services & programs that more effectively provide services we shouldn't rely on the police to handle (drug treatment, mental health, etc.)  |
| 2  | Long Beach should focus on realistic assistance to homelessness in the city and actual rehabilitation and mental health services. We do not need anymore police forces doing jobs that they are not qualified for.   |
| 2  | Look at the pie chart. Police spending is over the top. I have not seen the police do even a relatively good job of patrolling and protecting our neighborhood. Look at the firework problem we've had. Ditto for street racing. Right next to the South District police building. The police did nothing. Defund the police and move those funds (their retirement) to programs that benefit the whole community. Health programs, mental health assistance, animal shelters, city programs. Less events would help the atmosphere of our city. Too many events, too much noise.  |
| 2  | lower rent! provide parking! lower parking tickets to \$20! HELP US OUT. STOP GENTRIFYING  |
| 2  | Maintain low crime rate by improving civil programs not increase police present.   |
| 2  | Making sure we protect our environment, keep public spaces safe and accessible, and make sure *every* Long Beach resident has access to housing with high-quality internet and utilities are absolutely key to making it through this pandemic and its subsequent economic struggles for the long haul.  |
| 2  | More effort and money should be put into serving the most needy people in the city. Take care of them before spending money on things like themed bike racks and rainbow sidewalks.  |
| 2  | More funds should be directed to mental health professionals and social workers. They should be assisting drug/mental health issues, not police.   |
| 2  | More police does not equal more safety. Please honor your commitment to the public safety continuum. Investing in parks and libraries is so critical to keep our youth on track and poised to contribute to our city!  |
| 2  | Most important is lowering homelessness, providing affordable housing, lowering rent, abatement of new unaffordable building projects, and ocean cleanup   |
| 2  | My income has been reduced by more than 50%. I have to make cuts and pay bills that i have to. This survey was for 2021 budget and i think the city has to make deep cuts and put off many items/repairs to 2022 or 2023. People will not be happy but we all have to watch our spending, including the city of long beach. Safety is number 1. After the looting many people do not feel safe in long beach, if we dont fix the street this year then we do it next...our 2021 budget will not fix our homeless issue or the cost of housing...   |
| 2  | My major concern is the safety of our neighborhoods and that all lives matter and are respected by police enforcement. This includes the public safety and quality of life issue of explosives detonated on our city streets 4 months out of the year, as well as the Black Live Matter agenda. We are at a point where 'it's enough' - the ignoring of these issues must cease. Each is concerned with safety and equal treatment and respect in our communities. The police department has to embrace reform for this new century and re-think community policing - protecting the citizens of Long Beach and all that it encompasses. |
| 2  | no new parks, parks we have are unsafe and overrun with homeless. No need for more spaces for homeless to congregate. Clean up the city. We are becoming dump by the see.  |
| 2  | -No Opinion rated items in survey are important, but also receive funding supplements via Measure M. -With regard to homelessness, I only support funds for minor aged children or persons who agree to complete a 30-day inpatient drug/alcohol rehabilitation. - I object to any actions or proposals to reduce the funding level for the Police Department.   |
| 2  | No socialistic programs that interfere with my my freedom of choice. Stop restrictions of covid19, Allow herd immunity to take place.  |
| 2  | Noise is a huge issue for us downtown residents, please address it, as we're considering moving out of the city based on that problem alone. Thank you.  |
| 2  | Nothing ever comes of these surveys  |

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| 2  | Nothing should be done until you eliminate the problem of homelessness. We can't enjoy the parks or other nice things you build when homeless people are everywhere within them.  |
| 2  | Opening/managing outdoor spaces for people of all ages to enjoy while social distancing will be crucial for FY 21. Has there been an assessment of immediate needs in each district? Given the circumstances next year's budget should be shifted to consider those needs. There's no point in cleaning graffiti or building new parks if the community is tending to basic needs. Students need safe spaces to participate in distance learning. WiFi should be free and available city wide. Priorities shift in a pandemic. The budget should too.                                       |
| 2  | Our city streets, sidewalks, homelessness, and safety issues need to be addressed before considering adding new parks, paying down the city's unfunded liabilities and planning for the future. We need to clean up and maintain what we already have established before planning for the future or everything is going to end up dilapidated. We aren't maintaining the parks we already have in our neighborhoods. We have new construction surrounded by sidewalks that reek of urine and feces that homeless people don't mind setting their encampments up on. Deal with that first!!! |
| 2  | Parking desperately needs improvement, and less enforcement.  |
| 2  | Parking was not mentioned at all, this is a major problem in our neighborhood   |
| 2  | Parking.  |
| 2  | Please allow the police to do their jobs. The city is getting scary and we need police to arrest those who break the laws.  |
| 2  | Please consider lowering the police budget and using that money for programs this city needs. Providing low income housing, helping the homeless, programs for children, food insecurity for families.  |
| 2  | Please defund the currently overfunded police department and reallocate those funds to help the community.  |
| 2  | Please defund the police. The budget is ridiculous; divest the funds into public education/affordable housing/healthcare. If we have an educated/healthy/secure population there wouldn't be a need for a militarized police force.   |
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| 2  | Please expand library programming, especially online program offerings like storytime, given that the schools are going to be remote learning in the fall. We need more enrichment activities for our disabled child since she isn't leaving our home for the time being.   |
| 2  | Please keep up the good work. I believe the police budget should be curtailed but not stripped.   |
| 2  | Please put resources into maintaining our city and the current residents. This push to make Long Beach the "next Silicon Valley" demonstrates how little the current administration cares about the actual people living here and cares more about appearances. Long Beach residents struggle to afford rent as landlords base rent prices on the new luxury apartments being built downtown. Lack of rent control pushes middle class folks (people making reasonable wages) and below out of their city. Please take time to properly represent the community.                            |
| 2  | Please significantly defund the LBPd and redirect those funds into programs that directly benefit our Black and brown communities, such as: education, affordable housing, mental health services, youth programs, environmental sustainability, public transit, etc.   |
| 2  | Please stop building so many expensive but unoccupied residential towers. They are destroying the feel of our city.   |
| 2  | Please stop funding or allowing painted murals on our buildings. They are not maintained and are old fashioned. Enforce city codes so owners will make their own improvements. Clean up PCH or rename it. Long Beach should be ashamed of its condition.  |
| 2  | Please stop issuing citations for street sweeping. Clean what you can and stop burdening residents with outrageously pricey citations.  |
| 2  | Please use fiscally conservative agenda to lower taxes.   |
| 2  | Please use our city's funds for services that actually help and serve the people. Don't spend so much money on police and policing the citizens; reallocate those funds to mental/public health services, helping the homeless population, education, etc. Utilize the funds in ways that allow for growth and progress; not a militarized police force that tries to "keep people in line" using fear  |

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|    | tactics. We're all tired of it. We want growth and progress, not more of the same. And more parking! The street parking situation is a nightmare and the gentrification of downtown is just going to make it worse. I truly wonder if those who work at City Hall actually care about the citizens? ALL of the citizens, mind you. I imagine most of our city's leadership thinks in terms of idealism rather than realism. What's best for you and your careers likely isn't what's best for the people of this city.  |
| 2  | Please use the city's funds to maintain the city and stop spending money on programs of limited benefit. We need to get tough on crime and stop giving in to special interest groups  |
| 2  | Police should be funded even more than now! Cut back on city pensions that we cannot afford!!!  |
| 2  | Priorities in order from most important to least 1. Environment 2. Housing 3. Health 4. Education 5. Infrastructure 6. Business 7. Law Enforcement 8. Arts programs   |
| 2  | PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Long Beach is Long Beach because of its diversity and mixture of culture. Young individuals need to have a chance at buying or being able to afford a home in the city they love.   |
| 2  | Provide MORE parking solutions. Stop Gentrification in the Broadway District. Lower rents.  |
| 2  | Providing adequate parking, especially downtown.  |
| 2  | Providing low income housing is a huge problem assigning a few units in apt or condo rentals is not a solution there are so many people and so many buildings that say low income and are not please hire qualified people to solve the problem   |
| 2  | Redirect police funding to social services.   |
| 2  | Reduce investment into our police. Increase investment in to care programs such as mental and social support. The city needs to involve itself in areas where the free market has no interest in. Don't focus on the traditional ROI conversations. Focus on the human investment and wellbeing of our citizens. People wonder why the people are so angry all the time and it's not because we overspent on "X" or "Y". It's because people aren't so blind to the fact that there's a feeling of being underserved. When you care for people and their families and their well-being now and in the future with thoughtful investment, it will change attitudes for the better. That includes community policing, more open door forums that include conversations held online for all to attend. Taking action and sharing results of those actions. Highlighting individual concerns to share to the city that their voices are heard. Letting council district members have a more public voice. I shouldn't have to follow them on Twitter to see what they are doing. There needs to be regularly scheduled video conferences that is on the city website reporting back the work they are doing for us. We are the ones that the city council should be reporting to. We need that level of communication. So invest in the infrastructure to make that happen. |
| 2  | Reduce police funding SIGNIFICANTLY. Redirect those funds to support the community: park & recreation programs, educational programs, mental health access, social worker access, affordable housing & addiction recovery.  |
| 2  | Reduce the police department budget to provide more social services for city residents.   |
| 2  | Regarding the following items from the survey, "Enforcing traffic laws to protect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers" & "Maintaining a low crime rate." These are important, obviously. Nobody wants lax enforcement around dangerous driving or criminal behaviors, but we need to reassign these duties from police to other public safety cohorts. For far too long public safety has been equated with more police. Numerous studies have shown Black motorists are much more likely to be stopped by police than whites for minor traffic infractions and the results sometimes can be deadly. If we can reduce the number of interactions that police have with people, there can be fewer chances of situations turning fatal. I bid Long Beach to follow in the footsteps of San Francisco, where public drug incidents are handled by neutral, unarmed experts in mental health and drug addiction. We should follow in the footsteps of Berkley, whose governance is moving to remove police from traffic stops. If the City of Long Beach wants to be a beacon for other cities to look up to, we need to start tuning in to what the world is demanding cities to look like. This must begin with police reform.  |
| 2  | REPAIR THE ROADS! They are in horrible conditions throughout the city and it's a shame! Defund the police and put that money into social services and programs to help low income families and the homeless!!   |
| 2  | safety first in times of riots and criminality  |

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| 2  | Some of the questions are difficult to answer as certain factors affect the subject of the questions. For instance, I do not believe that increased police patrols in neighborhoods works or is necessary as people overly target communities of color/poor neighborhoods. Additionally, marginalized neighborhoods tend to have more crime due to poverty and systemic racism. Why not work aggressively to provide social support to those neighborhoods instead of increased police presence? What if we took away the incredibly bloated surplus of the budget allocated to the Long Beach police and out it towards all the other wonderful suggestions above? (City infrastructure maintenance, creating wonderful green spaces, social support programs for the elderly, families, young adults and especially children due to covid-19 to provide relief and support to overwhelmed parents. What about rent relief and Long Beach resident stimulus checks for qualifying applicants?? Let's encourage the improved mental and physical and financial health of our city residents during this incredibly stressful time instead of penalizing people and causing further instability and possible increased homelessness. Adding TO the homeless problem is the absolute last thing we want to do in this time!!! |
| 2  | Some of these questions require greater definition.   |
| 2  | Some things are not exactly clear as to what exactly I'm being asked. There is a horrible theft problem in my neighborhood garage has been broken into twice , my car 4 times, Things stolen off of porch twice, seen bike chain cut in broad daylight in front of a crowd of people. We have cars flying down forth st "residential street " can we spend a two hundred bucks and put up a flashing sign showing speed toss in a pretend camera flash. We spend thousands adding street lights that didn't slow traffic down one bit.  |
| 2  | Stop spending so much money on police. Defund police. Use that money for social programs and to create specialized response teams for emergencies that REPLACE police intervention.   |
| 2  | Stop wasting money on stupid programs like bike lanes to nowhere and useless bike racks everywhere. Not every " special project" needs to be done!  |
| 2  | survey construction is poor - does not relate budget category to the item, e.g. is disaster preparedness managed within Fire? and where is health department and related priorities? Where is education? With or without LBUSD. The items are expressions that are more 'attitudinal' rather than standards to meet or exceed.  |
| 2  | Survey very slanted. Demands answers that suit council better   |
| 2  | Take funds away from police to increase services that are more appropriate. Sell off police military equipment!   |
| 2  | Tax dollars should be spent to enhance equity and relieve pollution, lack of green space and other burdens on low-income neighborhoods and neighborhoods of color.  |
| 2  | Thank you for preparing this survey. * Repair holes, cracks, clean and ten keep clean the alleys, please. * Art related activities are good for new generations, but science is more important than it. When you create an activity for them, please keep it in mind, please. * The residential places' rent have been increasing like a rocket speed in Long Beach. * Property managements / landlords increase the rent two times per year with the highest percentage although the many of the apartments are very old in Long Beach. The city's related authorities should take this subject seriously, study on it and take a proper action in this matter to protect the residents future, please.  |
| 2  | Thank you for the steps taken to try to ensure our city is a safe, prosperous place to live. To that end, let us please continue to improve and take steps to defund the Long Beach Police Department and divert funds toward other community programs and services. We need a police department, but implementing more training is not enough to ensure our Black and Brown residents are safe. We have seen from other police departments around the country that a more comprehensive approach is needed in order to ensure that ALL people within the community can be safe.  |
| 2  | The budget should reflect on this year and move to embrace progress and beneficial programs that help the community grow as a whole, not just pockets.  |
| 2  | The City Council is not responsive to email inquiries particularly the Mayor's office and the office of the 2nd district.   |
| 2  | The city has been a mess lately. We need someone to make it nice again  |
| 2  | The City needs to ensure that it's doing everything that it can to address housing displacement and homelessness.   |
| 2  | The City needs to focus on improving neighborhoods & street corridors everywhere, not just in downtown. Take 7th street, for example - it is a Main Street through the City and needs to be   |



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|    | beautified with greenery, better traffic flow, encouraging a better quality level of businesses (less convenience stores, more restaurants & better shops) to make the look and experience of driving it more pleasing and to create more pedestrian neighborhood use. Then, something MUST be done about the insane level of illegal fireworks that happen nightly for the month before the 4th of July - it feels like a war zone and its ridiculously dangerous. Last, parking spots need to be delineated with paint markers in all residential neighborhoods - people have no idea how to park and so much possible parking space is wasted due to inconsiderate parking. I am tired of finding people partially blocking my driveway. Thank you!  |
| 2  | The City should not force departments which are financially strong such as the Harbor Department to furlough employees. It's unethical to force furloughs and harm the livelihoods of our workers for the sake of "appearing united." In the MOU agreements or through a separate agreement, the harbor department among others should be carved out of furloughs. The Harbor Department should not needlessly profit off the salaries of their employees.  |
| 2  | The city would greatly improve our economy if it was not so unfriendly to tourists and visitors. I've see the Pike go down, down, down this last decade as business after business closed up and moved out. When someone comes to Long Beach and ends up with expensive parking ticket, they don't come back. Even on Sundays on Ocean blvd when the businesses are closed, the parking meters are enforced. Even on holidays. Aggressive parking ticketing drives away out-of-town visitors, and they don't come back. It ruins our local economy because businesses cannot survive. Santa Monica has several parking structures and the parking is free for 2 hours, meters are off on Sundays & Holidays, and people flock to the city. West Hollywood has aggressive parking enforcement and Santa Monica blvd is desolate through that city with many empty store fronts and closed businesses. Long Beach should work on it's parking problem to encourage visitors and the money they bring to spend here. |
| 2  | the Long Beach Public Library's services are needed by more families, students, job-seekers, those with disabilities, veterans, and older adults than ever to help them get their lives—and livelihoods—back on track.  |
| 2  | The main budget priority is to DEFUND LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT to the tune of at least \$50 million.  |
| 2  | The public library services are among the most important in our community - especially now! It is one of the few organizations that can help people of any income and education level learn, find jobs, connect to services, and much more. Libraries are critical to the wellbeing of our community.   |
| 2  | The question "maintaining a low crime rate" seems very vague and misleading. Of course, we all want a low crime rate, however this doesn't mean funds towards the police department. It can mean education, and financial, food, and housing stability, as well as mental health services. I would like to see mental health and drug rehab services added to this list.  |
| 2  | The streets are a total embarrassment. The city is costing residents, businesses, and those just passing through countless dollars in wear and tear on vehicles. There are plenty of municipalities with nice streets around, there is no reason for those in Long Beach to be so bad. That the beach is always covered in trash is a huge issue to me. Residents deserve to enjoy a nice beach but there is some sort of trash every several feet. There are pristine beaches up and down the coast; our city is called Long Beach, it is ridiculous that we have one of the most disgusting beaches in LA county.   |
| 2  | The survey asked how important I thought things were but not the order of which I would rank their importance or compare them to other issues. Keeping the city attractive is important to me but is not as important as helping end homelessness. And if making the city attractive means simply moving homeless people out of certain areas, then it isn't important at all.  |
| 2  | The survey does not address the actual fine lines of the questions as there are many layers to some of these questions. Ultimately, how are we truly addressing our policing, because this doesn't seem to really bring into the light the true issues.   |
| 2  | The way this survey is framed is already problematic. I do care about maintaining a low crime rate, but I don't think you need police to do that. I think the best ways to do that are to invest in all kinds of other care programs for the city - jobs, health insurance, school, etc. Our city should defund the police and invest in the actual people of the city, not in ticketing them, not in "ending blight" but actually care about people's lives above property. That means helping provide meaningful work (which could include paying folks to clean up the city!), job training programs, health care, food assistance, and keeping rents low.   |

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|    | information and affect real change in Long Beach, we have to make these type of services priorities moving forward.  |
| 2  | Universal free access to internet crucial to online learning for LBUSD students. We need more support for recreation & sustainability  |
| 2  | use city funds to benefit underrepresented and marginalized groups. Use more money to invest in the people that live here, not the police that patrol here.  |
| 2  | Very disappointed in our police enforcement. -Didn't diva thing for businesses during rioting (Didn't show up) large salaries and huge pensions We deal with constant nouveau enforcements problems in regards to outrageously loud motorcycles along with their loud music blaring which then sets off car alarms along Ocean Blvd. the City Council doesn't seem to care or the police. I'm sure the noise is illegal but it continues to get worse Why usnt their enforcement. The street racing between motorcycles and cars has increased by an alarming rate. Do something to make are lives better My other concern that for last 3 years have contacted mayor with no results. Between Memorial Day and July 4th 3 holidays that we could salute our Country and Flag. Especially Flag Day, June 14th. Why don't we have the American Flag flying down Ocean Blvd When contacted city was told advertisers are the ones flying the flags. Why can't we reserve one months a year to fly our American Flag to celebrate those special dates That is where I would like to see some of my tax dollars go It's the least this city could do especially since we were Navy port Seal Beach had the American Flag flying Seal Beach Blvd and Huntington Beach has them flying with pictures of different servicemen flying on Main St year round I'm ashamed this city won't fly the flag on Ocean Blvd. the mayor has just ignored it. Why money goes to round snouts we don't need while I see people trip and fall on our sidewalks all the time. Bike lines we see very few bikes on. And those diet lines that cause traffic tie ups and dangerous situation pulling out on to streets fro the side streets because you can't see on coming traffic. Now when you drive you not only have to watch over for other cars and pedestrians but bikes and now scooters. This city has definitely changed for the worse so much so I'm seriously thinking after 40 years of living in Long Beach of moving to Orange County. |
| 2  | Very important: Stop caving into union demands for pension enhancements and retirement opportunities regular workers can only dream of.  |
| 2  | We are in Covid crises mode. Important to try to maintain cultural and recreation based activities if possible, but not at expense of needed services like keeping crime low, keeping homeless off streets and not sleeping in places like convention center near fountains if possible. It's important to try to keep Long Beach safe for families and children. Safety, Fire, fixing potholes, removing graffiti, etc. first. Then kids and family programs, with funds left over. After Covid passes, again focus on family and children programs.  |
| 2  | We are strong supporters of police and common sense reform.  |
| 2  | We can't continue to devote such a high proportion of our very limited general fund budget to highly militarized police. I like and support the police, but we've got to reduce the bill for their services. Jobs, drug treatment, after-school programs, and emergency rent will keep us all safer than more and more expensive law enforcement.  |
| 2  | We don't need road closures that give businesses more rights than walkers or driver's. We need less goverment in our lives.  |
| 2  | We find the police very well in this city and yet I never see them patrol my neighborhood. They only come if I call them. We need proactive policing and officers walking And riding bicycles on a beat and motorcycle units aggressively addressing vehicular moving violations. We fund our police...where are they?   |
| 2  | We have seen a lack of police patrols and stopping for infractions and that has made the city a very dangerous place to walk and drive. Releasing inmates early with no resources to get back on their feet is only making matters worse. Also, the drug and homeless situation is out of control. I see funding keeps getting allocated to that but I see no results. The animal shelter needs to be funded at operational level, rather than continue to rely on volunteers and community donations. And employee workers need to get paid market rate. I would love to work for the city but there is no way I can afford to. Nice signs and rainbow crosswalks are nice but not a necessity. Focus on what is important like keeping our crime low. We need to start getting back to tougher police practices.   |
| 2  | We moved to LB for it's diversity and lifestyle. However the looming homeless situation even prior to COVID is making us consider living elsewhere. We support our police and first responders and expect a certain quality of life as we pay high taxes living in California. We have choices now that  |

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|    | our employers will allow us to work remotely. We would like to stay here in LB, but the quality of life issues are making us reconsider. We hope the city funds are allocated in a manner that supports a good quality of life for families that live here.  |
| 2  | We must maintain funding to police and fire departments, take a stronger stance on homeless, meaning, not allowing them to set up encampments. Reduce pensions, government bureaucracy, inflated salaries over \$200,000, Provide tax breaks and incentives for local small businesses to encourage more hiring and maintaining employment of local Long Beach residents. Right now, the priority needs to be closing the budget gap and not running a deficit. To do this, some of the old priorities of the city must be put on hold while we focus on reducing spending and increasing revenues, WITHOUT RAISING TAXES, which means, more sales through local businesses, more payroll, more companies doing more business in Long Beach, and more money being spent locally. This can only happen with tax incentives for businesses, maintaining sales tax where it is, and incentivizing spending in the city. |
| 2  | we need food policy council. food security and access is an issue that I see very little support from the city for   |
| 2  | We need police oversight! We need Covid health recommendations to be enforced! We need police reform!  |
| 2  | We need to DEFUND the police. There is way too much money going into police who aren't keeping our communities any safer. Please increase budgets for programs and places to help the homeless population, parks, and consider creating a task force of mental health care workers or social workers to help with the majority of police calls that the actual police does not help with.  |
| 2  | We pay enough in local taxes (the highest in California), and yet homeless people are roaming the streets and alleys, police aren't arresting rioters/looters, and Mayor Garcia is nowhere to be found; apparently, he's too busy buddying up with Newsom and Garcetti. The Long Beach local government needs to stop virtue signaling and start cleaning up this city.  |
| 2  | We should change the way that services are provided to the community by making public assistance and programs more funded. Policing in this city should focus on helping the community and not tearing homes apart and punishing young people who are poor. There are certain programs such as business assistance and graffiti abatement that only help affluent neighborhoods. Right now in the middle of a pandemic, and economic fallout, we should be focusing on rental assistance and services for families.  |
| 2  | We're in a pandemic and the homeless population is continuing to grow before our eyes. Protect PEOPLE over the police.   |
| 2  | What I would like to see is...ENFORCEMENT of mandated Mask wearing in Public, solutions to Cease illegal fireworks, better code enforcement of fallen Palm tree prawns & shrubbery that grows on the walkways..& a solution sidewalks to allow for social distancing .. possibly widening them by making streets one-way   |
| 2  | What we need to see is all incoming monies and sources and all line item expenses so we can really see where the monies are going.   |
| 2  | While paying down the city's unfunded liabilities is important; what's needed is a solution to mitigate them from building up in the first place. Focus on unnecessary hiring, excessive overtime and benefits consistent with the private sector  |
| 2  | Why isn't the city using all of the new tax revenue from the marijuana stores on nearly every corner to cover deficits? The revenues should be huge considering the profits and tax rate charged to the businesses. Also, why isn't the California Lottery money distribution reassessed to cover some of these items relating to children instead of continually gouging tax payers, raising our taxes and lowering our standard of life? Wages are not keeping up with all of the utility hikes, cost of good increases, measures voted in by renters and tax hikes (sales and property). We already have the highest sales tax in the nation. Cut people, salaries, pensions and benefits like every other company has done and stop expecting the residents to pay for city worker's cushy retirements. It's unfair, outdated and is lowering our own chance at a decent retirement. Enough already!             |
| 2  | With such a huge chunk of the city budget going to law enforcement, there is still plenty to be desired about most areas of LB. Time to refocus on infrastructure and programs.  |
| 2  | With the rise of police violence, it's crucial that we defund the police in order to maintain the safety of our neighborhoods. At this point they're basically a racist enacting violence for shows of territorial control, there is absolutely no oversight, especially when council members are clearly ignorant of what's actually going, as is evidenced by this survey. Secondly, the covid-19 crisis is  |

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|    | unprecedented, and yet the city has taken minimal to protect residents, instead choosing to protect landlords. It is inhumane at the very best, despicable at the worst.   |
| 2  | yank the welcome mat from under young drifters from all over the country. Long Beach is not a dumping ground for vagrants and homeless. We can't support basket cases from other states.   |
| 2  | you may close all the libraries. They are hangouts for smelly homeless, drug users and vagrants. It is no longer for kids to spend time in the libraries.  |
| 2  | you may close most libraries. My kid grew up in library, but by now they become homeless shelters full of dirty addicts, vagrants, drug users and alike. Librarians are helpless in dealing with it and are told by the city that they have to accommodate vagrants. Not a safe place for children to spend time. It was not long ago that library was a safe place for a child. But no more.  |
| 2  | You need to cut down police and fire salaries. Get rid of overtime bloat.  |
| 2  | Your survey answer options made some questions difficult to answer. Not VERY important has a different meaning than not as important. Your framing of your answers directs answers you want to receive rather than truly seeking public opinion.   |
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| 3  | These should be defined: Maintaining a strong budget reserve Providing affordable housing Providing business assistance and supporting economic development  |
| 3  | - A strong police force is essential. I'd like to see punishment for citizens who threaten or attack any police officer. I'd like to see the PD reveal departmental reprimands of officers when training procedures are not followed. - ?Did tax payers pay for the rainbow crosswalks? - I'm very disappointed our mayor will be spending time campaigning and not preparing for the next demonstration, riot or looting event. Thanks for asking.  |
| 3  | Infrastructure (streets etc.) is the first priority of elected officials. Long Beach is rated in the bottom 10 cities with our population size in the U.S.! As to Police funding I think that we should develop teams of trained personnel (social and psychiatric persons) along with a response unit that might have security persons that help people at neighborhood clinics set up by government to help rather than just incarcerate.  |
| 3  | - Make sure the "safety net" does not become a "hammock". - Make sure that fathers are fully accountable for their children. Don't make us pay for their responsibility. - Get pensions under control. - Don't let taxpayers become less important than those who are on the dole. - There are way too many people who are paid to do nothing. - Remember who pays you.  |
| 3  | Police reform is of the utmost importance right now. Redirect police funds to mental health services to better serve the needs of LB residents. Also, the police should be giving moving and noise violations on our busy streets rather than random stops based on race.  |
| 3  | We are supposed to live in a free country. The government is forcing itself on us. They are giving us more and more regulations and charging us more taxes to enforce those regulation while neglecting the basics. People who can't afford to live here should leave. Don't make the rest of us support them. Eventually the working people will not be able to support those who won't and there will be massive riots. We are already starting to see this happen.  |
| 3  | "Prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed in the City"- THIS SHOULD INCLUDE PROSECUTING THE POLICE FOR FORCE, MURDER, AND CORRUPTION. DEFUND THE POLICE, FIRE CHEIF LUNA FOR HIS DISGUSTING PUBLIC REMARKS ABOUT THE PROTESTS. GARCIA MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP TAKING MONEY FROM THE POLICE-UNTIL HE DOES THIS, HE IS THEIR PUPPET. INVEST IN COMMUNITIES AND EDUCATION. STOP DEFUNDING SCHOOLS. DEFUND THE POLICE. DEFUND THE POLICE. DEFUND THE POLICE. DIRECTLY MOVE THIS MONEY FROM THE POLICE INTO PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT BENEFIT OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, LIKE FOOD SECURITY, DRUG ADDICTION REHABILITATION, JOBS AND EDUCATION. Maintaining a low crime rate- i refuse to answer this with anything other than 'not important' because of the insinuation that it requires increased police presence and budged when i don't believe that is the only answer. This survey was extremely poorly worded and could easily and intentionally undermine efforts to defund the police, cause confusion and answers that do not reflect what our communities deem important right now. Whoever is putting this survey together needs to do better- be specific, clear and OBJECTIVE. |

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| 3  | # 1 issues are crime fighting and street maintenance.....got to do a better job with our potholed streets. Petty crimes are rampant in this city....can't even get a package delivered or leave your garage open for a minute without theft.  |
| 3  | \$ for dealing with the pandemic. It will not be over and there must be some mandates made of all lb residents to keep us all safe. provide more \$\$ to insure testing and free mask to be distributed by all small business how much can this cost. LB has a list of all merchants who receive a licence what is the bus lic fee used for? endorsement? lets re prioritize. when the city is sued for a wrongful death the funds should be paid out of the police union retirement fund. study ways to begin to defund non centennial police units. move on projects that have been studied once or twice on the action list to employ our Long Beac citizens. stop hiring city employees who do not reside in our city, at least this way the employees will ha a vested interest or ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FREE give more clout to the wetland in L B. study working with CAL trans to improve Pacific coast Highway especially along 2nd and westminster. Make the CERT progam join hands with Neighborhood watch. can you e mail a copy of the budget so I can review it and make more realistic comments. thank you for your consideration of my suggestion. Look forward to having you count my input. sincerely, reynaakers@aol.com '470 margo ave. LB 90803 University Park estates hoa   |
| 3  | .Please don't make promises that will be our children's responsibility to keep. Police patrols - Neighborhood foot patrols are an amazing way to positively create community based policing. Friendships will be made and first name relationship will be created.  |
| 3  | "Important " is a poor choice of wording as ALL of the above surveyed items are important in their own way Whether they should be a priority currently is another issue   |
| 3  | "Maintain low crime rate" is very loaded and vague. I support the People's Budget and support defunding the LBPd and redirecting money to bolster our services. #CareNotCops  |
| 3  | "Specialized Police Units" is not defined well enough. For example, there's a big difference between a unit of police officers in full uniform trained for a special mental health unit vs. unarmed professional civilian mental heath workers in a police mental health unit.  |
| 3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• do FREE COVID tests</li> <li>• stop looting next time = bad job this time</li> <li>• provide free PPE to health care providers. Where are all the gowns, masks, etc??</li> <li>• stop closing parking lots</li> <li>• keep beaches and parks open, with social distancing</li> <li>• find a way to open schools!</li> <li>• do job programs for young.</li> <li>• you guys really messed up on Nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Hold hearings on this royal screw up!</li> </ul>  |
| 3  | <p>1) There needs to be equality of treatment in LB....no priority of age/sex/race/income//gay/straight</p> <p>2) As we contemplate opening the city for COVID19 - some common sense would be appreciated.....it's OK to protest (masks or not/not 6' apart) but the beach must be closed - the disease knows not to attach at protests and riots, but it will hang out at the beach? The shut down of July 4th was way over kill - using the police (in some locations there was a huge presence) to keep the beaches empty, paying Lifeguards when no one was on the beach (more Lifeguards than we usually have), paying people to sit at parking lots to turn people away.....the day before there was a protest all over downtown and with the mayor not having a mask on at one point...we need some common sense, not bowing and scraping to the mob. 3) The loss of Jet Blue is unacceptable for local citizens!!!! Y'all really blew it. This is a very unpopular decision. More gates for Southworst it not a solution.</p>   |
| 3  | <p>1. I do not feel they need to hire new task forces. If they make stronger laws and implement them with stronger fines, it would solve many of the cities problems. They do not need to create more taxes for the people of the city, they need to stiffen the fines for the people who do not follow the laws of the city!</p> <p>2. Criminals, thieves, people who are breaking and entering need not to have the rule of the land while good people have to watch their backs and their properties! This breaking into peoples properties and stealing needs to end. These chop shops need to end. NO ONE should have to worry about having something stolen from their property or anywhere and letting the criminals go with not even a slap on the wrist. This backwards mindset needs to end NOW! \$5.00 - \$500.00 a thief is a thief and should be treated so. Good people, hard working people, tax payers, voters should be respected and have their rights be a priority by the city. The City should not be turning a blind eye to this criminal activity any longer.</p> <p>3. Example 2nd St. - Empty storefronts, the city should have some input on this. If one raises a rent so high that it forces a tenant out, then keep rents so high others do not feel they can make the rent and a living wage, the owner should be fined after a certain time if the property is still empty. They should not be</p> |

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|    | allowed to continually use their empty space as a loss for a tax write off because they have chosen to keep the rents high, and making our city an eyesore. They are part of a community when they have a business, and should be a part of the community or sell their property so someone else who wishes to be a part of the community nicely can do so. 4. Lets get great children programs in place. Then need it now more then ever!!!   |
| 3  | 1. The City must reduce its budget and build up a reserve of at least 50% of it's budget. May take several years to reach this goal. It must become leaner and more efficient. 2. Would like to see a prohibition of all City Departments from making political donations. Eg. Police Foundation donated to campaigns of Mayor and Council people, and to pass Measure A. They are Service Departments paid for by the citizens. They should not be political. If they have extra funds to spend, those funds should go directly to benefit the citizens.  |
| 3  | 1. Develop a plan that over time reduces the 80% fixed cost component to something less to allow for more flexibility. 2. Outsource more projects to lower cost private providers 3. Require the city to compete in a bidding process to achieve # 2.  |
| 3  | 1. Do not build the BBAC - build community pools only, starting in the 9th District 2. Do not build any structures on the beach - sea rise! 3. Defund the police, do not use general fund monies to pay settlements to victims of police abuse - should be paid by perpetrator/police union or at least come out of police budget 4. stop drilling for oil, shut down city wells, or at least stop drilling new ones 5. reduce tree trimming and street sweeping 6. reduce city jail population, no more cash bail 7. no more pesticide use on city property 8. return some City land to Tongva 9. build a dirt bike park 10 a living wage for all who work in Long Beach and the Port of LB 11. rent control policy   |
| 3  | 1. Life guard services at the beach and their boat operations are extremely important and should be fully funded. 2. Beach and Marine Services to include police enforcement is extremely important and should be increased and fully funded. 3. Rebuild of the Belmont Pier is vitally important to tourism/visitors 4. Belmont Pool Aquatics rebuild - is not needed and should not be built. Spend the Tidelands funds on beatification projects/ elsewhere on or adjacent to the beach area. It will help to continue to attract people to the beach, especially in these troubling times. 5. Water Department: Get the sand and debris out of our drinking water  |
| 3  | 1. Not sure that I agree with specialized police units. I think the main thing is that a deescalation needs to happen along with less need for weapons being taken to every scene. People are going to be looking away from cops and police and looking for assistance elsewhere. Maybe a city based group could be created for non violent calls. 2. Please do more research into what can be done about ocean pollution. I know a lot of money is coming in from the monsanto case and i have a feeling "improving storm drains" is just not enough. 3. Please fund the ONLY food policy group in Long Beach- Long Beach Fresh. They have been working for 5 years on all kinds of food policies and projects in Long Beach. Support and city backing is needed! 4. Create and/or implement better policies for a. Food waste b. Compost c. Decreasing items in incinerator D. Food and nutrition education for children 4. Release all misdemeanors in our city. 5. Create REAL affordable housing for those making under 60k (families) and for individuals making under 30k |
| 3  | 1. Public safety, at least in those neighborhoods that appreciate the police, should be the top priority. 2. Also please re-negotiate the police and fire and other city employee labor agreements so they have a DEFINED CONTRIBUTION rather than a DEFINED BENEFIT for their retirement accounts. The level of incompetency of those politicians who negotiate "defined benefit" contracts, especially when it's based on "gamed" final-years income, is appalling."   |
| 3  | 6th Street issues with vehicle traffic. A lot of people take 6th street to divert from 7th street. There is an abundance of reckless driving, truck traffic, and otherwise unsafe conditions for the residents, and the bikers who use that as a bike access way. I've had neighbors and loved ones almost run over by commuters who don't even live in the area. There needs to be an assessment into reducing vehicular traffic flow on 6th street so that the bike route can be maintained. Some have suggested closing off bellflower access to vehicle traffic so that it is not an easy 7th street/pch bypass.   |
| 3  | A good quality of life in any city should provide the above services We have very high taxes and the council should look into better use of this money, For example, pension and public employee benefits are way out of line with private benefits. Homelessness has not improved and we need to look at new solutions, ie mental hospitals not housing. Defunding the police makes no sense The city cannot be everything to everybody and tough choices should be made but the safety of every citizen should be the priority.  |
| 3  | A little more thought should have been put into these questions.   |



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| 3  | A more balanced approach by the City Council is needed to help Property Owners provide housing in Long Beach and not lose their properties due to non-payment of rent. Tenants must pay rent - the Council should not extend periods of time when tenants don't have to pay - otherwise owners should not have to pay any fees on their properties including property taxes until tenants pay rent, otherwise the City should pay the property owners for unpaid rent if the Council believes tenants don't have to pay rent.   |
| 3  | A recent study shows that Long Beach has a very high Hispanic and Asian population. Many of them are in this country illegally. I do not feel that non-citizens should be given the same benefits as legal citizens at the expense of taxpayers. It is unfair to ask black, white, and Asian citizens to pay for services to illegal immigrants!  |
| 3  | Absolutely DO NOT DEFUND the police department. This is an insane idea!! We need to feel safe in our communities. If we aren't safe, none of the other items on the survey even matters! Feeling safe allows people to visit the library or park. It also allows workers to make repairs to sidewalks, trim trees, etc...around the city. With unlawful behavior/riots/looting, crime and theft on the rise and criminals out of control, our city will go to hell if we don't support and fund our police! It's amazing that the actions of one bad police officer, or even a handful of them, has put every officer in jeopardy, which then puts the rest of us in jeopardy.  |
| 3  | Added comments: While public safety is very important, I think LB has done a great job in responding to homeless complaints with the HEART special task force. More of this approach could be used for other mental illness or public health issues with a portion of the monies currently allocated to our police department.  |
| 3  | Additional items to help the budget process: Freeze hiring Freeze salary increases and bonuses 25% salary cut all Executives - like the real world 10% salary cut all Managers - like businesses are doing Eliminate: all travel, advertising and lobbying activities Prohibit double dipping - no city, county, state & Federal person already collecting retirement should be hired - employee or consultant. NO new taxes  |
| 3  | Address crime and homeless. Keep the neighborhoods maintained- don't be foolish here ie roundabouts- FIX the streets and alleys. Put a flashing crosswalk at Tivoli and second. Find the police and fire departments as a priority!   |
| 3  | Addressing racial equity, gender equity, climate change, and housing issues should be top priorities in the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you.  |
| 3  | After storms we need quick removal of palm branches from roads.   |
| 3  | All items are important however considering the severe financial challenges, my rating reflects my opinion for FY 21 only.  |
| 3  | All items listed are important but with the size of the shortfall we must prioritize: Safety is #1. We cannot reduce the police; perhaps reorganizing the Department. We don't need sworn officers for everything.  |
| 3  | All of the items are important to me. However, at this time of budget crisis, I feel the safety of the residents and business owners is top priority. This will also help to maintain our property values. We also need to help small business owners. I am NOT in favor of Defunding the Police. I believe better training practices are probably in order. I do believe that young people, no matter race, have an extreme feeling of entitlement and seek immediate gratification. Many parents have done a disservice to their children. Teach respect and good work ethic; whether that be in school or while working. Reap the benefits of your own labor and feel proud.   |
| 3  | ALL of the listed items are of importance, but some of the statements beg further clarification. Public safety (police) is critically important, but there are at least 7 items relating to policing the City....that seems an excessive weighting/cost. I'd like to see dollars supporting youth programs that provide an alternative to aimless street life. Mostly, as we are fortunate to reside within a higher economic zip code, I'd like to see the City use its limited funds to support neighborhoods that aren't affluent. Spend the dollars fixing their sidewalks, trimming their trees, keeping the libraries open longer, repairing streets, providing internet access and street patrols. We recognize that while the 90814 could certainly use maintenance dollars, we are generally in better shape than other areas of LB and therefore other parts should receive a higher investment of funds. It's the morally right thing to do. |
| 3  | All of the STUPID bollards, a waste of \$! The STUPID roundabouts. All for the non tax paying bicyclists!   |

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| 3  | All of these issues must prioritize Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities and historically disadvantaged neighborhoods. The police are responsible for addressing many situations that they are not the best equipped to handle. We need to redirect funding from the police to mental health professionals and other crisis counselors that can better address the needs of people who are calling for help or reaching out for services.  |
| 3  | All the above items are important but one of the most important things is to stop crime including blatant destruction of personal property and small businesses who are working hard to support their families. immigrants who come here need to learn the language and customs of where they have chosen to reside just as when we go to other countries we don't expect to be taught in English or for that country to change their customs to fit those who come from other places. Small business owners need to be given incentives to start small businesses. I do not support reducing the budget for our police men and women Who our protecting us.  |
| 3  | Alleyways in 4 th district 2100 block San Anseline  |
| 3  | Almost everything on the list is important, but I tried to prioritize where our city's money should be spent. I think it if very important to help the youth of today, especially in disadvantaged neighborhoods. With no access to school, I want to make sure these kids have access to libraries/learning, food, and care, if needed. Money spent on these kids today will help ensure our future...more than about anything else on the list.   |
| 3  | Although I appreciate the need for a committed police force, I'm afraid there has been too much emphasis on "force." I agree with the idea that there needs to be some defunding, retraining and repurposing so that there is more de-escalation and less readiness to use force.   |
| 3  | answers provided take into consideration covid.   |
| 3  | Answers were based on the City facing a huge deficit; under other circumstances issues like providing public internet service would be very important. EMS services are very important but the City should look at a model that doesn't involve the FD responding to medical emergencies. The entire FD model needs re-examination as the department responds to medical emergencies far more often than to actual fires. Police overtime, benefits, and pensions should be scrutinized for savings. The police union (as well as the firefighters union) has undue influence on City leaders' decisions. The City should pursue an alliance with neighborhoods to help maintain open spaces.   |
| 3  | Any furloughs for city employees should include all bargaining units except maybe fire.   |
| 3  | Anything we can do to promote services to youth is important.Crime, blight , trash etc. makes us all look bad - keep up our city and keep it presentable. I appreciate your communication.  |
| 3  | As a long time homeowner in Belmont Shore, I am increasingly concerned about traffic safety. Specifically, I believe there needs to be a way to slow down traffic on our one-way streets between Ocean Blvd. and 2nd St. Low-profile Speed Bumps are used for this purpose in other parts of our city and in many other cities in LA County. They have very little impact on emergency response. I hope the City Council will consider it.  |
| 3  | As you can see, most of the above is "very important" to our city and we realize cuts will be made but keeping our city safe, buildings safe is the most important. I think we need to go slow on some of these issues, many can wait or as you have done, patched work them in too. Thanks for ally do in Long beach!  |
| 3  | At the beginning of June, I was so disheartened with our city = should I move? I'm an LBC native, where would I move? "we" (the city) deserve to get sued for the damage to business, the injuries... but why should "I" have to pay for it when the City is the one that didn't plan. At the end of the month, I came to the conclusion that with our unfunded liabilities plus the new liabilities = the only hope for the city is bankruptcy. When you review my priorities it's not that I think items parks, libraries, senior programs are less important overall = I think "right now" they are less important. The only item on this list that i do not, as in do not, think the city should do at all is city wide internet. The statistics from the internet usage survey is completely bogus. I'm pretty in tune with what's going on in the city and I had never heard of this survey until I researched this information as i write this. Having 1100 people (you don't know who responded multiple times) out of approximately 166000 households is not enough to make valid decisions on. I work with all walks of life - from factory workers to CEOs = I don't know anyone without some internet access option. If you really think people don't have internet, they can use their universal basic income to pay for it. |

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| 3  | At what point did the City become responsible for correcting all of society's ills. Not a week doesn't go by, the our City Council doesn't ask for a new plan of some kind. Can we not focus on what we can actually do and control?  |
| 3  | awesome councilwoman.... DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE.  |
| 3  | Basic city services are necessary and all extras can wait until we return to a financial robust time. I am optimistic that we can return to where we were in 2019, but for now, we need to focus on keeping the basic functions operating. I think basic functions include refuse services, park maintenance, police and emergency services, road maintenance, library services, and city building maintenance and repairs. Thank you.  |
| 3  | Because of limited possible activities for residents, now and the foreseeable future, completing the Colorado Lagoon project is more important than ever.   |
| 3  | Before we move to the future we need to fix the core  |
| 3  | Belmont Shore Youth Rugby is in the #3 district and is the only place in the entire metro of Long Beach that provides the only rugby youth sport in the entire city. Marina Vista Park is the central park we trained and hold tournaments. It has been the home for youth rugby for years. With the coming construction to Marina Vista Park, we will need a new home or most important a permanent rugby field for this unique sport rapidly growing in the USA. We at Long Beach need a home for youth rugby. I hope this would be possible and can be done in the very near future.   |
| 3  | Better start cutting way back on government and government interference as money is going to become very tight. Don't take it out on property owners just because it is harder for them to leave.   |
| 3  | Black lives matter  |
| 3  | BLM is misguided and harmful to our community. Support law enforcement. Convert all city pensions to defined contribution and NOT defined benefit. The politicians who agreed to that should be prosecuted for incompetence.  |
| 3  | Bring back our neighborhood pool--as the City promised...we trusted you when the City demolished our pool. Bring Back Our Pool!   |
| 3  | Broadening the scope of items that can be recycled at homes and at businesses. That's under environmental sustainability programs, but I wanted to be specific.   |
| 3  | budget cuts should start at the top, Mayor & council offices should take lead & cut staff & unnecessary programs & costs , cut salaries at city hall most important programs are maintaining strong police force , we have too much crime in Long Beach ,riots & violence prove that  |
| 3  | Budget for prompt completion of seawall repairs in 2021.  |
| 3  | Building community resources so that the dangerous police don't have to respond to every type of complaint. Making it easier to fire violent police officers. Creating a community-staffed police oversight commission.   |
| 3  | City funds need to be allotted equally across the city  |
| 3  | City govt should concentrate on it's primary responsibilities; police and fire protection, smart budgeting, etc. The city seems to believe that they have become partners with landlords by passing laws which hurt the contract between the landlord and the renters. Since when can the city tell a landlord that he/she must help pay to move a tenant who cannot pay the rent? The city seems to always be seeking new taxes (such as the oil tax) so that they can expand into some new area. I am not a landlord, I do not have any interest in the oil product in Long Beach, but the city should not expand into new areas until they can do a good job in the areas of their primary responsibility. By the way, the city does a wonderful jobs with the parks and it is great to see so many folks enjoying them this summer. |
| 3  | City needs to begin addressing cost of climate change impacts, e.g. the effect of sea level rise on ocean and bay front communities. The "future planning" and "environmental sustainability" services could include climate change, but these are more suggestive of zoning issues and pollution. Actions to address global warming should encompass actions to reduce GH emissions in the city as well as mitigate the expected impacts.  |
| 3  | City needs to do its job! Stop wasting money on rainbow painted crosswalks and lifeguard stands. Focus on the true needs of its residents. Educate, empower, create life and job opportunity. Decrease the sales tax. Don't kill small business. Repair its streets. Cleanup the mess and the homeless problem. Enforce the law. City needs to Work on its customer service for all utilities and services it provides to the residents. Provide housing solutions not housing problems. Inclusionary   |

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|    | housing is not solving a problem. City needs to understand that developers can be friends if they want to solve the housing problem. Landlords provide a vital service treat them with respect! They need to be paid as the banks need to be paid. Don't collapse the economy. Think Council members before you react! Think before you line your pockets with special interest money. Be open and transparent city. Best of luck!   |
| 3  | City should hire license/certified paramedics and save the city money. Firefighters should not be operating paramedic trucks, they get paid too much money to be responding to medical calls. Firefighter should focus on fighting fires. City could hire paramedics and save taxpayers money. City continues to mismanage taxpayers money.  |
| 3  | City should maintain a Balanced budget No sanctuary city status  |
| 3  | City should not be giving people who are not citizens money. They are here illegally and have broken the law. Do we really need to paint rainbows everywhere? It cost -2k more to paint rainbow crosswalks compared to white ones. Homelessness is out of control it's not taxpayers responsibility to pay for them. LBPD does not enforce too many crimes, may as well give the pay decrease and shut down their pension and give them 401k.  |
| 3  | City's response to recent looting and rioting unacceptable. National Guard should have been deployed one day after it started in LA. Key intersections should have been blocked. You need an after-action analysis and corrective action taken!  |
| 3  | Clean up the city!!  |
| 3  | Code enforcement is a joke! We begged the city to enforce the code and keep our neighbor from building a wall in our driveway. He clearly violated the building code. They refused, stating that he either didn't need a permit or it was a "Civil Matter". One FULL YEAR LATER, over \$20k in legal expenses and we STILL have a wall in our driveway and 3 cars parked on the street. Code Enforcement should have protected us. If this is not their job, what is? Eliminate the entire department if this is all they are going to do!   |
| 3  | Code enforcement is incompetent. They have not helped me or my family at all with my neighbor clearly breaking code and we now have to take him to court. Provide ways for schools to reopen and defund the police   |
| 3  | Community policing and reform is extremely important and very much needed.   |
| 3  | Compassion is needed. Not all misdemeanors are the same, and many people hope for a chance to not go to trial if they have an otherwise clean record. I was in a park that had no clear display of the closing time. If I had to go to trial, my life may have been ruined and I would never have had the opportunity to accept community service and learn more about our city. Thank you for striving for a better city.   |
| 3  | Completing the lagoon restoration project is more important than ever.   |
| 3  | Concentrate on getting CO19 tests to more people including children that need to go to school.   |
| 3  | Concerned about Belmont Shore, 2nd St. It's important to keep the sidewalks clean and little picked up as it's an area where visitors go and we also need to get the vacant stores filled with shopping! Thank you!  |
| 3  | Control the homelessness problem better. There are still so many of them who are living on our beaches, creating large areas of garbage under our freeways, and making a mess going through our trashcans every hour everyday. Some of the men wandering on 2nd Street scare people because mentally they are unbalanced and just start cursing at us as we walk by. It doesn't make me even want to walk there even in the daytime because I know I might get harassed. In Marine Stadium, there are a few homeless people using the new bathrooms as their home and sleeping and living there everyday. It scares everyone else away from using those bathrooms. That is the same situation with all of the homeless that take their showers there by the public bathrooms next to Lifeguard headquarters. In Shoreline Village near the Aquarium, there are quite a few near Hooters that live there too. It is a very sad and disturbing problem and it scares our tourists. I ride my bike everyday and see all of this on the bike path and in all of these locations daily. Please get them off the streets and somewhere safe. |
| 3  | Controlling the COVID-19 epidemic is the highest priority for at least the next 6 months. Need it under control in order to restore the economy and finance everything else. Fixing pensions systems is a second priority.   |

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| 3  | Cops seem bored in my area and neglect the basics of college parking on my streets, but ticket residents during COVID street sweeping. Stop fining those of us paying you and do something about the punks trashing the neighborhood, blasting music all hours of morning and night, and crowding the streets so they don't have to pay CSULB parking fees. If I have to pull another scooter out of the street drains you'll have me in your meetings pulling a Karen. |
| 3  | Covid-related issues (including testing, emergency services, homelessness, food, small businesses) are obviously big. Sustainability (in terms of pollution--noise, air, and otherwise) is important as well, and arts and library services desperately need support.   |
| 3  | Crime is up. Homelessness is up. Items are dumped. Public safety is abysmal.  |
| 3  | Crime prevention, and criminal apprehension/prosecution are a municipality's main job. Please focus on this at a time when many want to see the police minimized or even eradicated. Please also consider using funds to address removal of homeless camps and trash. Is unsightly, leads to more crime, and is often full of human waste leading to disease. Thank you.  |
| 3  | Criminal activity (Burglaries, robberies, minor misdemeanors, etc.) need to be more aggressively policed and prosecuted. It seems that it has gotten to the point where these criminals can get away with anything and the law abiding people aren't protected. The taxes keep going up and the services keep going down.   |
| 3  | Cut payroll stop giving raises to police and fire. They are bleeding the city.  |
| 3  | Cuts must come from the police budget.... Enough is enough  |
| 3  | Dealing with Mental Health issues; Programs that help people from becoming homeless such as teaching them job, money management and life skills   |
| 3  | Defend the Police and Fire!   |
| 3  | Defund (not eliminate) the police department and increase social services. Look at Denver's model for combatting homelessness. By engaging more social workers to be the first contact with low-risk transients they cleaned up downtown significantly.   |
| 3  | Defund LBPd and invest in community car programs, affordable housing, etc   |
| 3  | Defund police   |
| 3  | Defund police to focus on their primary goals. Pump up the funding for Community Services/Social Services. (Much less expensive than police) Use \$\$\$\$ difference to pay down cities Unfunded Liabilities.   |
| 3  | Defund police! Refund education, libraries, the arts, public housing.   |
| 3  | Defund the LBPd and create more jobs for social services workers to address nonviolent emergencies.   |
| 3  | Defund the LBPd now!!   |
| 3  | Defund the militarized police force and reallocate resources to help residents. All city employees should be required to live in Long Beach.  |
| 3  | DEFUND THE POLICE   |
| 3  | Defund the police - we need more money towards schools, AFFORDABLE child care and community services. Also too many empty commercial buildings, put something in or use the land for affordable housing, green space or community services.   |
| 3  | Defund the police force and disarm most of the police force, invest in community programs that can respond to domestic abuse and mental health emergencies.   |
| 3  | DEFUND THE POLICE NOW! THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION!  |
| 3  | Defund the police! Fund social services please :)   |
| 3  | Defund the police! Invest in our children and communities.  |
| 3  | Defund the police, reallocate funds towards community programs.   |
| 3  | Defund the police, tax businesses and fund housing, social services, parks, education, healthcare, maintain eviction moratorium. I marked down traffic safety only because we need to stop having armed police fulfill this purpose.  |
| 3  | Defund the police. Adopt the people's budget.   |
| 3  | Defund the police. Focus on affordable housing & social programs  |

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| 3  | Defund the police. Fund parks, libraries, and health.  |
| 3  | DEFUND THE POLICE. Take that money and use it to invest in our communities of color.   |
| 3  | Defund the police's \$116 Million of the general fund which makes up 44%-48% and move the majority of those funds toward services that improve the citizens of Long Beach. From here on, I will no longer vote for any ballot measure that increases taxes or bonds for the general fund.  |
| 3  | Defunding any part of the IBPD should not happen, increasing their budget should be looked at. We need a strong responsive PD  |
| 3  | Develop a rainy-day fund for recurring stimulus (Universal Basic Income) for Long Beach residents for emergency situations like the COVID quarantine. Minimum \$1200 per month per adult. If necessary, raise funds in taxes from large corporations doing business in Long Beach.   |
| 3  | Direct police funding to education to support low-income families who are being disproportionately impacted by Covid 19.   |
| 3  | District 3 is well taken care of. Please no more bicycle lanes, altho I know they were pd for by other means than local budget. No more fancy city buildings for the time being, anyway.   |
| 3  | Divert funding for the police to youth and senior programs, libraries, parks. Also, avoid all the over-policing that goes on.  |
| 3  | Divert money from policing programs to social support programs.  |
| 3  | DO NO DEFUND THE POLICE - STOP ALL THIS BUILDING DOWNTOWN - FIX THE STORM DRAINS IN BELMONT SHORE - STOP ADDING BIKE LANES THAT NO ONE USES - STOP ROAD DIETS  |
| 3  | Do not cut emergency/police budgets.   |
| 3  | Do not cut the Police Budget   |
| 3  | Do not cut the police budgets.   |
| 3  | DO NOT defund Police or Fire !!!!  |
| 3  | DO NOT DE-FUND THE POLICE WORK ON REDUCING UNNECESSARY OVERTIME PAYMENTS TO POLICE, AND FIRE . REDUCE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE POLICE, FIRE AND ALL CITY OFFICIALS.  |
| 3  | DO NOT defund the police!  |
| 3  | DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE! I believe the homeless people need to be addressed, but I don't believe in all of the services provided...they are not being used! No, I don't have the answers.   |
| 3  | Do not defund the police.  |
| 3  | Do NOT defund the police. City leaders need to maintain control of this city and not cede it to the crime wave that has been inspired by the riots. Cut Concerts in Parks, selected festivals and parade support, and other discretionary activities, given we need to make difficult choices for health and safety of community. Add more Police helicopter patrols to support tactical response and track criminal activity. Also tree trimming is horrible and there appears to be not set schedule in our neighborhood. Calling for tree support is an exercise in futility. |
| 3  | Do not defund the police. Increase their budget for better training. Don't become a Seattle or Chicago!  |
| 3  | Do not under any circumstance defund the police.   |
| 3  | Do not want the police "defunded" or any other disguised efforts to do so. Do not want council decisions to be made based on the demands of those who can scream the loudest. Do not want the Mayor recalled.  |
| 3  | Do not waste money on frivolous projects at this time. Delay large projects like the swimming pool and Shoreline offramp, etc., to control the budget and maintain reserves.   |
| 3  | Do the basics and do they well and the rest will follow; the city should not be involved in contract issues between individuals.   |
| 3  | Doing a good job. Thanks   |
| 3  | Don't defund the police. Take transient drug addicts and mentally ill off the streets.   |
| 3  | Don't defund police, but move some of their funds to mental health and social reponse.   |
| 3  | Dont feel like this is the right format. I dont understand how or where the city funds will be allocated from. Obviously all of these things are very important to have a healthy and robust city.   |

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| 3  | During current situation eliminate costs for so called improvements such as corner curb repairs i.e. and spend the funds on necessities. Fund critical items and hold off until a future Budget enhancements for the City - Beauty, parks, etc. etc. We don't need to sell Long Beach now or in the near future just take care of what we have.  |
| 3  | During these crazy times I think it's important to look ahead to keep the community safe for ALL at the same time helping ALL established business flourish. I love that Long Beach allowed restaurants bars and coffee house push out to outdoor cafe dining!! Great job LB!! 🍷   |
| 3  | During these unprecedented times, public safety, youth programs and the ability to maintain business is paramount. New programs, entertainment and special projects can wait.  |
| 3  | economic development, public safety, fiscal responsibility and providing educational opportunities to our youth are priorities for me  |
| 3  | education should definitely be improved  |
| 3  | Eliminate City Council Pensions and pay after Council member is out of office. Council should go back to work and not sponge off the Taxpayer.   |
| 3  | Eliminate homelessness   |
| 3  | Everything's important, and there's never enough money. Particularly now.  |
| 3  | Examining the expenditures and expectations of police forces with the objective of narrowing their scope whilst expanding that of others. In short, redirect non-criminal chores to other responders. Our cops deserve to excel at what they are needed to do, same for our social workers.  |
| 3  | Fire, Police, Public Works should take priority over all other services provided by our city. I am a third generation resident and my family is unsure if we will stay in this city. No more traffic circles, bike lanes, and expensive buildings. Spend the money to make/keep our city safe and functioning.   |
| 3  | fireworks stoppage   |
| 3  | First, thank you for asking! My vote on many of these priorities depends how they are done. For example, maintaining a low crime rate could be done through prevention, youth development, antipoverty programs, and community policing (walking and talking, out of the air conditioned cars) OR it could be done with a militaristic flair, stop and frisk, profiling, etc. Or, obviously, a mix of those. If we have few residential or commercial fires, and fire dept is doing a lot of EMT services, do we really need to be maintaining as many expensive fire trucks? Do police need to show up to medical emergencies that fire goes out to? Or at least, so many police? When we called about a gas smell in our house 3 firemen showed up and looked and then said, oh yeah, we've had dozens of calls today, its just a burp from the refinery. Did it take 3 of them to do that? Seems like justifying their employment to me. Would also like to make sure that the expensive police helicopters are only used when there is a high risk situation. Lastly, there are priorities that I don't see on this list like: supporting public health (I know most of that budget is outside funding, but I believe the City should be expanding their budget with general revenue dollars) and creating diversion programs for youth or first time offenders. |
| 3  | Fiscal conservative. Delay expensive projects for now until the COVID has some kind of solution. The Shoreline ramp could be delayed and other projects like this to save funds. Major priority is to keep our town safe. Cutting Police budget will not help us stay safe.  |
| 3  | Fix the city streets. They need a lot if work!   |
| 3  | Fix the roads!   |
| 3  | Fix the roads! We are driving on third world pavements!  |
| 3  | Focus on excellence in traditional municipal services-public safety, health, education and the like. Massive amounts of money are spent, unwisely and unproductively, on social advocacy and activism that are unwanted by the majority of citizenry, and divisive and destructive to our community. Cut there first and foremost  |
| 3  | Focus on fiscal issues this year which will make the most impact on our City's future ( ex, pension reform and un-funded future liabilities). Then spend to keep citizens safe and healthy. Forestall all progressive political "imperatives" this year that have a negative budgetary impact; including equity, justice and immigration reform and assistance that is not either State or Federally funded. Ignore the current loud voices and focus on apolitical expenditures that make sense for civic efficiency, safety and health. This isn't the year to craft an aspirational budget full of social programs funded from taxpayer money. We've allowed our City to be embarrassed enough recently by ineffective  |

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|    | Mayoral and Police leadership during the "protests". City Council needs to do their jobs and pass a responsible budget during this pandemic year. Thank you for your hard work this year Suzy!  |
| 3  | Focus on reducing pensions of public workers. Current plan is not sustainable and needs to change. Come up with other creative solutions to budget crisis other than ONCE again raising our taxes. Not sure why your constituents must always foot the bill. Where do we get the money?   |
| 3  | Follow Arizona's lead to reduce pensions.<br><a href="https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2020/07/06/phoenix-mayor-gallego-fema-denied-coronavirus-testing/3286326001/?utm_source=AMP&amp;utm_medium=UpNext">https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2020/07/06/phoenix-mayor-gallego-fema-denied-coronavirus-testing/3286326001/?utm_source=AMP&amp;utm_medium=UpNext</a>  |
| 3  | Follow the demands of the People's Budget Proposal in Long Beach and of Black Lives Matter Long Beach - defund the police. Take ALL funds from the Long Beach Police Department and divert them to programs that benefit the youth and our communities of color.  |
| 3  | Following ADA guidelines.   |
| 3  | For the next 12 months, addressing COVID-19 should be the priority. 1. Make sure testing is available quickly (it's not now) 2. Report ALL test results (negative cases not reported now) 3. Consistent, thorough contact tracing 4. Maintain & enforce restrictions on physical distancing, mask wearing, hygiene 5. LB City may need to help LBUSD with extraordinary costs of running schools 6. Local hospitals may need help with extraordinary costs during pandemic  |
| 3  | Free programming for youth, families are vital to our community. When Pay to Play became the norm, those that desperately needed direction, mentors (recreation leaders) & a safe place to belong found others means - gangs. Core values were destroyed. I am strong proponent of community policing. PR&M Bureau & PD collaboration to provide events rotating throughout the city. Please do something about the homeless that are a threat to others, committing crimes, etc. I see them daily & absolutely nothing is being done. As a native LB, I see my city in a severe crisis. Thank you.   |
| 3  | Frontier Communications is doomed. Now would be an excellent opportunity to buy up their FIOS infrastructure and create a profitable municipal broadband service that provides quality fair-priced internet access to every household and business in the city.   |
| 3  | Fully fund the police, support (not blame) police, zero tolerance for civil unrest, keep our city safe with no "exceptions" and fund it properly which is the job you were elected to do, no mob rule!!!  |
| 3  | Fund additional programs to help children, residences, businesses, homelessness, COVID relief, etc. Fund non-police services to handle mediation, mental health services, sexual assault, victim support, homelessness, etc. Defund the police and invest in the community.   |
| 3  | Garcia sucks, we need better leadership.  |
| 3  | Get our businesses back working!!!!   |
| 3  | Get the exorbitant city employee salaries and pension plans under control. No more spending on bicycle traffic. The efforts so far were way too expensive and disruptive. Remove those awful traffic run-arounds.   |
| 3  | Get the skateboards and bicycles off the sidewalks on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore.  |
| 3  | Getting pensions under control is essential so the city does not go bankrupt.   |
| 3  | Given the budget deficit, some things have to give. That being said, I believe public safety and health should be prioritized, and hopefully programs and other things can be offered when the economy recovers from this pandemic.   |
| 3  | Given the city's history and the current cultural reflection about policing, it'd be great to see the city take a lead in developing and funding new approaches to the traditional police role. The police now are also vastly outmatched in their ability to keep up with and investigate nuisance crimes meaningfully. Can't there be other means to the current model by which police focus on and prioritize violent crimes and intervention while something new is created to handle lesser needs with more efficacy? Second, I'd ask the city to consider the longer-term implications of COVID-19 and that getting back to "normal" shouldn't be a rush, as the old normal was not functional for many in the city. Can we incentivize returning and new businesses to pay more than minimum wage, for example? Pursue greener and sustainable practices? Be better neighbors and citizens within the community? So much of city focus is often on whatever it takes to attract and incentivize business, but those businesses need to be better for the community that supports them, and aid the bigger picture in terms of wages, environmental goals, neighborhood relations and use of resources. Lastly, perhaps Long Beach could take a lead on standards for care facilities and nursing homes |



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|    | that rise above the profit-centric enterprises whose conditions fostered easy spread of COVID-19 and are sometimes little more than warehouses for the aged and ill. Long Beach very much needs to raise the bar for local health care in general, so the care-facility realm would be a great place to make inroads in new standards.  |
| 3  | Glad you are interested in your constituents opinions.  |
| 3  | Government at different levels have different responsibilities. I think the mission of the city should be to provide clean water, public safety, and maintain roadways. All the other spending or programs should be left to charities and not forced on people by city government.   |
| 3  | Great opportunity to reach out to are Long Beach communities. It appears you are heading towards socialism!!!! I do not want to raise other people's KIDS. PLEASE PROTECT OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS!!!!!! THANKS   |
| 3  | Have a meaningful police review board. Quit tying to "fix" council races--two terms is enough. Open up the libraries--one place where access is open to all citizens. Make small businesses require masks as long as Covid 19 is a threat.  |
| 3  | Having the instructions state that this survey should be taken based on "how they make the City of Long Beach better for you" is a bit tricky. For example, our family doesn't personally need free or low-cost recreation programs for teens, but I believe this is very important in a city. So, I answered these questions less about me personally and more about what I would like to see in the city I live. Also, the phrase "paying down" is an uncommon term to most, so this question feels like it won't be answered accurately. I would also like to say that as much as I appreciate city workers, I think a reduction (or freeze) in salary amounts and a decrease (or freeze) in pensions/retirement packages is an area to tap into for finances. It's not in anger or attack against city/state workers, but legitimately feels like these are designed to pour out more than what an average person needs, especially as folks who are dedicated to serving others. Thank you for your time. :) |
| 3  | Health and Social Services is Very Important and is not on the survey. Preventative Health is Very Important and is not on the survey. Public health is Very Important and is not on the survey.  |
| 3  | Help in maintaining a vibrant Port facility.  |
| 3  | Homeless, crime, pollution and beach/park cleanup are most important. Eliminate police immunity   |
| 3  | Homelessness is a serious issue in the cities surrounding Long Beach (LB). LB should definitely implement and enforce strict policies to make sure homelessness doesn't grow and is not allowed in the City.  |
| 3  | Housing, housing, housing and not tri level apts with no elevators that only young families can manage. And quit soaking smokers and property owners for budget salvation - how about going after the drinkers and fat people for a change?   |
| 3  | I am a strong proponent of diverting funds from the LBPD to provide better & safer services for people who are experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and other issues where the presence of lethal weapons can lead to tragedy. If our budget is crunched, I would absolutely like to see money diverted from the kinds of programs that over-police neighborhoods, and instead provide the resources that will help keep crime low while leading to a better quality of life for all LB residents.  |
| 3  | I am am wondering if things like "maintaining a low crime rate" on the survey above can be done through investing in community programs rather than policing. I want my tax dollars to go to prevention and not punishment. I strongly urge the city to create more programs for underprivileged communities. If all our communities are cared for we will all be safer.  |
| 3  | I am asking for no increase in PHRIP and Code Inspection fees and not adding the additional cost of additional Inspectors at this time. With Owners restricted to collecting rents due to City Council action, I ask that the City not impose City fees on owners/properties until the City Council allows owners to freely collect rents. Thank you very much.   |
| 3  | I am concerned about the building that the third district is in. The landscaping looks very ragged day building has mold growing on the walls outside. If the mold is growing on the outside walls it will make its way into the inside. Not healthy to the people working inside. Theresa Hambleton  |
| 3  | I am currently worried about our children's education. Our city must assist the schools with educating our future during a pandemic. Children isolated in their homes for months at a time will have tragic results down the line.  |

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| 3  | I am for DEFENDING the police! I do NOT want this city to cut funding to any part of the LBPD! The city's job is to ensure the safety of her citizens. And repave The Toledo, Appian Way and Naples Plaza Drive.   |
| 3  | I am glad you are getting input from residents and hope that it is really taken into consideration. However I feel the questions can be easily skewed and would have been better to rank the amount of money given to each area. Also, please defund the police! Too much money is being given to the police (44-48%). Its outrageous. Health workers and other services who have better training to work with individuals such as homeless, mentally ill, etc should be doing some of the services that are currently allocated to the police.  |
| 3  | I am wondering what the 80% of the budget is spent on. Have there been any studies done to reduce the cost of the city services listed above. (shorter hours, outsourcing etc)   |
| 3  | I APPRECIATE HOW WELL YOU ARE RUNNING THE CITY. PLEASE TRY TO BALANCE THE BUDGET AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL SO THAT THOSE LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME CAN MANAGE.  |
| 3  | I appreciate the work Councilwoman Price is doing. She works her tail off on behalf of her constituents and the City, and she gets the job done. I would be honored to support her if she chose to run for higher office (but I would miss her in District 3).   |
| 3  | I assume that when FY2021 starts on 10/1/2020 Long Beach will still have a major problem with COVID-19, but I don't see that anywhere on the list of services. Until the epidemic is past, budget priority should include: 1. Testing: sufficient funds to make testing available to anyone with 1-2 days results. 2. Contact tracing: sufficient staff to trace every identified case of COVID-19 3. Assistance to organizations (businesses, non-profits) to provide preventive equipment and services (PPE, cleaning, et cetera). 4. Timely reporting of all COVID-19 statistics 5. Funding for hospitals, medical services as necessary. Containing and ameliorating the effects of COVID-19 has to be the priority until the epidemic is controlled, meaning daily cases are declining, and at level that the risk of infection is low, and every case can be exhaustively traced to prevent new outbreaks.   |
| 3  | I believe it is important to have services and professionals to address issues of crime, drug abuse, and incidents of mental breakdowns... but we need to hire SPECIALISTS with years of training to deal with these complicated problems. The Police are not equipped to handle most situations, they need to be defunded, and that money must be redirected to community programs, education, and art. We need to respond to emergencies with the properly trained professionals. NOT POLICE.  |
| 3  | I believe libraries are important in providing education to students. The library foundation already has programs in place. I am worried how they will continue with coronavirus regulations. Perhaps for the time being, to save money, some small branches such as Brewitt and Alamitos should be closed. They are small, have few computers and social distancing will be hard to achieve. The money saved could be used to extend hours at other branches. Obama, Twain, Burnett, King, and Harte are in the low income areas of the city and most in need of extended hours and services.   |
| 3  | I believe libraries are one of the most important asset to any city. I think more money should be allocated to the Long Beach Public Library   |
| 3  | I believe that money should be allocated away from the police department to other social needs. I have been attending the online listening sessions about BLM, including with Congressman Lowenthal and (as a white person) believe funds absolutely should be re-allocated from the police to first responders that are trained in de-escalation as an alternative to militarized police response. Youth programming should also be a priority to give young people the tools to thrive and be prepared for the future. We should have specialized case workers to assist families, homeless, and others struggling to help them find their footing. I also believe that the city counsel and mayor would improve their credibility vastly by NO LONGER accepting donations from the police department and work toward ending qualified immunity for the police department. The citizen review panel of police cases also needs a complete overhaul as it sounds that it is an entirely nonproductive meeting. Thanks for your consideration. |
| 3  | I believe that the duties of the police are too diverse. The police are not trained enough for certain responsibilities they currently have (social work, mental health assistance, homelessness support, etc.). I feel we should divide up some of these tasks and have them covered by city staff who are thoroughly trained (years of training) for some of these other needs.  |
| 3  | I believe that we need to focus on the low income youth (programs, educations, nutrition) to help drive down the crime rate and city's pollution.  |

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| 3  | I did not appreciate your use of manipulative language in order to, not once but four times, try to sway public opinion into funding the police. There was also no mention of defunding the police or programs aiding the black lives matter movement.   |
| 3  | I did not understand the ones I put "no opinion" for.  |
| 3  | I didn't like the way this survey was worded. I was trying to indicate most important to least important, but I really only had three options. I think all of these services are important, just some more than others.  |
| 3  | I do not like that our taxes are going to pay very high city staff salaries and excessive pensions. Residents should have input into how our taxes are spent. e.g... I don't think \$150k was a good use of our money to paint 4 rainbow crosswalks and neither was \$1M for that big screen TV at city hall. I'm mad as hell.   |
| 3  | I do not support abolishing the police (LBPD), however I do think that police should be reformed, restructured, and retrained. The priority should be community safety and protection and not adding to the deaths and injustices that we've been seeing occur with particularly people of color and minorities.   |
| 3  | I do not support defunding the police in any manner  |
| 3  | I do not want the city gentrified. I want the police defunded so those funds can go into services affecting the community and uplifting the community. Public education needs money. Public housing and rehabilitation for the homeless. Cleaning the beach and forcing sustainable practices across all city business. Pandemic assistance for people in poverty. Stop funding things that make our lives worse   |
| 3  | I don't see anything related to education and upgrading those capabilities. Our kids are suffering. Please make this a priority behind public health & safety.   |
| 3  | I don't think you need to clean streets every week. Once or twice a month is adequate. It would save money and help a very difficult parking problem.  |
| 3  | I don't understand the question on tree trimming in residential areas. Are there public trees in residential areas? Aren't they all the responsibility of the property owners, even the trees on the easements? Just tell owners to trim trees or be cited. Tickets if they don't pay for enforcement. Revenue neutral. More legitimate (non street sweeping) parking tickets should be issued for revenue. Lots of parking in red, or far from curb in Belmont Shore. 99% visitors  |
| 3  | I emphasize that the police department and police services need to be fully funded. There are not enough police officers on the streets and the criminals are running rampant, making the rest of us uncomfortable and unsafe.   |
| 3  | I fear that repeated studies and ad hoc committees are too costly and time consuming with few to no recommended solutions being adopted. With the highest sales tax in the state, what do we have to show for it. COVID has affected us economically and socially. Reducing city pensions is a good place to start cutting costs. Ranking the most pressing needs is obviously needed. Our fire and police services are vital to our safety. Homelessness needs a multi-pronged effort to address mental health, drug addiction, and true poverty situations. Having a bed to sleep in is good, but what happens during the day when mentally ill people have no option but to roam the streets. |
| 3  | I feel strongly that we need to reallocate funds from the police department to Health and Human Services to adequately serve the needs of homelessness, economic fragility, access to health care, and other basic needs. We should be working to fight crime by dealing with root causes, not harassing and locking up Black and brown people.  |
| 3  | I feel that Belmont Shore is a forgotten area when it comes to police patrol and enforcement. Unless there is a murder or one may happen we do not see a presence of police in this area. There is also a large homeless encampment in the area and nothing seems to be done about it. This leads to a higher crime and drug rate down here.   |
| 3  | I filled this out based on how I would prioritize funding. When I say not very important, I mean far less important than those I deem Very or Somewhat Important.  |
| 3  | I found every item to be important, which makes it very difficult for a sustainable budget. First and foremost is police and fire protection. The homeless is a major problem, but I'm opposed to "feel good" programs.  |
| 3  | I have been a LB resident all my life and feel the City is declining in quality of life more than at any time in the past. City officials should be focused on public safety, infrastructure and business and not worry about special interest issues.   |

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| 3  | I have lived here since the 1950s, and I am heartbroken over what has happened to this city in the last few years. The homeless need to be sheltered and given treatment for mental illness, addiction, etc. We need the proper treatments and facilities. I am almost 80, 4ft 11in tall and weigh 100 pounds. How do I protect myself? What if I am in the garage at night? What if I am confronted on a sidewalk? What if I want to take a walk in a park? Where are my rights to life and liberty? Feces on the streets, needles on the beaches, people urinating and shooting up in public. Buildings defaced. Car thefts and break-ins. We need tougher laws, and the people to enforce them.  |
| 3  | I have lived in bluff Park since 1977 and crime continues to increase in this neighborhood. Street and tree maintenance is sporadic at best. Homelessness is rampant and it should not be up to police, who have more important obligations to deal with this problem. It is critical to support the police and fire departments. (Survey doesn't deal with protecting teachers, by providing better pay, smaller classrooms, which should be a city issue.)  |
| 3  | I heavily support law enforcement and their efforts to work with the community to keep our neighborhoods safe.  |
| 3  | I know you can't do it all. During these times there are sacrifices. Effective policing and community enforcement is critical. Remember the 80s and 90s where criminal elements took advantage. You will see this again if you go too far. Fire protection and EMS are also very important. Closing fire stations or reducing rigs would be dangerous as well and directly affect the citizens. Lastly, our infrastructure is important. Sanitation, streets, utilities... All of our social programs should be evaluated. If they are genuinely effective, they should be bolstered. If they are window dressing for a political resume, they should be eliminated. Lean and mean is where we need to go. Enough with the nonsensical pandering and politically aspirational motivation. PS...I am an Independent and support individuals in both parties. |
| 3  | I like the "broken sidewalks" issue. New York's broken windows. Anything regarding the Police & Police Dept. should have the full attention with unconditional support for the Officers and making it known that the Police Officers have that support AND MEAN IT.   |
| 3  | I live on Naples and the streets are ruining cars. We pay extremely high taxes but our streets are an embarrassment and safety hazard. People swerve around the potholes as do bikes. Try driving around and see for yourself. Thank you  |
| 3  | I live on Vista Street. The roundabouts are not used according to the traffic laws. I was told by police officer they are to be used as a four way stop. Cars continue to run through these roundabouts. Maybe signs could be posted so everybody would know how to use safely.   |
| 3  | I prefer to focus on the essentials such as road repairs and lowering crime.  |
| 3  | I recommend looking into ideas to divert money from enforcement into programs that benefit communities that have been disproportionately supported over many decades and COVID as well. And thereby, hopefully, lowering crime rates all the same.  |
| 3  | I saw LB police refuse to arrest a man beating passersby with a metal rod at Rosie's Dog beach. Lifeguards had to step in and handle it. That is unacceptable. Political correctness in the way of protecting LB residents from assault? Not gonna fly for long...  |
| 3  | I see how difficult this is to decide what is important for the budget. All of the above programs are important for a safe and healthy community. They are all essential but I tried to indicate which ones were more essential in my opinion. Thank you for your efforts in making Long Beach an enjoyable place to live!  |
| 3  | I sincerely hope the city does not jack up the price of Marina slips. Seems we boat owners have a big fat target on our backs any time the well runs dry.....   |
| 3  | I strongly support our Police Department and I believe maintaining safe and crime free neighborhoods are the essence of our city.   |
| 3  | I support providing structural funds for Language Access and the Long Beach Justice fund in our budgets moving forward. Our budget should have less dependence on oil in the long term. Access to quality services for low-income residents should be a priority of the city, and I support reducing police funding while making these services more robust.  |
| 3  | I think addressing the ever increasing homeless population is incredibly important. I am also a strong supporter of police presence and involvement.  |
| 3  | I think having a clean well maintained city with adequate services attracts people here and helps our bottom line   |

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| 3  | I think it is important to spend City general fund money on avoiding long-term liability or lawsuit issues - which is why sidewalk, street and building maintenance is important. Safety and sanitation are important to prevent long term deterioration and public health issues. The LB City fund cannot solve all the social ills of affordable housing and pollution - with good policies and building requirements individuals and businesses can be encouraged to do that themselves.   |
| 3  | I think it's important to uphold laws that insure harm reduction, and to minimize laws that target underprivileged people, especially bail laws and laws that penalize people for not being able to pay fines or appear in court, etc.  |
| 3  | I think LB does a good job of not becoming too (needlessly and expensively) bureaucratic. Keep this up. We must be very careful in the creation of programs that will (likely) have an unlimited life with perhaps very little long term positive impact. Homelessness is one such issue- very hard to address effectively, very expensive to address. Step carefully! And thank you to our public officials.   |
| 3  | I think money should be allocated from the police department to other social needs. I've been watching the listening sessions about BLM, including with Congressman Lowenthal and (as a white person) believe funds absolutely should be re-allocated from the police to first responders that are trained in de-escalation as an alternative to militarized police response. Youth programming to give youth the tools to thrive. Specialized case workers to assist families, homeless, and others struggling. Community self-determination to support leadership by and for people in their own neighborhoods. I also believe that the city counsel and mayor would improve their credibility vastly by no longer accepting donations by the police department and by ending qualified immunity for the police department. The citizen review panel of the police cases also needs a complete overhaul. Thanks for your consideration. |
| 3  | I think that right now supporting the community in ways that provide equity and engagement as we wade through this crisis need to be the top priority, and a priority that might serve to deter some of the other issues.   |
| 3  | I think the homeless population is a big problem in LB. I see that many have mental health problems. Not only do we have to address their physical needs but also mental health issues. Nearly every day I am aware of the homeless problem as they often yell and scream at people. I am afraid of the homeless sometimes. I just get up and leave. Please stop picking on the hair salons. Have police break up the big gatherings during this pandemic.  |
| 3  | I think this survey could have been designed better. I think a lot of these issues are important but I tried to spread my responses across the available choices. I think a number rating would have been better than "not important" to "very important."  |
| 3  | I tried to assess importance above in light of current situation, i.e., large deficit. Of course, all of the above things are important but, right now, we must make choices.   |
| 3  | I understand it will be hard to decide which programs do not get funded, but remember this situation is temporary and focus on the future. #1 item should be getting the state to re-pave and repair studebaker....it's only been 5 years that they have not done what they promised.   |
| 3  | I want taxpayer \$ spent in ways that benefit the taxpayers NOT illegals. More \$ spent on mental health to help these poor sick individuals lining our streets and beaches. Taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for other people's retirement. City workers are well paid and do very little for it. They need to save their \$ like everyone else.   |
| 3  | I would focus primarily on health and life-safety, since without these, the rest are mute points.   |
| 3  | I would like a comprehensive plan to promote business development. I there are a lot of non profits that could help with social problem with the support of the city. Lowering crime has to be a priority in order to achieve financial recovery and stability. More and more people are thinking about moving, because of crime, high proces and low prospects.  |
| 3  | I would like an increase of funds to be allocated to services for BIPOC   |
| 3  | I would like the police departments inflated budget to be considerably reduced and the funds to be reallocated to develop social programs that address homeless, mental illness, at risk/low income youth programs and affordable housing. We need to be better prepared for future pandemics, hoping that lessons were learned from this one.  |
| 3  | I would like the police to take fireworks violations much more seriously. The number of citations issued on the Fourth of July was absolutely pitiful. They are still happening and it is the end of July. People need to get the message. I would be extremely supportive of making fireworks violations   |

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|    | eligible for administrative enforcement if that would make enforcement easier. I would like police to get out of their cars to investigate situations and also interact with the community more in positive ways. I cannot stand seeing police sitting in their cars doing nothing. Especially when there are fireworks going off and they are not even attempting to investigate. And they need to be doing more to stop the sales of fireworks, many of which are being advertised online. They could also be taking fingerprints from the empty fireworks boxes which litter our streets.  |
| 3  | I would like to know how the city ranks these areas now. Like all surveys the results are skewed by the questions and how they are asked.   |
| 3  | I would like to see funding moved away from the police department and into social services which are better able to serve the needs of the community, including mental health and an increase in access to the MET team. Additionally, I would like to see the city focus resources on better understanding and meeting the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals, especially youth and those experiencing homelessness. There should be demographics on the LGBTQ community within LB to help assess these needs, but they are often not collected (such as with the city's COVID response).   |
| 3  | I would like to see more support and programs for disadvantaged Long Beach citizens to thrive. I would also be interested in more fines being issued when a mask is not worn in public. This would help with city funding.  |
| 3  | I would like to see our neighborhood University Park Estates have our streets repaired. The same streets have been repaved several times in the 18 years we have lived here and yet our street Laurinda has never been repaved even though we have requested it to be fixed. We have neighbors who have lived on Laurinda for 30 years and they have not fixed our street in that period of time. We have constant stagnant water in the gutter and a horrible mosquito problem. We also have cars being broken into weekly in our neighborhood from drug users and the homeless. We need to get this homeless situation under control. The fact that other cities drop off their homeless in Long Beach is a huge problem. |
| 3  | I would love to see the road fixing budget allocated to longer lasting materials such as concrete and cement as they did back in the day instead of asphalt which needs pot holes to be fixed every time it rains and significantly raises temperatures in cities. Additionally, I would like to propose that our street light budgets steer away from using blinding white lights and instead using softer yellow lights that don't blind drivers if they look at them at night. Also, it keeps the charm of the city and produces much less light pollution so we can see some stars at night. Also, the lights hurt migration patterns of many important insects, such as moths.   |
| 3  | I would need to know more about the items in which I had no opinion before weighing in.   |
| 3  | I'd like to see what we have in place kept up and maintained, running smoothly, before trying to add new things to maintain.  |
| 3  | I'd like to specifically mention my support for continuing the Municipal Band in 2021. These are hard times but nearly everything in your survey is important. I think the approach should be to make across the board cuts, search for more funding and continue to drive out waste and inefficiency.  |
| 3  | I'm greatly concerned with the lack of enforcement of Covid 19 protection measures. I feel like more needs to be done to enforce proper mask wearing and social distancing. I don't think policing is the right approach and something community based is ....  |
| 3  | I'm new to LB & love it. I'm stunned at the garbage consistently on Ocean Blvd in Belmont Shore & towards the peninsula.  |
| 3  | If Long Beach falls short of revenue due to COVID 19 costs, we should put other priorities on the back burner for a year or two. Tax payers have also faced financial hardships, and increasing taxes on them would not be appropriate.   |
| 3  | I'm excited about some programs designed to increase equity among various cultural populations in Long Beach, such as health care and income and youth programs.  |
| 3  | In a perfect world, all questions would be answered Very Important... Alas, it is not to be. My number one priority would be maintaining libraries... Our City should be very proud of our libraries, one in each district... The number of parks in Long Beach tells me we don't need another park, but should make sure we maintain those that we have. The Senior programs are very important since our seniors are living longer and our programs can only improve the quality of their lives. Councilmember Price, you've continued to take good care of our district and its residents. Thank You.... Diane Jacobus.  |
| 3  | In a time like this, priorities must change to serve the most important needs. I am particularly concerned about the homeless issue. To me, it is a failure of governments that we have allowed,  |

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|    | enabled and even encouraged this to cause encampments in our city where crime, filth and disease grow and flourish. Throwing more money at this is not effective and current policies do not solve it.   |
| 3  | In general, my priorities are safety, security, maintaining infrastructure properly and maintaining a balanced budget and reserve for Black Swan events, like COVID-19 or the recent protests/looting/destruction. Safety includes supporting police, patrols, firemen, EMS, life guards and first responders as well as clean-up services, such as beach (needles, etc.) and water clean-up (pollution in the bay, to be specific). It also includes prosecuting crime as a deterrent. If better police training is needed to ensure safe, legal and unbiased police procedures are instituted, that would be fine with me as well. I have no problem with funding "fairness" in our public services. Although programs are nice to have (art, culture, extended library hours, translation services, etc.), my opinion is we should provide these only after safety, security and infrastructure service requirements are met and there is budget remaining. There is no point in extended library hours, for example, if people are afraid of being attacked on the way to the library or can't swim in a polluted bay. Art, culture, senior programs, reading, translation services are all readily available via the internet. Most of my "learning" activities are provided by on-line videos (golf, skiing, fly tying, literature, etc.). In addition, Google Translate does a remarkable job of providing on-line translation services. These are all very NICE services, but not when we have funding shortages due to addressing Black Swan events, cleaning up after looting (or other illegal activities, such as dumping hypodermic needles, public toileting, graffiti, etc.), and protecting our homes and busine |
| 3  | In our neighborhood the city wastes lots of money on worthless projects like roundabouts, road diets, Broadway median, . And that new library downtown. I don't know anyone that goes to the library any more. You act like we have more money than we know what to do with. And then we have an unexpected expense like COVID-19 and we have no reserves. Duh! Maybe we shouldn't have spent \$500M on a library that no one uses. And based on your survey the only choices you give us are cuts to resident services, not City employees. You need to reduce payroll and benefits, cut jobs, cut salaries, cut benefits. Why isn't one of your survey questions "What % of our staff should we cut?" Or "by what % should we reduce salaries?" Because you don't care about the residents, you only care about your job and your salary and your department and your retirement. Stop wasting money and stop doing stupid shit. And stop sending out surveys that don't list all the options.   |
| 3  | In this time we need to take care of all of us before we worry about everything around us!   |
| 3  | In times of budget constraints we need to focus on the core responsibilities. Public safety and infrastructure.  |
| 3  | Increase our public school funding so kids can go back safely. Replace money spent on police overtime instead on social services for at-risk individuals and those with mental health problems.  |
| 3  | Increased focus on homelessness, and affordable housing  |
| 3  | Internet and computer access for all lbusd students is crucial. Stephanie  |
| 3  | It is important for the port of Long Beach to adopt low to zero emissions practices to address Climate Change. The air quality in Long Beach is consistently reported as poor, this needs to be addressed.   |
| 3  | It is important to adjust future expenditures down when current budgets have been exceeded Zero based budgeting should be considered to avoid future budget over expenditures. Age has no business in your survey, unless you intend to discriminate. Do you own or rent is more important than age.   |
| 3  | It is really important to clean up our beaches   |
| 3  | It is time for the Mayor and the City Council to worry about the tax paying citizens of Long Beach. We have a massive homeless problem that is going to force families like me to leave. We have no recourse the police and our elected officials have let these people live anywhere they want. They urinate and defecate in my yard and threaten my families safety. When we call the police they tell us there is nothing they can do. It is also time to separate from the decisions made by the city of Los Angeles. Our mayor is a puppet for mayor garcetti. It is time to grow up and realize that we are. It the City of Los Angeles and it is ok for our elected officials to do things that are beneficial for our city.  |
| 3  | It is very important to continue funding law enforcement throughout the City. If you need to make cuts to balance the budget, try cutting back funding to illegal aliens and felons.   |

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| 3  | It would be helpful if people could rank the items.   |
| 3  | It's one thing to say that maintaining a low crime rate and keeping the city attractive and eliminating blight is important, but there are two sides of the spectrum in each of those issue areas on how that should be handled as a civil service. When determining the budget, it isn't just the overall goals that will matter, it is also the objectives, strategies and tactics that are being utilized in meeting those goals. It would be nice to see this survey a little more built out to help identify those strategy interests and how that relates to annual budget development. Some of these categories are otherwise too much of a broad stroke.  |
| 3  | job training/retraining services, especially for young adults and adults who need to switch professions. Access to community centers. Programs that teach us about health like nutrition and exercise.  |
| 3  | Jobs will lower crime and homelessness.   |
| 3  | Keep our police force in tact, we need them more than ever now  |
| 3  | Keep the police & fire well funded and move the homeless somewhere else.  |
| 3  | Knowing that the budget is strained from Covid and protests, I marked as very important just essential items. This is a time of belt tightening and not spending. We need a lean budget this year.  |
| 3  | LB fails to focus on its core municipal responsibilities. Fix the roads, remember you don't work for public employee unions, be more efficient using contracts (trash collection is the glaring example)  |
| 3  | Less density No road diets No pet projects No agendas More parental responsibility for their kids in and out of school  |
| 3  | Less funding for police. More funding for everything else. Thanks.  |
| 3  | Less government intervention in business & the free enterprise system would solve many of today's issues  |
| 3  | Less police. Alternative services.  |
| 3  | let's not go further in debt Cut all services by 10 percent And illuminate the ones you can. We need to stop this outrageous spending   |
| 3  | Long Beach is a great city, but our beach is dirty. Beginning from Alamitos beach to the Peninsula, this stretch attracts visitors (good for local businesses), and Long Beach residents who come from every part of the city get to enjoy the beach. The beach/sands needed cleanup by special trucks early in the morning. The pier needs maintenance and cleanup. Boardwalk at the Peninsula needs maintenance. People from all over Long Beach enjoy taking a walk at the boardwalk and the pier. The trucks operating during the day posted danger to people who enjoy the beach. The schedule of beach maintenance needs to be in place. Those make out city less attractive. Do you know anybody who wants to visit dirty beach and broken boardwalk that massive trucks going by every 10 minutes? Long Beach residents, our Mayor, City Council can be proud of our city when everyone speaking about Long Beach in a positive way. This is a very small issue that will make a difference for our city. Please spend the budget wisely. Make Long Beach residents proud of you. Del Sunperk Tel. 949.303.5552 |
| 3  | Long Beach PLEASE focus on our youth! NOT one state/city has shown they care about how COVID-19 is impacting our children. YOU close down their schools, sports, games, social interactions and much more! BE THE first city to show you care. I understand you have a budget, but remember that many of the youth programs outside schools operate with many volunteers. WE NEED our parks back! WE NEED to focus on our youth! They are the future of Long Beach! We need kids back in school.  |
| 3  | Long Beach police have been doing an excellent job The homelessness has been getting out of control during covid, and it's making my children feel unsafe. The police have been unable to help due to the policies of the city.   |
| 3  | Look into defunding the police and renaming schools that are named after racist men   |
| 3  | Maintaining our fire department, up grading equipment for the future, police department personnel need re-evaluation regarding deployment and unit assignments. Police personnel assigned to traffic, we need high visibility. Only 16 officers officers assigned to traffic for the entire Long Beach area is ridiculous. We pay the highest taxes in the State no new taxes. We are taxed out, rents are high, real estate prices are higher people can't afford to live here. Less people less taxes less revenue.   |



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| 3  | Maintenance of beaches and high surf protection   |
| 3  | Make an honest and determined effort to reduce the exorbitant city employee salaries and pension plans. Replace the police chief.   |
| 3  | Make Long Beach Safer! Too much homeless, theft and illegal activity constantly going on in nice neighborhoods  |
| 3  | Make traffic move smoothly through the city. Ideas such as having two lanes of travel in each direction on Broadway, widening 7th street from PCH to the 710, take all those nooks out of the streets that absorbs our parking and create dangerous situations.   |
| 3  | Many of your questions need better definitions before a well thought out answer can be given, you might start by numbering the questions so that the particular question could be pointed out. I'm a lifelong Democrat but do not think we have a healthy system by being controlled by one party either City, County or State. I feel that too much money is coming from special interest unions paying for local printing and mailing. Just walk your district.   |
| 3  | Mayor Garcia should have thought about budget impacts BEFORE shutting down the economy.... and don't blame it on the Governor; other municipalities had leaders that took matters into their own hands.   |
| 3  | Money needs to be shifted from police to other social services for dealing with mental health issues, homelessness, etc.  |
| 3  | Money should go to the neighborhoods which need it the most.  |
| 3  | Money that is voted for a specific purpose seems to end up in the general funds and not be used for the specific purpose.   |
| 3  | More money should be put into community programs, affordable housing, education, and social services.   |
| 3  | More parks in North and West Long Beach, to specify my answer to one of the survey ?s.  |
| 3  | More police not less police.  |
| 3  | more public transportation to alleviate traffic get Community Hospital open   |
| 3  | Most Americans are concerned about the change we've seen in our cities just this year with the virus, protests, riots, looting & what looks like the decline in many cities like Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Atlanta or Indianapolis, San Francisco & even Long Beach. City leaders must support the rule of law for all the folks & businesses, or the businesses & the tax paying public have & will leave. What will be left behind? People look for leadership & all of you are on probation until November. We have a country to save and everyone matters. If I call 911 don't send a social worker or therapist. |
| 3  | Most city employees are grossly overpaid and we could care less about their pensions. They earn 4 times what a typical non city employee earns... city employees are the real crooks of this city. Screw your pension.  |
| 3  | Most people would support all the questions for an excellent quality of life in Long Beach..What you need to address is pension reform and union influences. These costs unjustly consume too much of the budget and take away from other important services. It takes courage to address this but the people of Long Beach would have better, safer lives.   |
| 3  | Most things on that list (except vigorously prosecuting misdemeanor crimes) are vitally important in ordinary times. All that matters now is protecting the health of Long Beach residents. LB went along with Los Angeles and opened too early. Unfortunately, the genie is now out of the bottle. Although it may make us more fortunate residents feel better it is a disgrace that most of those who died in Long Beach were residents of nursing homes.  |
| 3  | Much more than 20% of the city's budget should be allocated to "public facing" services. Police, fire, street and sidewalk repair, are things that residents cannot take care of themselves so should be the city's priority. Pay more attention to the actual "needs" and less to "wants" that might be nice.  |
| 3  | Must prioritize safe streets and less government jobs/costs to free up budget to pay for decaying alleys and streets. Homelessness must be addressed. Help businesses before nonprofits. Businesses are dying due to bad policies — business need to be able to have taxes reduced in BID areas that are closed, but still paying high prices on business licenses. Why is there no rent relief for businesses— they employ the people who are asking for more services. Support business and problems are solved. Arrest looters, make them accountable for actions. Do not defund police—                             |

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|    | defund services that do not contribute to safety until economics are better. We can not afford new initiatives for new framework of apology for the past until current issues are addressed, especially when homeowners carry the cost burden. The city needs to listen to those who pay the most taxes rather than focusing on attracting people who cannot afford to live here. It is not sustainable. Spend less on government favored projects for environment or housing. No one likes roundabouts and bridges to nowhere. Fix the current problems before creating new ones. |
| 3  | My answers are reflective of what I think the priorities should be over the next 1-2 years and not necessarily for the years beyond.   |
| 3  | My responses are based on one fiscal year, and the budget crunch. Street repairs and tree trimming can skip a year. Being more lenient about misdemeanors can save dollars for critical infrastructure. A simpler method is just cut the budget for all services equally across the board. So if you have to cut by 20%, all services get cut the same. However that approach is usually not popular.  |
| 3  | my responses made in consideration of reduced city revenues and the priorities i feel are, accordingly, most important   |
| 3  | My responses reflect the shortfall period only. I have prioritized what needs to be done during this time period only. In the future after we return to a balanced budget we can fund more programs.   |
| 3  | Nearly all of the issues listed above are important to a livable city. The best way to achieve all of them is to restructure and defund the police department. They don't need weapons of war to police a city. They don't need six squad cars to arrest one skateboarder. We should have neighborhood who interact with the citizens and fewer police and more psychologists, etc. Take a look at Camden, NJ.   |
| 3  | Need more motor cycle police for traffic enforcement. Need a revamped spending plan by the fire department with regards to their port of Long Beach boats and buildings/stations.  |
| 3  | Need more support for rugby  |
| 3  | Need to focus on public health, youth and senior care including schools, equity and economy this year  |
| 3  | Need to reduce the overly generous pension benefits of city employees. I support pension plans but no one should be receiving pensions in excess of ~\$100K adjusted for inflation. City employees should be saving some of their own money as well to supplement their pension. Too many pensioners receive more in retirement than they ever received during their working years.  |
| 3  | Need to renegotiate retirement plans of city workers as it is way too expensive and not in line with private industry. Too much money is going to outdated expensive retirements. City of Long Beach needs to advocate for business. We along with CA are losing business as we aren't making business a priority. We put emphasis on illegal immigrants and too many hand out free programs. People need to work for a living and generally they will feel better about themselves and the community as they will feel needed and valued.   |
| 3  | No more sales tax increases.   |
| 3  | No more sucking up to every union in the city. Reform on union political donations. Handling of Jet Blue a complete disaster. Riots a fundamental breakdown by mayor and police chief. Kick the crap out of small businesses and small property owners will destroy the tax base and encourage investors/business to make LB their home. Long term liability of pensions is a joke! No more bs taxes under the guise of fire and police services! That's gotten old!   |
| 3  | No more tax payer money spending on gay painted crosswalks. No more tax payer money on useless bike lanes. Remove those not used. No more focus on promoting Long Beach as a friendly gay oriented city. Promote Christian values that are the foundation of America. Prosecute all vandalism and crimes against the police.   |
| 3  | No new Beach Pool - existing fine - pure expense No pier - not utilized - pure expense No Colorado Lagoon Bridge - pure expense Finish Safety infrastructure - Naples Canal Sea Wall, Studebaker Road repair. Building moratorium - no high density housing - City is FULL - Traffic & Parking at Maximum Capacity   |
| 3  | No political statements of any kind should be allowed on public property be it BLM, rainbows, Trump, Biden, etc.   |
| 3  | No questions regarding the City's Health Dept., No questions regarding the City's Office of Equity, no forward looking question such as implementing a social service response in place of non-emergency services the police department are providing. No forward looking questions on how   |

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|    | climate change, sea level rise, extreme heat will have on any/all services the City currently provides. No forward looking questions on the potential for rise in the newly homeless due to job loss directly related to COVID-19 and the ending of related financial support program such as the Payroll Protection Program, \$600/week boost to Unemployment Insurance Claims.   |
| 3  | No taxpayer dollars should be budgeted for any services benefitting people who are here illegally. Deport them and make them come back LEGALLY.  |
| 3  | No1. Why anytime there is need for money it is ALWAYS propert owners taxes that goes up? There are so many renters in LB, which is fine, but of course they will vote for property owners to pay. Please be more fiscally responsible. 2. Paying down unfunded pensions? You should not get pensions when we don't. Why should i pay for your pension when we all have to save for our own and save every penny to afford to even live here. Shameless!! and 30 million deficit and we still need to pay all your pensions?  |
| 3  | Not a fan of this survey. Covid is a once in a lifetime event. The budget shortfall - headwinds are short term. Let's cut or kick the can on what is non-essential and when the economy improves (city earns more revenue) the restart those programs / expenses. Also, what can we reduce vs. eliminate?  |
| 3  | Not covered but a concern is the proposed oil tax for equity. We feel that we are being forced into paying more taxes for something that is not needed. We are considering moving out of this state. Too many taxes.   |
| 3  | Not the time to increase taxes. Time to cut bloated programs and focus on the got to haves, leaving the nice to haves and the maybe someday to long in the future,   |
| 3  | Nothing comes to mind. Thank you for asking for input.   |
| 3  | Obviously all the services are valuable. Ranking only relates to the priority among them to allocate constrained funding. Focus should be first on those things only the government can do, e.g. police, fire, emergency planning.   |
| 3  | Ocean protection needs to increase by defending storm drains, ticket commercial properties with micro plastic debris scattered on their parking lots. In fact, add an ordinance where parking lots must cover storm drains with screens (with small holes) to capture micro litter. Big lot stores are awful and it is upsetting. C The storm drain covers that flip up when it rains is an awful idea. We need to get the litter before it rains. reate a program for businesses to adopt a storm drain and make them responsible for keeping it clear so rain can drain. Is there a task force I can join to help develop these a plan? I have been studying plastic ocean pollution for six years with a marketing solution. Light pollution is another problem. When they put in the new street lights, the lumens seemed to increase and the city became lighter. Isn't the point to use less energy? Using less energy is the key to reducing dependence on gas and oil. Lastly, protect our property rights, our rights to quiet enjoyment of our property, do not tamper with our zoning, do not stick landlords with rent due, do not let Long Beach Unified get away with so many encroachments to their neighbors by renegotiating so our councilmembers have teeth to make them comply to noise, lights, and renters. Help the homeless with a few central place to regroup with showers, sinks, a place to set their down their belongings, free washer and dryer, toilets. One homeless lady I know, who is drug free and actually very nice, is afraid of shelters because she fears the crazies will beat her up and rob--now why is that? That is the situation at your shelters! It is not sustainable for her. Can you create sleeping dorms that lock? Perhaps segregate members of the homeless community by drug users, non drug users, people and families out of work and homeless, violent people, and so forth? Otherwise, council persons and the city are doing a wonderful job. |
| 3  | On homelessness, either make it legal for homeless to camp out or enforce "no camping" laws. Selective enforcement of laws are a slippery slope.   |
| 3  | On the hot topic of the Police, I am not on board with the "de fund" movement because obviously we need to have police response for emergencies, but I am very much in favor of reallocating some of the Police fund to other social services such as mental health, domestic violence and drug abuse; the police shouldn't be expected to respond to such a wide range of problems when there are other people with specialized education/training for responding to some of those calls.   |
| 3  | One of the most important services is the public health department. It isn't even on the list. I trust that it is because it is considered essential!  |
| 3  | Only street sweep every other week.  |

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| 3  | Our city needs more citizen pride and volunteers to make a difference and less citizen reliance on the government to be everyone's caretaker. Too much influence by city unions drives poor long term spending. City welfare services must be offset by less high paid city positions. We need to help but spending \$'s we don't have is dishonest to the future citizens. Address the city pension issues now! Stop spending money on huge buildings like city hall - go virtual!  |
| 3  | Our city needs to be safe city for us all. Please do not defund police. That will take away our sense of security and will create havoc, increase crime and cause people to be abused.   |
| 3  | Our income is derived from owning income property in Long Beach. Please avoid measures that deprive us from receiving our rental income. Thank you.  |
| 3  | Our safety is the vital to a stable city. Well maintained streets / Building creates a favorable draw to to our city for a desired revenue stream for the city. With Covid -19-- I really appreciate all our sanitation professionals. (I give them water bottles frequently and thank them for their service). May I challenge each and everyone of them when emptying each and every trash can container.. PLease verify they have placed lid back on cans so we wont have to do it ourselves? (For sanitary, safety, and pest control reasons--- they are wearing gloves and it won't take much to help keep all residents healthy and safe? Prayers your way!  |
| 3  | Our streets are an embarrassment especially Studebaker and Palos Verde and should have been repaired while no traffic during COVID. We have been paying higher gas taxes for the past years and to no good. Also there doesn't seem to have been any maintenance of the city during this past year!  |
| 3  | Over 80% of the budget is salaries and pensions. This needs to be tackled in order to provide services to Long Beach Residents and Businesses. All we get are tax increases to cover inflated pension and health care benefits that we who have worked in private industry do not get. This is terrible and continues! We should not be paying down the unfunded pension liabilities, we should be eliminating the cause.  |
| 3  | Overall I thought this survey was rather confusing and intentionally not specific. For example, the supporting businesses question was not specific about whether this meant small businesses, or large corporations that operate in LB. I am all for support of small businesses, but I don't want to support large corporations with my tax dollars, no matter how much money they may bring to the LB economy. Also I hesitate to say that lower crime rates are important to me when I don't know if this statistic will be used as kindle to increase the police budget which is something I am vehemently opposed to. I think it is of vital importance, rather, for this city to adopt the People's Budget for Long Beach and meet with the leaders of Black Lives Matter Long Beach to work for solutions to the over-policing of black communities which fuels the prison industrial complex. The LBPD needs to be defunded and dismantled and our city must follow the goals put forth by the city of LA in beginning this process. Also climate change is the biggest issue our world is facing right now and environmental racism is a real issue we need to tackle, so I support every effort by the city of Long Beach to contribute to reducing our carbon footprint from increased use of alternative energy to maintaining a good recycling program to considering the options laid out in this article: <a href="https://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2019/06/state-and-local-governments-seeking-climate-change-solutions-have-plenty-of-options/">https://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2019/06/state-and-local-governments-seeking-climate-change-solutions-have-plenty-of-options/</a> Thank you for your time. |
| 3  | Park Rangers are needed at Bixby Park, Bluff Park area. We are being overrun with petty theft, homeless, drug use, bike theft, car window breakins, by the same people for months. The measure A police never arrived. Therefore defund police; 48% of budget is a shameful scam. \$30 million in 5 years for police misconduct payouts!? Cut their budget to 30%.   |
| 3  | parking and parking enforcement to many cars park where ever they want   |
| 3  | Parking in many areas continues to be a big problem and the following idea might be counter-intuitive on the surface but is worthy of consideration. The parklets, specifically in the 2nd Street shopping district, should merit long-term consideration. They add a lot to the ambiance, are attractive and allow restaurants to increase revenue. I believe they will also be missed, if they are removed following the pandemic. Since many parking spots, as well as revenue from meters, have been sacrificed, it might make sense more than ever to consider construction of a public lot in the area to make up for the deficiencies and to preserve the outside dining. A parking structure has been considered before but it really might make more sense in the foreseeable future. (There is space available on Ocean Boulevard, in the long-vacant building on west Naples, on Appian Way and at Marine Stadium, just to name a few. Perhaps it's time to set the motion in place for a feasibility study.  |

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| 3  | Parks are key to resolving blight and provide youth/families with beautiful space to spread out and enjoy a variety of things from reading to playing to painting to cloud watching and more - no programs needed.   |
| 3  | PD & Fire are important parts of a community but we need to take a good look at their roles across the board including salaries. PD and Fire unions should not be able to have the influence they do on the council. They are crushing the city budget and we all pay for it...look where that's got us. We aren't going to solve the budget issue if their influence remains unbalanced.  |
| 3  | Please - do not reduce the Police Dept. budget.  |
| 3  | Please allow businesses to reopen and let the kids go back to school. If done, the city May generate enough tax revenue to adequately pay attention too many of the survey items. Paying too big of a price for covid-19.  |
| 3  | Please consider cutting the police budget and re allocating that money to programs that will help the community long term like education, recreation programs, mental health, public housing, etc.   |
| 3  | Please consider funding public health at the same capacity as the police department. Please redistribute police budget funds to actual programs to help people.  |
| 3  | Please consider reducing police funding & redirect those funds to community development services.  |
| 3  | Please defund the police. Instead of dining police direct money to education, healthcare, and other programs that actually help the community.   |
| 3  | Please do away with the new Broadway road diet. It's unsafe for everyone including the bicyclists who don't use it anyway.   |
| 3  | Please do more to protect the environment especially on cleaning up all the current trash on the streets.  |
| 3  | Please do not cut the police budget. The primary role of government is to provide a safe, clean environment for the citizens.  |
| 3  | Please do not defund our police or school campus security. There is already too much drug use, property theft and overall crime in our city. I am truly concerned about sending my child to public school if there's no campus police. Also, we need to allow small businesses to stay in business in this great city. There is so much innovation, talent and creativity that need a friendly business environment. Everyone I personally know loves the diversity of Long Beach but wants stricter enforcement of drug use and crime and lower taxes |
| 3  | Please do not defund the police. Yes, to restructuring and additional training - they have taken on more and more over they years. When a shooting occurs, honest and open review must happen. The trust between communities and the police needs to grow - this will take time.   |
| 3  | Please do not downsize our police department. I love my community because I feel safe in it. Since people feel they won't get caught or prosecuted because of lack of police, crimes has gone up even here in long beach. Everyday I am reading in "My Neighborhood" of crimes committed daily. Ever since other Cities started defunding police I am afraid for my City.  |
| 3  | Please do not fund any more \$\$\$ into the police. The \$\$\$ should go to adorable housing, education, libraries, and homelessness crisis. Thank you   |
| 3  | Please don't let the city go to a Wild West situation. Do not defund police. Support the police.   |
| 3  | Please find a way to help the homeless population. Several time I have been yelled at by homeless people living near the Ralph's store in the Marina Pacifica. I believe some of our homeless are mentally ill or malnourished and need to be off the street. Thank you  |
| 3  | Please get rid of all roundabouts. They are dangerous and no one yields or stops.  |
| 3  | Please get rid of the roundabouts on Vista, 6th, and 15th Streets. No one yields, and it's infinitely more dangerous than stop signs.  |
| 3  | Please increase the Library's budget to ensure that the many free educational and job development resources are made available to the thousands of families who rely on them. Please decrease funding for the police department and increase funding for emergency (fire and ems) services and social services/community support services.   |
| 3  | Please increase the library's budget so that families who do not have access to the internet or books for their children can access the library. Plus increase or maintain resources for those who need information for jobs and employment. This is critical in the city's time of need for low-income parents/families. Thank you.   |

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| 3  | Please please do something about the rampant crime, the emboldened homeless criminals. Yes, I understand that not all homeless people are criminals, I am talking about the villains that infest our neighborhoods.  |
| 3  | Please provide support and help local invested neighborhood help and safety in central Long Beach.   |
| 3  | Please reduce adding items that require additional maintenance which requires more city funds. Please stop spending our hard earned tax dollars on things that are unnecessary.  |
| 3  | Please reopen Long Beach. Its very important to Long Beach residents to have a healthy worldly life experiences.   |
| 3  | Please support and adopt the people's budget for our city! Please listen to BLMLBC, they had done their homework and have solid, well-thought out plans and solutions that deserve your attention and endorsement. You have a chance to make our city a leader in progress and a model for listening to the people on much needed reform. Please listen and be on the right side of history. The old, corrupt, wealth-serving ways are coming to an end. Defund the police. Use that funding for the community services needed to keep everyone safe. Policing is NOT the answer! The way things have been in our city is nothing to be proud of. Please make LB a better place for our community members of color, our children, and therefore, all of us. My parents grew up here, I grew up here and am now raising my children here. We need to do better! Please listen to BLMLBC. We are all marching with them because we believe in the platform and the demands. Recent city council and related meetings have made it very clear that the majority of our city leadership is not listening and are more interested in appearances and maintaining the status quo. Your recent activity has been very disappointing. Please do a better job of representing the people of our city and our wishes for a more transparent and just local government. It's not too soon to start doing the right thing for social and racial justice in our city. Also: Chief Luna must go, we cannot have a racist police chief in our city. |
| 3  | Police & Fire should be top priority in our wonderful city.  |
| 3  | Police and Fire ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!! NO CUTS in these areas please! Coastal Commission was not included in the survey...seems to be some monies that are wasted in their division but need more info.   |
| 3  | Police and Fire be willing and able to jump into action against looters and rioters if the need arises again. Better surveillance and action taken against drug addicts and petty(?) thieves who break into our houses and steal and destroy our property. Relocation of coyotes who are killing our pets - we should not have to live in fear and paranoia when the problem could be so easily solved. I know this is a contentious topic. Institution of support services available to assist on 911 calls.  |
| 3  | Police and fire should be budget priority. Public safety over all else, including prosecuting criminals in the city.   |
| 3  | Police budget needs to be reduced and funds reallocated to social services that benefit residents and prevent crime rather than punish people for manufactured crimes. Police services are eating up WAY too much of the city's money.   |
| 3  | Police have a role in our society, but take up an enormous amount of our budget that is not justifiable. Crime prevention that addresses root causes (poverty, homelessness, addiction) would be a much better use of our money than enforcement which is not effective in the long term. Also, the police can't be trusted not to accidentally kill people, which is a problem.   |
| 3  | Police service, repairing streets and sidewalks, good library service, homeless issues.  |
| 3  | Police should be the first priority in this city. I want to feel safe in my community  |
| 3  | Policing needs to be re thought, have programs to reduce crimes before they happen. No more killer cops.   |
| 3  | Pot smoking in cars after picking up at pot store is a huge annoyance. I realize we are bike tolerant, but bikers do not adhere to traffic laws, ie, running lights, stop signs and assuming the right of way. The alleys are continuing to crumble from the weight of trash and recycling trucks. Vehicles are not causing this. Alleys are in such disrepair that you almost need 4 wheel drive to access them. A survey was done on the alley a few years ago, but nothing has been done. Almost all the streets in the Belmont Shore area were repacked, but Corona Ave was not done and continues to deteriorate. However, re-rolling asphalt on top of bad asphalt certainly isn't the answer  |

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| 3  | Priorities listed above are valid only for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, given the projected shortfall. Some important items can be delayed one year. Find a way to fund the return of the Long Beach Municipal Band (if public gatherings in our parks is permitted.)  |
| 3  | Priorities marked are immediate, for the 2021 budget year only (since we are digging out of a hole); they do not reflect long-term priorities. Some categories are so broad (low crime rate, fire protection services, etc) that answering them would not provide true input because there are multiple ways to meet those goals and those ways are not specified (it's like asking if we believe in God, motherhood and apple pie); future pension debt MUST BE reduced; get us out from under the unions' control of our overall quality of life in this city  |
| 3  | Prioritize public safety #1. A safe city will promote an inclusive environment for ALL citizens. Stop with the social justice experiments. Eliminate govt. waste and redundant programs & departments.   |
| 3  | PRIORITIZE! With a full budget almost everything I marked could move up a notch. We must address the most important items first including full forces of police, fire and other services related to public safety including cleaning private properties that have been soiled by the homeless. Public safety comes first! Maintenance of public buildings comes next. Maintain Libraries that provide services for underprivileged youth. Maintain the public necessities but don't expand or take on new projects until you have the income to do it and don't try to raise taxes. BUDGET with what you have and what you actually see as pressing local needs. Sounds like Grandma ☺   |
| 3  | Promoting services which enhance quality of life-social programs proven to work, fiscal stability, getting rid of programs which do not work, not overtaxing, maintaining a school system which meets the needs of all our students from the brightest to the slowest learners. If we do not pay attention to our tax base, the risk of losing business/growth and upper income families will have a major negative impact on being able to provide for the above services in the survey.  |
| 3  | Prop A was suppose to repair streets. This has been done but is far behind in repairing many bad streets Appian Way @Mother's Beach, First St between Bayshore & Quincy, Roycroft below 2nd St., Vista St west of Ximeno.  |
| 3  | Protect public and private property. Fire Luna for incompetence.   |
| 3  | Provide housing for homeless people Better animal control service with flexible hours  |
| 3  | Providing services to stem the spread of the Corona 19 virus should be a #1 priority. With a huge budget deficit looming, unnecessary expenditures should be kept to a minimum. Focus on necessities, not niceties--public safety, health and welfare. My priorities would be different if financial times were different.   |
| 3  | Providing support for youth is important to keep them busy and off the streets getting into trouble. Hopefully in turn that can help with less crime when kids stay focused in youth sports and find a passion. Having access to homework help and school resources is important to keep children focused as well. They soon grow up and it's our job to mold them into successful citizens. We have to focus on the youth, so they don't become homeless, runaways, get into drugs or the wrong crowds. We need to be proactive at keeping our city attractive and desirable. On Westminster by Second and PCH and Studebaker the pot holes are a joke please finally partner to fix roads to keep people safe. Keep our city beautiful, the children and teens thriving and keep us safe from crime. |
| 3  | -public access to Internet should be focused in low income neighborhoods first -I would like to see huge reforms to the policing budget and see that reallocated to social services -how about composting options open to the city To help with trash? -new parks/open space should allow for edible gardens for the community to access and pick from -lower the price of parking tickets on sweeping days. It's ridiculously high \$70?! -how can the city contribute to the conversation re: racism, injustices to marginalized groups of people to help educate? Provide access/subsidize programs that educate? The mayor has done a good job with the LGBT community but I want to see more. Or at least endorse local groups doing the work to give them more visibility.                       |
| 3  | Public safety should be a very high priority for the city.   |
| 3  | Public Safety should remain the number one priority for the City of Long Beach. While cuts will need to be made because of the economy it is essential to maintain a strong police and fire. Many of the Reconciliation programs have merit and should be considered for the 2021 budget, but not at the expense of public safety.   |
| 3  | Public safety, police, 911, etc. should be by far the main use of my tax money. Searching for so called racism and funding government salaries and pensions is a bad use of my tax money.  |

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| 3  | Push the concept of character, not color. Don't give in to stupid people, pathetic whining and racist idiots with their hand out asking for freebies.  |
| 3  | Putting together a budget is no easy task so thank you. Long Beach provides such wonderful services for their residents and as we know sometimes these can be abused. A suggestion would be to charge a flat fee which might make the person think twice about if they really want it or if they are getting it because it is free.  |
| 3  | Question re: paying down the City's unfunded liabilities was interesting. They should be paid down, but not on the backs of taxpayers. More care needs to be made to broker better agreements that when forecast properly will not become a liability. Affordable housing also interesting. I worked in Brentwood once and would have loved to have lived there, but no way could have afforded it. Why is the Council so hell-bent on providing subsidized housing in an already packed-to-the-gills city? The quality of life in LB went south a while back and only getting worse. Thanks for reading my rant.  |
| 3  | Questions are vague. I do not want the homeless all over our neighborhood. And maybe in a year that is tight we don't need as much library services or new parks. When we have been dealing with Covid.  |
| 3  | Rated as "Not important at all" - Creating a tax payer funded, legal defense fund for undocumented immigrants.   |
| 3  | Reallocate police funding to other areas such as social services and address homelessness. Support after school programs with parks and Recs. Need to allocate more funds to district 9 and others where streets and sidewalks are obviously in more need. Support 9th district businesses.  |
| 3  | Recently saw a pie chart and realized that police and fire departments get the lion's share of public money. Maybe rearrange that pie distribution and give more for public services.  |
| 3  | Recruit residents to clean up their streets, alleys, etc. to work together to allow funds to be spent on necessary areas. Develop a community volunteer program which would assist the city in reduce funded areas.  |
| 3  | Redirect police funds to social services NOW. Retrain police to respond to threats without killing.  |
| 3  | Reduce # of stop signs in Belmont Heights. Restore original curbs at Ximeno and 6th, Reduce costs at LGB airport: fees, fines, and airline cost for slots, at least during Covid era. Revisit MTW buildings and wall removals. Improve MTW landscaping maintenance are general area at 7th & Ximeno including improved look of sewer pump station (remove chain link fencing, add plant vegetation) and reduce bush height to 2-3 ft at greenbelt. Repave Ximeno north of Anaheim.   |
| 3  | Reduce the police budget by at least 25% with no offsets to police elsewhere - suddenly we'll have lots of money for things that actually make people's lives better.  |
| 3  | Reduce the size of government employees and reduce taxes.  |
| 3  | Reducing erosion of the beachfront of Long Beach   |
| 3  | Reform and expand the Police efforts to help with homeless and youth programs do NOT defund the Police. Long Beach deals with very real gang violence and the police are critical to keeping the entire city safe. The other priority is the on-going efforts to clean up our beach!   |
| 3  | Regarding homeless question... there is a major problem with homelessness in LB. However, it's not the taxpayers responsibility to provide homes for them. We have existing shelters. Simply enforce the no loitering/camping laws already in place! Discourage homeless from setting up 'permanent' encampments and encourage them to move along.   |
| 3  | Regarding pensions, we are in favor of reducing pensions to free up money for the city services. Pensions are excessive.   |
| 3  | Repair the streets and don't just put in bike lanes because barely no one uses them. The roundabouts don't work at all. People just drive over them or don't pay attention—please just make four way stops because at least then there will be less accidents or potential accidents. Don't raise our taxes because of COVID-19, figure out how to fix it with our current funds. No rent control. Designate a section on the beach for illegal fireworks because people will do it no matter what. This year it was terrible, trees/bushes catching on fire, explosions near cars and houses. This way the fireworks will be controlled to the beaches and less casualties among the neighborhoods! |
| 3  | Restore Police . DO NOT DEFUND the LBPD  |
| 3  | Restore/improve law and order  |
| 3  | Rethink policing and code enforcement  |



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| 3  | Right now there is only 1 job -- dealing with the coronavirus.   |
| 3  | Robert Garcia is complicit in allowing the rioters and looters to destroy businesses. He should have had the National Guard on stand by. He needs to be removed from office. The Police should not be defunded. Those involved in the insurgency should be arrested. The City of Long Beach will only recover once the Traitors are removed.   |
| 3  | Round up all to the people living on the streets and provide them an area where they can live. (Another community). Provide that community with water, sanitary means of disposal, security, and means for rescue associations to distribute food, clothing, and protection. Monitor and enforce the law. (If any of them object, shoot them.)   |
| 3  | Running a city is no easy task. I am proud of Long Beach overall. I do believe city priorities should be to ensure the safety and health of its residents, and all the things that go into that such as police, fire, healthcare, affordable housing, solutions to minimize homelessness, clean air and water, and an environment where business (small and large) can prosper. If all these things are in good shape, many other things will happen as a result of a thriving society. I do believe that if you take care of the people of a city and the essentials needs of those people, then a city will thrive.  |
| 3  | Safety must take the highest priority. If we can't be safe, nothing else matters.  |
| 3  | Seeing as you people have increased the tax base, I feel you should work within the means. Stop spending more that you have. If you have a down fall of funds, so do so many of us, we don't get a influx of money nor should you. Get hold of your stupid spending of money you don't have. You want everyone to believe you are working for US, however, we are realizing you are just expecting US to work for you. Enough is Enough...   |
| 3  | several of these items confuse me. Paying down "unfunded" liabilities..is this as opposed to accruing interest for future payment on these debts? Provide public internet services - as a general statement no, but if this is how our children will be educated then this is a resounding yes. If our children will be going to school "parttime" due to Covid, we must provide safe activities for them during the off hours. Parks, and their programs are a great place to start. They must be affordable, safe, and geographically available. Graffiti removal - can we spend less by working this as a neighborhood. The city provides the "paint remover, and or paint", and a neighbor provides the labor. Low cost housing/homelessness..this is a can of worms. Homelessness is a complex problem - drug addiction, mental health, unfortunate life circumstance(s), choice of lifestyle. These problems can not all be treated in the same manner. Each original problem must be addressed. Just providing housing is NOT the solution. |
| 3  | Significantly defund the police, shifting traffic enforcement, accident investigations, metro policing, homeless responses to unarmed civilian officers.   |
| 3  | Some of my answers would be different if we did not have the current pandemic. Please continue to focus on community safety and infrastructure.  |
| 3  | Some of the items are vague...what does "maintaining a low crime rate" fund? If it funds police, then it's TOP PRIORITY. If it funds some ad, marketing or public service campaign to go around to schools and tell children not to commit crime, then it's significantly less important than actual law enforcement on the streets looking for suspicious activity. So here are the top priorities in my opinion: Police, Fire/EMS and Court system. Secondary: City maintenance/repair, libraries, senior assistance, animal control. Everything else that's not a necessity needs to be limited to the budget left over.  |
| 3  | Some of these questions seem misleading. For example, "maintaining a low crime rate" I believe is something everyone seems as important but I am wondering if you are considering that to equate to more law enforcement? For me I would prioritize maintaining a low crime rate by prevention methods such as fair and affordable housing, recreation and education equity and access, food access and health services, etc. versus reactive methods such as responding to crime after the fact with law enforcement. I wish some of the options were a little more clear for what people are voting on. But I appreciate your accepting public input. We need to invest in our communities, especially our most vulnerable, with fair and free access to basic Human Resources as our top priority.  |
| 3  | Some of these statements seem to be geared towards what amount of the budget should be spent on police funds. We need trained and certified individuals who know how to de-escalate and remain calm. Violence should not be the reaction. By allocating money towards treating the holistic health of the community it will make us proactive to crime rates, instead of reactive. Of course the safety of the community is of up most importance but policing isn't the answer.   |

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| 3  | Some things ARE obviously important in the long run (like street and sidewalk maintenance, creating new parks), I just don't think they should be a priority in 2021   |
| 3  | Specialized "police" units should include mental health professionals. I know the city has a couple of these folks already, but more are needed. Homelessness should not result in jail time.  |
| 3  | Specialized Police Units - should have included the MET team - people should know we have that Directed enforcement is a law enforcement term - should use a different term for the survey Property crimes are completely different - should not be on the same question Feel many residential streets could be cleaned every other week for savings ( probably hard for people to remember which week it is ) It seems everything is important so I would change it so with 36 items you can pick 6 - A priority, 6 B priority and 6 C priority I feel like most people are going to say everything is very or somewhat important so does not help you much |
| 3  | Specifically defending the police. I would really like to see resources originally budgeted for the police to be allocated elsewhere.  |
| 3  | Spending money on road diets and roundabouts in residential areas is largely a waste of funds. I understand the temporary desire for using street space for dining areas, I hope it doesn't become permanent. The crowding of 2nd St sidewalks is a great example of the taking over of public spaces by private businesses.   |
| 3  | Spread budget more evenly! Less towards police and more towards positive community changes   |
| 3  | Stop paying for illegal aliens and fix the potholes. defund the pensions and stop painting rainbow sidewalks with tax payer money  |
| 3  | Stop raising our taxes and start spending the money on what it was designated for. We need ALL of our police officers and not to cut the dept's funds.   |
| 3  | Stop road diets, stop green bollocks, stop increased bike lanes.10% pay cuts across the board for all employees earning \$90,000 or more.  |
| 3  | Stop spending public funds on shopping developments, etc. Stop spending public funds on a obsolete, unneeded hospital, i.e., Community Hospital.   |
| 3  | STOP the obscene taxation or we will ALL move to Arizona, leaving my hometown to people like our mayor, who embarrassed Long Beach on TV during the crisis in June, and our Police chief is still wondering how the crisis got out of hand,  |
| 3  | Stop the progressive/lack of law enforcement BS that is happening in this city. You are pandering to losers, who don't pay any taxes - if you want this city to prosper, the only way to do this is by providing a safe/clean/law abiding environment. If you tolerate non-sense, you will just get more of it. Do not defund the police anymore - we've already done this & all you get are riots.  |
| 3  | Stop wasting money on round-abouts, bike lanes and road diets - counter productive. Remove homeless people and bus them back to LA Focus investment on Belmont Shore second street shops and businesses Repave alleys in Belmont Shores of lose home owners relocation to OC area Implement parking permits throughout Naples, Belmont Shores and Heights  |
| 3  | Stopping cutbacks to our LBPD and dedicating funds to community/police partnerships (to relieve stress from immediate policing needs while providing community groups to act on their behalf in lesser areas that need enforcement, such as: enforcing COVID-related mandates; jaywalking and skateboards on sidewalks; fireworks/firecrackers; etc.).   |
| 3  | Street repairs should be more transparent. By that I mean having a waiting list that taxpayers can see. Police budget should not be cut! I'd rather see policing stronger even if other services might be cut. Affordable housing should not be as high a priority. Not everyone can afford beach living.  |
| 3  | Suggestion for reducing public safety budget by combining all law enforcement (police, sheriff, highway patrol, etc) to one state agency. This eliminates bidding process where cities must out bid the other causing additional increase costs and preventing other agencies from higher bad cops.  |
| 3  | Support Police and Fire 100%   |
| 3  | Support the Long Beach Municipal Band.   |
| 3  | Support the police, back them up, do NOT reduce their funding. They put their lives on the line every single shift and deserve to be supported, not criticized.  |
| 3  | SUSIE AND TEAM IS DOING A GREAT JOB. LET ME KNOW HOW TO HELP   |
| 3  | Suzie Price for Mayor!   |
| 3  | Suzie Price has been an excellent Councilperson.   |

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| 3  | Suzie Price is doing a great job!  |
| 3  | Take down the east breakwater.   |
| 3  | take out all round abouts it causes more accidents and a lot of people do not use them correctly. take out all bike lanes!! there is not that many people who ride and it causes blind intersections and more accidents too!! they are horrible and takes away parking spaces, as it is we do not have enough parking. Also the outside dining in the street also takes parking spaces away because it eliminates the parking in front of said establishments. NO more development unless AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR people who make less than 50,000. Credit requirements to rent should be abolished. No one has 'perfect' credit, and those who are on low income cant get a credit card because they cannot afford it. and the income requirements to be 3x the rent is laughable! with the high rents here is a joke. Rents need to come down especially in this time of so many losing their jobs and NO street sweeping tickets! I have seen so many times and i have pictures to prove it where the sweeper does NOT GET CLOSE TO THE CURB! The trash is still there after they leave!! More testing sites for Covid REGARDLESS IF YOU SHOW 'SYMPTOMS' Because if you are A symptomatic you will be a carrier and show no 'symptoms' Make it a law that if you are parking parallel you pull up closer to the car in front of you, most spaces are wasted when people leave 4-5 feet in front of them And in back of them when parking which would open up SO MANY MORE PARKING SPACES! Eliminate a lot of your red curbs too!! NOT ONE AMBULANCE OR FIRE TRUCK USES THEM!! THEY PARK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET! This too takes away parking spaces!! Take all lots for parking and build up, making them parking structures. Motorcycles should have end of curb parking not a full parking space for a car either. POTHoles AND THE SIDES RIGHT NEXT TO CURBS ARE ALL EATEN UP! It is like driving in ditches! The money you wasted on roundabouts should have went to this. Bring back drive in movie theaters here too! It practices social distancing. Let businesses open, with precautions and masks and gloves but you won't have a town if this keeps up. It will turn into Detroit. Property values will plummet too and a lot of people will leave LB or CA all together. NO MORE PROTESTS!!!! Make a law against these! especially during Covid! |
| 3  | tall palm tree trimming at 169 Granada - have asked for it to be trimmed 3 years ago and still nothing. Very dangerous in a storm.   |
| 3  | Thank you  |
| 3  | Thank you for asking! 1. Public safety, at least in those neighborhoods that appreciate the police, should be the top priority. 2. Also please re-negotiate the police and fire and other city employee labor agreements so they have a DEFINED CONTRIBUTION rather than a DEFINED BENEFIT for their retirement accounts. The level of incompetency of those politicians who negotiate "defined benefit" contracts, especially when it's based on "gamed" final-years income, is appalling."   |
| 3  | Thank you for provide this opportunity for feedback. I am very disappointed and concerned in the steady overall decline in our city: roadway conditions, cleanliness along roadways, underpasses, etc., increasing homeless problems, lack of law enforcement as to traffic and crime, businesses closing even before the pandemic. Long Beach is a beautiful city with unique neighborhoods and a wonderful history. We need more input from those who are third and forth generation residents to develop guidelines for the future. We need less politics and more attention to the needs and desires of the residents. We need to allocate more money for caring for our city and less on politicians' pensions, etc. Let's work together !!   |
| 3  | Thank you for the survey. Appreciate the updates on our community via email by Councilperson Stacey Mungo. I value our community staying safe and protected by our police and fire dept. Thank you first responders!   |
| 3  | Thank you Suzie for all you do! Please do not cut our police budget. Crime is on the rise.   |
| 3  | Thanks for asking!   |
| 3  | Thanks for asking!   |
| 3  | Thanks for reaching out. Would also like to see if there's a way to create better network or resource guide of charitable organizations that residents could participate in to help our city/each other. Also, would love to see schools still be "open" to neighborhoods that don't have parks/playgrounds/open space.  |
| 3  | The 6 City funding from the State should be used very strategic to fund the more important priorities. The \$ 20 M for COVID 19 testing should be used to cover most of the testing. We must   |

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|    | support local business with this money or the tax base will erode so far that we no longer have a viable City. Thanks for this survey   |
| 3  | the above rankings are based on the current emergency and do not reflect what they would be under "normal" financial conditions. I also assume that items like preparation for emergencies and disasters has already been done.   |
| 3  | The bicycle lanes throughout the city and the roundabouts on major streets should be removed. Apart from the fact that the lanes go unused, they are a monument to a terrible waste of money. They have caused irreparable harm to adjacent businesses and in many places pose a hazard to both pedestrians and motorists. The various neighborhoods can decide about the interior roundabouts but on crosstown routes lets use 4 way stops.  |
| 3  | The biggest thing missing in the survey is the actual reduction of city employee salaries, benefits, and retirement. We are not all in this together when Gov workers continue to be paid outrageous benefits while the private sector is strangled by your CV demands. The City has allowed riots, destruction of businesses, trespassing, and ignored the reduced quality of life the government has lobbied, supported and caused. Quit handing money out to renters and freeloaders and preventing evictions while property owners are forced to pay mortgages. Be brave, speak against Governor Nuisance and the communist criminals in LA city and County.  |
| 3  | The budget has got to be impossible to build right now -as well keep. So many unknowns. I guess you just give it the best thought and shot. Glad a dedicated team is handling it. Thank you.  |
| 3  | The budget should reflect that this is an unusual year and that all prior municipal finding cannot be sustained at the same levels and that some things are going to have to take precedence. Public safety and health must get great support because its failure affects all income levels and all neighborhoods. Nonsense like expanding bike lanes, traffic islands and roundabouts simply must take a back seat for now.  |
| 3  | The city council members and mayor have to stop being prisoners of the radically extreme environmentalists in this town.  |
| 3  | The city employees need to start contributing to 401k accounts and the city eliminating pensions. This is something the taxpayers should not have to fund. Those of us who are responsible and doing our best to survive should not have to pay for other's retirements, addictions, theft and poor choices. Open up mental facilities and veterans facilities for the homeless who are addicted and mentally ill. An apartment would mean nothing to them. They don't want housing they are sick. Talk to AA members. Many had to be homeless before they became sober. It's not bad for everyone. For some it is terribly sad. Addressing the homeless bike stealing issue should be a priority too. One segment of the population screaming about police shouldn't put the rest of us in harm's way or one step closer to anarchy. The police are there when we need them. They do a great job! Thank you! |
| 3  | The City Government wasted \$400 M on a building that was not needed. Its time to end the waste   |
| 3  | The City has been through tough budget periods in the past. I have always favored eliminating lower priority programs/positions, as opposed to across the board reductions or proportional cuts. As the above survey indicated, programs and services have relative priorities. If you don't have a safe city, the priority of the rest of the programs doesn't matter.   |
| 3  | The city must reduce expenditures. Look at where the money is spent. Adopt new technology if it reduces costs. Be aware of the public PENSIONS that will eat the budget. Add a lower cost means of dealing with some problems than the very expensive police force - let police focus on crime, not social work. Sink the Queen Mary - it is like my swimming pool - money down the drain...  |
| 3  | The city needs to cut spending, not increase taxes, AGAIN. Like all of us, having to tighten the belt. Priority should be safety, fire, police, blight, homeless, essential city operations. All 'nice to have' need to be cut. Painful, it required belt tightening.   |
| 3  | The City needs to put resources toward the War Zone firework problem experienced May thru July . This is a quality of life issue.   |
| 3  | The City of Long Beach must prioritize the demands of our Black Community specifically Black Lives Matter LB. Nothing really matters in this city until we collectively defend Black lives here and defund the corrupt LBPD, police union, Mayor Garcia and Chief Luna. Do not make a survey prioritizing white comfort in LB and skewed to promote and over budget police. This city needs to defund the LBPD yesterday. Immediately implement the demands of BLM LB and you will see this city flourish and thrive. This is history, what side will you be on?  |

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| 3  | The city ONLY slurried/paved 50% of the streets in Belmont Shore between Ocean & 2nd Street. That was 4 or 5 years ago. When is the city going to finish the other 50%? They are cracked, old and decaying. Residents have to breath the fine asphalt dust. Bad for the health of those on the non finished streets. Thank you.  |
| 3  | The city pensions are terrible. All non-public pension programs have been hit. Not fair to the tax payers having so many people with inflated pensions!  |
| 3  | THE CITY SHOULD ADD PARKING METERS TO ALL THEIR CITY PARKS ESPECIALLY HEARTWELL PARK, EL DORADO PARK WEST, EL DORADO DUCK POND, WARDLOW PARK, STEARNS CHAMPIONS PARK, & ETC. THE PARK RANGERS SHOULD ANSWER POLICE CALLS AT OTHER PARKS. I USED TO WORK FOR LA COUNTY AND WAS ABLE TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND AT HOW THEY WORKED CAREFULLY TO HELP BUDGET WISLEY WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THE GREATER WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE SO MANY DISCREPANCIES IN HOW THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IS MANAGING THEIR BUDGET. THEY CAN UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE PARK RANGERS TO ENFORCE PARKS AND COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT AT WHICH THE COST IS LESS THAN THAT OF GOING THROUGH THE SERVICES OF A POLICE OFFICER. PLEASE, LET'S BE SMART & SAVE THE CITY TAXPAYER MONEY.  |
| 3  | The city should invest in community based long term food security, environmental regeneration, and food businesses by fully funding our local food policy council, Long Beach Fresh.   |
| 3  | The city should review staffing requirements and job duties for administrative positions. I worked at the city for a short period of time and witnessed a lot of waste and inefficiency.   |
| 3  | The current narrative about defunding the police is ridiculous and a very dangerous fantasy. If the police are defunded, we will all suffer, not just the knuckleheads that are for it.  |
| 3  | The first priority of any city should be the Police and Fire Department, that keep the streets safe and protect life and property. I believe the next priority is our Youth and bringing back a full summer program at most of the Elementary schools would be a great idea; using college age volunteers. With this pandemic, might be a good idea to close down portions of 2nd Street and make them like a walking plaza with no traffic. I'm not a fan of the scooters, bike lanes and feel good programs that do nothing to improve the quality of life in LB. THANKS for this opportunity!   |
| 3  | The large percentage of the city budget that goes to the police force needs to go to things that build community in Long Beach rather than punish people for mental illness and lack of resources.   |
| 3  | The LBPD should not be considered this city's public policy option of last resort. They get dumped on all the time into mental health roles, domestic and child abuses situations, sexual assault and rape crisis response, homelessness harrassment, the whims of the wealthy, etc. they are neither trained for nor equipped to handle. The LBPD is one of the most corrupt police institutions, comparatively, in the nation. If this were not a pandemic, then we might well already be where LAPD was during the Rampart days - being taken over entirely from the outside. Where is the incentive, in the Framework for Reconciliation process or elsewhere, for current officers to blow the whistle on bad actors? What do 21st century people do with the vestiges of racists systems - like policing - that reflect the values and priorities of 50, 100, 150, 200 years ago? Moreover, why is this survey so loaded? There are so many social roles currently directed to LBPD that are implicit in affirming (what sounds like) sane priority areas. This City has been asked to reimagine public safety - Well, let me tell you something: This City pipes in gas to burn for electricity - in my backyard in case my purple prose didn't give me away - to move water to pump oil out of the seafloor to put on ships to sell to pay for public safety. Meanwhile, every barrel of oil brought up out of the ground - at the point of extraction, let alone the points of transportation/refinement/consumption/disposal - helps sink islands where people who look like me I never met never had a problem with have lived for generations. Why does this City expect me to take it seriously about budget priorities, or public safety, when we spend more militarizing the LBPD than we do providing nurses PPE? What do we get out of that tremendous waste of public resources, that theft from the future and our children? Fat scared assholes masturbating with rubber bullet launchers too situationally unaware to lower a gun in the sight of a child? A police chief who tried to blame the victim afterward? GTFOH....This city does not just have a covid crisis or economic crisis or racism crisis or a climate crisis. It has a legitimacy crisis. I don't have this smut on my name, and my grandkids aren't going to piss on my grave for being a hypocrite. Can you say that working for this City reading this right now from me? |

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| 3  | The library provides information access to those who don't have it at home. Vital in times like these. for information, for contact with necessary services, for reaching family.  |
| 3  | The list of Survey topics makes it clear how hard it must be to set budgets & prioritize, when most all seem worthy. Thanks for your efforts. LB has provided a lot to residents in past years<br>Suggestion: Charge a Nominal Fee for some services vs. Free, to prevent Waste & Abuse of the resource/funds. example. \$5. for Covid test vs Free. If something is Free, a lot of people / human nature tend to get more then they actually need.... goes to waste.. Also Check/Verify LB residence vs Non City for these types of services...   |
| 3  | The meaning of "specialized police units" was unclear. I hope you meant that the city intends to spend ample time training particular units to be more equipped to respond to non-violent potential crimes and situations (homelessness, mental health issues, property damage, etc.) as opposed to sending armed, generically trained officers to handle those calls. If you meant spending more money on the police without reconstructing their entire department, then I do not agree that spending money on that idea is prudent or necessary - and is actually more detrimental to our city - at this time.  |
| 3  | The most important function of government is to maintain a climate that protects the people, property and business. Health, safety and private property should be the primary concern of the city officials everything else is secondary. The limited funds should be directed to the primary function above. The mayor and police chief are an embarrassment allowing downtown Long Beach be destroyed recently.  |
| 3  | The Police Department has to become transparent. When one hides things it is automatically suspect.  |
| 3  | The police department needs to be defunded, and free no-conditions housing should be offered to people without homes. Also, more widespread COVID testing needs to be offered.   |
| 3  | The primary function of government is to protect people and property. Long Beach has failed in that area. The first thing to do is to insure that never happens again. As to homelessness, for those who cannot take care of themselves, a compassionate society will provide. For all others: drug users get one chance at stopping then run them out of town. Those who simply want to 'camp' in Long Beach should be run out of town. Streets need to be repaired. Social programs are a luxury we cannot afford. Stop wasting money on them. The city infrastructure: parks, libraries, beaches need to be properly cared for. Yes there needs to be long range planning. We need to restructure our pensions like a 401K. Current pension programs are unsustainable and will rob citizens of services the city must provide. Stop overpaying city workers; stop the overtime scam. Cut the size of government.   |
| 3  | The primary job of government is to provide safety for citizens. please stop with the nonsense social programs, affirmative action, and rainbow crosswalks and ensure that our city is safe.   |
| 3  | THE primary service of the government is to provide health and safety (enforce the letter of the law; stop the crime and mob). Funds should be earmarked for this first and the other costs secondary. ENFORCE THE LAW...  |
| 3  | The public safety narrative has been built around a belief that law enforcement should be the center in services and funding but that is not how we keep communities safe. The data shows communities with more resources have less policing. We need a public health approach to public safety that reinvests law enforcement dollars in prevention service agencies. We are lucky here in Long Beach to have our own public health department but they receive less than 2% of the city budget compared to LBPd who receive over 50%. We need to reinvest some of LBPd dollars to our health department so they can do this critical prevention work. The Blueprint for Shared Safety is a successful public safety model currently being implemented in several cities in California , LA County, and several states. It facilitates city departments to coordinate and recenter public safety on five principles (1) Shifting to a public health frame, (2) Well-being is safety, (3) Crime survivors at the center, (4) Breaking the cycle of harm, (5) Making that system work. This would be a great model to bring to Long Beach as part of this new Framework for Reconciliation. <a href="https://shedsafety.us">shedsafety.us</a> |
| 3  | The question about maintaining a low crime rate is vague. This is an important issue but should be accomplished through investments in education and support programs rather than excessive policing. Also now is a key moment to make investments in sustainable technologies and climate resilience. These can be done strategically to create jobs and economic development to help us recover with a more sustainable economy. Our actions on climate this decade will determine whether we have a healthy planet or face extreme climate impacts that cannot be undone. Please make it a priority to implement the Climate Action Plan.   |

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| 3  | The question about prosecution is more nuanced than a simple yes/no. I want misdemeanor crimes to be taken seriously but I don't want to just put more people in jail. I would like to see though to things like drug court models that provide for alternative sentencing.   |
| 3  | The question lean conservative. This will not give accurate assessment due to right leaning questions. Pandemic related and Black Lives related questions need to be added. Defund police for programs the prove Black lives matter. Rent relief funding while in a PANDEMIC is far more relevant. Not more policing? You are not listening Suzie.  |
| 3  | The response to the Covid 19 by our city and state is over reaching and makes no sense given the risk and the statistical information. It is a violation of our rights to enforce masks and closing of businesses.  |
| 3  | The road diet on the peninsula is horrendous. When this quarantine is over, it will only get bad again. It is a travesty that it can take 10+ minutes to get off the peninsula, especially on the weekends. The crossing guard does his/her best but that is absolutely no solution. We on the peninsula had expressed our concerns about redesigning Ocean Blvd. but no one listens. You have meetings, take comments and then do what you wanted to do all the time. I know I will think again when the next election comes around.   |
| 3  | The roads all through Long Beach are in major disrepair and there are litter and garbage everywhere. At least once a month I get a flat tire riding my bike from all the broken glass, and some of the alleys are beyond a disgrace. Almost every day I have an incident were my safety feels threatened by the increasing foot traffic of the hostile transients coming through the alleys. It's a very depressing environment and I try to leave Long Beach, now, as much as I can to do errands. I've lived here for 40 years and will be looking to move to a safer ,cleaner area.  |
| 3  | The sooner you can implement a plan for childcare, the better. While remote learning for LBUSD is needed from a covid mitigation perspective, the toll on working parents (especially mothers) is immense.  |
| 3  | The support of our Police, Fire departments is primary and keeping our City and all nine district up to snuff is also important. Education of our children and their families is a priority, they are our future. I didn't choose more parks as I feel we have many and maintaining them is a huge cost. My choices were not based on my own needs but the needs of the community for the future of Long Beach and Making It A #1 City to Travel to and Live In.  |
| 3  | The survey does not cover taking a hard look at the salaries of all City employees, elected and otherwise. All pension plans for same should be renegotiated; it is completely ridiculous and unsustainable for retiring public service employees to make more in retirement than they did when working their jobs. Also, asking for more funding to the homeless when there is already SO much available is also unreasonable! Establishing good mental health facilities to treat these poor souls is a better way to start, in my opinion. The homeless situation has gone on for too long and been ignored by our elected officials for way too long. Very bad business decisions have been made due to the COVID19 scare and it is time the City Council get to work and look to cut their expenses versus taxing the community out of oblivion! Thank you for this opportunity, I sure hope it doesn't fall on deaf ears. |
| 3  | The survey is short sighted - blight, crime, education, and equity are related. Fix these issues early and money will be saved in the long run.   |
| 3  | The trash/debris all along the on ramps and off ramps - 7th St.to the 405/605/22 is third world country - beds, buckets, furniture, blankets, trash, styrofoam, orange cones, paper, entire trash bags split open and trash/debris everywhere - the same orange cone has been in this one spot since last Thanksgiving - it's despicable and disgusting - get it cleaned up - this is America - get it cleaned up - it is BLIGHT BIG TIME - very depressing and evil  |
| 3  | There are lots of things that are nice to have. And many that are not essential. In many areas the city should just get out of the way of businesses.   |
| 3  | There are piles of litter everywhere. Look at Atlantic off ramp- More and more I read about rat problems in Belmont Park It has become an issue. Less building more and more / take better care of what we have. Over population is becoming an issue.  |
| 3  | There is nothing on the survey that I found unimportant or that am not happy to pay taxes for. However, with the covid issues, public health and safety will have to take priority over things like cultural programs. With the changes at LBUSD, public internet and affordable youth programs also increase in importance. We have appreciated the high levels of communication from the city and our councilperson.  |

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| 3  | There should be a greater focus on community programs and needs rather than focusing on businesses. The City should also defund the police and look into diverting those funds to uplifting the LB community such as focusing on homelessness.  |
| 3  | There should be an additional choice for voting (e.g. more information needed). Also, space to add a comment. For instance, I think that having a paramedic service is critical, however, I think that Huntington Beach has a better system. They charge a nominal fee yearly for those who want to participate. The city then accepts whatever the resident's insurance pays as payment in full. The charges that Long Beach assesses are excessive. Parking tickets are also excessive. Eliminating waste of taxpayer money would cover a lot of the lost revenue in these areas. Our money needs to be spent more wisely.  |
| 3  | There were no questions regarding salaries and pensions. Didn't care for the choices offered.   |
| 3  | These comments and opinions represent my views at this moment in time. I recognize that the city does not have unlimited funds, and that some services are important in good times and less so when confronting a pandemic. The most important thing the city can spend its funds on right now is providing adequate, reliable and quick COVID-19 testing, tracing, and results reporting. I believe this is the only thing that is going to work to keep the contagion at bay over the next year or two until there is an effective vaccine available to all. We need a healthy population before we can have a healthy economy.   |
| 3  | They're all important and I could not in good conscience say one was less important.  |
| 3  | Things that make life enjoyable here are well maintained parks that are free of criminal activity, keeping the city clean and unpolluted, controlling crime in our neighborhoods, and hopefully doing away with some of the intense noise pollution here from helicopters and leaf blowers. We are considering leaving the state because we are both retired and can't stand the incessant noise from gardening machinery and motorcycles. I know you can't do much about the high population density in the neighborhoods, but just keeping it a little quieter by banning gas leaf blowers would make a huge difference in the quality of life. Also enforcement against excessive noise from motorcycles.  |
| 3  | This City has improved so much in the last 20-30 years, let's not loose all that hard work. Long Beach is a jewel, and we need to keep it that way. Also, just because cops can run a red light, doesn't mean they should. They should set a good example. And that's just Hetherington tip of the iceberg on the cops not following the rules.   |
| 3  | This city is not business-friendly and, since moving here as a teenager to attend college student, has never been business-friendly. We built a terminal for JetBlue, and they're now leaving the city. Our Mayor only seems to support causes that are near and dear to him: painting rainbow crosswalks, creating density during a pandemic, touting his love for DC Comics, campaigning for Kamela Harris and now Joe Biden. Stay home, Mayor, and tend to your city and its citizens. This city is falling apart under your watch, and you're allowing it. It was embarrassing to watch him on TV giving a "press conference" during the looting. He looked like the President of a jr. high school student body rather than California's sixth largest city. We need a more business-friendly environment, less pandering to groups like BLM and getting this city out of debt. Few people know how the new city hall was funded with land and resources given to the developer with the deepest pockets. This is not the same city it was 10 years ago...so sad. I think our Mayor should also stay off Twitter and keep his political views to himself - just do the job you were elected to do. |
| 3  | This FY should be focused on public safety, cleanliness and traffic control. Everything else should be put off until next FY.   |
| 3  | This is a highly questionable budget survey. We are facing a huge deficit and asking the importance of items overlooks the importance of trade-offs. Most of what you have listed are "desirable" and would be nice to fund. But that is not the reality. What you are asking is how to "slice the budget pie" but this does not provide any insight into that option. In the short run we might select different allocation of resources than in the long run. Some items are more discretionary than others. Without any sense of the impact of these options (percent of total budget) the survey is at best a "wish list" not policy choices or policy options. I guess the real purpose is to give elected officials "cover" for choices made based on "public feedback" even if the feedback is has no direct connection to the budgetary consequences (or benefits) of those choices.  |
| 3  | This is a unique budget because it is during a pandemic. The city must take a new and bold approach to the budget in this historic time. We need funds thrown at health, fighting this virus, and especially alleviating the suffering of our neighbors in west and north LB. Push the "pothole"  |



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|    | funding for this coming year and find as much as you can to keep our citizens from dying! It's your main goal. We can make it up later, if we all live that long.   |
| 3  | This is based on covering the budget deficit and working towards resolving the community unrest issues over the next 2-3 years, not what the responses would be in "normal" times. We need to invest in programs to address gangs and create more realistic options for youth than gang membership since frankly, systemic racial issues have given rise to their power and since it was caused/endured bc of the older generations, we need to be the ones to tighten our belt buckles and pay for arts, family activities, remove graffiti in the community as happened in the riots, avoid potholes, and decrease some senior services to do so for a few years, so be it. We also need to ensure that any economic programs to help restaurants are supported by review of actual financial data and need. The pandemic has taught us that we need universal free access to internet so that disadvantaged children can have access to schooling. |
| 3  | This is going to be a tough time for budget choices but I believe that we must pause/delay/reduce service for certain maintenance (street sweeping every other week for instance) and long term items such as debt relief to continue to provide much needed services - libraries, parks, sustainability/air quality. Our population will see decreased personal/familial resources due to the virus and expected reduced employment due to future economic downturn. I will maintain that we MUST continue to address environmental/sustainability issues as we have a limited time to do so to make sure we don't lose open space opportunities and address the immediate needs of climate change.  |
| 3  | This is the worst City Council in the history of Long Beach. The changes to the Land Use Element will result in gentrification and lower levels of quality of life. The Belmont Park and Aquatic Center is a COMPLETE WASTE of public funds and serves a racist agenda. Defund Development Services and stop giving them raises and allowing pension spikes.  |
| 3  | This reflects my thoughts for 2021. In other years, this could change based on available funds.   |
| 3  | This survey did not indicate any budget next to anyone of the items mentioned. Why?   |
| 3  | This survey does not address funding our public health department, who has been at the forefront of fighting this worldwide pandemic. We need to provide more funding to our public health department!  |
| 3  | This survey is a waste of time and precious resources. Questions are poised in such a way that no one would say they don't want this service. No reasonable alternatives are provided and this is just an excuse to keep on spending too much. What the city needs is serious pension reform, particularly for police and fire. Fire can be reduced by half while maintaining efficiency (why are fires down and firefighters up? Also, for this to be meaningful, we also need to know the Dollar amounts being used up by these services.   |
| 3  | This survey is misleading because it does not mention that some of the items have other financial sources (Homeless grant money from HHH) that can be used if the city budget MUST be used for immediate issues (such as is occurring now.)   |
| 3  | This survey seems perfunctory and full of false equivalences. The choices are all great ones but a simple either/or series of questions might get to the point. Libraries and Parks > Street "Cleaning" Homeless Services > Armed Police Patrol, for instance.  |
| 3  | This survey was not a good method to get community insight. Questions were out of context. Of course everything on this list is important...  |
| 3  | This was a bit of a blunt tool, of everyone wants all of these thing and there are trade offs that need to be made and more ways of finding efficiencies through out. On the beach yesterday I saw four patrol cars responding to a single homeless man. Arguably police should not be responding at all, and four units seems wasteful. I would also like to see more capital expenses and a greater emphasis on streets, including new bike lanes and street trees. Greater efficiencies at city hall should always be a priority. Thanks for the opportunity.  |
| 3  | This was difficult because many areas are going to be affected due to the Corona virus since many of them are going to be closed e.g., arts, library. I value police and fire services which certainly flow into the homeless problem. I also feel it is very important to assist the small businesses which are suffering due to the virus and appreciate the cities assistance it is giving them e.g., loans, allowing the restaurants extra space in the streets (2nd street in Belmont Shore and Naples)  |
| 3  | THIS YEARS PRIORITIES MUST BE DIFFERENT: 1) We personally are strong supporters of the arts, but THIS year's public monies must be reduced; in times such as these there are well-to-do   |

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|    | donors that can step forward . 2) Public access to libraries must be increased so marginalized people and lower SES students have wider access to library technology. 3) Parks and programs for students & families especially are needed now to support their mental and physical well-being. 4) It is more important to MAINTAIN the cleanliness and safety of EXISTING parks than to develop new parks this year. Hire Park Professionals to reimagine existing parks in a post-COVID scenario. Develop new parks NEXT year. 5) The survey mentions "planning for the future of the city" which is SO VAGUE a description that it sounds like a catch-all category. No opinion. 5) Care for ALL neighborhoods, so children and elderly alike are not harmed by tree dangers and sidewalk/road dangers. This not only contributes to citizen safety, but goes a long way toward making ALL citizens feel valued by the city, rather than left behind. 6) THERE IS NO MENTION OF REDESIGNING WORK RESPONSIBILITIES so that community services professionals can be the lead responders to many non-emergency calls formerly handled by the police. Police should in time become more involved in community events and mentoring youth. |
| 3  | Three items occur to me that are unneeded expenditures that the city would be wise to eliminate and therefore save money. 1. The Queen Mary has become a huge burden on the city. We need to address how to eliminate, sell or sink it to reduce the Financial drain it poses. 2. The Belmont Pool replacement has become too expensive and fails to meet the needs of the city. The design should be simplified and re-thought to minimize expense and maximize revenue. Outdoor pool design with NO diving tanks solves this issue. 3. The proposed synthetic soccer field at El Dorado Park is an unneeded. The Installation and maintenance expenses have been poorly vetted and lack full resident review through City Council. It is unsound in terms of public and environmental health. The current concept fails to address the concerns of neighborhood residents with regard to parking, noise levels and light pollution. This project should be eliminated from consideration. I love Long Beach. I raised my four kids here. I want to see our Community thrive into the future. I believe eliminating or reducing expenditures related to these three projects will help greatly.  |
| 3  | Time to get back to the basics of city government - safety, economic growth, and quality of life. We can not "heal" everyone, nor fulfill everyone's needs. Charitable groups can and they need city encouragement. Please keep our taxes under control. Please do not waste our money. Please use it wisely. Thanks  |
| 3  | Top priority is to maintain current staffing levels for both Fire and Police Departments.   |
| 3  | Unfortunately everything cost money and the city can't keep raising taxes. City government needs to be more efficient. I have a hard time understanding why 4 city cars need to follow one street sweeper. I saw that today, July 9 at 11 am on Ocean and 7th Place. The number of employees that appear to be standing around watching one worker fill a pot hole. I have asked multiple times for help with our driveway that is raised because of tree roots. They did a temporary fix last October--it is still hasn't been repaired properly. I am disappointed that Jet Blue is leaving Long Beach. I still can't understand why Long Beach isn't an International Airport. This would have been a win win for the city, the airlines and the residents. I do love living in Long Beach even though I am complaining.   |
| 3  | Unfortunately, it doesn't seem as if the City ever had a 'rainy day' plan. Let's see what needs to be CUT from that 80% fixed spending!!! What about looking into that??? Gets old listening to the fire and police crisis always!!! YES, all of us are hurting from this pandemic, but we all have cut way back and learned to live with it!!! Sure, all the above 'line items' are important, but when there is NO money and NO reserves to pull from, something needs to be cut!! PERHAPS SOME OF THE NEW CITY HALL NEEDS TO BE SUBLET and have more employees working out of their homes using ZOOM!  |
| 3  | Until covid19 is in our past, we should only concern ourselves with public safety issues. Arrest criminals who are running rampant through our city and prosecute them for their crimes. Keep sending fire/ems when they are called. Put everything else on the "back burner" until we can come up for air.   |
| 3  | use the community groups as support to some of the city services.   |
| 3  | Very concerned about the large council staffs and over focus on social justice warrior equity budgeting and lack of focus on basics like infrastructure and fiscal responsibility   |
| 3  | Voter ID no more stuffing ballots like on prop 6 And M .No more money for stupid round abouts.  |
| 3  | We are in crisis and contrary to reports in crime wave. With low budget all attention should be on our safety and survival. All nice to have stuff has to go.   |

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| 3  | We are losing the safety of our city for our children and the beauty of the open safe flow of our community from 2nd street to the pier and to the bay and shore areas! Loss of local business, due to drugs and homeless without enough police to manage the situation upfront proactively. Very sad that the once safe community is now has residents pitted against the city because everyone is afraid to do what needs to be done! Suzie you signed up make it better and everyone knows you can, stop worrying about the optics and making everyone happy and being afraid to make our community safe and flourish again! We need your strength and leadership and you have it, to come out of our current situation fighting to take back our neighborhood and protect the police and fire and let them help you and us! |
| 3  | We canNOT continue to fund police /fire retirement as we are doing. They need to pitch into their retirement as teachers now have to do. The amount of years they work and the huge portion of their salary that they reserve HAS to be reduced! Long Beach has to work to ditch their motto of Long Beach, the city of the homeless ☹️ We need to be strict on the homeless as Seal Beach is! Mentally ill homeless people need to be identified and assisted. Drug addicts/alcoholics do NOT need help. AA/NA will assist them when they have hit bottom and want help. Anything else is a waste of time/money.   |
| 3  | We feel an orderly, well-maintained and very drivable, cyclable and walking city is important. Repair our streets !!!!! Keep city sales tax and crime low. Maintain our parks.  |
| 3  | We have to prioritize our spending due to the reduced tax revenue. The following items are great when we are flush with revenue, but now is not the time: - Providing affordable housing - Providing translating services - Providing services and identifying solutions that address homelessness - Providing environmental sustainability programs - Providing public access to the internet - Providing arts and cultural programs - Creating new parks and open space - Providing programs for seniors Thank you.   |
| 3  | We must address inequities that are structurally entrenched in our city services. Libraries, universal access to internet and digital devices are paramount in every district of the city.  |
| 3  | We must follow law and order to protect all citizens rights!  |
| 3  | We must fund and support the police. No cutbacks. Get the homeless off the streets. Thx very much.  |
| 3  | We must keep libraries open and well-funded! Our city must have access to books during this unprecedented time. Many people cannot afford to go to the bookstore and buy books so they must have access to free book borrowing! Thank you!  |
| 3  | We MUST re-allocate funding away from police (e.g., Measure "H") to fund more effective and higher priority activities.   |
| 3  | We need "Two-Tiered" policing, where unarmed officers try to calm a situation down and gain trust of those involved and record information. If needed, they then call in the "regular, armed police" What we see now is the same as that expression: "If the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail" Clearly, this is how conventional police services operate and we need a two-tiered system. It's quite urgent.  |
| 3  | We need expenditures on our people, more than we need them on our "things."   |
| 3  | We need fewer police and more social and health support professionals. Solicit a cadre of volunteers to help with simple maintenance (e.g. painting, light carpentry, mowing). Use savings to fund housing, health care, and social services. Let's capitalize on our diversity and ask unique groups in our city to help us get to know one another. We are Long Beach, and we can do this!  |
| 3  | We need more affordable GOOD housing available for those living on minimum wage income. Nothing even close to that exists here thats bigger than a box.   |
| 3  | We need more patrolling of our parks. Prosecuting misdemeanors to stop the crimes by so called homeless individuals.  |
| 3  | We need more police - not less. And a city council that is business friendly  |
| 3  | We need more trees planted in poorer neighborhoods. Trees give shade and in these communities more people are out walking or waiting for public transportation. It's also hotter in these areas and shade decreases temperature. Also, bus stops in sunny areas should have some type of shade lending infrastructure.  |
| 3  | We need our police department to step up and take control with the current looting, and all of the protestors on our streets with the current COVID situation. We need more police.   |

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| 3  | We need prevention programs for youth and underserved communities to prevent police presence in these communities. Prevention programs not more police and not more 'law-and-order'. Prevention (after schools programs, jobs programs, arts, science, family planning/assistance programs) we need to support each other not police each other. Policing neighborhoods further divides us!   |
| 3  | We need to curb special program spending and focus on infrastructure, safety and our park projects so people have places to enjoy outdoors.   |
| 3  | We NEED to eliminate and cut the fat ... LB City needs to quit paying / being responsible for huge court settlements by Police Dept that has virtually no accountability. Cut fat by eliminating double-dipping for city workers (Police/Fire), some retire, then take another government job after retirement, thereby double-dipping benefits & wages. Cut fat for higher/director level positions, LBC pays better than private sector wages plus better government pension benefits, on tax payer dime, which drives our budget into negative and is unfair. Government workers should be paid fair, but not abusive of tax payers. The result is high taxes and few city services. |
| 3  | We need to focus our resources into ending inequities in our society. Once those wounds heal, our crime rate will drop.   |
| 3  | We need to FUND our Police! Thank youLBPD   |
| 3  | We need to get the pensions under control. Too many public workers have high pensions, while the private industry folks have suffered and endured the end of their pensions and health benefits. The city continually begs for money and does not spend it wisely. Sales tax suck.  |
| 3  | We need to heavily decrease the police budget and redirect it towards other important things such as tackling homelessness. Also create some sort of program to help out families and individuals struggling with their financial needs because of COVID-19.  |
| 3  | We need to provide additional funding to the LBFire Heart team and establish an alternative to police response to mental health and other crises that police have no proper training or temperament to deal with.   |
| 3  | We should not be held responsible for the mistakes of the city! Closing all businesses for months on end has been death to our business economy - and the leadership is responsible for that huge mistake! We should have quarantined only our old and infirm. City staff can all take a salary hit for this mistake!   |
| 3  | We think funds within public safety should be directed toward specialized training and/or additional mental health services units. These services/units are vital to help with deescalation of potentially violent situations.  |
| 3  | We've lived along E. Ocean Blvd. for the past 4 years and it's a raceway and loud exhaust, cruising free for all. Rarely is there enforcement or deterrents for the above problems. Weekends are especially bad.  |
| 3  | What is meant by "low crime rate". That's a deceiving question! Of course everyone wants that, but how you accomplish that is what's important. That shouldn't mean more money for police! Shift money from police to services, education, park and rec, etc.. The police get far too much money of the cities budget already!!!  |
| 3  | What is the city doing to cut costs on supplies, postage, and other operational costs? Why doesn't the city declare bankruptcy and renegotiate the pensions? The unfunded pensions and other union costs are the largest liabilities for the city.  |
| 3  | What is the REAL purpose of this survey?  |
| 3  | What portion of the general fund goes to pensions and unfunded liabilities? Is the cost trajectory sustainable? Are the pension, health and other benefits we provide to city employees in line with those offered by non-government employers? At what point in time do we project that the city will be bankrupt unless taxes are increased?  |
| 3  | Whatever you do DO NOT DEFUND OR REDUCE POLICE RESOURCES! Also start being concern about the residents and homeowners who have been here for years in ALL areas of the city. Stop putting bike lanes all over. You have created and caused chaos, accidents and traffic nightmares in our neighborhoods. From 55 year old born and raised Long Beach resident   |
| 3  | When criminals are released early, people are not opportunists vandalizing, stealing, & distroying property NOT THEIRS, people respect law and order, etc., THEN we will consider reducing police action because citizens (YES-real USA citizens) will care enough to call out those that...sometimes forget or have no fear of the crime they are committing.  |

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| 3  | While all of these services are important to me, I believe some take precedent over others and the city should stay within it's budget. NO new parks!!! The ones we have aren't well maintained. There is a long strip of land across the street from me that never gets cleaned up. The pine needles are a fire hazard.  |
| 3  | While the movement to defund police departments continues to move forward, I believe that there are efficiencies that can be found within this movement. A police officer is a very very expensive City employee and if alternatives can be found that are less expensive employees to the City to respond to certain calls could potentially be more efficient for the City.   |
| 3  | While we focus on mitigating pandemic issues and generating solutions for citizens most impacted, some of our regularly important programs may need to be put on hold for the next 12 months. While our family supports all of the programs in this list, we anticipate that most programs may need to be cut or greatly reduced to accommodate the more urgent needs facing our neighbors and local businesses.  |
| 3  | Who do i call to get all of the debris, trash, garbage, big items (mattresses) removed from the on ramp to the 605 North traveling on 7th Street? The 605 North looks like a third world country from the 7th street on ramp traveling north to the Del Amo exit there are items, debris and trash still on the sides of the roadway from December 2019. I can point them out to you .... third world country is not a good look - it's embarrassing and shameful and not necessary - right?? Who can I call? Thanks!   |
| 3  | Why is health - public health - not on here? It should be a top priority! The recent pandemic has highlighted the fact that the public health department is underfunded and under staffed and I am disappointed to not see it listed here. We need to fund the health department to address health issues but also so they can do more to PREVENT and lower the risks by reducing the "underlying health conditions" that we all keep hearing about. This is a MAJOR oversight of the City to not include this in the survey and I'm afraid shows a lack of commitment to ensure the health and safety of LB residents.   |
| 3  | With a \$30,000,000 budget deficit essential services should be funded and the nice to haves deferred. No time to add new programs.   |
| 3  | With the current pandemic Internet, libraries, childcare are crucial. Heard immunity and a vaccine or not around the corner. This coming year's budget should be focused on providing resources for people who have to go to work. I Donely makes sense that crime and homelessness increase when people cannot find jobs and get the mental help they need. The budget should center around those items. City beautification although nice, can be put on hold for other more important priorities at this time. Minimizing the homeless problem, getting people back to work, protecting the assets, people and property, we currently have, should be this fiscal year's priorities.   |
| 3  | Would support diverting some police funding to fund community support services (mental illness, domestic matters, etc) so our police dept can be supported by other professionals. We ask too much from our police.   |
| 3  | Wow, I could write a novel based on some of these survey questions. You ask a couple questions about crime after downtown was ravaged during the 2020 riots and the police were told to stand down by the Mayor? This in light of the governor essentially opening up the prisons . \$1,500,000 for Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and then you ask if Paying down the City's unfunded liabilities (pensions, heath care, etc.) is a priority? Do you think this is good stewardship by the city to propose to spend 1.5 million in tax revenues that they essentially don't have in this way? As usual it's easy to spend other people's money. It seems that city leadership in Long Beach will continue to ignore most facts and just keep on taxing the populace, e.g. 10.4% increase for gas utility customers, one of the highest sales tax rates in the country 10.25%, etc. to plug shortfalls. Long Beach will also probably jump onto the bandwagon to defund the police as well. Good luck with that. And you wonder why people and businesses have been leaving the city and the state in droves? Very simple answer, the California tipping point of high taxes and increasingly onerous regulatory laws. Like many other "producers" I have decided to vote with my feet and will be leaving CA by year's end and taking my income with me. Great weather.....but you can have the rest. So long LB. |
| 3  | Yes, Black Lives Matter. Peaceful protests, regardless of the cause, are encouraged. Destructive rioting, looting should be stopped and those responsible prosecuted. Easy to write, more difficult to carry out. As a city, our administration at some level failed during the most recent events.   |

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| 3  | You pretty well covered it. A category to possibly add in a future survey would be... things you feel passionately about.  |
| 3  | You think you're slick, but this entire survey was phrased in such a way that you could justify the lowest possible cut to police forces. I want more library hours so i can get my work done, not more cops in the street terrorizing us and making us feel scared in our own city. Cops do not de-escalate. We don't need more task forces. We need mental health, youth, homeless services. Why do we only put money into destructiveness? If more money was put into ensuring better livelihood this community could thrive. And while you're at it, get that closeted Republican loser out as Mayor, or we're coming for him ourselves.   |
| 3  | You wouldn't have to worry so much about money if you just open business back up and taxes would be collected. You are making the choice to shut down everything. Stand up for the people you serve get kids back in school get business open again. Stop messing with our lives and our future. What our you going to do when people like me in their 50's lose everything they worked their lives for. I know if i lose the home and retirement i sacrificed time with my family etc and i wind up homeless are you going to help me. I think not. If your afraid of covid stay home and lose everything you have. Don't force the rest of us into poverty and government assistance. Or is that the plan. I'm voting Republican ticket in November. I usually vote a mixture because i think it's important all voices are heard but not anymore.   |
| 3  | Your survey covers services, but does not address the cost of those services, nor does it address potential *new* services that could assist in reducing police brutality and use of force. According to the FY 20 budget proposal, 51% of General Fund expenditures are paid towards salaries. The budget proposal states that of the total \$225,185,292 spent on salaries in the General Fund, \$107,705,648 is spent on salaries for Police. And when compared to other departments, this is a large amount that even doubles the expenditures of the next most-expensive salaries for the Fire Dept. So why do we pay the police so much? They respond to over 208,000 dispatch calls and there are only 1,000 Police for a population of nearly 500,000. How many of these calls could have been handled by alternate/new services like social workers or counselors? How many of the calls were related to crime that caused immediate harm to the public? How much of what we are paying Police go to overtime? These factors need to be addressed when asking the public how we want to reallocate funds. Defund the police. Invest in programs that help people stay safe and away from crime. Invest in new social services that help the public in non-violent crimes. Crack down on police overtime and salaries so you can hire qualified people for new social services. Invest in reducing police brutality and use of force. The City needs to answer to its citizens, not the LBPOA. |
| 4  | City officials need to consider subcontract City services Street sweepers Trash collectors   |
| 4  | #1 concern is public safety  |
| 4  | 1.Noise reduction! Noise abatement on motorcycles and improperly muffled vehicles, including city busses! Long Beach " regulates", or rather OVER REGULATES almost every aspect of our life in this city, but allows noise pollution to affect the overall quality of our daily existence! 2. For added revenue, consider PERMIT PARKING in congested areas ( I.e. Belmont Shore and all residential neighborhoods south of Anaheim Street,etc.) and earmark that revenue to repair city streets and to enforce garage use for vehicles, rather than storage! 3. We have the largest CSU population in our city; we need to enlist and engage those students in " think tank" Opportunities to help the city solve community problems such homelessness, race relations, community policing, congested housing, traffic patterns, green space etc. Involving young people in our city gives them a sense of " belonging" and investment in the community.  |
| 4  | 48.0% of general funds being allocated to the police department is unacceptable. 135 people were shot and killed by police officers in California in 2019. There is blood on your hands. Defund the LBPD now.  |
| 4  | All calls to 911 that require neither fire dept nor armed police response should be transferred to appropriate social services, staffed with personnel trained to deal with homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic disputes, traffic accidents, and so forth - along with the budget currently given to police. Police services should be reserved for situations that require them.   |
| 4  | Although the LBC has all types of residents, the families are least mobile and most impacted by budget cuts so please shift from Downtown to areas with more families.   |

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| 4  | Appreciate the communication of council members from 3,5. Never hear from my own. Survey spoke little of the crisis intervention needed to balance public health and parent's ability to go to work, maintain our fragile economy. Also need to find a way to convince our residents here and in adjacent communities to stop being so self centered and get back to a sense of community caring. That includes the horrifically rude families allowing weeks of fire crackers, fireworks...teaching kids that rudeness and avoiding laws we don't like is justified. For once, I'm embarrassed to be a Long Beach home owner. Even our Mayor sweating out his family's illness will likely do little more than be a blip on the news cycle. Sad!!  |
| 4  | Art and youth programs can use more funds. We could use more rental relief programs and we should move around the times of street sweeping in districts where it's harder to find parking. This impacts a lot of low-income families as several of us live together in order to make up for the rent prices. Reduce rent now.   |
| 4  | As a landlord I believe in investing in more affordable housing and opportunities for minority first time home buyers.  |
| 4  | Can we please address the use of illegal fireworks once and for all within the city limits, it gets worse every year with little or no enforcement? Please place city focus and pressure on LBUSD to provide meaningful at-home learning programs for our kids. Let us be an example for the US on this.  |
| 4  | City budget money should focus on safety and liveability of our city. Police should not be overly weaponized. Don't treat every protest as a war zone. Focus on getting people the help they need, rather than criminalizing them.  |
| 4  | City needs to take aggressive action in getting the homeless people off the streets. Mental health services need to be a top priority in Long Beach; develop a strong qualified team of mental health workers and social workers who will go out into the streets and meet the needs of people where they are 24/7. this is not a job for the police; that's been proven. Need more programs available for drug & alcohol addicts that are effective. City needs to stop overdoing it with parking tickets that cost \$70.00, for simple things. everyone knows there is not enough parking throughout the city. Instead of the city officials trying to make Long Beach better for its residence if feels like we're always fighting with the city because of the strict rules and regulations that cost us money. The parking police are ruthless and rude and never give anyone a break! Some things in the police department and the way it is overseen need to be figured differently. we can't have the fox watching the hen house the way it is now. That's ridiculous! More housing for seniors and low income people need to be available. landlords requiring income of three times the amount of rent is insane and should not be required. A survey should be taken in this city to see how many people earn \$50,000 or less per year and then decide what affordable rent would be! |
| 4  | Clean up the homeless mess, and the messes they make!   |
| 4  | Connectivity of open space is also important and should be considered as a way to enhance the Bicycle Masterplan. We need more mixed-use developments that provide affordable housing as well as job opportunity and goods and services for the people within the community. We need to enhance the use of vacant lots by either creating a tax on vacant lots that goes towards affordable housing or allowing temporary use of vacant lots with community gardens so that the community can benefit from the lots vacancy.  |
| 4  | Current policing has proven ineffective and dangerous to citizens, especially those of us who are people of color or disabled. We need to defund them and return that money to the community. If we are truly worried about crime, homelessness, and drug use we need to provide services, and homes, to these people. It's far more effective and far cheaper than policing them. This has been seen all over the country, especially notably in Utah where giving houses, no strings attached, to the homeless as well as access to counseling services dropped persistent homelessness dramatically.   |
| 4  | Cut the city employee pay. Not service. Let City employee pay their Medical and retirement cost. That will save money and can be used to keep city services. Bring in private Contractors to handle city daily function.  |
| 4  | Defund LBPd   |
| 4  | Defund the LBPd by at least 50% and fund parks, affordable housing, and public health instead.  |
| 4  | defund the police   |

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| 4  | Defund the police and invest in providing the best education for our youth, our future!   |
| 4  | Defund the police and put the money towards housing, homelessness advocacy, and schools.  |
| 4  | Defund the police complete and put the money towards programs like CAHOOTS in Eugene Oregon. No one should be unhoused while we have empty luxury apartments because of high rent prices.   |
| 4  | Defund the police in order to impact the community in a positive way. Police do not handle confrontations with the homeless effectively and we need more support systems that can help people rather than punish them.  |
| 4  | Defund the police!  |
| 4  | Defunding of Police and redistributing money towards education and community programs.  |
| 4  | Do NOT DEFUND police-Safety, reducing crime is number one priority  |
| 4  | Do Not Defund the Police .. please do not pander to those yelling to divert police funding to social programs. Maintain our police services.  |
| 4  | Do not defund the police. The problem is criminals!   |
| 4  | Do not defund the police. The problem is criminals!   |
| 4  | Do not furlough City employees! Especially those funded by enterprise funds!  |
| 4  | Do not increase the police budget. Please use the proposed increase instead on homeless shelters and beach maintenance (clean-up specifically).   |
| 4  | Don't just implement across the board cuts. Priorities should be the safety and security of residents and their properties, protecting, maintaining and enhancing the city's infrastructure and natural resources and getting the city's economy back on track. Don't defund LBCPD. It is obvious we don't have enough officers to stop the looting and shooting and explosions.  |
| 4  | Economic development for minority businesses. Divest in the police department and reinvest in community services, mental health, housing, education, restorative justice and drug counseling.   |
| 4  | eliminate deputy city managers and police chief protection. eliminate company cars given to people whom don't need them   |
| 4  | Enforce and promote clean streets. Enforce littering laws. Promote clean business store front presentations. Enforce the removal of homeless trash and belongings from public spaces.   |
| 4  | Enforce the laws, all of them, and double the police force. Safe cities grow - growth paves the way for increased tax revenue. Deal with the homeless, it is out of control.  |
| 4  | Everyone wants a low crime rate. Police are not the solution to providing this -- programs to support the community are. Support for start-ups and small businesses owned and operated by the community should be the focus of economic development plans. We shouldn't see any more corporate chains eating up prime locations and driving up rents in LBC -- tax new corporate outlets opening up at a higher rate if they want to come take advantage of operating in LBC. |
| 4  | For the past few decades the downtown has beautified but 1 mile away from that perimeter streets had not been repaired properly potholes and side walks are in deplorable conditions .City inspectors as well city repair contractors must be change or do the work properly.   |
| 4  | Fund the library so they can afford digital resources to help the community. Give them extra funding so they can address the homelessness problem. Actually consider them when you're doing the budget instead of giving them nothing.  |
| 4  | Funding homeschool families. we need support, we are not teachers and have to hire help so that our kiddos can successfully pass the school year curriculum without a teacher in person. I have 2 young school aged children.   |
| 4  | help to fund afterschool teen centers that have been cut due to the last recession using funds from the police budget.  |
| 4  | High rents are going to kill us all. Greed will do us in. Corrupt city officials 🤔 some salaries are too high! Parking is a huge problem. Daryl Supernaw is awesome!! I totally trust him!! Wish all the city officials were like him.  |
| 4  | Homelessness is a major issue due to skyrocketing rent and stagnant wages! Please do something to alleviate the vicious cycle..   |
| 4  | Housing costs are getting out of hand. We need affordable housing.  |



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| 4  | How about sharing the priorities of LBC Leadership and allowing us to provide feedback to their priorities? Give us more background (high level summaries) to support the stated priorities - so we can provide meaningful feedback. Give us the biggest upcoming concerns, obstacles and weaknesses to educate the public. Perhaps this could be on each Councilperson's website?   |
| 4  | I don't know if we have neighborhood police patrols now. These responses are based on current economic and Covid19 related issues and do not reflect what I would have answered 6 months ago. Emergency health and safety measures for the entire community take precedence, then health, education and technology access for our children   |
| 4  | I live in a neighborhood close to CSULB. The streets here require permits to keep university students from parking in residential neighborhoods. I don't feel that it is fair for the residents to have to pay for these permits if we can prove residency. I think we should be able to apply for and be given a permit per registered vehicle at each address, as long as we can prove that we do indeed live there. I also feel that libraries should be open longer. They should be open for regular business hours six days a week, if not seven, and until 7 or 8 pm M-F. Lastly, park equipment upgrades should take into account younger children and differently-abled children. A lot of the newer "modern design" equipment only works for older, typically-abled kids. Long Beach would do well to take a look at Lakewood's parks and their play equipment. |
| 4  | I marked "no opinion" for "maintaining a low crime rate" because, while I do believe we should maintain a low crime rate, policing is not the best way to go about doing so. Better mental health services, treating drug addiction and drug offenses as mental health issues and not crimes, and better preparing our youth to be self-sufficient and creating jobs for them is how we maintain a low crime rate. Not policing.   |
| 4  | I recently gave out food to the homeless around Long Beach, and the amount of people I saw was heartbreaking. It was around 85 degrees that day and these people had to lug around whatever possessions they had in the heat. We need to start funding more homeless shelters and homes for these people because they do not deserve to be living this way. We also need to start funding mental health centers and schools, as well as allowing there to be affordable housing.   |
| 4  | I support "defunding the police" in a way that takes some of those funds and puts them instead toward organizations that assist with mental illness, homelessness, domestic issues and youth. We need "helpers" who can assist people in need and not just gun toting strong arms who act more like military and forget how to serve and protect.  |
| 4  | I support modified proportional share...PD and Fire MUST share in cuts. I support some re-prioritization of LBPd funding, but not dramatic cuts just for the sake of cuts (i.e. I support modified proportional cuts but not "defund" concepts). For God's sake finally get rid of the Council District slush funds (Divide by 9) and rely on staff to look at Citywide needs and not just rewarding favored special interest groups.  |
| 4  | I support our mayor, and approve of the job he is doing for our city.  |
| 4  | I think policing should be defunded and redirected to other services. I also think that lower income neighborhoods need additional help with beautification and cleaning up. Please keep it in your plans to implement some sort of rent control, as rent prices are ridiculous in this city. And say no to gentrification!  |
| 4  | I think that we as a city need to provide more public health funding especially considering everything happening with COVID. Shame on the city. Our poor health department managers have been working day and night, every weekend. They deserve a bonus!  |
| 4  | I urge the City of Long Beach to reduce the Long Beach Police Department's budget by not less than 50% in the coming fiscal year and reinvest that money into developing the low-income, Black, and Brown communities of the city. I would specifically like the city to invest in arts and music programs for elementary and middle schools in lower-income areas. Any economic development initiative must put our current residents first and ensure that our community members who rent will not be priced out of their homes in favor of new developments.  |
| 4  | I want funds to be redirected from police and policing to libraries, park services, homeless prevention and assistance and language services. I do not want broken windows policing, going after low level offenders, and the continued over policing of black and brown communities in Long Beach.  |
| 4  | I want to be clear that I don't want more police funding or more police involvement in communities. Bring in other agencies that are not militarized and stop seeking out crimes to punish.  |

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| 4  | I want to see reduced Grime need more safely thanks  |
| 4  | I would like to see real investment in affordable housing and permanent housing for the homeless in Long Beach. I want us to maintain and expand our investment in public transit, especially in residential areas. I also would like to see more transformative investments in schools that bring LB public schools into the 21st century with technology, internet access, and curriculum.   |
| 4  | I would like to see the budget more geared towards public services such as after school programs, teen programs, parks and recreation, libraries. Please consider diverting some of the police budget to creating more social response teams that can take on issues and relieve the burden of asking police to also be social workers.  |
| 4  | I'm not sure how well my survey answers address this, but my main concern at the moment is that the police department should be defunded so that the money can be reallocated to affordable housing, community resources, counselors/social workers in schools, and more programs that will actually benefit people. Instead of armed officers patrolling the streets, 911 calls should be met with trained mental health professionals. Police officers at schools should be replaced with counselors who can help kids grow instead of criminalizing them at a young age and forcing them into the prison industrial complex. Aside from this, we also need to make sure we are taking COVID-19 seriously and not reopening too quickly. All in all, current events show that now is the time to improve our city and make it a more comfortable place for everyone in our community.                    |
| 4  | I'm usually all for budget reserves, but this is the rainy day we've been saving for.  |
| 4  | In-depth policing and/or community safety alternatives CAHOOTS program   |
| 4  | Invest more in our assets , end random traffic stops.  |
| 4  | It is very important to change the budget from how it is currently structured and divest from the police force and reinvest in community programs  |
| 4  | I've recently traveled to Arizona, Nevada and Idaho. All of the cities in these states that I visited have very clean and well maintained parks and roads. They put Long Beach to shame. We should stop building anything else until we learn how take care of what we already have.   |
| 4  | Long Beach should defund the police budget and allocate funds to items such as: low cost mental health care, affordable housing, UBI, Medicare for all, and rehabilitation programs.   |
| 4  | Mental health needs to be on this. Very important.   |
| 4  | Merge Harbor Patrol and Parking Control with the Police Department. Revise job descriptions for parking control and change title to Community Services Officer so they can assist Police Officers with traffic control at car accidents, take reports with no suspect information, non-criminal traffic collision reports. Parking Control will then work 24/7 and allow officers to patrol and respond to more urgent calls.  |
| 4  | Misdemeanor enforcement is optional. All enforcement is optional. Every single misdemeanor? Every issue is extremely important. Yet all these questions seem the same reason to increase our city tax at 0.75%. I don't feel like we are in Santa Monica. Are LB developers getting all the benefits? Every district except district 3 is sub par. Why is the 47th district always left out of national legislation? Can we look to national legislation for some assistance? How do we have the 4th largest world port and we are the poorest? Maybe partner up with grocery stores instead of police to get crime down. I grew up in the Wrigley area and I have lived in LB for over 30 years. Bring back the Queen Mary fireworks show to get the firework 'problem' down. Then again it may be too late. Both Firefighters and Police Officers earn on average \$150,000 a year. They need more help? |
| 4  | My answers are geared to how I think we should prioritize issues during the COVID pandemic and for the current social climate. I always believe that we should prioritize health and safety of our constituents first (beginning with physical health and well-being then looking at emotional health) including jobs and affordable places to live. I guess it comes down to addressing needs over wants. Some of the things on the survey are clearly nice to have but not need to have.   |
| 4  | My biggest concerns are affordable housing and defunding the police.   |
| 4  | My priorities as a man who rides his bicycle to work!, traffic calming, lower speed limits and enforce; fix potholes. Oh and how about fireworks and loud motorcycles and hot rods. Quality of life is suffering because of these things.  |
| 4  | Need to fix sidewalks (trip hazard) and fix streets.   |

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| 4  | Need to focus time and money on expanding social services and less on LBPB public relations/advertising: Move budget money out of LBPB and into areas where those professionals who are trained and experienced in dealing with mental health issues, family disputes, homelessness, traffic accidents and so forth can make a difference - any and all situations that do NOT require armed police presence.  |
| 4  | No matter what some people who have been vocal about reducing the police budget say... DO NOT REDUCE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FUNDING. As shown by recent events, WE NEED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE FULLY FUNDED MORE THAN EVER! Thanks for listening!  |
| 4  | NO NEW TAXES, Many of the questions regarding the POLICE are items that they should be DOING AS THEIR JOBS.....NO PAY OR BENEFIT INCREASES FOR POLICE, FIRE AND CITY WORKERS UNTIL THE CITY IS SOLVENT AGAIN.  |
| 4  | Noise abatement, police patrol, homelessness, youth programs, maintaining parks and creating new parks and arts and cultural programs are most important to me.  |
| 4  | Not sure what "specialized police units" specifically entails, but we need to DEFUND THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY, and funding needs to be redirected for specialized NON POLICE units to respond to non violent situations  |
| 4  | Nothing for rental assistants.   |
| 4  | Of course each item is very important. I rated some lower because there is a budget deficit and some things are not as important at this time. Other considerations not addressed: 1) I'm against spending money on bike lanes and bollards. 2) I disagree with the push to provide housing and parking lots for homeless in family neighborhoods. 3) I think bbq pits should be outlawed. Our air quality is already compromised by the port ships (and recent fireworks!) 4) I'm against density because our utilities cannot handle their customers already. Edison pays for the opportunity to shut off power on hot days. There are more outages than should be. The water department begs everyone to conserve. The costs keep climbing. |
| 4  | On any questions where I put "no opinion" it's because the survey did not adequately address how it would resolve these issues. For example the phrase "lowering crime rate" isn't inherently wrong in and of itself, but not explaining how that would mean an increase in police budget or not doesn't allow me to make an informed decision. I do want to see crime rates addressed in the city, but I want to see it addressed from a holistic point of you with community services and with far, far less police presence. I understand the need for police for high profile crimes (like murder) but literally I don't think they're essential for anything else. The survey does not give me the option to explain that.                |
| 4  | Our crime must go down and we must support our police to do so. No need for million dollar pools and libraries.  |
| 4  | Overall the city of Long Beach needs to defund policing and focus more on programs that help to sustain a better way of life for their residents. The amount we spend and enforce policing is astounding and yet we have a massive homeless problem and shelters go unfunded. The safety of residents comes from social programs and rent forgiveness. This is not the time for police to get more power.  |
| 4  | PARKING PARKING PARKING!!! I am a former Long Beach resident and finally had enough of finding parking for a large chunk of my life. I had to move to another neighborhood (Lakewood) and as much as I miss Long Beach for all its local eateries and bars, I am content knowing I can leave my house at 7pm and find parking in front of my house when I get back. Please. Enough of these high rises, we need parking.   |
| 4  | Please defund the police. Are troop carriers, rubber bullets, and chemical gases really necessary for protecting and serving the citizenry of Long Beach? If you dress police for war, will they not look for an enemy? This is traumatizing for both police officers and citizens. The squalor of the justice system depreciates its authority.   |
| 4  | Please find a way to create more space for sports complex and/or share fields for Rugby. Belmont Shore Youth Rugby is the biggest grass roots club in the U.S.A. Our club has represented Long Beach/Belmont Shore in New Zealand, Utah, Nevada, just a name a few bringing home National Champs in all competitions competing against world renowned Sports Academies across the globe. It is the fastest growing sport in the U.S.A. Our kids are trained to respect on an off the field. We've grouped up numerous times to clean our city beaches and donated to several local charities to help instill lifelong lessons to our families and communities. We will continue to spread love, life   |

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|    | lessons, community work, through the sport of Rugby sports to our 300+ athletes and their families as long as we have recreational facilities and parks that are fairly shared with us. Thank you.   |
| 4  | Please move funding away from the police department and create social programs instead to combat social problems like poverty and homelessness. It will be much more beneficial to the community than just arresting or leaving it be. It can be passed off as creating programs to fight those things vague enough for people who view that as wrong to pass it off and very welcome by others. I know this will never happen in my lifetime and that I'll be passed off for being 18 but I still wanted to.  |
| 4  | Police and Fire funded first. Citywide maintenance and infrastructure second. Build up tax base with business friendly atmosphere without giving up what makes Long Beach different. Provide a safe environment for families to live and economic growth will continue. If crime rises families who can afford to move out will.   |
| 4  | Prioritize Defunding the LBPD. Prioritize Funding community resources.   |
| 4  | Prioritizing ways to help people drive less, building safer streets and more walkable communities  |
| 4  | Priority is programming as soon as it's safe- give kids places to go so parents can find or go to work. I wasn't sure if speciality police was training social workers etc to de escalate responses to non violent crimes- which I support- or giving even more money to the police to manage- which I don't.  |
| 4  | Provide easier access to budget information with explanations for residents who are unfamiliar with the budgeting process. Redirect funds away from the police department into community base programs with a focus on mental health teams and de-escalation techniques.   |
| 4  | Provide homeless rehab help and make them responsible for something . Cleanup community service . Also this city is becoming the homeless central of so calif along with Los Angeles. All cities should offer homeless services and not be referring. Their homeless to us . I called surrounding cities once to see where to refer a homeless person for help and they all gave a Long Beach phone number . Also please invest in teens and children's programs and sr programs with more musical cultural programs and more . Keep the kids off the streets . Senior programs could be where retired seniors can give back to the young what they know . Ex bankers , teachers , contractors , tech experts , financial advisors , mechanics , musical instructors , event planners . A million retirees out there still able to pass on what they know . Also pass on what they learned and experienced through historical moments in their lives . We missed out on the greatest generation's knowledge don't let the baby boomers go to waste . Don't get rid of our suburbs with to much density and keep our city clean , free from crime , physically beautiful. We can all help you . Let us know what you need . |
| 4  | Reallocate funds from our police budget into social programs, no means testing for coronavirus relief and implementing UBI for all residents in Long Beach.  |
| 4  | Reduce code enforcement to focus on public health Find money (bond) ballot measure to fund parks maintenance and operations.   |
| 4  | Roads need to be repaired! Noise abatement on cars and motorcycles!  |
| 4  | Some of the above items are important, but not in an economic crisis. The city must fund the most essential items first and the non-essentials can be brought back when the budget is back on track.   |
| 4  | Some of the options were too vague. I also feel that some of the options are more important in some parts of the city. For example, keeping the city attractive and clean is currently happening on the east side and downtown (townhall area), Bixby Knolls area but what about North LB, the west side, or little Cambodia? Schools were not listed. Although funding may come from somewhere else, the city's actions affect schools. For example, putting a metrol rail next to a school? The children hear the train and the people boarding it constantly, not to mention the pollution and trash left behind. The city could also implement some of its programs in the schools. Collaborate with the schools. Street repair is also important.   |
| 4  | Some of the questions are misleading or do not allow me to answer accurately. While maintaining a low crime rate is very important, policing is not the only answer. People often commit crimes due to lack of resources, opportunity or education. More budget funds should be directed towards providing enriching youth programming and education/vocational programs for low income adults. Proud to call Long Beach home!   |
| 4  | Specialized police services such as investigations should be done by civilians. There are already very effective investigators working at the police department. They do not have to be sworn to do  |

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|    | Investigations. Put the police on the streets and have them patrol and do initial investigations. Put in more social services to address homelessness. Do not use police who get paid more than social workers to do the job of a specialized field. Minimum qualifications for a police officer is high school diploma or GED. Someone with a master's or bachelor's with the social work or mental health field would be more fit to provide social services. Invest more in diversion programs that address personal change and accountability, instead of putting people into the same vicious cycle of the criminal justice system. Focus on reducing recidivism. People who believe in themselves can feel empowered will change their own ways. It needs to be a personal choice. Looks like the survey only favors several City departments.  |
| 4  | Stop funding lawyers for illegal aliens. Work with the Federal government to arrest and deport illegal aliens. We pay taxes to the Feds for this and then Ca. and LB take tax dollars to protect illegal aliens (insanity). Stop segregating Americans by race. Using race to explain every problem in society divides us and creates resentment. When people need help, don't compare us. Just help.   |
| 4  | Support the police & fire departments. Stop catering to the homeless who are mostly drug addicts & don't want help. If anything, they need to go to lock down treatment centers, definitely not provided housing. Other states are giving these people one way train & bus tickets to California because they know how dumb the politicians are here. This information is verified by police who have seen the tickets. I grew up in Long Beach & it was a much better city for the people living & paying taxes here.  |
| 4  | supporting federal immigration laws. Giving city to jobs to American minorities. Supporting the police. Keep special interest groups (eg. people's budget of Long Beach. I may have the title incorrect) out of the political process. Start a teach people how to speak English campaign. A train people how to be good parents and raise children with care and responsibility. What do you mean by environmental stability programs? Stop taxing us out of existence.  |
| 4  | Take action regarding homeless people...rezoning residential areas are NOT the answer.  |
| 4  | Thank you for reaching out the the people of Long Beach. I know you have quite a task to take on caring for our city. My goal for LB is to be a safe, clean, quite, nice city. I am so unhappy with the amount of building going on downtown. I think it is looking so crowded and too busy. I have no desire to go there. The money there can be invested in some of the poorer neighborhoods that need attention to make them nicer and more desirable. I work in central and west lb. Also, from what I understand is during the hard economic times a few years back we were able to balance our budget. Now that economic times are better we are struggling financially. I think it is possible to be responsible and still help people. Government can't be everything to everyone. What makes Long Beach a city our residents love, in my opinion, is the unique neighborhoods-quaint with personalities. The chill factor and being a big little city. This city has a lot and we need to maintain not necessarily add more. I have lived here my whole life and have recently wondered if this is where I want to stay. |
| 4  | Thanks for the opportunity.   |
| 4  | The amount of money being spent on the homeless is astronomical! Why isn't the priority your Fire Department and Police?  |
| 4  | The city needs to get it together. Social programs are not important right now. Maintaining the basic needs to keep this city running is what is important.   |
| 4  | The City should enter the business of public housing, even if only by contracting with a nonprofit to operate it under oversight (like LB Transit). Also, increase funding for diversion programs to keep kids and minor offenders out of the system. I'm happy to have slightly worse road and sidewalk and street tree quality to instead house people, feed people, educate people, get them internet access, and fund alternative transportation to cars.   |
| 4  | The city should focus on making it easier for people to stay at home now by subsidizing high speed Internet, facilitating home delivery of food and necessities, implementing rent amnesties/holidays, and increasing the supply of affordable housing.   |
| 4  | The Library's budget needs to be increased. Thousands of families rely on the free educational and job related resources provided by the Library.   |
| 4  | The Long Beach Police Department needs to have the biggest budget cut, even defunding the department will suffice. They assaulted peaceful protesters during the Black Lives Matter protests and continue to target Black and Brown LB citizens. We are less safe with them on the streets.   |

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| 4  | The questions are weak. Who would not think law enforcement & fire services are nothing less than Very Important. How about asking specific dollar amounts for each service. Is there a Big Brain in the City Family that can create a "SIMCITY-esque" survey which participants may choose the amount of dollars spent on each item, and in which section of town needs are most vital over the next 24 - 36 months? Thx. AWG   |
| 4  | The safer the city, the better the city. Police, Fire, street repairs/maintenance should be the Priority! If you cannot pay to keep what we already have maintained we should not be spending on pet projects.   |
| 4  | The survey appears rigged to get the results the City Council and Mayor want   |
| 4  | Theft/crime/taxes are steadily rising and are the main priorities that need to be addressed.   |
| 4  | There is trash everywhere. It would be nice to come up with jobs to help with the upkeep of this problem. Thousands of tourist come to Long Beach each year for travel. One of the first places they go is our beach, which is one of the dirtiest beaches in this state. We need to take more pride in keeping our beaches clean so it looks presentable to travelers who spend great money to help our cities economy.   |
| 4  | There needs to be a refocus on attracting more income to the city. JetBlue was a big money maker and contributor to Long Beach Airport, opportunities to attract pro sports have been wasted. We have waterfront property that we don't take advantage of. Turn the LB Arena into an outdoor concert hall. Think Hollywood Bowl. Clean up the beaches and attract more tourism. I know the break wall affects waves and currents but our beaches are awful, I try running on the beach but have to dodge all the trash and dead birds. How about some financial transparency, government pensions are hurting everyone else. |
| 4  | Things to be included in the next survey: parking availability, housing construction and density, traffic noise and calming measures, supporting our teachers, police, firefighters with the proper equipment and air-conditioned buildings. We need to find a solution to people with mental conditions that cause public safety issues. They are taking up the hospital and police resources and endanger the general public.  |
| 4  | Too many questions. Just Less money to police and gentrification, same money to fire/EMT, more money to affordable housing, housing the homeless, mental health, parks and Free youth/family activities, defeating Covid   |
| 4  | Too much money spent on round about and bike lanes that could have been used for pot holes and sidewalks. Seeing that General Fund is usually divided between Police, Fire mainly...then a few Depts dependent on the General Fund....I would like to see less spent on special pet projects...police and fire that citizens never see....talk about pensions...theirs is the highest...at least I hope LB doesn't offer them the drop program....   |
| 4  | We don't need more neighborhood police patrolling. We need specialized social workers to respond to non emergency 911 calls relating to homelessness, those on drugs, property damage, etc. Please defund the police department and invest more into our community programs for kids, young adults, renters, low income families, small business owners, etc.  |
| 4  | We moved to long beach 3 years ago and love living here.   |
| 4  | We need a strong police force. Without police crime will increase and lead to more quality residents moving out of the city.   |
| 4  | We need more affordable public housing   |
| 4  | We need more safe bike infrastructure in the 4th district  |
| 4  | We need to be more strict with the homeless. Helping them is one thing, but allowing the crimes, litter and safety concerns they create is unacceptable.   |
| 4  | We need to defund the police and invest that money into addressing homelessness, sustainability, education, and affordable housing. There should be different departments of the police with trained mental health professionals and social workers addressing certain 911 calls involving the homeless. Parking patrol officers without guns should be the only people allowed to pull people over. The goal should be to limit the public's interactions with the police as much as possible to create a safer city for people of color.   |
| 4  | We need to lift up our community, not overpolice it.   |
| 4  | Well technically covered by multiple questions, I am a little upset that there isn't a question directly related to the overall police budgets. Neither are there questions regarding what the police are to   |

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|    | be spending their funds on nor how they accrue them. Instead it's bulleted into multiple items that don't nearly cover the responsibilities and current practices of the police. It is of my opinion that the survey severely fall short of what is needed to get an accurate opinion of the populace.   |
| 4  | While many of these categories are all important. How the money is managed and spent is arguably even more important. Good intentions do not always mean good results. Two examples come to mind in recent years in my neighborhood that illustrate missed the mark for public funds. 1) sand volleyball court in Rec Park. Great intentions as there is a large group of people who play volleyball in the park every weekend. Unfortunately, they don't use the sand court. Reaching out to the group who plays there would reveal their preference to play on dirt in the shade of the trees. 2) handicap sidewalk built on a street corner that has no connecting handicap accessible sidewalks and is in an area where the street is in such bad shape a wheel chair bound person would find it difficult to cross the street. I am proud to live in Long Beach. I just hope the city installs smart people with enough responsibility to use common sense be agile and adapt plans to meet the city's goals with the funds.  |
| 4  | Whilst I believe the majority of the subjects above are important, we will definitely need to cut some "want" items and focus on "needs." Homelessness is definitely a big issue, if we are going to use funds to provide shelter, then setting up camp in parks, streets, alleys, highways, freeways should not be tolerated. It's a tremendous job to tackle, but if we let our city be driven by empathy, we will be the next Los Angeles. Garcetti let it go for so long, it's unbelievable how big it's gotten. I've been up there many times, complacency is not an option. The pandemic is definitely impacting the quality of life for us all. Providing low cost recreation programs, including maintaining our parks, beaches, areas where there is greater space for social distancing; we don't need to shed money on building more, but keeping it clean and cared for should be our focus, reducing illegal activities in our streets, heftier penalties for violators, will hopefully provide a better environment for our families, youth and teens. I'm not sure how affordable housing works. I've always had to work (3 jobs) to pay for my rent, government assistance was not an option. If I wanted to live somewhere nicer, I knew I either needed to move or find a job that pays well. My only question is are we providing too much? What happens when affordable is not affordable? Do we have more people camping on the streets? Long Beach is slowly losing its luster, why?   |
| 4  | Will you be considering how to deal with the unfunded pension burden?  |
| 4  | You obviously are looking at Budget reductions, but left out Options about excessive administrative staff and supervision. Some departments have high supervisory and general staff!   |
| 4  | You're doing a great job, LBC leaders. Keep up the good work, we appreciate you  |
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| 5  | Police need our support and funding!!!   |
| 5  | "Infrastructure is not artificial turf for athletic fields. Infrastructure is not building a shiny new building without getting outside bids on retrofitting an existing one. Infrastructure is not a million dollar video wall to promote the city...in a city government building. Infrastructure is not taking away needed driving lanes for a handful of cyclists to ride down the middle of the street. Infrastructure is not installing ugly, unnecessary bollards for a problem that doesn't exist, telling residents you can take them out after a certain period of time, & then only removing some of them. Infrastructure is not putting bollards in the street "to protect pedestrians waiting for the light to change" when a homeowner has planted a hedge on the city easement so pedestrians can't stand where they belong - on the curb & not in the street. Deal with the right-of-way issue instead of creating the new issue of near collisions because the bollards make the street too narrow to safely turn onto at normal speeds for making turns. Citizens want the city to do business and let them lead their lives without feeling like some in government are always trying to under-cover take their standard of living away from them. Citizens do not want elected officials making "deals with the devil" in order to get monetary support for their own next venture. Citizens want elected officials to represent THEM, not themselves or special interests. Citizens want elected officials to do the business of the city that the citizens cannot do alone & keep their minds on it instead of always keeping an eye out for the next step up in elected position they're planning on taking." |
| 5  | "Super Fund" Police Services, Crime is escalating. Cut Fire Department Services, They waste too much money.  |

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| 5  | <p>✳ Infrastructure is not building a shiny new building without getting outside bids on retrofitting an existing one. ✳ Infrastructure is not artificial turf for athletic fields. ✳ Infrastructure is not installing ugly, unnecessary bollards for a problem that doesn't exist, telling residents you can take them out after a certain period of time, &amp; then only removing some of them. Infrastructure is not putting bollards in the street "to protect pedestrians waiting for the light to change" when a homeowner has planted a hedge on the city easement.</p>  |
| 5  | <p>1) Not breaking out what departments comprise "public safety" represents a lack of transparency and enables the city to allocate money to areas that are not as high a priority as police and fire services. 2) Need an explanation of why the jump in elected officials' expenses, especially staffing costs. 3) Why the doubling of Economic Development expenses from some years to the next? 4) Some of the items feel like you're joking, since they represent services either not provided now or those for which the data are manipulated, such as crime statistics. The city's refusing to provide such statistics by council district enables the charade that "crime is going down in Long Beach." It is not. 5) Although I am not in favor of "de-funding" the police, I am in favor of re-writing law enforcement job descriptions and allocating the funds needed for officers to do the jobs they're supposed to do, then re-directing funds to other programs/positions that will handle the tasks that don't belong on the law enforcement descriptions. Having said that, if the mayor and/or police chief continue to order police officers to stand down while crimes are being committed, what's the point in having them on the payroll? Those officers have got to be as frustrated as the residents are.</p> |
| 5  | <p>1. Curtail the abusive power of public employee unions. Unions should not run the City. The people and their representatives should. That would help handle the city's unfunded liabilities. 2. All lives matter. Stop supporting Black Lives Matter which, on their own website, admits they are a marxist organization. It would be better to Back the Blue. 3. Demand that the County of Los Angeles Registrar fix the serious deficiencies with the new voting system. It would be a breathe of fresh air if the City, even though it apparently came out on top of Measure A, demand that fairness requires a recount.</p>   |
| 5  | <p>1. How about repaving the streets rather than just fixing pot holes. 2. The airport is an underdeveloped source of revenue. Rather than give in to NIMBY, expand airport business to generate more revenue for the city. When I see a plan landing or taking off, I don't focus on the noise but rather I see dollar signs. Remember, most, if not all those living under the flight path, knew of the airport prior to moving in.</p>  |
| 5  | <p>A major overhaul of the city's policies and procedures regarding transparency, communication with LB residents regarding meetings, upcoming issues, etc. A meeting location we can actually get to; I know you spent an obscene amount of money on your pad downtown, but it is a huge pain in the ass to get there. Last time I was down there, for a stupid building permit, it took me an hour to park, fund an entrance that wasn't blocked or completely closed, and get inside. It's like you planned it that way to avoid public participation. Public safety is important, yes, but for the size and types of people we have, we need a large scale approach to dealing with the racial issues here. Police need to be involved, schools, businesses. Everyone should be looking and hiring practices, incidents, homelessness, education. We need to go big here, not in hotels or big screens for our offices. This is where the future of LB is. And this is where LB can lead.</p>  |
| 5  | <p>Access to prompt, complete access to all promised records and reports, like audits, citizen complaints against police, etc. is VERY important, and I notice you chose not to include. Building more fancy apartments, condos, and hotels downtown is not important at all. Actually, I think it is pretty much corrupt. As is the entire City Hall, built for yourself at a horrendous price. I am appalled at the amount spent, at a location guaranteed to attract as little public meeting attendance as possible. Furthermore, the budget should not move one step further until the issue with the Measure A vote is dealt with, meaning the votes are recounted in their entirety. Only then will you know how much money you will have to work with. Plus, you need to release some audits as promised in those abcd measures, right?</p>  |
| 5  | <p>Affordable housing is important. Rent prices need to decrease.</p>  |
| 5  | <p>All items are very important but those items I put somewhat important are those I feel could be backed off on to save money during the current crisis.</p>  |
| 5  | <p>All of the items are important. I prioritized knowing that there is a limited budget and that the schools will be online only this Fall.</p>  |



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| 5  | All of the items in the survey are important in making Long Beach a desirable and safe place to live. Public safety is paramount. Maintaining parks, public buildings and infrastructure is very important as well. Also critical to residents' quality of life are controlling blight, public nuisances, and code violations, as well as continuing to address homelessness. I'd rather see taxes increase than see the City deteriorate.   |
| 5  | All the items are important. I know this is a difficult budget year, so some areas have to be identified as less important.  |
| 5  | Allocate funds appropriately so they serve all communities especially marginalized communities in the city and not to serve special interests in reelection campaigns. Continue to bring forth transparency through different platforms. We all care about our city! Thank you   |
| 5  | Alternatives to policing communities is very important. We need to invest in afterschool programs, gang & violence prevention programs, mental health response when needed in place off police officers. A police oversight committee and better community participation.  |
| 5  | Animal Care Services are of utmost importance as is are-directing police dept funding to appropriate channels such as social workers and mental health workers.  |
| 5  | Arresting fireworks violators. Arrest & detain those vagrants who sleep at city bus stops  |
| 5  | As a long time Long Beach resident (grew up here, returned to LB to raise my family), I believe it's past time for the focus to shift from policing citizens to supporting citizens. Our unhoused residents need help. Recent events during the downtown protests prove that LB police should be protecting citizens, not escalating interactions and causing harm.  |
| 5  | As little funding to the police as possible. They don't need it, especially since they're not using it correctly to begin with.  |
| 5  | As long as schools are having to deal with corona virus even when we reach the point we can do a partial opening we will need the help of library services. If there is a lot of home schooling going on the parents will definitely need the help of library services.  |
| 5  | At this time I do not think an increase in PRHIP inspectors OR inspection fees is appropriate. Landlords are having a very difficult time with tenants not paying their full rent or no rent at all.   |
| 5  | Born and raised. Loved the city evolving over the years. However, signing onto agenda 2030, or Call to mayors pledge from Obama, or sustainability growth projects has destroyed the city and your reputations for working for the people of LB. You lie to the voters to get your agendas passed and then come back for more support. Enough! Stop the leading of LB into a communist city for the future. The mayor and all city council should be fired and put on the public block to tell the people your ideas and agendas before it's too late. Fix the potholes too!   |
| 5  | Bothered by the measure on mayor's term. I'm a democrat and vote that way and was disappointed in him.   |
| 5  | Bullocks to the Bollards   |
| 5  | CARS SPEEDING ON STREETS AND HOMELESS WANDERING THE STREETS ARE THE 2 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS MY NEIGHBORS AND I DISCUSS. BOTH OF THOSE AFFECT THE WELL BEING OF KIDS.   |
| 5  | Childcare will be very important to consider in the upcoming months, and I wonder what the city can do to help.  |
| 5  | City may engage high performing high school students from the local areas (Long Beach, Cypress, Cerritos, Fullerton) as unpaid volunteers to city departments for projects and/or provide following services: 1). maintain parks 2). environmental services 3). teens teach youth 4).language translation 5).online remote library services 6).preparing community for disasters 7).Coordinate to provide affordable housing. 8).Keeping the city attractive and eliminating blight 9).Providing economic and business assistance 10).STEM related projects among departments 11). Provide special events for families (during COVID-19, students can setup and offer online events.) 12). Provide art and cultural services ( how about Orange County School of Art students and any high performing students focus on Art & History) etc. A city employee or contractor can work as an advisor to lead a group of students. Some students can have leader rules to work with and direct report to the advisor on projects. High performing students (GPA equal or greater than 4.0) are talent resources. This will be a win-win situation. Students gain real-live experiences as volunteer. City gain free resources to provide necessary services, which in turn to reduce cost. Or city can work with CSULB to offer the volunteer opportunities to high school ones to work on city projects. City of LA works with CSULA to let high school high performers to work on their projects. |

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| 5  | City should get back to the standard since the budget will be reduced. Take care of citizens through programs but not get too involved in citizens lives. The state or federal government should provide that level of support, not the city. We should not build new parks or public spaces, we should try to maintain the parks and public spaces we have better. Police should be more subdivided into specific groups as stated in this survey. Back to basics of civic management during these trying times. When things are better than we can have the City handle more things. |
| 5  | Complete turf field at el dorado to give youth a safe place to play sports which will keep them from finding other nefarious activities to fill the void. Designated graffiti art district to encourage a legal and celebrated place of expression. Encourage tourism to this area. Improve access to Internet and books in poorest communities to build a Strong foundation for future generations.   |
| 5  | Cut salaries of all departments across the board. Don't fill management positions until the economy becomes better. End union stronghold. Protect infrastructure. Schools need to be reopened completely. Open businesses right away - they were doing great, don't let our businesses close for good. Only close the few who don't follow the rules. Don't cave into any group - treat our city like a business. Stop following the City of Los Angeles and their political ways. Get our city back on track.   |
| 5  | Cut the police budget. Please make the libraries more accessible. Open up the other branches! Expand hours!  |
| 5  | Cutting the policing programs is the LAST thing that needs to be cut in LB. More should be spent on reducing the gang violence and gang presence in the city as well as the homeless population. These two things will kill this city.   |
| 5  | Defend and uplift our Police Department; reduce identity politics (in favor of supporting each and every individual); limit regulations on business and allow neighborhoods to flourish (implement strict zoning restrictions in suburbs); take tough stance on violent protesting - protect our city with a firm yet just hand; reduce terms such as "under served, vulnerable, etc" and help families raise children teaching them they are wonderful and capable of accomplishing whatever they put their hearts and minds to.  |
| 5  | Defend the police. Defunding the police will only end in anarchy as we witnessed in the downtown areas and other areas as well.  |
| 5  | DEFUND AND DEUNIOZE THE POLICE COMMUNITY CARE NOT COPS   |
| 5  | Defund LB Police. Spend more money on support services for underserved communities.  |
| 5  | Defund LBPD  |
| 5  | Defund LBPD  |
| 5  | Defund LBPD and hold law enforcement accountable for the unlawful actions they have committed.   |
| 5  | Defund LBPD NOW!   |
| 5  | Defund or limit the police departments!  |
| 5  | Defund police and put the money into cleaning the beaches.   |
| 5  | defund police, stop gentrification!  |
| 5  | Defund police. Spread money to things of more importance like education.   |
| 5  | Defund the LBPD.   |
| 5  | Defund the Long Beach police to provide services for Long Beach citizens. Don't waste our money locking up people for drug crimes such as possession. Take the drug(s), give the person a fine. Lower crime comes from equality. Focus on giving every citizen equal access to essential services that improve their lives. That will lower crime more than the police.  |
| 5  | Defund the police and allocate funds towards affordable housing, programs for the youth, and support economic growth of local businesses!  |
| 5  | Defund the police and put our money in other areas that support people of color, especially youth.   |
| 5  | defund the police! alternative public safety! stop the city funded oppression!   |
| 5  | Defund the police, invest in care for our unhoused folks. Invest in schools. No more money for police!!  |

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| 5  | Defund the police, prosecute the police, give the civilian oversight board actual power, fund housing, education, and youth and senior programs. Provide unarmed, trained services and community response teams.   |
| 5  | Defund the police. Move neighborhood patrols to community members. Police should not have military grade weapons.  |
| 5  | Defunding police is the most ridiculous thing that could possibly be done. WE WERE JUST SUBJECT TO UNBRIDLED LOOTING! This city continues to make it very difficult for people to want to live here. We continue to punish the successful and reward the failures. If you want a successful city you had better turn this around. We want a recount on Measure A   |
| 5  | Defunding the police is a foolish idea. They are in need of reform and new leadership at the top . . . not based on ethnicity but skill set. The POA needs to be prohibited from meddling in city Politics. Defund the POA contributions to political campaigns. The City Council 9 to 0 votes show no diversity of thought. They are puppets of the Mayor who is a puppet of the POA.   |
| 5  | Defunding the police is a terrible idea. We need an increased budget to provide training, maintain a higher presence, time to address quality of life concerns such as property crime.   |
| 5  | Defunding the Police would be unwise. Fire and Police are our front line defenses. Helping (finding homes) the homeless who want help is important.  |
| 5  | Despite all the grandiose political knee-jerk reactions to the recent unrest in our entire country, it is a huge mistake to "defund" law enforcement. If anything, our police - and fire - department should have budget increases so that they can have the manpower and equipment to perform their jobs and make our community safer. How can Signal Hill, Los Angeles and many other cities in the region afford a higher officer-to-citizen ratio than Long Beach? Why does Long Beach have less firefighters in the field? It's absurd and demonstrates leadership and organizational failures in the Council and City Hall management. |
| 5  | Divest from police and re-invest in the community. Fully fund the public health department, youth programs, affordable housing, social services, libraries, and all things that actually make communities safe. 5th district residents enjoy most of these benefits already and very little to no police patrols. Extend this quality of life to the entire city by taking dangerous police off the streets.   |
| 5  | Do away with police overtime, and use those funds for equity/social justice related initiatives.   |
| 5  | Do not defund LCPD   |
| 5  | Do not defund or reduce the budget of the police. We need more police not less. The police in Long Beach do an outstanding job and they need the proper resources. The police should be interacting with the youth more. PAL and Dare were excellent programs along with the gang team that need to be reinstated. We need to teach the community from a young age to comply with police.  |
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| 5  | Do not defund the Long Beach Police Department. Defunding will lead to a dangerous lack of critical training for our fine men and women, facilitate crime in an already crime-infested city, and would not impact the frequency of OIS's or the rare incident of police brutality.   |
| 5  | DO NOT de-fund the police department, give them raises, support, praise, and more resources so that they can attempt to get rid of ALL rampant rising criminal activity. NO MORE money for vagrants, we have spent billions, and it does not work.   |
| 5  | Do not defund the police!!!!   |
| 5  | Do not defund the Police, if you do you will have chaos in this very diverse and mostly low income city.   |
| 5  | Do NOT defund the police.  |
| 5  | Do not defund the police. That is a ridiculous idea. This isn't the wild west  |
| 5  | Do NOT defund the police. Also, no furloughs for employees who's payroll fund is not affected (i.e. Marina fund pays Marine Bureau employees. Not affected by budget crisis)   |
| 5  | Do not support defunding police.   |

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| 5  | Do not take our public services away. We already don't have enough police, fire, paramedics, or dispatchers. They are overwhelmed and underfunded. If anything they need more money for training for the many different things they encounter everyday.   |
| 5  | Don't defund the police! Stop raising our taxes for virtue signaling purposes. Stand up for all of us living here not just the protesters, looters and people rioting.  |
| 5  | Don't you dare "Defund the Police!" If anything increase our police departments funding. Provide them with better training and equipment to do their almost impossible jobs. More police, cleaner streets, attract more businesses and get rid of the transients that have taken over significant portions of our city.   |
| 5  | Don't defund the police. Cut in every other department by reducing salaries for however long necessary. Re-write contracts, especially with the fire department, management, and even the police department. Thing's like street cleaning should be cut in half, every other week. When management position's become available, don't fill them until we have abundance of funds.Keep the infrastructure up. Number one for me right now - get kid's back in the classroom.   |
| 5  | Don't know what's entailed in a couple and which are federally mandated and subsidized  |
| 5  | Downtown is not shopping friendly at all. Just full of apartments and restaurants. I could'nt buy a pair of shoes if I needed some. Too bad we cannot be like Santa Monica with an actual town downtown instead just too many restaurants. Good thing we did not build an international arrivals terminal at the airport. We dodged the bullet. Always remember..as a former airline employee of 38 years..Airlines are not loyal to ANY city. They will pull out in a heartbeat.   |
| 5  | During these difficult times, we need to keep those things are necessary ( fire, police, park maintenance, code enforcement, paying liabilities), the arts and cultural things can wait.  |
| 5  | Eliminate pensions and your budget problems will be solved.   |
| 5  | Eliminate public spending on police misconduct lawsuits. Police officers, like physicians, should be required to pay premiums on their own malpractice insurance policies. Officers subject to multiple misconduct allegations should pay, not the taxpayers. Balance the budget deficit by defunding police mission overreach, not on community development and services like libraries, youth programs, parks, infrastructure, and a public safety strategy centered on care not caging.  |
| 5  | enforced criminal penalties for not wearing a mask. Assault with a deadly weapon. If someone points an unloaded gun at you it is considered assault, Can you please tell me what's the difference between being intentionally exposed to a deadly virus and having a gun pointed at you?  |
| 5  | Enough with the road diets and traffic lane removals. Almost all the bake route is the east go mostly unused. Curb side bike lanes are ridicules! Even to cyclists! Fix the darn streets!!! How in the world can we spend massive amount of money on a soccer field that will be used primary by people outside the district when we have streets that are nearly undriveable. Provide police the resources to enforce the law! Pass some sort of city ordnance to counteract Prop 47!!! get these criminals and druggies out of our neighborhoods! |
| 5  | Essential to improve quality of life for those paying taxes. Dissapointed in current services. Property crimes are prevelant. Almost never see police patrolling  |
| 5  | Ever since district voting, council seems to think more of their districts then the city as a whole. Back room deals between council sucks.   |
| 5  | Fix COVID19 and prevent future health crises that have the potential to close up the city and cause grandmas to die in large numbers.   |
| 5  | Fix our streets! The budget for street repair is not nearly adequate and current plans do not address most of the damaged streets requiring repair. Ignoring the problem until another City Council is elected has continued for too many administrations and must stop. There are not very many good roads left to kick the can down   |
| 5  | Forego ANY increases in city sales tax, and hotel room taxes, plus telephone, water, sewer, refuse rate increases for the next three years.   |
| 5  | Free internet access city wide. Teacher housing affordability***** bring back that good neighbor program. Middle class needs help with affordable housing too!  |
| 5  | REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY!! WE NEED UNARMED NON POLICE RESPONDING TO NON VIOLENT EMERGENCY CALLS. THE POLICE DO NOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH OTHER THAN HARASS AND MURDER. THIS SYSTEM OF POLICE BRUTALITY/SLAVE CATCHING IS NO LONGER TOLERABLE  |

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| 5  | Fund our Police Department and enforce use of illegal fireworks. Recall the mayor with a law and order mayor. Recall Stacy Mungo.  |
| 5  | Fund Police  |
| 5  | Funding for education is very important especially for programs assisting with college and career preparation.   |
| 5  | Funding for police and fire should only be reduced if certain responsibilities are taken away from those departments, such as dealing with the mentally ill and homelessness.  |
| 5  | Funding priorities should focus on non-policing forms of public safety and community support. Too much money is spent of law enforcement rather than preventative social programs such as social services, youth services, housing, education, healthcare and other community resources.   |
| 5  | Get back to the basics. Clean, low crime streets. Elimination of blight. Beautiful maintained parks. Stop wasting time, money, and resources on non-essential city services. Think outside the box, instead of constantly raising taxes. Protect neighborhoods, homeowners, and encourage home ownership.  |
| 5  | Get crime under control and stop creating handout type programs (pilot universal income) or specific health care coverage for one specific race.   |
| 5  | get rid of the money sucking queen mary along with our mayor and our corrupt city government. quit sticking us with the high tax rates. fix our streets. address crime--the 5/31 response to rioting is a sick joke  |
| 5  | Get the bums and transients out of our city and restore the already impacted police department and fire department.  |
| 5  | Homelessness is a major concern of mine. I have notice an increase of theft and crime in my neighborhood as the homeless population started moving in. I worry about my family's safety.   |
| 5  | How about looking into the pay of the highest paid city management earners not the hard working laborers that the city employs. Also the entire city has never in the 30+ years I have lived here, looked so dirty. There is trash everywhere we want to be a destination city, its not going to happen looking like it does.  |
| 5  | How will the city go about actively defunding the police and using that money and put it back in to the neighborhoods that need it most, especially Neighborhoods affected by racism and gentrification.   |
| 5  | I am basing this survey on the fact of a downfall of money for the budget. Because of Covid 19 we all need to stand back and look at what is important to spend money on.We all need to get back to basic spending until we know where we stand financially.   |
| 5  | I am not sure why these surveys get sent out, its not like the city looks at them. Our city streets, sidewalks and trees haven't been properly maintained for years. Instead money is waisted on traffic circles and personal agenda items from our city officials.  |
| 5  | I am providing higher priority than usual for police support because I am concerned the current social views will cause us to decrease funding for police and our town will become less safe and our good police officers will have less support to keep people safe. I don't view Long Beach as a very safe city, but it is affordable and I like its diversity vs other safer cities nearby.                                   |
| 5  | I believe a lot of the questions regarding parks, libraries, public access to internet, programming for youth and teens, etc. Are of the utmost importance because they provide resources to students who want a brighter future for the city. Enhancing these programs and reinvesting in education by taking a percentage of the police budget will contribute to the success of Long Beach youth (the leaders of the future). |
| 5  | I believe it is important for emergency services to be extremely well funded due to Covid-19 as well as the civil unrest. These emergency services include fire department, police department, and hospitals especially emergency room workers.  |
| 5  | I do not support "defunding" the police to reroute monies to programs which do not serve all of us.  |
| 5  | I do not support defunding the police. This city has an active criminal base that will be emboldened if we reduce police units any further. I would like to see a continued renewal of the police department's budget.   |
| 5  | I don't feel like the city officials have the Long Beach residents as their number one priority. Most of the neighbors I talk to disagree with most of the decisions the city is making. Road diets, bike paths that not one uses that require special equipment to sweep. The major overhaul of the city hall. The turf they are trying to put down in the park that We do not want. Every time we turn around you are          |

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|    | trying to raise our taxes. We want you to live with in a budget like we have to do. We are tired of all the extra projects that are being funded that the community is not interested in yet still get funded. I think that the city has lost touch with its residents. Long Beach has the highest sales tax rates in the country. We buy as much as possible in Orange County to void the ridiculous tax rates. Long Beach also has some of the highest paid employees working for the city with unobtainable retirements plans. I now have to lock my doors and windows every night because the crime is getting to be so bad. You now want to allow large residential buildings in our neighborhood with out parking considerations. Get it together Long Beach.   |
| 5  | I feel like these questions use vocabulary that is vague and can easily be misinterpreted. There be should be definitions of certain nouns used, ie; "blighted". They should include clear examples of situations to better understand each question.   |
| 5  | I feel that the city does not address anything unless it falls into the "progressive" realm. Reducing the effectiveness of the police department for instance. Replacing regular grass in city parks with artificial turf is another totally wasteful boondoggle. Dramatically increasing Vehicular traffic to unnecessarily accommodate a very few bicycles (and put many small local-owned businesses out of business) is another example. All of us citizens have to live within our personal budgets. The city leaders representing us must do the same. Long Beach has one of the highest sales tax rates in the country, without much demonstrable result. The multi-million dollar new city hall is an excellent example of hugely wasteful spending. I am wondering about the new furnishings that the luxury building has required.. In days gone by, it was a well-known thing that no one went into politics or any kind of public-sector job expecting to get rich. Public employees knew the pay was always higher in the private sector. Now some of the highest paying jobs anywhere are city jobs. And on top of that, public sector jobs now have some of the best retirement packages of any job anywhere. Many of us ordinary citizens have had to plan & save carefully for retirement. The thought of retiring with full or near-full income was totally out of the question. Here is no reason that city employees should have a retirement any more than what they themselves have planned and saved for themselves. Career politicians should be only a quaint remembrance of life the way it used to be. Politics should not be a career. Politics should be a short term stint for those who feel the need and are able to serve the community they love. |
| 5  | I fully support divestment from law enforcement and reallocation of funds to homeless services, building affordable housing, community safety programs incorporating trained clinical social workers, sustainability programs, youth activities, and increased funding for schools (I believe most LBUSD teachers are compensated fairly, so focused reallocation of funds toward school programming, supplies, and extracurricular activities for students; counseling programs-- think LB Poly CARE Center). I'm a North LB native and would like to ensure that the recent redevelopments in the area does not push natives out of the neighborhoods. That's one of my biggest concerns for Long Beach-- redevelopment is great in revitalizing the city, however, I do believe it's failing our lower income residents (in which LB has a long history) because they simply cannot compete in this rapidly evolving capitalist system. I'm a LB native, and I cannot afford to purchase a residence in LB. This is an issue that must be addressed, and I believe this frustration is being reflected in our increasing crime rates.  |
| 5  | I have been a home owner and small business owner in district 5 for 25+ years. The decisions that have been made by the city council, Stacey Mungo, and the management of the city, Mayor Garcia, over the last decade or so, has created a city I am not longer familiar with, let alone feel safe living in any longer. This agenda has been to raise taxes, fees, utilities, fines, sales tax, permits and on and on....on the law abiding, tax paying small business owners as myself, and instead, to pander for the votes and rights of illegal, the homeless, the rioter "expressing themselves", the ones who are not paying the majority of the taxes! The last straw was having orders from the mayors office to "stand down" as rioters destroyed small businesses. It is sad to see the city that I once loved, that I represented in the Olympic Games 4 times, evolve into what it has become. I will be relocating both my home and business, and best of luck replacing all the taxes I once paid.  |
| 5  | I have lived on Harvey Way for the past 3 years. There are a lot of pot holes that have never been ignored. They just get bigger and bigger. The one time they attempted to fill them, it was a lousy job. They just added asfalt over the holes and within the next week the wholes returned.  |
| 5  | I love our city and the community. I care about all the issues facing our city and I know we can do so much better to provide the necessary tools and necessities of our youth. Our future leaders.   |

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| 5  | I see a big waste of money. Bike lanes that aren't used, bollards that aren't necessary and most bike lanes are right next to a service road. Money is delegated to Downtown while the rest of the city is going down hill. Going down Willow from Palo Verde to Lakewood Blvd all you see is trash, overgrown bushes, bums living up by freeway, shopping carts, mattresses I can go on and on. Everywhere I go the streets need to be repaired not just patched. Our officials have no pride in this city unless it's for downtown. I have lived in this city all my life and I do not see it improving, just rapidly declining.  |
| 5  | I strongly encourage the City to carefully consider how much we fund police going forward. Far too much money is spent on policing citizens rather than addressing the roots of crime (such as equitable education and job opportunities, housing) and more peaceful solutions (including community building and community policing). Given the current recession, it seems like an ideal time to rethink our city's finances and what we value and prioritize for this community - supporting rather than punishing citizens.  |
| 5  | I think a ranking of 1-10 for each item on the survey would provide for more precise opinions.  |
| 5  | I think all of these items are important - in varying degrees! This has been a difficult year due to COVID so prioritizing is more important than ever. I believe the city is too wrapped up in being "green" - all these ridiculous road closures etc. PLEASE! At this moment in time, resources should be going to the basics.  |
| 5  | I think reform is needed but don't support budget cuts to the police dept.  |
| 5  | I think the City could save money by providing street sweeping every other week in most areas. I recognize that revenue is generated by ticketing people who don't remember to move their cars. However, the tickets are also a source of frustration for those ticketed and negativity against the City especially as the fines increase. As the sweeper workforce retires, strong thought should be given to not filling vacant positions and limiting the frequency of street sweeping. Additionally, the City of Long Beach pension plan is extremely generous. People who retire should not receive more from their monthly pension than the salary they made while working.   |
| 5  | I think when looking at priorities, this represents what I think they are for the city to handle. Some programs, like affordable housing, are very important to me but have many state and federal programs to help that priority (example, LIHTC). When discussing safety we need to consider that cutting youth services lead to crime in the long-term. We must ensure we are not short sighted in cuts. We must be diligent in paying down debt and unfunded liabilities. Economic cycles are harder to handle when we have more fixed expenses and liabilities.  |
| 5  | I was born in LB and lived here all my life. LB has become a dump. Less social engineering and better basic city services would be an improvement.  |
| 5  | I would answer a good number of these questions differently if this was to be a normal budget year. However, as it is not, I am not inclined to offer free and low costs services to anyone who doesn't meet a means test (to be determined by city council and officials, nor would I add any new parks or services in fiscal 2021. I do think that non-sworn, unarmed SSO's could handle a lot of tasks on behalf of the PD, such as responding to traffic incidents and traffic control for special events. Given the budget outlook, why does the city want to maintain a Office of Sustainability, and a Bike Czar? Budget officials and Council need to ask the hard question of every department and division, "Is this NEED or a WANT?" Proportional share cutting of the budget ignores that question. Going forward, when PD and FD contracts come up fo renewals, there need to be some changes. Why is the base salary for PD lieutenants so much more that of sergeants? Why does the FD have 24-hour shifts, (a source of abuse of the system for overtime and shift-trading for long periods of time off)? The PD officers work 4 x 10-hour shifts each week, which is much more efficient. Why does the FD send an engine to medical calls (85% of the calls they get) PLUS a rescue/EMT unit? Why isn't there a paramedic on each rescue unit (instead of on the engine), and a rescue unit for each station? Why do those 50 and over have free access to water exercise classes, while those in the same age range have to pay for lap swimming? (I advocate for charging the water exercise attendees, not for the fee to be dropped for lap swimmers. Long Beach has a revenue problem, and giving away services just makes it worse.) |
| 5  | I would give different answers during a normal year. Next year will not be normal. We need to put our resources towards surviving it.   |
| 5  | I would like lower water fees.  |

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| 5  | I would like to see investment into improving the streets in Lakewood village as well as making the area more pedestrian friendly (either with sidewalks or painting the streets to make it safe for pedestrians).  |
| 5  | I would like to see vision zero implemented throughout the city.  |
| 5  | I would love to see more mental health resources provided to High School students.  |
| 5  | I would love to see police back on the beat getting to know people in the neighborhood. I think it would go a long way in building trust on both sides. I'm old enough to remember when this was the norm. Everyone seems so afraid and expect the worse and it's sad.  |
| 5  | Ideally the city would be able to spend heavily on culture and recreation programs. Right now preparing for disasters and assisting those who are economically impacted by the extremely important closures is more significant. Right now infrastructure is far more essential than most anything else.  |
| 5  | If there is a short fall arriving from pandemic then we should ask those city employees with high salaries to take a 20% cut for the year 2020 & 2021 so that those important services can be provided.   |
| 5  | I'm assuming education doesn't appear on this list because it has it's own fund and isn't part of the General Fund. If this isn't the case, then it's an oversight.   |
| 5  | Im offended that you have include multiple languages. This is America. They are Suppose to learn the language. If the cant understand it. How could they drive safely, read a contract, vote or do any job. If they cant assimilate why did they come here.   |
| 5  | I'm really disappointed and disgusted that the CA state fiscal budget declared that no updated Charter school funding would be approved despite the increase in Charter school population particularly for homeschooling because of the change in public school requirements to enter, such as face masks and social distancing. This is a minority, poor, black issue. If we do not provide money for other educational opportunities then, unfortunately, you cannot claim to care about options for families unless they are wealthy, white, and privileged It's a disgrace that this passed a Democratic CA government. It illustrates how both Democrats and Republicans continue to play to their ideologies and continue to enforce racism and discrimination. Please reconsider when these bills arise again regarding school choice and funding for alternative options for children. Many parents and children who will not be able to attend public school after the first couple of weeks after they realize how counterproductive it will be for education will not know their options were slashed to prioritize public education despite the obvious issues. Saying that the politicians want to reduce privilege and create fairness doesn't just relate to the police. It starts in the home, in the school, etc. Let's not erase the free public Charter schools that show data of helping black students MORE than traditional public schools. I live in an area with great schools and full of homeowners and even here parents are discussing options unaware of how they are being stripped away. Parents do not want to be forced into one option. What about in the poor districts of Long Beach? How will you claim to care about black lives or minorities when they will no longer have the option to use Charter homeschool funds unless they signed up in February prior to the quarantine. Slashing these funds seems like a small issue when so much is on the stack, but remember whose lives you will impact, and it won't be the wealthy areas. |
| 5  | I'm sorry to say . . .that it's time to declare bankruptcy and renegotiate city pensions and contracts.   |
| 5  | I'm surprised not to see an item about the city's efforts to fund operating technologically - the importance of striving to be at the forefront in both outreach and internal efficiency & security.  |
| 5  | Improving plans for handling pandemics.-Fight harder for your citizens in need of financial aid by demanding that the federal government use excess billions to fund people's lives for the duration of the pandemic. They have the money. Better "reopening" plan for the future that favors the wellbeing of citizens rather than money. Again, fight harder to have the federal govt fund its citizens during the deadly pandemic. Better access to *quality* healthcare for FREE Create a better dialogue about race. Better police training- longer training period, higher educational requirements, psychological evaluations, training in non lethal force. Perhaps even prohibit their carrying of firearms in public. We want disciplined police that don't panic, that aren't racists/white supremacists, and an institution that can resist corruption. Show less tolerance for racism/racists/white supremacists and their rhetoric by putting those people in jail, and becoming more vigilant for their behavior. Better protection for and easier access to information for legal processes for immigrants who want to become citizens and are living peacefully in this country.   |



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|    | Ban ICE from operating in California/LA County/Long Beach. Protect the citizens and those that are making this city function. Protect your people, especially children. Fight harder for them.  |
| 5  | In a time where many are calling for the police to be defunded, our city should be focusing more of the budget towards police and fire department services. We as a city should not turn our backs on the police department. We are fortunate to have a personable and polite police department who should be supported.  |
| 5  | in times of economic crisis, any responsible household, cuts the fat of the budget. City needs to the same and support businesses, who in turn will hire more and pump the economy. We seem to always go towards the direction of handing out free stuff, people need to work, earn and take pride on their earnings, not just handouts. Works is noble and enriches the soul.  |
| 5  | Increase funding to maintain police and fire services!  |
| 5  | Infrastructure is not artificial turf for athletic fields. Infrastructure is not building a shiny new building without getting outside bids on retrofitting an existing one. Infrastructure is not a million dollar video wall to promote the city...in a city government building. Infrastructure is not taking away needed driving lanes for a handful of cyclists to ride down the middle of the street. Infrastructure is not installing ugly, unnecessary bollards for a problem that doesn't exist, telling residents you can take them out after a certain period of time, & then only removing some of them. Infrastructure is not putting bollards in the street "to protect pedestrians waiting for the light to change" when a homeowner has planted a hedge on the city easement so pedestrians can't stand where they belong - on the curb & not in the street. Deal with the right-of-way issue instead of creating the new issue of near collisions because the bollards make the street too narrow to safely turn onto at normal speeds for making turns. Citizens want the city to do business and let them lead their lives without feeling like some in government is always trying to under cover take their standard of living away from them. Citizens do not want elected officials making "deals with the devil" in order to get monetary support for their next venture. Citizens want elected officials to represent THEM, not themselves or special interests. Citizens want elected officials to do the business of the city that the citizens cannot do alone & keep their minds on it instead of always keeping an eye out for the next step up in elected position they're planning on taking. |
| 5  | Investing in the community will lessen the need for investing and wasting money for law enforcement.  |
| 5  | It is difficult for everything to be important when the budget is limited.  |
| 5  | It is extremely important to me that our city defund the police and put money towards social services, education, mental health, and investing in communities.  |
| 5  | It is time for the City to stop spending money on feel good things and correctly fix our streets, not just add patches that don't last. Long Beach has become a disgrace. You also need to back our police officers and firemen/women.  |
| 5  | It is very important to keep our city, citizens safe in Long Beach with the protection of our police force fully staffed. The recent demonstrations illustrated the need for more police officers. The increase in crime in Long Beach is not being addressed and we need more patrols throughout the city. Thank you Long Beach Police.  |
| 5  | It would be nice if you sent out an email or notification to the city (akin to how the Mayor's updates are sent out) informing them that this survey exists, so a greater number of people actually come to the site and fill it out. I had to learn about it via an Instagram post from a friend.  |
| 5  | It's amazing that Measure A has passed again and somehow the city is at a loss of money, again. It's sad watching the money spent by this city (ie. new city hall, special painted crosswalks, extra parks, bike lanes) when roads are a mess, there's syringes in the sand at beaches, and record numbers of pedestrians and motorists are killed again this year. Being an adult, I don't get to just build a new house when I want; I'll repair it and save for a rainy day in case something happens. Well, something happened and now the city is short money cause they couldn't plan for a rainy day. There already homeless programs in place, new parks/libraries providing services and other programs for low income or juveniles and they aren't being used. Stop trying to reinvent the wheel! Do what works and stop wasting taxpayer money.  |
| 5  | Keep fire & police services...fix the darn roads!   |
| 5  | Kid's need to be in school on site - no. 1 priority. Businesses need to stay open, with in dining, in salons, etc. - we desperately need tax dollars. Safety is also a huge priority - people are feeling   |

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|    | unsafe these days and vulnerable. Parent's are worried about their kid's. Long Beach need's to learn how to live within it's means better than it's been doing - like realistic salaries and benefits - reductions to crazy high salaries. Get kid's in school and businesses fully opened - save Long Beach!!!!   |
| 5  | I was born and raised in the CLB and right now I am so embarrassed by what I see when I drive around in my own neighborhood as well as others. Unkept homes and businesses as well as trash and weeds accumulating in vacant spaces and streets/sidewalks. When I travel into other cities I don't see crap like this and it's a shame for LB. The city is too concerned about what kind of flags are waving over the streets and other special interest items. Clean up out city!!  |
| 5  | Less money for weapons to the police and more social service programs.   |
| 5  | Less police spending. Immediately.   |
| 5  | Let's get Belmont pool completed. Focus on maintaining our police and fire services. Add youth programs to LB's Ocean Lifeguard service similar to LA County's water program. Look into better responses for emergency calls requiring mental health professionals.  |
| 5  | Libraries are a vital institution, please provide adequate funding for them.   |
| 5  | Lived in Long Beach 78 years. Ashamed of what has become. Rainbow crosswalks and green bollards. Basic income?? Don't think so. Get a job.   |
| 5  | Long Beach can be a leader in re-imagining public safety. Let's look at the work of Connie Rice & the Urban Peace Institute. We should focus on providing resources for youth, investing in education (kudos on the free access to LBCC), and providing equal opportunities to all residents. The will is there to support (not over-police/criminalize) our residents. Let's do this!   |
| 5  | Long Beach has deteriorated!! I have been here for 25+ years and have had enough! I sold my house yesterday to go into Orange County where they take pride in their cities. Sold for 1 mil!! We are one of the few houses on the block which maintained a nice looking home. Stacy Mungo = What a joke. And to think I voted for her!! Good By Long Beach. Won't miss you nor your ridiculously high sales tax!!   |
| 5  | Long Beach has the opportunity to build a new foundation for mental health awareness and homelessness resolution. By decreasing the police budget, we can bring on specialized units of social workers, therapists, and addiction counselors. Fund homeless shelters that aim for rehabilitation and reintegration into the workplace! This will decrease homelessness, bring new jobs, and provide an escape for abuse victims. I may not agree with many things that City Counselor Mungo has done, but if she were to FIGHT for these DESPERATELY NEEDED services, then I believe she would find herself backed by thousands of LB residents. Please lead the fight with your elected power. We will follow graciously.   |
| 5  | Long Beach is a city that thrives off of and boasts its diversity, yet the most diverse areas of the city are being over-policed because the Long Beach Police Department is overfunded. As a citizen I would like my taxpayer dollars to go towards: homeless services, veterans services, youth programs, the arts, increasing parking and affordable housing in our city, and environmental protections. Our police department needs to be defunded and the funds must be reallocated to the people and communities who need it most. We do not see over policing in the predominantly white districts of Long Beach because these communities are already being invested in. It is time to show that same support for Long Beach's communities of color. LBPD has a history of police violence, brutality, and excessive force. I do not want my money paying for these officers overtime when they arrest homeless people for sleeping and the countless other ridiculous crimes they fabricate for their own financial gain. Stop gentrifying communities of color. Invest in the people who already live there. |
| 5  | Long Beach Police budget needs to be drastically reduced with those funds being moved to provide other services such as youth programs, housing for people experiencing homelessness, mental health services and drug rehabilitation programs.   |
| 5  | Lots of potholes in ALL districts. Also lots of city owned trees falling due to inability to have them trimmed properly.   |
| 5  | Maintain basic services. All nice to do services, like libraries, after school events, expensive city projects, etc should be reduced to balance our budget.   |
| 5  | Maintain essential (must have) services but postpone and/or eliminate nonessential (nice to have) services. Cut waste in this city. Operate the city like a privately owned business or privately  |

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|    | funded household instead of deep pockets government overspending and continuing to tax residents.   |
| 5  | Maintaining Parks Please take some money and provide training and equipment for the cleaning and sanitizing of public restrooms, i.e., the Archery Range restroom in El Dorado park. A 45 second hose down does not kill bacteria or eliminate the foul smell that reminds one of an open latrine in August. You would think administrative officials would at least do inspections and take corrective action in times like the Corona Virus when the park usage is at least 4 times pre-Covid 19 usage. This is not a new problem but a continuing one. Women's restroom went 2 weeks without hand sanitizer refills...and forget about paper towels...never have seen them. Spend some money where it matters to the residents on a day to day basis. We are not asking for giant projects like downtown sees. |
| 5  | Make to use the measures money that were voted for properly. Also a great community is one that is safe and innovative, defunding the police is a dangerous road and will a have significant impact on Long Beach.  |
| 5  | Making parking more available for residents instead of giving them tickets for not being able to find parking and having no choice but to park on red.  |
| 5  | Mayor Garcia & police chief Luna should have the decency to resign immediately. If they won't resign they should be recalled by the voters. We need LEADERS in this city not political party pon's.   |
| 5  | Mental Health programs/help   |
| 5  | More bars and restaurants. Grant more alcohol and entertainment licenses. Why do places like Legends not have an entertainment license? Lower lease and rent for businesses. We are losing to many small businesses to high rent. 2nd Street is becoming vacant due to high rent even before covid.   |
| 5  | More community programs for kids and teens in terms of childcare, afterschool programs, sports leagues, family crisis intervention and follow-up, and job training. Support for single mothers.   |
| 5  | more funding for LBUSD more funding for social services & mental health facilities  |
| 5  | More like a wish list of services that should already be addressed  |
| 5  | More money needs to go to the police department.  |
| 5  | More police more firemen less art and bike lanes!!!!!!  |
| 5  | More police.  |
| 5  | Need support for small businesses, which in turn provide employment to local residents. Easier to permit additions to expand housing but Limiting density so that it doesn't overwhelm neighborhoods. Process still slow. Annual events, will be important after Covid-19, next summer? 2021? This will be money makers for tourism and city exposure to travel. Importance disinfection systems placed on city, hotels and public transportation.  |
| 5  | NO defunding or reducing POLICE funds   |
| 5  | No defunding the Police!  |
| 5  | No more low income housing. This idea only brings down neighborhoods and costs more to the City in the long run.  |
| 5  | No taxpayer money to defend Illegals. Stop the pandering. Focus on Safety and basic infrastructure. The bicycle experiment is a failure. Until all the roads are repaired no money should be spent on niceties.   |
| 5  | No where on the survey was there mention of health prevention services. We have cannabis stores opening where children are present, an upsurge in consumption among teens, not to mention the vaping illness that was on the forefront of the news before covid took over. I attended a parent forum where I learned about cannabis and tobacco, and was expecting more education for myself and my teen, but everything came to a halt. No where on this survey is health education a priority for our community.  |
| 5  | Not up to city to fund all these initiatives. County/state governments have funding/planning responsibilities that city should work in partnership with. Homework help/assistance is not directly a city issue but more of a school board issue. Libraries in their current form (books) are archaic. Media access for all is what is required. Might reimagine libraries as community centers that serve all age groups with programs and media access. What is the scope of nuisance abatement  |

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|    | programs: physical response to address/disperse or total programs like after school programs and treatment facilities? Homelessness is a regional issue. Any one city cannot solve or afford to totally fund alone. Take a leadership role driving state/county planning and implementation, but must be part of a regional plan/solution.   |
| 5  | NOTHING is being done in this city I have lived in all my 70 yrs,Where is all our tax money going, no trees trimmed, no streets paved, any improvements have all been Downtown, nowhere else in the city   |
| 5  | Nothing mentioned about health department. Survey seemed directed towards pet projects. Many things are related - example, keep graffiti down, crime is down.  |
| 5  | Our main concerns for 2021 will be recovery from COVID-19. This will affect housing, education, small business support, rent assistance, and food assistance. I believe these issues will take priority over what our usual focus would be.  |
| 5  | Our police and firefighters make to much money! Reduce salaries and benefits to be in order with the average private corporations. Reduce the number of police NOT walking neighborhoods. Our police should be visible and known in the neighborhoods they are responsible for. Keep and increase parks to give families and private organizations opportunities for recreational activities.  |
| 5  | People want to live in a clean and safe city even in times of economic downturn. It's unfortunate that other programs will suffer, but if people don't feel safe they will leave to another city and take their tax base with them. If you make cuts to public safety you won't have enough resources for the next city emergency. It's coming it just depends on when. Eg. electrical vaults exploding, covid-19, civil unrest/protest, crime, storm floods, and brush fires etc.   |
| 5  | Perhaps you should look at Lakewood to determine how they budget to keep their streets paved, and parks maintained without a constant battle from their residents. I would have put most of these items at very important, except I'm sure it will be used to float another tax hike.  |
| 5  | Please defund 20-40% of the police budget, and apply it to the schools and parks and recs programs. Would also love it if it went to cure homelessness and the environment.  |
| 5  | Please do not waste funds on inflated civic centers and other projects like artificial turf. Please try not to raise rates to compensate for our conservation like for water. Because we comply and use less, you raise rates? Thank you.  |
| 5  | Please do the right thing. The City has strived to get where it is today. Going backwards does not help the City or its Residents. FIND A WAY TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD, as we always have!!! It will take too long to come back to where we are if you go backwards. City officials know what I am talking about. Please do the right thing. Thank you!!   |
| 5  | Please don't forget about funding the arts in our city. That what makes LB so special.   |
| 5  | Please DON'T Defund the Police   |
| 5  | Please don't defund the Police I get that they shouldn't be doing certain things, but defunding will only lead to lawlessness. Instead, we need a system of checks and balances.   |
| 5  | Please figure out how to fine/arrest people that explode the illegal fireworks.  |
| 5  | Please fix our streets! They are in terrible shape!  |
| 5  | Please open up all the Library's.. They provide a GREAT FREE SERVICE   |
| 5  | Please protect us from COVID at skilled nursing facilities   |
| 5  | Please shift funding from police to social and health programs to deal with the causes of crime, instead of shooting and locking everyone up.  |
| 5  | Please stop spending money on unnecessary road changes (bollards, bike lanes, roundabouts). Please focus on repaving and repairing the roads (in some areas of the country roads are repaved regularly). Please do not spend more money on artificial turf in schools and parks ( look at cities who have done that and are now putting real grass back because of the huge maintenance expense and safety issues). Plus, it's hot, still needs to be watered and harbors dangerous bacteria. Continually raising taxes and not spending the money to improve infrastructure (roads, gas, water, electrical, street trees, parks). Oh yeah! The extra monies were transferred to the general fund so time to raise rates, taxes and fees on the residents of Long Beach. It's embarrassing that our public servants are such poor fiduciaries. Stop accepting money from unions. It c would be great if our City Council representatives would actually represent the people in their districts rather than voting on what they think is best. 9-0 votes passing everything that comes along is telling. The survey is misleading. There's a price tag attached to each one of those |

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|    | <p>questions. Of course they are all "very important". Focus on reducing the city's financial commitments. You don't have to give raises just because the city next door does. Renegotiate all your contracts with fire, police, teachers. Stop new projects until your city is caught up. That's what the rest of us have to do. I'd like to improve my property but the additional taxes that would be levied make that impossible. Why, because we don't overextend ourselves. Please try to live below your means rather than fooling the residents into a new tax. But it's easier to do that so why would you? In a city this big, you can't figure out how to televise the city council meetings? The potholes, homeless laying on the sidewalks, and dying trees are a good indicator of how poorly our City is run. Back to the beginning, please stop spending money on bike lanes, bollards, Roundabouts Artificial turf and new city buildings. A final question? Why do you want to put bike lanes on the busiest streets? It's unsafe. If you like cyclists, move them over a few streets and keep them out of traffic. I asked a traffic engineer why it is done. The answer is political pressure. Slowing down traffic makes people angry, causes them to drive through residential areas putting children at risk and increase pollution. Let the traffic flow and move the cyclists over a street or two for the safety of all. And please stop with the protected bike lanes that put everyone in more danger. While I'm on a roll, the scooters laying around the sidewalks are an eyesore, a source of infection and dangerous. Please don't bring those back. Lastly, the weird street closures in residential neighborhoods are a terrible idea. The survey sent out talked about reducing lanes to accommodate outdoor space for struggling businesses. This makes sense. This is a great idea. Randomly closing residential streets is not a good idea. Do the right thing...even if it's hard.</p> |
| 5  | Please support businesses and jobs by defending them from looters.  |
| 5  | Please, at the minimum, maintain existing funding to The Fire Department, Police Department, And Department of Public Works, Parks, and Library Services. The children of Long Beach can use the parks and libraries to keep themselves busy without having to create new, costly programs... And the parks and libraries can be used by adults as well.  |
| 5  | Police and Fire funding needs to continue.  |
| 5  | Police and Fire protection are at a high importance level. The police need to police and ticket for speeding, expired tags, running lights. They need to patrol the neighborhoods especially because of the homeless roaming. Just ask anyone.... the homeless are stealing like water runs down a river. Do something with the homeless! Arrest them for loitering, drug paraphernalia, etc. I pay for everything while they steal everything from me. They don't want help the people that want help get it. Senior programs are important but we have to be cautious with the state we are in with covid. Fire needs funding to continue outstanding service they already provide. They respond to any and all calls regardless. What needs to be looked at is 911 call center. I have called for assistance and have been disappointed more than once with their responses while on the line. They emergency center as a whole needs to be addressed.   |
| 5  | Police and Medical services must be maintained at the highest level possible but strongly recommend re-evaluating currently assigned city department services for lower cost and better performance efficiency.   |
| 5  | POLICE BUDGETS should go UNTOUCHED! There are plenty of budgetary dollars that go to internet, translator services, and homeless services through our already EXAGGERATED TAX DOLLARS (i.e. telecommunications, homeless tax, State/Federal, and Prop. A).  |
| 5  | Police funds need to be reallocated to fund mental health programs, homeless housing, social work programs, and other programs working to actually help citizens. The long Beach police academy needs to be reorganised to provide more in depth training, better emotional and phych tests, and stricter requirements to become a cop. It takes 3-4xs as long to be come a barber as it does to become a cop. This has to change. There must be ethnic studies included in the police academy as well. White supremacy and racism have been allowed to run rampant for too long. We need to fix our city. Black Lives Matter. Show us you believe that!  |
| 5  | POLICE NEED MORE FUNDING  |
| 5  | Police services are important! We need more patrol and crack down on crime. I'm seeing a rise in my area and only seems to be getting worse.  |
| 5  | Police specialized units should not be cut (air support, k9, swat). The city of Long Beach wastes a lot of money that does not need to be spent on, ie rainbow colored (illegal) crosswalks along Broadway. Not enough patrol officers on the street, but appears to be more than enough upper  |

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|    | management. Upper management should be willing to take a pay cut first and foremost and take away their take home cars.  |
| 5  | Police, fire, and other essential services need funding. Do not fund homeless outreach and other projects that do not protect our citizens.  |
| 5  | Police, fire, infrastructure are 3 most critical. Social programs are least important  |
| 5  | Prioritize Health Department services to address this pandemic.  |
| 5  | Prohibit homeless camps, fix sidewalks and streets, do not raise sales tax, do not waste money on social programs  |
| 5  | Promoting more tourism and employment strategies   |
| 5  | Prop A money hasn't gone where promised. The roads are still terrible  |
| 5  | Property crime is out of control. Most of the suspects doing petty thefts and garage burglaries are PEH. We need to attack this problem from both sides; maximum enforcement and prosecution of arrestees and helping PEH get off the streets.   |
| 5  | Provide area for permanent homeless population to live and receive services. Access to employment in building and maintaining that area. Create purpose and pride and community. Rethink policing strategies to include increased service to community, there is no need for 5 patrol cars to show up for a traffic stop. What value are they creating between calls for assistance? Police culture should police itself.  |
| 5  | Providing special events and programs for families - like what???? What's a neighborhood police patrol? Are they police officers or some other type of community safety team?  |
| 5  | Public Health Funding should be as important as Police and Fire. If this pandemic has taught anything, it is the importance of a strong public health foundation, which the City provides little support.  |
| 5  | Public safety funding should be the priority in Long Beach. Eliminating homelessness and blight will only enhance our city and attract business to come/ stay.   |
| 5  | Public safety is important, but funding police isn't our only option. It doesn't work in it's current form. Please consider funding things that address the root issues of crime, i.e. racial injustice, underfunded schools, the school to prison pipeline, and the criminally low minimum wage, etc. There are so many wonderful activists who have been studying this and can be hired as consultants. Long Beach can be about equity if we dismantle things that don't work and put people, especially people who are marginalized, first. Thank you and I truly hope you will be prioritizing long-term strategies over short-term gains. I believe we can do better. |
| 5  | Public safety is the top priority. If the city is not safe and there is not a strong police presence then the city will struggle with economic growth.   |
| 5  | Public safety is top priority (police and fire). If those aren't taken care of, none of the rest will matter as residents and visitors won't feel safe here.   |
| 5  | Public safety should be the city's number one priority. Recognizing and implementing the "broken window" theory should also be a top priority.   |
| 5  | Public school funding for counseling   |
| 5  | Quality of life is down in Long Beach. Homeless people are everywhere. Crime all around is up. Shootings, theft, vandalism. Small crimes lead to larger issues. De-funding the police is the worst thing that can happen to Long Beach. Cutting the budget of police will only make things worse and make crime spike. 30 years ago Long Beach had serious crime problems. Cut the police budget and it will be right back there. I was born and raised in Long Beach and these are serious times however cutting public safety is wrong.  |
| 5  | Quit spending all that money on those stupid little run-arounds-pretend traffic circles. And all the bike paths (ghost trails) taking up the street when NO ONE is EVER, EVER in them!!  |
| 5  | Quit wasting money on illegal immigrants and social programs. Do not defund the police.  |
| 5  | Raise taxes if we need to but spend the money on empowering communities and not on putting them in jail. Jobs and education will get folks off the streets and hopeful about their present and future. These amenities should be district blind and for now let's favor areas that have typically been underfunded since forever.  |
| 5  | Reallocate funding from the police to services that help homeless and mentally ill (and those two aren't necessarily the same)   |

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| 5  | Reallocate money from police budget to housing/food/mental health programs.   |
| 5  | Reduce Police budget and we distribute funds to more important/underfunded areas. We also don't need to fund artificial soccer grass fields. The funds can be used on something more impactful to the community.  |
| 5  | Reduce the budget allocation to police by 50%.  |
| 5  | Regarding parks/open spaces, contribute more spaces specifically to soccer. Everything is baseball but the most kids play soccer but the amount of available fields is extremely limited. The fields that are available are just open grass and crappy nets. Provide the youth proper facilities for activity and training.   |
| 5  | Reorganize and defund the police to make people a priority.   |
| 5  | Repair the street on the 3500 block of Canehill Ave, run the homeless out of town, enforce the laws for crimes committed and patrol all neighborhoods! I'm sick of my taxes going up and crime just getting worse in the neighborhood, not to mention you can't even drive down my street because of the tree roots!  |
| 5  | Resist the political correctness push. Do not reduce police budgets. Safety is our priority   |
| 5  | Response to fireworks this year and last years was nonexistent. Additionally, we live on border of two different jurisdictions - Long Beach and Hawaiian gardens, the latter of which is patrolled by lapd. There needs to be some liaison between these two agencies to work on firework abatement. The effect on pets, people, wild animals, and the environment is immeasurable. We should not have to live in war zone caused by these disruptions.   |
| 5  | Return funds to the water department. The general fund receives funds not spent by the water department in a single year. Now the water department is raising rates to offset the loss. Year to year, it is a shell game. The general fund should be dissolved.   |
| 5  | Return the police and fire personal to 3 8 hour schedules without overtime..Or have the LA Sheriffs Department contracted to provide security and de-fund the LB police department..  |
| 5  | RFETIREMENTS. RETIRED FROM LBPD IN 1981.39 YRS. MAKE SURE ALL POLICE & FIRE CAN SAY THE SAME.   |
| 5  | Right now the city needs to concentrate on ONLY what is absolutely necessary. When the economy improves the less important services may be taken care of.   |
| 5  | Services that serve and protect (fire/police/hospitals/homeless/animal control) are way more important that "making" any new green spaces, or murals/sculptures with the arts. Basic safety and security should be prioritized over any "nice to have" items given the current climate, and I believe citizens will help clean things like graffiti & trash.  |
| 5  | Should get rid of street sweeping. Absolutely useless. \$70 for a ticket?? Ridiculous amount to charge for a completely asinine service. Abolish it. Almost \$0 of the budget should go toward any maintenance or payment for street sweeping.  |
| 5  | Should speak about long beach city pensions, the actual cost. City speaks about affordable housing yet makes it impossible to actually build due to HIGH permit fee's & requirements/ regulations.  |
| 5  | Since the city has spent so much money on useless things, it looks like this survey is going to be used to increase taxes. I have lived here my entire life (mostly 90808 and 90815) and have never seen it so bad. Nothing get done on the eastside of time because we just do it ourselves (I paid \$850 for get my parkway tree trimmed); the potholes are "filled in" instead of redoing the entire street (Wardlow and Studebaker); El Dorado Park is not kept up especially the side north of Wardlow; and I could go on and on. Wake UP--use criminals (since they are released too soon or never jailed) to do community service to help clean up blighted areas and then keep them that way. Yes, I am bitter about the whole situation in Long Beach--what am I paying increased sales taxes for? Not east Long Beach residents (and that's why I shop in Orange County as much as possible). |
| 5  | STOP THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ON JULY4th. This year there was nonstop fireworks for 8 solid hours without a policeman, even after they were called. Don't have laws you are not going to enforce!!!! Very unhappy about the illegal fireworks this year.   |
| 5  | Stop wasting tax payers' money.   |
| 5  | support our police officers and firefighters !  |

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| 5  | Take care of roads, sidewalks, trim trees/bushes more consistently, brighten streets, too much drug use at near by parks where children play, too much theft (cars/homes). Take care of neighborhoods first and then provide additional services.  |
| 5  | Take care of streets and trim all bushes/trees consistently. Take care of parks that have been taken over by the homeless and drug users. Do not feel safe walking around heartwell park anymore. Add drug rehab and mental health facilities to really address the homeless population.   |
| 5  | Take money out of our police budget and put it into our schools. Rookie cops shouldn't make more than teachers who have served our communities their entire lives  |
| 5  | Thank you for all the great work Long Beach does!  |
| 5  | The "safe streets" program is unnecessary and a waste of budget that is sorely needed for common infrastructure, i.e. street repaving. There should be less spending on the Mayor's pet projects, with those funds going to the important needs in the budget and to basic currently crumbling infrastructure.   |
| 5  | The budget needs to place an emphasis on police, fire and safety along with infrastructure.  |
| 5  | The choices and questions are poorly written. This is not an actual survey on budget priorities at all. To say something is very important doesn't mean at all that I think it needs "more" or "less" funding. You'd have to ask if I think the current level is satisfactory or not to get that. Plus, many people will have a hard time saying any of these are not at all important but would agree some are "Most important and a budget increase should be considered, Very important to maintain at least as it is, Less important and could be cut a little, or Much less important and could be drastically cut to fund higher priorities. Also, the way you worded the questions (e.g., extremes and disparities such as adding "all" to only misdemeanor crimes but not to pot holes, etc.) is suspect. I suspect anyone with a significant research background could point out these obvious biases in both the questions and answers. Is it that the city isn't using a good research firm or the bias is intentional? |
| 5  | The city needs to make public participation at city hall more easily accessible. So far the mayor and council have done more to hamper participation than help. Public services union money needs to be prohibited from going to city official campaign funds. The blatant disregard to addressing ALL the district needs as apposed to a few needs to be stopped. Integrity need to be brought back to Long Beach governance.   |
| 5  | The city needs to support the Historical Society of Long Beach. They are the only entity collecting and preserving historical materials about the history of the city, communities, and people. With the outbreak of COVID cultural and artistic organizations are at risk. Please strengthen the community by helping nonprofits provide the services that the city does not provide.   |
| 5  | The City owes it to protect its most vulnerable and divert police funds to literally anything else. Also, neighborhood watches will just leas lb to be the next home of "karen" videos.  |
| 5  | The city should be focusing on and funding its climate action and bicycle plans! Investments in bike infrastructure have social, economic, and climate benefits. It seems like the city stopped building bike lanes after a few people complained about that Broadway project...keep them coming!  |
| 5  | The following are examples of poor uses of taxpayer money that should serve as lessons in what to avoid or not repeat when similar opportunities arise in the future: Covering the soccer fields in El Dorado Park with artificial turf which many oppose. Installing bollards on Studebaker Road to protect bikers. Building a palatial courthouse, port headquarters and new city hall when more modest buildings would suffice, even if they were partially or entirely funded from state and federal sources.  |
| 5  | The homelessness problem in Long Beach is rampant. Also our 10.25 sales tax is crazy.  |
| 5  | The LB Police Department should have its budget increased and the increase should go towards new & improved training programs so that everyone is treated with respect at all times and in all situations.   |
| 5  | The LB Police, run by Luna, needs to be restructured, and made more accountable to the citizens of Long beach. Luna needs to be removed  |
| 5  | The LBPD budget is far too high and crime rates do not appear to be decreasing. It's time to take a different tack and reallocate those funds.   |
| 5  | The majority of police and first responder services are required in the downtown and north Long Beach areas. For years, City management has turned a blind eye on this area of Long Beach. The City needs to continue to provide a significant amount of resources to these areas to prevent the   |



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|    | spread of crime and blight which plagues these areas. Hopefully Tom Modica's vision includes theses areas of our City.   |
| 5  | The police and fire are overpaid and their staggering pensions are draining our tax money and making this a police state while infrastructure is deteriorating before our eyes. It has become your city that you allow us to live in. And you act like your doing us a favor in the process!   |
| 5  | The police budget is over inflated. We need to disband out police department in it's current form and invest stronger youth development, social services, and community based safety options.  |
| 5  | The police have way too much funding. I have never had a positive experience with a Long Beach patrol officer.   |
| 5  | The safety of our neighborhoods is a primary concern. We've had so much burglary and theft from the many homeless that have recently congregated in Long Beach. We've reported these crimes to the police time and again, but nothing is ever done. This influx of homeless and the crime their desperation leads to has become the biggest problem Long Beach faces today.  |
| 5  | The streets in LB are atrocious, LB use to care how the city looks. You charge for street sweeping services but they never clean the gutters, they barely allow the brushes to touch the street and they go so fast that they rarely pick up anything from the gutters. All of this is to "save money" but our rates go up just like the brushes do, and if you get a ticket "\$70.00 and how many of those does the city get daily? There is big talk everywhere to defund the police departments, REALLY? If we want to go back to lawlessness at least allow the law abiding citizens who these days fear for their safety to legally conceal carry!! If you take all of the enforcing power away from the police then all that's left will be chaos and lawlessness, which in turn will take away the ability of our fire department to serve this city! In 1953 when my parents bought in East LB they did so because LB was a safe and secure and beautiful city and growing up in the 60's and 70's it was a great place to grow up the city was maintained and when they did something street sweeping or road repairs and the list goes on, but these days you are (the city council is more interested in putting low income housing in a district that has ALWAYS been SINGLE FAMILY Homes but you want to bring more crime, and litter, and junk cars, illegal aliens, and the list goes on of issues that go along with low income people, and in the same time you want to defund the police. Don't misunderstand me I've been low income before but I always work and obeyed the law, but why don't you look at statistics and unfortunately that's how it reads especially when you keep throwing them money to support their mentality of give me more free stuff. I'm just kidding myself to think that our mayor or city council would even concern themselves with trying to keep and maintain this city as a great and safe place to live as it use to be instead of trying to keep up with all of the poorly run cities such as LA or San Francisco or evening Chicago or Washington DC. Just look at Seattle and the parts of the city that these lawless people have taken over and you can see where this city is headed! That is why good hard working people such as myself and thousands of others are leaving this City and State In droves!!! Keep up the Good Work and the way you are going and you will have Long Beach become a place that nobody except criminals will be living. |
| 5  | The survey would be better if phrased "do you want more or less of these services". All of the items are important for a rounded quality of life.  |
| 5  | The're all essential to our well being as a city.  |
| 5  | There are many empty spaces on our streets and medians, (Spring St., Bellflower Blvd., Woodruff Ave, to name just a few) where there were once trees that have died. LB should plant more trees along our streets and medians to beautify our community and reduce climate change.   |
| 5  | There should be absolutely NO thought or plan to defund our Police Department!!  |
| 5  | This City has made huge strides over the years to draw down crime. Please do not join the ridiculous and dangerous rush to defund our police.  |
| 5  | This city is falling apart, especially streets. Just go over to Lakewood if you want to see what a proactive street maintenance program looks like. Quit the cozy relationship with the police union, reduce the exorbitant police and city worker salaries, and get this city back in shape.  |
| 5  | This city is going so down hill. It makes us want to leave after 50 years. Use to be a great city. No pot holes bigger than ponds. The trees always trimmed and not unsafe sidewalks. The political ideas of this city are so out line with what the majority of the citizens want and believe. You are shoving your ideas down our throats.   |
| 5  | This is a little tricky of a survey and it seems you are trying to get a specific outcome and seems unfair. Please make your budget meet the demands of Black Lives matter Long Beach.   |

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| 5  | This was not a well-designed questionnaire, in my opinion. The instructions were, "Please rate the following services by how they make the City of Long Beach better for you" When in fact we should have been answering the question, "how important is it for Long Beach to bear the entire cost of these services." I suspect the answers will be interpreted this way, and that information is much more usable.  |
| 5  | Though I don't agree with everything that is decided by our city government, I believe that we/they are doing a pretty good job based on the challenges of this crazy time that we live in. I admire the efforts of our Mayor -- he has worked through gentrification (I was not on board...) and is now working on being fair to those in our community who have less and who don't have the ability to fend for themselves (I'm all in!) I believe that the energy focused on those who need help will ultimately help all of us. I thank the mayor and staff for considering all new ideas and alternatives for all things in our city. Change is inevitable. Either we try new things or we stagnate. Change is tough, but we in Long Beach are resilient. As for the police -- provide more sensitivity training. For the most part I see officers approach non-lethal situations with kindness, but I am a woman, so I only see the kinder aspects of law enforcement. I was a mother who always told my son not to drive through certain areas, what to do if the police pull him over, etc. He is white, so maybe things were easier for him. Still, he was warned and he did have some interaction with the police. I'm glad he was not hurt, I guess we were lucky. I can see how this might be different for a black mother and son. Long Beach, and the rest of the country -- we need to correct that...both by teaching our children and better vetting of those we choose as police officers. Maybe officers need a little love too? It's a very stressful, dangerous job. How can we help the officers while we also help our citizens? On another note, can we provide officers who are from outside of Long Beach -- meaning they don't live here or have personal attachments to our city -- with a more intense background on what our city means to those who live here and who love and live in Long Beach? And last, whatever you do, please don't 'defund' or eliminate the police. Push money around, add or change training, make the citizen's review board into a respected commission, but please -- do not defund. When I have a problem that is so serious that I need to call law enforcement I don't want a social worker to arrive at my door. I want someone with training, authority and backup to show up and help me. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to voice my opinion. I'm in District 5, 90808. I'm probably the lowest income person living here...and I love it anyway. Love our city, have lived in every part of it. Was born here and will probably die here (not too soon, I hope) if we can just get past this pandemic... |
| 5  | Top priorities of mine that were not included are: improving race relations, eliminating the school to prison pipeline, recruiting and promoting BIPOC for jobs in the city and police departments, reversing mass incarceration. Participation in the "War on Drugs" should be reduced and eliminated as it is a failed system that works to incarcerate BIPOC disproportionately. Another top priority should be dealing with Climate Change and impending seawater rise.   |
| 5  | Tough list. Very difficult to pick what is less important. Good luck!   |
| 5  | Trash Collection and Street Sweeping. - Very Important.   |
| 5  | Trees need to be considered in our streets and parks. Many are reaching their end of life and a massive die off will decrease shade, lower house values (ugly if a street has no trees) and increase the heat (no shade over hot pavement increases heat) please consider a massive effort to plant and maintain new trees.   |
| 5  | Unsustainable contracts *must* be revisited. The power of public employee unions to control city leadership via election funding must end.  |
| 5  | We are all tired of the crime..it's not right for ppl to go into a store n take what ever they want, it's shoplifting n they need to prosecute these people, the stores shouldn't have to pay for these items being stolen on their insurance, this is ridiculous that our representatives are not protecting our businesses or homes or families our cities from the homeless that is committing the crimes.. the people that are coming into our neighborhood and committing the crimes, the police are to the point where they don't even want to do their job because nobody backs them up and you never prosecute anybody.. build more jails, build more prisons.. put them out in the desert someplace.. stop making excuses for not prosecuting these people and making them pay if they mess something up they burn something down they vandalize it they should have to go out there clean it up, paint, fix it up..it should not come out of the taxpayers pocket and it shouldn't come out of the business owners insurance..many want all you representatives out of office you're not doing your jobs, you're not protecting the people and we're tired of it..Ca is now a terrible place to live..  |

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|    | between the mayor n the governor n our city and county representatives.. president Trump was getting the economy back on its feet and then here comes along the pandemic which we all know it's political there's lots of flu viruses I have COPD and I know I had this because I had pneumonia I couldn't smell I couldn't taste I had a fever and I made it through it so if I can make it through it other people Can make it thru n healthy kids can make it through.. they don't need to be wearing masks at school all day it's not healthy..you guys are carting this to far.. most Americans know that this pandemic is nothing but a ploy to break down our economy so that President Trump looks like he can't handle things and all of the Democrats want to make this a socialist country and Trump is standing in your way and you don't like it.. I've lived here for 71 years and I've seen a change in this country That's absolutely embarrassing.. it's not the way our country was made to function our country was based on biblical principles you're trying to take God out of our country, but I'm gonna tell you right now God is still in control and he will bring this country back, but if we the good people refuse to stand up, evil prevails and we're not gonna allow it anymore..we're tired of it of this whole mess n we're going to vote you guys out.. |
| 5  | We don't need a militarized police. Those funds should be allocated to proper training programs such that hair dressers and massage therapists don't have more training than police officers. Most of the civilized world is able to serve and protect without being armed like a soldier.  |
| 5  | We have been complaining about the two huge trees on Bellflower Blvd 4700 block to be taken out! It's wrecking the road and are out of hand! It would be nice if the medium gets watered during the summer, the grass is all dead. That's what people see when it says "Welcome to Long Beach"! Lakewood always maintains their property fabulous!  |
| 5  | We love our police and firemen. We do not want to defund the police. We cannot let the small group of protestors with inaccurate facts sway a city's budget. Most of the protestors weren't even residents of this great city. I worry for the safety of my city if council decides to defund the police.   |
| 5  | We need Firefighters, Paramedics and Police Officers We need to pave streets, not just fix pot holes We wasted a lot of street maintenance funds on providing safe bicycle paths. I rarely see any riders except for recreational purposes. Let's get back to basics.   |
| 5  | We need now more than ever to focus on race and police violence in Long Beach   |
| 5  | We need parking. Provide monetary incentives to lot owners to allow overnight parking and not tow so we don't have to walk 3 blocks from our cars at night  |
| 5  | We need to defund Long Beach Police Department, reallocating or redirecting funding away from the police department to other government agencies funded by the local municipality. We need better support for seniors, children and people with special needs. LBPD clearly cannot provide these services without harming vulnerable populations and should no longer receive funding to do these jobs.   |
| 5  | We need to enforce smaller laws— broken window theory.  |
| 5  | We need to stop enabling the homeless people by offering them more and more free services and decriminalizing their illegal activities.   |
| 5  | We need to stop spending money on useless projects such as teen activities, dismantling homelessness, and providing senior activities. We have streets that have 1 foot by 1 foot holes in them that have not changed for years. We have a lack of consistent police presence due to our "nicer" area allowing criminals to easily come in during the night and break into homes and cars. This is a huge issues in council district 5 and needs to be addressed with a patrolling police force at night.   |
| 5  | We need to support our police department and keep our neighborhoods safe. The homeless population must be addressed and not allowed to invade the city with crime and health safety issues.   |
| 5  | We should defund the police and further fund programs and initiatives that prevent crime and improve overall quality of life. This includes housing as a right for everyone, increased educational budget, jobing training and opportunities, increasing the minimum wage to a liveable wage (\$33 an hour); increasing sustainability, increasing public transit.  |
| 5  | We've lived in Long Beach since 1972. It's sad to see a once great city deteriorate to the point it's almost unrecognizable. Current leadership is the worse my family and I have ever seen.  |
| 5  | When considering maintenance of local parks, the city is resting on its laurels with current skatepark system. Michael K Green, Drake and Silverado all need remodels (with pour-in-place concrete, not prefabricated elements.) El Dorado skatepark is 20 years old and also in need of  |


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|    | revisioning/remodeling to match better/current skatepark designs. Heartwell Park should also have a skatepark.   |
| 5  | When discussing language translations please include American Sign Language. We are grateful for the interpreter for the Mayors updates.   |
| 5  | When Jeff Kellogg was a Councilman, he passed an agenda item measure that forced the city to provide a financial analysis for every project the city proposed building. This was never done for the El Dorado Park artificial turf soccer field. Since that was not done, there is no legal basis for the city to install an artificial turf soccer field. This project is currently under resident protest within the 10 days the city council voted on it and this was one of the reason cited. The city has not yet responded to the resident protest (also filed with the city clerk). The city has also not performed a needs assessment. There is a civil rights issue where the city has allowed the primary user of the field to grant permitting while they subcontract 2 of the 3 fields to other leagues outside the district and city. This has not been allowed for other soccer leagues and other other leagues playing have specifically been told that isn't allowed by the Parks department and CD5 district office. Other districts have been allowed to have outreaches to block artificial turf in their districts, but not for CD5. Additionally since the city proposed installing the field, the primary user of the field has lost literally over 1/3rd it's membership. This coupled with the fact the LBUSD has already installed numerous artificial turf soccer fields and intends on installing them in each of it's schools throughout the city and has secured funding indicates the district already has and will continue to have an over supply of artificial turf soccer fields. Residents have overwhelmingly shown they are against artificial turf soccer fields and were told this would not happen. The residents have always been 95% further development of El Dorado Park West and want the city to move the soccer fields the currently have to other districts to help minority groups outside the city. CD5 has 95% of the city's soccer fields and getting more or installing an artificial turf soccer field in CD5 is overkill. Residents have consistently in CD5 demanded more open space and outreach reports have reflected that. Residents in CD5 want the artificial turf soccer field and request that project be removed from the list of city projects to do and instead use that money for streets, sidewalks & police. |
| 5  | When the budget is short or there is no surplus, the city MUST focus on providing emergency services and maintaining the infra structure of the city. Homeless programs and the complimentary services are fine when we can afford it, however they are NOT the first or even second responsibility of the city when it is looking at a financial shortfall.   |
| 5  | Where was transportation?  |
| 5  | While we do need security, a non-armed community police force would be better than expanding traditional police forces. We should have an Environmental Corps that would simultaneously create jobs, create a cadre of engaged citizens and result in a cleaner environment for all.   |
| 5  | Who is the budget going to leave behind while renovating and generating new downtown and rich businesses - homeless people? Victims of Domestic Violence? Undocumented residence? the middle class?  |
| 5  | Will the survey results be shared with the public? And will responses be separated by Council District? For transparency, the public should know the total number of votes and identified priority areas by Council District.  |
| 5  | Work with what you have. No more taxes   |
| 5  | You all are doing a horrible job at running the City.  |
| 5  | You are doing a good job, In my house as we have lost income this last year we were also forced to review where we spend our money and what can we cut. This is a very difficult, as we are already on a fixed income. We had to reduce money spent in our wonderful city, knowing there will be a trickle down affect for the city. Again, the best of luck to all of you.  |
| 5  | You don't talk about the corruption of our mayor and council members the kickbacks and payoffs the wasted money and over spending on items un sustainable retirement and pension plans etc.  |
| 5  | Your survey used some loaded words. Please lower crime rates by being more proactive. My neighbors car has been burglarized multiple times in the past year. This makes me feel unsafe.  |
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| 6  | 1, Integrity is missing from our employees, the elected ones!! 2, No new taxes. 3, Lower taxes. 4, The honest good people get a raise. 5, Tax payer resident for 46 years and 5 to go.   |

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| 6  | Address the homeless on the flood control. Crime due to homeless in the Wrigley area. Prosecute offenders.   |
| 6  | Almost everything on the list is very or somewhat important in a City of this size. I think the Ciyy shoul partner with neighborhoods on things like graffiti cleanup, library materials and other community type programs. COVID has revealed that there are plenty of people who are willing to donate time, expertise and material items to neighbors.  |
| 6  | Better and more mental health services! This is how we fix so many problems, from homelessness to violence.  |
| 6  | Community services are of highest priority. People need help, opportunities and education. Libraries, schools, parks and health services should dominate the budget, not the excessively armed police.   |
| 6  | Crime has been up a lot and graffiti everywhere. Please help.  |
| 6  | Cut the budget for police and dedicate to new and innovative solutions that address root causes.   |
| 6  | Defund the police  |
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| 6  | Defund the police and re allocate funds to other community services  |
| 6  | Defund the Police budget, invest in community human services such as mental health professional responders, more homeless outreach, more free children after school programs, more affordable housing. Recall Mayor Garcia. Defund the Police.Defund the Police. Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.Defund the Police.  |
| 6  | Defund the police by redistributing the money from the budget for health services, education, and sustainability.  |
| 6  | Defund the police.   |
| 6  | DEFUND THE POLICE. BRING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL. TAKE BETTER CARE OF THE HOMELESS.  |
| 6  | Divert money from the police to youth engagement and restorative justice. Cut red tape around building. Permitting and code enforcement are insane in Long Beach. They are more concerned with whether I have 15 inches of elbow room on my toilet than they are with the thousands of people pooping in the LA river! BUILD more housing, provide incentives to property owners to build housing. Replace blighted commercial districts with high density housing. There should be no strip malls or car dealers/ car washes on Long Beach Blvd or PCH. Don't just make general plans, actually use the levers of government to make housing construction appealing. Tax incentives or penalties for vacant commercial land which will make landowners build housing. It is insane that probably half the commercial space on Pacific Ave between PCH and Willow is vacant, yet there are people without homes sleeping on the stoops of empty storefronts. Require 2 levels of housing above all retail on Pacific Ave, 6+ levels on LB Blvd and PCH. And clean up the LA River and beaches. It makes the whole city trashy, literally, garbage and human poop floating down the river to the ocean. |
| 6  | Education funding is very important to schools, such as hotspots and tech.   |
| 6  | Enforcement of people lighting fireworks has got to be a bigger priority. It's like living in a war zone. Unless it changes, I will be forced to leave Long Beach. I don't want to but it's become intolerable. Has gone on for months.  |
| 6  | Find education, fire and police. Take away guaranteed pensions use 401Ks for all officials to include fire and police.   |
| 6  | FIREWORKS SPEEDING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES   |
| 6  | For several years, I've pointed out how loaded some of these questions are such as "maintain a low crime rate." For several years, this has not changed. There are a lot of assumptions in that question. Yes, maintain a low crime rate but not through policing. Do this through providing opportunities to all LB residents and targeted resources to those who need it the most. Equity should be a consideration throughout the budget (e.g., yes to more open space in neighborhoods that need it). Also, there are other things besides policing that keep pedestrians safe--continue to prioritize pedestrian safety by creating infrastructure that supports that.  |
| 6  | For the safety of our families, please do not defund the police.   |

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| 6  | Homeless people camping  out at Veterans Park and leaving trash and parked vehicles, sleeping in cars. Drug addicts sleeping inside in parks restrooms daily. Since Veteran's Park restrooms never closed.   |
| 6  | Homeless solutions, crime prevention, and reducing urban blight are my family's top three priorities. We would also like to see better/increased traffic signage & signals installed in our district, where excessive new construction is creating additional traffic hazards and parking issues on/around 19th Street & LB Blvd. Thank you!  |
| 6  | How much of the budget will go towards education? How much of it will go towards the police department?   |
| 6  | I do not think more funds should go to police initiatives. I also think we should consider most delivery of services through internet based or phone based resources. Taking away finances to pay overhead is bad. We need redistribution Of funds to functional programs and basic needs supporting well being (medical, food, educational tools). Affordable housing would assist in reducing homelessness rate.  |
| 6  | I feel that the city is really letting down the law abiding, tax paying citizens in enforcing laws that keep us safe, and not terrorized on a nightly basis with the detonation of Illegal mortars (or "fireworks", as the city likes to call those.) I am a shift worker, as are many others in this city, that have enough difficulty getting the sleep we need as essential workers, without the added hostility of neighbors lighting fireworks all hours of every day. Do something about it!!!  |
| 6  | I question the usefulness of this type of survey. Questions too broad and don't address the complexities of issues. Ex: Do libraries and parks reduce crime or do police reduce crime?  |
| 6  | I think all of the above are extremely important but understand that the city has a difficult task ahead. While I don't support defunding the police (not really sure what that means), I would be pleased to see programs and services that are typically cut in these situations (parks, libraries) be given greater consideration this budget cycle since these cuts impact communities of color the most.   |
| 6  | I think it is important to keep crime rates low but not through current policing strategies. I think it is important to invest in preventative measures that create protective factors for community members. This is the second time that the budget survey has been collected in this manner. I do not think this survey really captures what the community values for investment and I do not know how you actually interpret the data to inform the budget. I think question can be do you think the City is correctly investing tax payers dollars at this time? What are the programs that you think the city is investing well in? If you had \$1 million of flexible funding where would you invest? This survey is a really small effort towards participatory budgeting. I hope this gets your "community input" checked off of your list. Do better City of Long Beach.  |
| 6  | I think we should also cover school funding, especially for our specialized schools.  |
| 6  | I was surprised to see this list of choices. I scrolled down it, looking for programs where resources could be directed towards investments into mental healthcare, appropriate crisis response, social services, education, and economic investment in communities that have been under served and harmed by systemic racism. After all the listening sessions and declaring "Racism as a public health emergency", why isn't there specific areas on this list that address reinvesting in Black communities and re imaging public safety. For example, "Providing business assistance and supporting economic development"...I marked as important, but I mean for this assistance to go to communities that have experienced racial injustice, This survey seems to ignore the thousands on the street May 31, protecting against police violence and racial injustice.   |
| 6  | I would like the homeless problem budgeted. I would like to see more environmental protection and sustainability.   |
| 6  | I would like to see business assistance for the Willow St. and Pacific Ave. corridor. The neighborhood wants small businesses, however the city and the family trusts that own the land in this area have made it virtually impossible. Fees need to be waived and we need active city officials to promote this area. We will support it if we can get business' in these empty buildings! Part of this should also be breaks and help to beautify the architecture and store fronts of what should be a historic area in LB. This neighborhood also needs help addressing homelessness and drugs. The loitering and drug trafficking happening in the alleys and street corners of Wrigley is blatant. "Specialized Police Units" should be adjusted to Specialized units that can help with Domestic violence, PTSD attacks, and community outreach for those who have lost hope and are living daily with alcoholism, drug use and welfare. Also a Specialized Fireworks Unit to combat the illegal |

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|    | explosives and warfare on our streets and above our homes between Memorial Day and Fourth of July. We would also love to have some PowWow murals in Wrigley like the rest of the city. "Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight" should be for all neighborhoods, not just those along Ocean, in Bixby, Belmont Shore and Retro Row. This goes back to what I was saying about Pacific and Willow needing building and store front beautification.   |
| 6  | I'd like to see the police defunded and the money to be allocated into programs for low-income families, homelessness, and education. There's no reason for us to spend so much money on LBPd.  |
| 6  | I'm amazed that police brutality/reforming the police is NOT on this list! The portion of the General Fund that goes to traditional policing is way too high. Addressing racial inequities in the city is also absent. Very, very surprising and disappointing.   |
| 6  | Important issues that were not addressed: the lack of parking, defunding police, rent forgiveness, more COVID-19 testing sites.   |
| 6  | In survey question order: More bike lanes, bike share locations, and bike safety sharrows. More fireworks enforcement - with cooperation from fire department. Targeted business assistance and economic development for Wrigley area: over twenty storefronts or businesses are VACANT on Pacific, between Willow and PCH alone. This district should be an area of increased support and focus. Reduce ocean pollution with improved storm drains, and at river mouths (LA River especially). Move forward with partial removal of breakwater to revitalize waterfront wildlife areas. Additionally, fireworks enforcement should be directly addressed. Increase administrative enforcement and increase fines and cite property owners and landlords. Follow Lakewood's example of civil citations and administrative enforcement (or similar models) to collect larger fines and deter illegal fireworks activity. Illegal dumping is a continued problem. More citations to repeat offenders - homeowners, businesses, and landlords - and faster response to GoLongBeach app reports (5-7 business days for a response is too delayed and invites more dumping when items are not collected promptly). |
| 6  | It's important to clean up Long Beach. The extensive trash that collects on our streets are embarrassing. Economic development in district 6 should be a priority. Along the pacific and willow business corridors, shops remain empty, trash collects, weeds grow, and transients linger. We should want to invest in our communities so we don't have to drive to downtown lb or Bixby to spend money - grocery stores, restaurants, specialized shops should be put in. No more 99CENT stores or liquor stores.  |
| 6  | Keep giving free lunch !  |
| 6  | Long Beach needs to defund the police and allocate those funds to programs and resources that actually help the black community (and the LB community in general). Funding should go to creating housing for people living in homelessness, for mental health programs, for youth job programs, for ethnic studies in schools, for food programs to help those in need. Also we need Direct Reparations to Black people, cash reparations. Also a fund to help ppl struggling from Covid-19 including undocumented immigrants. And we need a Rent Freeze now.   |
| 6  | Maintaining, increasing, supporting, our police and fire departments are upper most important. Finding solutions to better help/support children in low income neighborhoods is extremely important also.   |
| 6  | More emphasis on social services  |
| 6  | My interests are mainly focused on quality of life issues for neighborhoods. I am not interested in the highly pro business focus of the current city administration. Developers are being allowed to build multistory buildings that will most likely remain empty given that so many already are. I would like to see all districts treated equally and that services for homeless, mentally ill, drug addicted individuals be spread out to all council districts rather than concentrated in already blighted communities.  |
| 6  | Nothing listed is a BAD idea! I appreciate that this is a really tough problem to confront.   |
| 6  | Our budget should pay in our city. Not to police who does not live here. No to pensions that we pay for the lifetime going out to a different city! DEFUND THE POLICE   |
| 6  | Our libraries should open with face coverings and safe distances. If we can shop at Costco we should be able to use our libraries.  |
| 6  | please consider reallocation of police budgets to community services  |

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| 6  | Please continue to focus on keeping Long Beach clean. Also, Use and create programs which encourage small business to flourish throughout the City. Programs for teenagers and children should also be prioritized. Reduce funding to the Police Department. That money can be better spent on programs to help residents (such as those listed above).   |
| 6  | Please give Wrigley attention! It's a beautiful historic part of Long Beach that gets overlooked  |
| 6  | Please make our parks and libraries a PRIORITY and be more PROACTIVE with neighborhood cleanliness and safety.  |
| 6  | Police services should not be defunded. We need more funding for our police I don't want to see the city I live in go through what New York and other cities are going through.   |
| 6  | Priorities: Safety (funding for police and fire department); infrastructures (streets, sidewalks, tree cutting...etc); Healthcare (seniors, families under FPL as well as working citizens who do not meet eligibility for free medical coverage); Homelessness and city and ocean clean up. Not priority: Arts and cultural events. Community event programs that uses public funding.   |
| 6  | Reallocate funds from the police for community based programs. Fire abusive police. Have accountably in the police department.  |
| 6  | Reallocating A percentage of funds to help communities protect themselves is #1. The communities already police and cells now. This will help to keep that strong. 1. De-escalation training 2. More mental health workers who live in the neighborhood 3. Coordinate with Homeless Services and drug rehabilitation services. 4. Coordinate with you services to expand the ones that are working.   |
| 6  | Reduce funding for Police! Please fund education and youth programs. Provide more exercise equipment at parks to keep families physically motivated. Provide more after school programs for youth and youth employment.   |
| 6  | Regarding "maintaining a low crime rate," that is very important, but how the City goes about that needs better clarification. Plus "providing neighborhood police patrols" what will that mean? Would that be part of restructuring the current method of policing, i.e. defunding the police? If this means you are planning on following the example of Camden New Jersey, that would be a welcome change.   |
| 6  | Regarding Police, 911, Firefighting, Schools & Public buildings: All of these have been addressed with special bonds which were already approved over the past decade or so. USE THOSE FUNDS FOR WHAT THEY WERE APPROVED FOR, only then, should the General fund address any shortfalls in those areas. They are already funded & these property/sales Taxes on citizens is too excessive already. It's time to cut the FAT from Long Beach budget. Time to cut back the wasted excessive pay rates and benefits of City personnel to the reality all of us working people are experiencing |
| 6  | School funding?   |
| 6  | Seems you want justification to give the LBPd 48% of the city's budget with these questions   |
| 6  | Survey did not cover importance of homeless shelters  |
| 6  | Take care of the community, redistribute police funds   |
| 6  | Thanks for this survey but I'm not 100% sure it fully addresses the current issue at hand. I would like to see the city defund the police and then send a survey on how to spend that money.  |
| 6  | The amount of money being allocated to the police is ridiculous! Defund the police, use that money to help our communities, our kids and those in need of social services. Today I watched a helicopter, over 60 police and swat team officers take down ONE TWEAKER! What a waste of our tax dollars and during a pandemic that is affecting everyone financially, especially our small businesses and the marginalized people of our community. Be better Long Beach!   |
| 6  | The city of Long Beach's budget must first and foremost be dedicated to the well-being of its children and families. Education through art, cultural, environmental awareness events will allow Long Beach to develop a prosperous future and a resilient community. The CSULB police should be disarmed and the LBPd police should be defunded. Those funds should go to a community safety program, children's education, and community gardens.  |
| 6  | The Mayor and Police Chief Luna need to step down. They failed us on the riot and for the illegal fireworks. If they do not step down then a lawsuit will be filed. This Class Action Lawsuit will have over 1,000 Long Beach City Residents and Small Business Owners attached.  |
| 6  | The questions regarding The police force seems unfairly worded.   |



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| 6  | There is no need for one department (LBPD) to receive 46% of the city's budget. Spread the funds and increase the budget of other city needs. Stop paying lawsuits because of out of control police!   |
| 6  | There were no questions regarding parking, which is a big issue in Long Beach. Some questions were very vague, for instance "Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight." There are many ways to interpret this and clarity would have been appreciated. The question of homelessness makes me uneasy. Will this be a real attempt to address the problem and not additional policing? Many of the questions were related to policing in a variety of forms and I would hope for more innovative ways to address "issues" plaguing our city.   |
| 6  | We also need to enforce universal mask wearing in public—including outdoors and at the beach—and crack down on fireworks.  |
| 6  | We have a vacant building at the corner of willow and Eucalyptus ave that has overgrown weeds and is a eye sore. The alleyway between willow, Eucalyptus and chestnut need cleaning due to people dumping stuff. We also have had garage break ins in the alleyway. Homeless needs to be taken care of. We need to find a place for them, some are violent and mentally unstable.  |
| 6  | We need funding for Mental health services   |
| 6  | We need investment in our communities who are here now, not in policing and especially not in trying to attract tourism/conventioners  |
| 6  | We need more park space. Finish Willow Springs Park, and charge at the entrance to maintain the park. Us on the western side of Long Beach feel neglected.   |
| 6  | We need more police presence, we need to end homelessness.   |
| 6  | We need to defund the police. I believe we should hire specialized people. Mental health services, non violent situations, gang division, etc. That way when someone is sent out they are mentally prepared for the call & we can stop using excessive police force. We need to put more efforts into solving our homeless problem. Start putting more money back in the education system, primarily in the schools with lower income families. We need school nurses & mental health counselors, not police. We need to start providing affordable housing & stop building luxury places that few can afford. Make free or low cost programs available to lower income families. Have programs for keeping youths out of jail & offer them a better path to take. It's time to start thinking of people who really need your help, put money back into the lower income neighborhoods, NOT the wealthy neighborhoods. |
| 6  | We the people would love to have the right to live in a clean we pay taxes like everybody else clean alleys as well Thank you  |
| 6  | we're building a strong communities relationship together reduce Grime need public safely thank you so much good luck have a wonderful day   |
| 6  | we're need more affordable housing reduce homeless we're need communities clean on 6 district needs more public Safely thank you so much good luck   |
| 6  | Youth recreational opportunities and libraries are critical to support young people and families.  |
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| 7  | I understand the magnolia trees lining Carson St between Atlantic and Orange are to be removed due to Magnolia Scale. This is a shame and expensive way to take care of the issue. The magnolia tree in the front of my house was also blighted. I cut the diseased branches off and sprayed my tree with neem oil and it eliminated the scale. Rumor has it that the funding for treating the trees didn't come through. Why? It can't possibly be less expensive to remove these mature trees and (hopefully) replace them. What happened to the skate park promise at Spring and Orange? Saw in the paper that warehouses are going in. Why?  |
| 7  | #3 For the remainder of my time I will complete a few other copies of the survey using a simple routine with a random pattern generator. This is the dumbest survey ever, an insult to our intelligence.   |
| 7  | Address the loitering and homeless in the river bed  |
| 7  | All areas could be deemed important, however I tried to keep in mind the likely budget shortfall from COVID. Therefore my response of "not very important" on the question re: budget surplus and tree trimming.   |
| 7  | All covered  |
| 7  | All these points are important, but unless the homeless, crime and maintenance issues aren't resolved it's hard to imagine Wrigley being an attractive place for more businesses. Also, the  |

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|    | existing businesses which make wrigley an up and coming community should be rewarded and commended, fox coffee, lb beer lab and willow and magnolia antiques to name a few.  |
| 7  | Although most of the topics/areas listed in the questions are important, I believe we need to prioritize them one at a time based on the needs of ALL the districts & not just reacting based on who is making the loudest noise.  |
| 7  | Bring down the LBPd budget and funnel it back into community programs, specifically ones that prevent teens from joining gangs through youth and economic development programs.  |
| 7  | Bring local art to west long beach.  |
| 7  | Can you please work on eliminating the homeless camps in west Long Beach   |
| 7  | Cancel Rent during the pandemic, make living affordable!   |
| 7  | City Pension reform, especially for police and firefighters since the pension reserve is a large percentage of the city's budget.  |
| 7  | City resources should not be distributed based on district constituent incomes. Poorer neighborhoods always seem to get looked over when infrastructure improvements are being made.   |
| 7  | Clamp down on "protesters". Clean up "homeless" encampments in the city. Sleeping on and blocking the sidewalks should not be permitted. Provide for a strong Police Department and enforcement. Jail anyone defacing or tearing down a public monument or statue.   |
| 7  | Crime has destroyed our district and we need results.  |
| 7  | Crime is out of control. Illegal fireworks affect everybody with no consequences.  |
| 7  | Crime is outta control here. People need help  |
| 7  | Defund & abolish the police & recreate a new system & organization that serves the community. Fund education, fund our youth, fund our community.  |
| 7  | DEFUND LBPd AND ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET.   |
| 7  | Defund LBPd.   |
| 7  | Defund the police Black lives matter Save our schools Amplify arts and culture More funds to social services programs I would've appreciated an interactive pie chart to show how my ideals would look.  |
| 7  | defund the police and allocate those funds to more programs that benefit the community   |
| 7  | Defund the police and reallocate the funds to schools or environmental progress.   |
| 7  | Defund the police and reallocate those funds to education, community and youth programs, as well as alternative response methods. Thank you.   |
| 7  | Defund the police! Create park next to Wrigley Dog Park from Wardlow to Del Amo. No development in Wrigley neighborhood. Protect park programming for youth and greater community. Stop gentrification in our city. Engaged youth, employed adults & affordable housing will lower crime rate permanently. Stop using police as a band aid for bigger problems in our city!!!!!! |
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| 7  | Defunding the police would be nice.  |
| 7  | Do NOT cut Police budget.  |
| 7  | Do not defund the police !!!!!   |
| 7  | Do not eliminate school police. Do not defund LBPd and divert to other areas. Spend some money on 2nd St redevelopment.  |
| 7  | Don't cut police, we looked ridiculous to the world on tv during the looting from the unpeaceful protests. Homelessness is out of control, the streets are unkept, we pay the highest taxes you have huge apartment complexes going up everywhere, what are you wasting our tax money on because you aren't spending it on us?   |
| 7  | Enforce laws no new laws/codes/etc. Police training and letting them to do their job. Budget is tight but no new taxes, we are tired of them.  |

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| 7  | Exactly what special events would be held for families?? Do you intend to provide for the community in order to lower the crime rate? Why is providing EMS even a question? This survey is incredibly vague and does not explain the measures that would be taken to carry out the actions.   |
| 7  | Fire chief Luna! Recall mayor García! Defund the police! Do better! I've lived here all my life and have seen Long Beach west side get worse every single year! The hood gets absolutely no attention but downtown and "white Ppl" areas are kept looking fresh and clean naaah we're tired of this   |
| 7  | Focus on core services during hard budget times   |
| 7  | Homeless services, community services, healthcare, public works first.  |
| 7  | I am concerned with equity in access to city services, affordable housing, and quality of life (parks, libraries, arts, senior programs, and infrastructure) for all residents. I am NOT concerned about crime, but I would very much like to see more funding for health, wellness, economic equity, resources, environmental justice, and quality of life issues that would make crime unnecessary and appealing. Take the money from the police budget if funds are tight - a better city for all will lead to less crime and make police unnecessary. Many of their current functions should be done by social workers, non-police traffic direction specialists, or other as-yet-unimagined municipal workers. |
| 7  | I am shocked that the city is proposing to increase police budgets. LBPD is rampantly racist and its funding needs to be cut by at least 50% next year. Body cams do not work. Use of force restrictions do not work. Reforms do not work. Cut the police budget and fund community housing, eviction protection, school lunches, school counseling, food pantries, libraries, parks, and mental health services. Stop prosecuting misdemeanors, especially since the city doesn't mete out justice equally but lets white citizens off more lightly than minorities. Stop locking kids up in juvenile detention. Stop hurting the community and start helping.   |
| 7  | I am so disappointed that in the midst of a global pandemic not seen for over 100 years, this survey does not include any funding for improving public health capacity. Have you learned nothing? Stop defunding public health. Also, move funding out of Police enforcement and into the areas that actually contribute to community safety, like neighborhood and community building, community gardens, mental health treatment, increase the MET team, and fund transitional and permanent housing for our homeless neighbors.  |
| 7  | I answered this survey based on what I utilize in city services, not what I think is important to have in place as the instruction was not clear "how they make the city better for me."  |
| 7  | I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey. Thank you.  |
| 7  | I believe in police reform but not defunding the police. Police officers and teachers wear many hats we are not professionally trained to handle. We need social services.  |
| 7  | I believe it is important to enforce cleaning of sidewalks and areas around buildings because the lack of maintenance/surveillance of the likely abandoned buildings creates a hot spot for homeless people. This can be dangerous for teens and children who live in and around the area or is a common route to places they need to get to.   |
| 7  | I cannot believe that this survey doesn't include COVID-19 response, or infectious disease control, or public health in any way. Has it escaped your notice that we're living through a pandemic right now? Some of the items on your list are important, but frankly the two things you should be focusing on are 1) funding for public health to address the pandemic we are facing; 2) racial and social justice in all its forms, including but not limited to policing, public health (see above), housing, and environmental justice.   |
| 7  | I feel like truly tackling access to green space and homelessness should be or top priorities. If this virus has taught us anything, it's that access to nature continues to be a major thing that separates the haves from the have nots. Homelessness is just a no brainer. If we put as much energy into solving homelessness as we do into "fighting crime", I believe this problem would have been solved by now.  |
| 7  | I live in the West Side of the city of Long Beach since the 80's until now. No progress at all during this time. The city of Long Beach is beautiful and grows very fast, but our West Side needs to upgrade and embellish, make more appealing to its inhabitants, attract more business, connect and use the internet to create more jobs and make West Side great as the rest of the city. Can this modest aspiration be included in your projects? After all we pay our taxes too.  |

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| 7  | I pay a tremendous amount of taxes and I am a senior citizen and have worked since I was 14 as has my husband!!!! So tired of providing for those that don't help themselves and families should be helping their families as we do!!!  |
| 7  | I personally believe, coming from a person of privilege (lighter-skinned asian) that my black, latinx, and darker-skinned asian peers are being disproportionately affected by gentrification. I hope the city takes measures to stop this and assist people in lower-income neighborhoods and apartments.  |
| 7  | I really wish the city would do something to stop the illegal fireworks. It was so bad that they've given me extreme headaches for days and triggered my vertigo and made it very difficult for me to sleep and work.   |
| 7  | I support the people's budget of Long Beach. Long beach needs to invest in its citizens. Keeping violent crime rate low is important to me, including violent crimes committed by the police. All citizens deserve to be treated as human beings.   |
| 7  | I support the People's Budget, especially its goal of diverting police funding to help Black and Brown communities in Long Beach  |
| 7  | I think everyone should take this survey to realize how hard it is to prioritize things in a city budget. I wanted to put down "very important" for everything but it just not possible.  |
| 7  | I think we can drastically reduce funding and still maintain public safety. Let's look to cities across the country that are doing this and help lead the movement!   |
| 7  | I thought most items listed were if done importance. The problem is funding, so then the city needs to make and maintain a budget just like I have to. I don't get to buy everything I want it needs to fit in my budget. Long Beach should make a budget on actual revenue not on hoped for funds.   |
| 7  | I voted not at all important for items related to policing because I believe the real way to address crime is to move budgets away from police forces and instead invest in public services that alleviate poverty / racial disparities prevalent within our community.   |
| 7  | I'm confused by what you mean by "specialized policing units"... I want to defund the police and use that money to start non-police programs for nonviolent incidents and traffic enforcement.  |
| 7  | In a city that is truly invested in the quality of life that each resident deserves, every one of these categories are important. I think that the area were we most fail in, is that we are not inclusive in how we appropriate our resources, and often times the most affluent neighborhoods are the ones who most benefit. My advice is, to be honest, and don't forget about the low-income communities. What's most important to understand is that we are on this together.  |
| 7  | Increase funding for schools  |
| 7  | Investing in improving the community and the lives and welfare of the people of Long Beach will do infinitely more to improve public safety and reduce crime than increased police patrols or wasting money prosecuting misdemeanors.   |
| 7  | Lack of Affordable housing is the #1 issue in this City. All residential development should include affordable housing units.   |
| 7  | Less money on policing, more on community programs, education, childcare, arts. Basic cause and effect; if you resolve a problem at its cause, its effects will be much smaller. This doesn't just mean redirecting funds, this should mean creating NEW programs to enrich communities even further. What we have going now isn't working, so adding more funds to it isn't necessarily the solution. Rethinking and starting fresh how we approach funding our city from the bottom up, proactively rather than reactively, will allow communities to improve over time, creating a better city as a whole. |
| 7  | Let's reduce the budget. The hard working people of this city are having a hard enough time making ends meet. No new taxes, in fact reduce taxes. No raises to any city official. You should be in office to get rich, you should be there to help your community.  |
| 7  | Living near the river we need to clean up that area and eliminate the homeless. As a young woman, I need to feel safe to take advantage of the path in my neighborhood with my baby and dog. There is so much built up trash and debris it is unsafe and unsanitary. Please quickly move ahead with building the proposed park on the river   |
| 7  | Look for ways to reallocate police funds. Way too many cops in cars, need to get them on foot and in the neighborhoods. Cops need to be part of the community, and a lot more of their budget needs to go elsewhere to effective social service providers. Also, pension reform for cops and firefighters is needed, as well as certain other publicly funded functions. We cannot afford a lot of the gold plated pensions of public service members. Don't get me wrong, I support unions, but California   |

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|    | has went too far down the road of gilding the lily and Long Beach is no exception in how we overpay public servants.   |
| 7  | Many have spoken: Defund LBPD now! The people of Long Beach do not need their tax dollars going to an oppressive and abusive sys   |
| 7  | My number one priority is to re-open the libraries! Doing so would provide many services listed above and provide much needed services to the public. Especially during the COVID restrictions, the services of the library are critical for the mental health of the public. Many people are not able to take advantage of the pick-up services. PLEASE reopen the libraries as soon as possible!   |
| 7  | My responses assume that we will be in the pandemic for the better part of the year. With that, programming seems less important whereas access to resources - such as community WiFi/internet, housing, homeless services, etc., seems extremely important. I also view this as a period of maintaining rather than starting new development. Lastly, I think the charge on public entities around looking at funding law enforcement and considering alternatives must be addressed and adjustments made accordingly. Thank you for soliciting our opinions.   |
| 7  | Not sure that this survey is helpful to decision-makers. Most people would rate all of these things as important. In order to provide meaningful input, the public should have more information and be able to respond to more in-depth questions.   |
| 7  | Open the libraries.....remove the homeless from neighborhoods,,,,,remove graffiti....prosecute all law breakers....open the schools.....boost code enforcement.  |
| 7  | Please do NOT defund the police budget for the city of Long Beach....!!  |
| 7  | Please fix our streets and sidewalks, trim over grown trees. Our community needs improvement not only downtown and avoid spending budget dollars on roundabouts at intersections. Look in all the lower income Long Beach communities we all want our city to be beautiful and safe.   |
| 7  | Please focus on the robberies and other crimes. The city shouldn't live in fear.   |
| 7  | Please keep size of government as low as possible, thanks!   |
| 7  | Please take in to consideration housing cost and how many people can not afford to live in the high rises that are being built in downtown.  |
| 7  | Police have been unable to solve Wrigley property crimes even when the criminals were caught on camera so funding them further seems like throwing good money after bad.   |
| 7  | Prioritize public health and defund police. You need to consider solution building beyond ineffective, inefficient police. Fund prevention not emergency care city council member and Garcia! Stop rubbing elbows with police.   |
| 7  | Prioritizing wildlife habitat in management of public open spaces.   |
| 7  | Priority is to maintain police patrols visibility in NLB as this is the neighboring community. And crime and gun violence have made LB headlines. Protecting LB Fire Dept is a priority  |
| 7  | Prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed in the City sounds like a horrendous use of public funds. Reoccurring misdemeanors involving substance abuse or mental health issues should not be prosecuted, those funds would be better used in rehabilitation and mental health care programs. Just yesterday, July, 15, 2020 multiple LBPD SWAT vehicles and what appeared to be around a dozen officers were video taped responding to a man who was having a mental health crisis, jumping on several roofs. This man was clearly in need of deescalation and mental health intervention by a trained therapist or psychologist. Instead, LBPD shot him with a "less-lethal" round to subdue him. LBPD officers are not trained mental health experts and should not be the ones to respond to unarmed people in the midst of psychological crisis. It is unfair to both residents and officers to expect them to be prepared to adequately handle these situations. |
| 7  | Protect our safety by fully funding our police. Listen to all your constituents not just the current squeaky wheels!   |
| 7  | Provide free mental health services and therapy. Provide affordable housing. Fund education instead of defunding it. You want to see crime go down? Underlying causes of crime include poverty, poor education, and inadequate housing. Take care of those issues and you will see crime go down. Take care of those issues and you will see a safer Long Beach. Take care of those issues and you will see a happier Long Beach. Take care of those issues and you will see a healthier Long Beach. You people need to care for the homeless and our low-income families—even if other cities don't, and it shows in their funding. THESE ARE HUMAN LIVES THAT YOU ARE MAKING IMPORTANT CHOICES FOR. Please cater *more* towards Black families and   |

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|    | communities, Latino families and communities, as well as Asian families and communities. They need assistance. LB DON'T need more policing. We need a city that cares about Black people and people of color instead of a city that polices them. Whatever you decide, let it HELP Black people and people of color. NOT harm them.   |
| 7  | Refocusing the budget to provide services that will serve all communities, ESPECIALLY low-income, underprivileged communities will substantially reduce crime rates, therefore eliminating the need for an abundance of police and police overtime. Additionally the city should work on addressing issues as soon as they arise. I've had two 50+ year old magnolia trees chopped down on my block alone because the city was too ignorant and too stubborn to treat the tulip tree scale problem when it existed on a single tree and would have been relatively inexpensive to treat. Now the city will have to use a huge amount of tax dollars to either try and treat the problem now OR chop down hundreds of decades old trees all over the city. In my district, this is environmentally horrendous, considering these trees are the only thing helping us fight the air pollution coming from the refineries and the diesel death corridor. So thank you for that, my lungs are real happy about it. There was no survey item that asks us about the LBPD. The city needs to defund the LBPD. There needs to be a cap on overtime for ALL police. Not only will that help the city equitably maintain the budget, but officers will be less over worked and less prone to violent tendencies due to their high level of stress and lack of sleep. Lastly, what does "planning for the future of the city" even mean? Is that in reference to the development happening all over down town? It is quite clear that the city has no intention to include their residents in deciding what kind of city planning will occur. I cannot believe that an overwhelming majority of Long Beach residents would ever in a million years be okay with the ridiculous amount of luxury high rises that have been or will be constructed, coupled with the horrifying lack of affordable housing. The way this city has been managed and is currently being managed is totally corrupt. There has been no progress in Long Beach, only a silencing and displacement of its residents and every last single person that has ever stepped foot in City Hall should be ashamed. Most importantly Robert Garcia who has been bought and paid for by the LBPOA and its supporters (that include real estate developers). RECALL MAYOR GARCIA and DEFUND THE POLICE |
| 7  | REFORM the police. More classes in psychology & DE ESCALATION   |
| 7  | Road diets Corrupt city officials Term limits Fix roads in the poor neighborhoods More police   |
| 7  | Some of my top priorities for the city: Sending mental health professionals instead of police. Addressing racism in police and inequity in health care and education. Helping local small businesses. Providing free/reduced child care and recreation/fitness programs for families and kids. Updating/maintaining parks and green spaces (please expand and update/bring in new playground for Bixby Knolls Park). Addressing homelessness and affordable housing. Rent is out of control.  |
| 7  | Some of these items presume that police will provide the service (eg nuisance abatement, traffic code enforcement, specialized police units). please consider new ways to fund & deliver these services without embedding them in the police dept. budget   |
| 7  | Stop development, we have enough and do not need to fill in every nook and cranny with taxpaying entities.  |
| 7  | Stop using city money for stuff like universal income "tests". Use it to fix actual existing problems like crime, and infrastructure.   |
| 7  | Thank you for asking.   |
| 7  | The best planning for the future is to invest in our youth and all its citizens. A better educated and more evolved citizenry is an all around asset to city. Good educational institutions, paid summer youth programs, ample green spaces, multicultural programs and events, including vibrant arts and entertainment programs to elevate the human spirit.  |
| 7  | The Budget Oversight Committee needs to look at possible revenues such as increasing the tax on barrels of oil produced in the city. In addition, considering an amendment to the city charter to allow a tax on air travel with the use of the LB Airport.   |
| 7  | The city has done many things for benefit to the community but there are some glaring issues that need to be addressed before seeking investors or development to make our city attractive. All of which could be solved with less police budget allocation. PLEASE prioritize our libraries.   |
| 7  | The city needs to stop funding the police but not fully fund the health department.   |
| 7  | The City should defund the muni band and use the funds for other critical projects.   |

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| 7  | The LBPd police needs to be defunded and that money needs to be moved to go into LBUSD instead. There is no reason for schools to be facing such tremendous budget cuts if you are spending so much money on the police. Furthermore it disturbs me that the Long Beach government has not effectively irradiated the homeless rates in Long Beach. There is no reason for someone not to have shelter and food. More homeless shelters need to be made and there needs to be more action towards lowering the amount of homelessness. The citizens of Long Beach are not paying their high taxes just for them to be spent on bike lanes, as good as they are for the environment, it disgusts me how that has been a bigger priority than the lives that are suffering with no place to go and no money to feed themselves. Additionally the money we pay for our high taxes should go to repainting streets. There are so many times that you cannot see the crosswalk line when driving. Many lanes on the road are hard to see and speaking as a new driver this is extremely hazardous. I am all for the high taxes and I truly believe that they are a key role in making government changes, but the money should go where it really matters. Last, Long Beach should go 100% renewable energy before 2040. Please consider ending the contract with Edison and LB can save money and go renewable such as in Santa Monica. Long Beach should be a leader for environmentalism not a follower! If you consider these implications Long Beach will be a much better city. |
| 7  | The Police budget has no effect on the crime rate. Solve socio-economic inequality and the crime rate will go down. Police and Fire can be massively reduced and that money can be better spent on social programs, violence prevention, housing, libraries, and youth.  |
| 7  | The public safety budget takes too much of the city's resources. Yes, a low crime rate is ideal. However, police don't create a low crime rate. They usually can't stop crime, they respond once a crime has already been committed. If you put more money into public wellness services (housing, mental health, family services), studies have shown you actually reduce crime rather than respond to it. It's time to move to a model where our community is supported and thriving. We can't do that if the police use up all the money for those other services. When you look at the pie chart of the city's budget, the amount designated for law enforcement is horrific.  |
| 7  | The questions on this survey are extremely vague. They do not provide enough information on HOW services will be implemented. The questions about economic development might as well say "Do you want gentrification?" and it's so disgusting to see that city council is trying to confuse people who are taking this survey. Long Beach needs AFFORDABLE HOUSING and to help the homeless. And defund the police.  |
| 7  | The street I live on has not been paved in over 20 years, it has been crumbling over the last couple of years. We also have many trees that have not been trimmed in 10+ years. Many streets surrounding my neighborhood are in the same or worse shape. I would like see our city infrastructure spending prioritized because it has been neglected for so many years.  |
| 7  | Things like "special events and programs," "programs for seniors," and even "maintaining parks" could be accomplished by partnering with community organizations like churches and Scouting Troops.  |
| 7  | this is a stupid survey. of course many of these things need to be addressed. but what is the reality when you people continue to fund/indebt us to things like big screen tv's in city hall, new city hall, burger shack and new pool on the beach and a million other expenses? get a grip please. tax, tax, tax...  |
| 7  | This is ridiculous. How can the city and mayor advocate for measure A and B and then cut so many positions from the police and fire departments while crime is increasing? What is the point in investing a million dollars in a new building for station 9 when it is right down the street from station 16? How can it improve response times when Wardlow road in that area is practically a drag strip with no traffic?  |
| 7  | This is worded very sneakily, and I suspect that is on purpose. A lot of these "priorities" mean one thing to residents and completely another for city officials. For example, maintaining a low crime rate IS very important, but HOW does the city plan to do that? If I answer "very important", I fear that will be taken to mean I support giving money to LBPd, when that is not the case at all. "Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight" brings up the question revitalization v. gentrification. As has been shown in North Long Beach, oops, sorry, "Uptown", it is clear where City development is heading, and it will only further displace BIPOC residents and ignore their needs in favor of inequitable economic development. Housing-first solutions to ADDRESS homelessness and strong tenant protections to PREVENT homelessness, please. I'm tired of the   |

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|    | constant catering to landlords at the expense of city residents. Housing IS a human right. So far, the Framework for Reconciliation has been a HUGE let-down, even when I rightly expected it was just a way to delay City action to address citizen demands. Nonetheless, I vainly hope that you actually LISTEN to the residents about their PRIORITIES this budget season, we've been shouting them at the City for years. I don't need to have an advanced degree in public policy or administration to know that budgets are a form of policy-making in and of themselves. When cities invest so much in police what they are saying is that they support social control and maintenance of the status quo. It does not mean they care about actually resolving social issues, it means they're in the business of disappearing these social problems and in profiting off of their disappearance. What the City needs to do is: -Divest from the LBPD -Reinvest in Black lives and communities of color through: --reimagination of community safety WITHOUT police terror that is grounded in restorative justice and Black empowerment --PERMANENT and FREE supportive housing with wrap-around supportive services for residents experiencing or on the brink of homelessness --Right to Counsel for all renters --creation of community health councils --job training --language access --senior & youth programming --universal legal representation for immigrants |
| 7  | want reduce grime we're need safe place love ♥ Long Beach City home town thanks   |
| 7  | Water quality and waste management are very importNt  |
| 7  | We are the highest tax city and many of these questions should have already been taken care of. We have reported horrible alleys in California Heights District a for years and no response or solution. City Trash trucks are making them worst  |
| 7  | We can reduce the crime rate by increasing funding for areas not limited but including education, housing, and healthcare.  |
| 7  | We need a library in west Ling beach! The one There is small and does not address the needs of our children.  |
| 7  | We need far more policing!!!! Keep our cops protected too!  |
| 7  | We need more police patrol and community support in our area, Westside.   |
| 7  | We need programs that are explicitly focused on the needs of African Americans. Right now, almost everybody is suffering, but Black people have it the worst. FYI, I am not Black, I am Asian American. I am disappointed that there is also only one item regarding youth and teens, they also need much support, not just recreation. Older teens need jobs. Thank you.   |
| 7  | We need to maintain what we have and budget better. We waste a lot of resources and money. I have seen other councils take pay cuts. We need to see how to utilize what we have. Outsourcing cost too much.   |
| 7  | We need to provide better housing options and care for homeless people in Long Beach. Affordable housing is a major issue for many of our neighbors on the Westside, and many of our friends and neighbors have had to move as a result of increasing rents.  |
| 7  | We need to re-prioritize making Long Beach communities connected and supportive, and move away from aggressive policing and divisive tactics. Social support through mental health and social care workers, programs for kids and seniors at parks and libraries, technology support through libraries, and teen activities and youth outreach will do more to make this a great place to live than heavy handed, racially biased policing and more money for businesses to build ultra-expensive high rise condos downtown.  |
| 7  | We need to support our police and fire departments. There is nothing more important than Public Safety.   |
| 7  | We need to take care of the homeless issue in Downtown and beautifying the city by getting rid of old buildings for better housing in the areas from 6th to 10th street with bigger and newer buildings allowing for affordable housing.  |
| 7  | We pay enough taxes (those of us who do work and pay taxes) already to have all of the above items to happen. So many dollars are wasted. Wouldn't it be perfect to have the people who pay the taxes also decide where their money goes???   |
| 7  | We would like for less funding in the police department and increase strongly increase it in education, affordable housing, resources with towards mental health. I grew up in Long Beach where I had to share 1 literature book among 40-45 students and I also was removed from my class to translate for other kids because there we no translator. How is this right for a 12-13 year-old? I gave up part of my education because the school did not have resource to hire a translator. I  |



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|    | would NOT want my kids to be removed from his education because the city couldn't budget for education properly. If that continues, then every parent will try to get their kids in nearby district like my friends have for their kids. The talk about LB education is just getting worst among my fellow parents, who are more likely considering moving out of the city because of this. EDUCATION is important not only for kids but for parents too as it is a big factor when choosing where to live. Please if you have money to give to police so they can drive BMW motorcycle then you can find more money (maybe from the police budget) to invest in education where your kids won't have to share 1 book amongst many students, where you as a parent can proudly talk about the great school system, where we believe that Long Beach can take care of the future by taking care of the kids.  |
| 7  | we're want all City civic leaders please make decisions getting more improved reduce more Grime need public safely we're love Long Beach as home town thank you so much good luck  |
| 7  | While schools are out of session, providing services to teens and families is the most important priority. Addressing homelessness and affordable housing continue to be high on my list, as well as language access for our immigrant population. Not included on this list is legal support for our immigrant residents facing detention and deportation by ICE. Also not included is transferring money allocated to policing to community programs and social services.  |
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| 7  | whom can make concern bulling a strong communities together makes a better safe all generation goal thank you so much good luck all  |
| 7  | You can tell you guys twisted your wording so that people would try to think anything that could possibly financially help the already overfunded police department. For example "Enforcing traffic laws" basically means - more cops and more restrictions. Also the "Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight", that you can tell it would be the City's green light to GENTRIFY the city more. Fuck keeping the City "attractive" to whose standards exactly? Why not just keep the City CLEAN. "Providing code enforcement services (citing blighted buildings, etc.)" is the City trying to punish and rob the more vulnerable people once again of their money, how about the City provides programs to HELP people living in these conditions rather than charge them. "Providing specialized Police units" nope, fuck the police once again the City worded this to get more funds for LCPD. How about more mental health and social services to intervene rather than "specialized police". DEFUND THE POLICE, WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THE SAME SHIT OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND ALL THE CITY CAN DO IS CAPITALIZE THE B. |
| 7  | Your questions are not specific and my concern is that you can justify the budget however it's in your benefit. We want the budget to help make our city be a safe and healthy place to live. There are many abandoned businesses on Willow between river and long Beach Blvd that creating unsafe areas for the neighborhood. We need the buildings to be repurposed and opened up with new businesses to activate the street. Maybe provide loans for small businesses and fine the current landlord for not keeping up the building and the surrounding parking lots. Also the homeless issue at the river is a big health and safety concern. With long Beach s budget we need to make this a priority. Come up with creative solutions.   |
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| 8  | Affordable housing is mandated by the state. We have plenty of Sec 8 housing in Long Beach- 14,000 units. I don't think we need more. I think we are doing our part.   |
| 8  | al austin is my councilman but not sure of the number. how cone we never address the pet problem. we are not a pet friensly city because most landlords don't allow pets. they haven't figured out how to allow pets and charge a pet deposit and monthly pet rent. people do as much damage as pets. it's sad we can't figure out how to get them on board.   |
| 8  | All of these things are important. Priority needs to go to the basic infrastructure necessities and to making sure the involved employees are operating very efficiently and quickly in their jobs and are not hampered by lack of training, bad expectations/goal-setting and old technology.   |
| 8  | As a City we really should look into investing our budget dollars into community services such as mental health, addressing homelessness, youth programs, etc. to take some responsibility off of our police force. Removing some funding from the police and into community services would  |

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|    | provide for better services needed for the health of our community and put critical dollars into the hands of those who are better trained to address such issues.   |
| 8  | As important as many programs the City has supported in the past, we now have to frame everything with this question: What are the most basic services the City must provide? To me, this means two really important items: 1) Infrastructure (pave the streets, fix the sidewalks, keep the water flowing and the streetlights working, etc.), and 2) Services (Fire, Police, City Health Dept, and emergency medical services). Almost everything else must take a far lower priority, even to the point of dropping many useful and nice but not critical programs.   |
| 8  | As ludicrous as this may sound, I'd say file Chapter 13 if the bargaining units do not come back to the table and take the "hit" like we all had to. A 9% raise over 3 years???? WTH?? COLA only until the City gets the balance sheet stronger! Pension Liabilities eating our budget is a result of "being sold a bridge to nowhere" and bought by the city council over the years. We've had enough of our City Union Employees running the City Council agenda. Paying over \$62M in Overtime is crazy -- and it keeps on growing in % of payroll and in cost. Don;t buy into the BS that it;'s cheaper to employ OT vs. new hires.  |
| 8  | Basic city services and safety should be the highest priority.   |
| 8  | Budget for community resources and defund the police. Use money for other important issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, repairing streets free medical care, covid-19 testing and treatment.  |
| 8  | Budget funding should be dedicated to #1 regulatory mandates where non-compliance would result in substantial fines, #2 public health and safety (police, fire, programs to keep youth actively engaged as a crime deterrent), #3 programs that have funding available via taxes (e.g., gas tax for street maintenance) or will help small local businesses. Typically in down years, unfunded liabilities (e.g., pensions) are deferred until economic recovery.  |
| 8  | Budgets are (or should be) about allocation, and therefore answers in a budget survey should be telling you how to allocate an average \$1.00 of available revenue (at least for the general fund). Therefore this 'survey' is useless because some listed items cost a lot more than do others - if their intensity and scope and scale are even defined at all. The survey's queries ask about 'importance' - but what's useful and potentially 'important' at one scale may be uselessly big or uselessly small at another. The survey is also useless because what is listed has no clear hierarchy of programs to organize thinking. It's just an unorganized hodgepodge of something like 40 or 50 items (they aren't even numbered for reference). Notably missing from the list are existing programs which (at least as operated for many recent past years) are money wasters and therefore worse than unimportant. These include: (1) LB Development Services salaries for continued 'planning' for squandering money on a seashore sea-level-rise-vulnerable freshwater swim/dive complex which if built would cost \$85+ million - 5 times as much as comparable complexes built elsewhere in SoCal; (2) Continued operation of LB City Halls (no city needs expensive towers for bureaucrats - especially in a covid19 era); and (3) Regular weekly gutter-polishing ('street sweeping') which costs 10 times as much per pound of trash removed as does regular trash bin pickup. |
| 8  | City medianS need attention. Many of them seem to be ignored. City border should have new Long Beach welcome monuments. There is an old Welcome to Long Beach sign in the median as you drive East on Del Amo from the 710 freeway. That is an example of a sign that needs to be replaced. Also, landscape improvements are needed on sidewalks and medians. Many over grown weeds  |
| 8  | City services like animal control, tree trimming, road repair are all badly in need and it is so hard to get those department to respond to calls for service.   |
| 8  | Combining environmental sustainability and justice is the number one priority. Any physical investments should promote a walkable neighborhood (e.g. all repaved streets should have protected bike lanes based on the bicycle master plan) and not just be the cheapest, typical update.  |
| 8  | Defund and reorganize the police. LBPd ranks poorly on human rights violations, and so rarely seem to follow up when crimes are reported. We need something different that is truly community-oriented.  |
| 8  | Defund LBPd and invest in resources to help build and sustain community. Some of these questions were misleading and encouraged more unnecessary policing and gentrification. Please re-word these questions.  |

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| 8  | Defund police.   |
| 8  | Defund the fucking racist police department now.   |
| 8  | DEFUND THE POLICE BY 50% AND USE THAT MONEY TOWARDS SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS  |
| 8  | defund the police!   |
| 8  | Defund the police! Put money into social services so our police can get back to protecting us from criminals, not trying to figure out what to do with the homeless and mentally ill and drug addicts!   |
| 8  | Defund the police.   |
| 8  | Did not answer: Creating new parks/green spaces... I believe we need to do a better job of what we already have. Paying down City's unfunded liabilities....do not understand...pensions? those are earned over dedicated service to city...exactly what is meant by that query?   |
| 8  | Divest from the police and invest in services that keep people out of the criminal justice system: youth development, restorative justice diversion, economic opportunity.   |
| 8  | Do not appreciate the sneaky why the police worded their questions.  |
| 8  | DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE - WE NEED THEM!!!! WE NEED MORE OF THEM! DON'T LISTEN TO THE MOB THEY DON'T REPRESENT ME OR ANYONE I KNOW   |
| 8  | Fixing pot holes and maintaining streets are important but equally important are maintaining the alleys behind our homes. Cars are wrecked with the bad infrastructure   |
| 8  | I am astounded by the countless times I see people running red lights with impunity in our city. I will see 3 or 4 go through the same light, while cars are waiting to cross the street.  |
| 8  | I am glad I live in Long Beach. It is a real community.  |
| 8  | I answered "Not at all important" on issues such as low crime rate and prosecuting all adult misdemeanors because the way these issues are being handled currently only exacerbates the problems. We need less funding put into our police and more funding put into social workers and other professionals that are trained in handling "non emergency calls." We should NOT be sending armed police for every 911 call. We need more programs for our community and help for our mentally ill and homeless. Long Beach is a melting pot of all ethnicities, faiths, and values. It's time our representatives started representing us.   |
| 8  | I believe public safety is a top priority as well as having more parks and extended hours for public libraries.  |
| 8  | I find this survey very poorly done. It is vague and doesn't really determine who would get the funds. For those I left no opinion. Lower crime rate? How exactly is this going to be done? We need more programs and opportunities to bring about a better society, so crime goes down naturally. The current use of police is not doing that! The corruption in the police department is disgraceful. I have witnessed personally a fake gang enhancement with false "expert" testimony, a public defender that worked with the DA to allow someone to take the fall for a crime he didn't commit. Even the judge demonstrates bias towards the people in the public courtroom. This system needs to be fixed ASAP!!!! |
| 8  | I think police reform has to include creating all new teams of special responders for emergencies. Not every confrontation needs an officer with a weapon. If they aren't "well-equipped" to deal with certain crises then we need to ask who is and move from there.  |
| 8  | I think surveys like this should include more space for residents offering their own solutions to some of the issues which your questions highlight. For example, when it comes to reducing pollution we need to do things like move away from pollution creating industries like oil, refineries, the port, and expanding the freeway. We need to invest more in public transit, so that it is free. Cleaning up some pipes won't make all that much of a difference.   |
| 8  | I think the 2 biggest things the city should prioritize right now is housing and mental health services for the homeless. The city owns lots of property that should be converted to housing for the poor, homeless, and mentally ill. After that the city needs to maintain and expand our parks. There is a huge discrepancy between East and South Long Beach (especially in districts 3 and 5) and the rest of Long Beach in access to parks. North Long Beach is continuing to grow in population and should have more parks.   |
| 8  | I think we should be prioritizing education and community resources to provide financial education to residents. I think the most important thing is to equally distribute city funds across all districts. Of course, easier said than done, since the revenue generating sources are districts 1,2 and 3, but  |

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|    | most other districts feel left behind, making residents grow resentful of their own city. District 9 feels the most abandoned, from what I've heard. My district is pretty great, but only because of our neighborhood that tends to be higher income. District 9 needs the most support as far as education and community input goes.   |
| 8  | I would like to see less money go to police and instead be invested in services which directly improve the lives of community members.   |
| 8  | I'd love to see the city offer more sustainability programs (compost pick up for example). I also think focusing on keeping the city looking good will help keep crime down. It will attract people with more resources which in turn will increase the tax base.  |
| 8  | I'm worried that there is too many speeding cars on Market street between orange and walnut. It's dangerous for our children and all nearby schools. The road has many potholes and hasn't been any improvement in making it look better.  |
| 8  | I'd like to know what percent of the budget goes towards pensions. Pension reform for public employees including police and fire are out of sync with the private sector. They need to convert to a 401K plan like the rest of workforce.  |
| 8  | In regards to homelessness, we should use money for prevention programs instead of shelters.   |
| 8  | Increase the police, maintain the parks better, repair the streets and sidewalks, fully fund the pensions and then and only then fund ANYTHING else. Property tax is the NUMBER ONE source of revenue. Let people feel safe and they will make the investment in their homes and businesses That will provide money in the future for other items.   |
| 8  | It is important for Long Beach to defund the police and invest in youth development.   |
| 8  | It is important that our recreation spaces are safe and accessible given the uncertainty of our children going to school   |
| 8  | It would help if you quit wasting money. The recent "curb upgrades" were nothing more than a redo of what was done 2 years ago. Why do them again and why is the city paying for it if it was not done correctly? If we provide less services to the homeless, less of them will come here. Reduce the outrageous pensions and that's another issue that will go away. I can read the questions and know where this is headed: "Agree to a tax hike (again) or we're going to threaten you with taking away essential services (again)." |
| 8  | It's important to have a balanced budget but given the scope of this pandemic, we should care for our citizens and spread the budget recovery over a number of years in order to provide essential services.   |
| 8  | Keep our city safe. Police need to be available as well as all other emergency services. Get rid of the homeless situation help and relocate   |
| 8  | Keep police Services strong and community oriented. Stop allowing the criminals to run the streets. Give the police the tools necessary and the backing they need to safely and efficiently do their jobs. The mayor the council members need to listen to the residents of this great city. Open back up and assist business so they can thrive.  |
| 8  | Keeping crime low is very important, but the way to accomplish that is by keeping people housed, fed, and cared for medically. It is insecurity and inequality that drive crime up. People who have what they need are far less likely to commit crimes.   |
| 8  | Love the traffic circles! What a beautiful way to slow down traffic and beautify the neighborhood with plants. Also more effective than a stop sign because you have to go around it, you can't just drive through it. The intersection at California and 45th Way could use a traffic circle, it's a very unsafe blind turn if you are trying to make a left in either direction.   |
| 8  | May I please request a special police task force for illegal Fireworks? The illegal fireworks are ruining our quality of life. The kids in my neighborhood are terrified and the animals get anxiety. Please help us.  |
| 8  | More car-free street, more frequent bus times  |
| 8  | More focus on volunteerism.  |
| 8  | More money to the people, arts, parks, pets and homelessness. Stop funding corporate entities and police brutality.  |
| 8  | My #1 priority is public safety (police and fire) and programs that keep people occupied and out of trouble (recreation, parks, graffiti removal). #2 is the environment (no pollutants in water or on beaches).   |

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| 8  | Need to actively reduce pension awards & costs. Reduce numbers of city staff, especially the future zoning officers. (Why deny expansion of ex. businesses on the basis of lack of parking, then zone the same buildings for 50% vertical expansion, per Atlantic Ave. District 8?) Reduce trips by staffers across the board. More privatization of services, and reduce requirements for unionized contractors. Require stricter training and behavior by police to reduce the taxpayers liability for being sued. Give street sweepers cameras, so they can record illegal parking, rather than have an underemployed city parking officer having a lazy day following them around. |
| 8  | Need to look hard at the police budget. I have great respect for our officers but I also think that they are asked to do a lot that they shouldn't be doing and aren't trained to handle. There also seem to be a LOT of them who show up for any call. Maybe better management of resource utilization could save a lot.  |
| 8  | No new taxes.  |
| 8  | North Long Beach is still Long Beach. Stop developing Belmont and focus on where a majority of the citizens live.  |
| 8  | Obviously, all of these things are "important" in one way or another, but there are trade offs. Number one is people need to be safe in their city, and all else follows that. Some are "great to have" but if there are budget shortfalls, something has to give, just like in a household budget.  |
| 8  | Of course we all want a city that will/can address all of the issues listed above. IMO safe streets (LBPD) that are appropriately maintained (PW) and open parks with programming for our residents (PRM) should be at the top of your list. Well staffed Community policing programs should be reinstated to support our ever-growing needs. (LBPD) A safe, thriving city of neighborhoods for the residents that live here today....NOT planning for thousands more that we cannot afford.   |
| 8  | Our police are desperately needed - no budget cuts are acceptable!!! We need more police along with more training.   |
| 8  | Pay for what the public needs. Not private wants   |
| 8  | Please bring back the gang unit for LBPD.  |
| 8  | Please deal with the growing homeless problem. We should not have homeless people wandering LB streets. They bring/create chaos and fear and crime, unfortunately.   |
| 8  | Please defund the police and provide more funding to schools.  |
| 8  | Please enforce existing fireworks laws and prosecute those who set them off. Many are not even fireworks but sound like small bombs that set off car alarms. Pets, seniors, and those with PTSD are adversely affected. They start months before July 4th and continue for months afterward.   |
| 8  | Please help us stay in our city instead of looking for new excuses to bring in people who make more money than us.   |
| 8  | Please remove unnecessary funds from our police and assist in refunding the postal service. Also better public school funding aswell.  |
| 8  | Please review police budget. While at work, I have had to call 911 for police assistance several times. On each occasion at least 5 officers arrived on scene. This is an obvious waste of money spent on salaries/overtime.   |
| 8  | Police services should be top priority. Traffic Violations way out of control. Solution to fireworks problem. Maybe create a task force months before.   |
| 8  | Public Health services need to be better funded so we are prepared for the next pandemic   |
| 8  | Reallocate the funds given to LBPD! Use the funds to end homelessness! Use the funds to provide mental health services to keep people out of jail! Defund LBPD! Train them to do their jobs! Fire the crooked cops! Invest the money in our youth & stop gentrifying our city! RENT CONTROL PLEASE!  |
| 8  | Reduce crime by investing in parks and resources. Divert funds from the police budget to public resources.   |
| 8  | Reinvest police funding in additional social workers/outreach workers and devote additional funding towards the creation of new affordable housing to meet our needs as a City   |
| 8  | Require our chief of police to require his officers to enforce the law so we do not have any more televised incidents of Long Beach police officers standing by doing nothing while looters run by them and shots of patrol cars cruising by exploding fireworks and then driving off without stopping or doing anything.  |

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| 8  | Resume management of the parkways so that there are trees planted rather than allow residents to plant what they like in defiance or ignorance of the approved list of trees. In the long term this will help with climate and pollution in the suburbs.   |
| 8  | RIDDING THE CITY OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IS MY TOP PRIORITY. Illegal Fireworks are destroying our quality of life. All I can think of is how much I want to leave the city that I once loved. I have chosen to make misdemeanors a high priority, because currently detonating illegal fireworks are considered a misdemeanor. (Although I am one of many who believe we need to make these illegal bombs a felony, and we all know that's possible.) I have chosen to make specialized police units a high priority, because of the need for them to be able to track down illegal fireworks. I have chosen Libraries to be a high priority because they are the last source of free information for everyone. (Please keep libraries as curbside service only, until a proven vaccine is found for Covid-19.) I have chosen Animal Services to be a high priority because one of their services is providing assistance to animals who have become injured or lost due to illegal fireworks. THANK YOU. |
| 8  | Safety and the progress of our city should be the highest priority. Please, continue to fund our police department and the various programs associated with education and projects to improve our city.  |
| 8  | Safety of Residents  |
| 8  | So much of the phrasing above is talking about "programs" and that suggests in-person which I'm not sure is feasible or safe in the next fiscal year. The seniors, youth, arts & culture areas are vitally important and need to be supported since in-school and in-person programming is at risk across the board. Also, the historic ranchos need to be maintained and protected. I'm not seeing anything about our national historic landmarks being preserved and I want to be sure they are included in the budget at their pre-covid levels.  |
| 8  | so sad that our police/fire union seems to run our city. It's time to renegotiate and end the charade with them. Why do they get raises and we the taxpayers might just get Cost of living (if even) in these times?   |
| 8  | Social services need to be available 24-7. If you find a homeless guy sleeping in your garage late at night, the only option is the police. It would be more effective if you had a social worker available at night instead. We still need some police but perhaps we could have fewer and replace them with social workers or similar types of people instead, and have them available at night. Homelessness should not be the police's responsibility, but currently there is no other option  |
| 8  | Some of the things I marked as "not very important" were things that historically only get attention in higher income neighborhoods than mine. When I lived near Heartwell Park, for ex., the trees got trimmed at LEAST 1x per year. When I lived in Wrigley, however, branches were falling off trees and destroying cars, and those trees STILL weren't trimmed. So I didn't give priority to potholes, tree-trimming and some other stuff because I don't expect that money budgeted for those things will ever affect my neighborhood. Market St. Is a DISGRACE. It's like going off-road.  |
| 8  | Some of these seem redundant: activities the police should be handling. Most important; fix the streets, Market street is bad!!  |
| 8  | Somewhat important was an unfortunate choice of terminology.   |
| 8  | Speed bumps needed on DAIRY AVENUE between Market street and South street, people frequently drive through stop signs and break speed limit while driving.   |
| 8  | Stop letting the homeless thrash our neighborhoods. It is as if they have all the rights and tax payers have none. And DO something about the fireworks.   |
| 8  | Stop overtaxing the community for unnecessary city council pet projects and giving sweet deals to developers to crowd the city with low income housing. Middle class is tired of footing the bill for all of these programs.   |
| 8  | Stop paying inflated retirement pay caused by spiking hours during last years of service. Fire and police especially. Also include Long Beach transit in city budget. Pension obligations are out of control   |
| 8  | Stop turning a blind eye to homelessness and crime.  |
| 8  | Stronger police and fire dept. support! More regular neighborhood patrols day and night. Prosecute! Stop wasting money on road "diets", roundabouts etc! Stupid! No more taxes that drive business out of the City.  |
| 8  | strongly object to "high density housing" and any resources directed this way  |

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| 8  | Students need to return to schools. Kids are falling behind with their education bc at home not all parents have the resources or speak the language to help their kids...  |
| 8  | Teachers living in poverty in pay cuts. Roads with no sidewalks repairs reported, not repaired. Dangerous intersections from drivers violations creating dangerous pedestrian crossing. Thanks for letting me share!  |
| 8  | Thank you!  |
| 8  | That we need to keep park programs alive for the youth and teens.   |
| 8  | The city does a lousy job of keeping up the curbs in roads in our neighborhood.   |
| 8  | The City government's priority is to use taxpayers' money frugally and wisely to maintain public works, protect property rights and public safety -- but not at the current ridiculous and unsustainably high levels of compensation and pension for public safety employees. Al, I know your career as a public union activist has made you aware of these growing issues from the employees' perspective. But the unions and obliging City officials are digging us deeper into the hole of \$ billions in unfunded pension liabilities. The insanity of proliferating six-figure annual public pensions and gold-plated retiree healthcare has got to stop. By 2024 --even without COVID-- we're going to face a pension-produced City financial crisis, and it's shameful and potentially criminal for City officials to count on Federal and State tax-funded handouts to bail us out. Show some backbone that's not funded by police and fire union contributions. CALPERS and the tax-funded employee unions shouldn't be the forces running Long Beach. |
| 8  | the city must do something more to stop illegal fireworks. This year's effort was a total failure.  |
| 8  | The city should expand on its definition of public safety. The city can invest more funds from the general fund from the police budget to help provide these services amongst health services, library services, Parks recreations, and Marine, and the Arts Council for Long Beach.  |
| 8  | The homeowners in this city fund a lot of programs for a number of the items covered on this survey. I.e., fixing roads, trimming trees, providing for the homeless, graffiti abatement, this city needs to spend more wisely the money that has been allocated for these projects.   |
| 8  | The most important items a city can provide is Fire and Fire base Paramedics and Police Start there first!!!!   |
| 8  | The North Long Beach Cherry corridor (Artesia to Del Amo) desperately needs attention and beautification.   |
| 8  | The wording of some of these is problematic. I don't want "nuisance abatement" if it means more police. I do want more mental health support, housing-first homeless services (and support for homeless with animals and with drug habits). Noise is a problem but the police don't enforce that anyway so I don't want more funding for the police to continue not fixing that issue. Fund rehab, housing, SCHOOLS, social workers, and libraries.   |
| 8  | There certainly is not a need to "defund" or cut our policing budget. Nor should we be spending \$ to pay legal bills for illegals.   |
| 8  | There is no need to "provide special law enforcement services". Long Beach Police Department should already be DOING this. Same comment with regard to the fire department. What are they already getting paid to do. Graffiti abatement. Don't we already have a department that does that? Many of the things that are being addressed in the surveys are services that we already pay for. The ppl hired to do these things just need to DO their jobs   |
| 8  | There should be two separate surveys. One for general budget opinions and one for temporary emergency Covid Budget as my answers would be very different for each. This started off talking about Covid but never ask for our opinions on a temporary basis. If this survey was supposed to be the latter, it was should have clarified.  |
| 8  | Things have greatly improved in my district 8 neighborhood in the pass 4 years it has changed for the best. Thank you!  |
| 8  | This survey had a thinly veiled language that encouraged more policing and gentrification which perpetuate inequities we're trying to address in Long Beach. Overall, we need to prioritize affordable housing, workforce development, expansion of public transit, and energy transition away from gas/oil (not addressed in the survey). Not just through how we spend the General Fund but also policies/regulations. One of quite several survey items I find troubling is "keeping the city attractive and eliminate blight"? What does this entail, is it ensuring development that raises living standards for everyone or simple displacement/criminalization of the vulnerable?  |

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| 8  | This was included, but there needs to be increased street clean up and the addition of more public trash receptacles. We are generating more trash via disposable items, packaging, and single use garbage than ANY TIME IN HISTORY, yet the City shows minimal effort in keeping the streets clean or holding ABSENTEE property managers of multiple unit housing accountable. It is shameful to see how filthy our corridors have become. Corridors with thickets of bushes have become dumping grounds for homeless cast offs, mattresses laying in the street, furniture...this is a PROBLEM. How can we feel proud of our City when it looks like a slum? WHY ARE CLEAN STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS NOT A PRIORITY? Why are municipal codes that apply to ALL properties not enforced in a timely manner? It seems we are so often in Long Beach "chasing the problem" because we make rules and laws and then don't enforce them. The standard HAS to be raised, or we will always have the reputation of the " Sewer by the Sea". Is that who we are? Is that a title for a destination city? I think we have reached a time where this issue is serious enough from an environmental and reputation standpoint that we need to make it a priority. |
| 8  | Until the pandemic has been officially over for at least 12 months, the budget should only focus on essential city services such as schools, police, fire, law and order, and keeping the city clean.  |
| 8  | Uptown needs to be all under the 9th district boundary lines, not split in 2. Thank you.   |
| 8  | Use money from the police department to fund the public schools, instead of cutting the schools budgets again. If the schools budgets have been consistently cut and they continue to function, same goes for the police department. Also, employ city workers, police, teachers etc essentially public workers that live in Long Beach. Others that do not live here are taking their money and investing in other cities by funding other cities through taxes.  |
| 8  | Very few questions about racial inequity or the efforts associated with reallocating the dollars allocated to the police department. There appears to be a skewed bias in these questions. More information should have been provided as to how much from the General Fund goes to areas associated with the questions above.  |
| 8  | We must maintain at the very least all police services and would like to see the numbers of officers increase. We also must prosecute criminal activity to ensure public safety of all our citizens in Long Beach!   |
| 8  | We need to fund our schools, fund programs for children, fund community centers, fund our hospitals and stop overpaying the police department. You want to see crime rate go down? Then do something for the communities create community gardens, fund their schools, and create programs for kids to be in sports and arts programs. Create rehabilitation centers for the community. Stop over policing. Listen to your community and ask what they will like to see in their own communities. Help families in need with rent and paying their mortgage due to Covid. Create affordable housing and not those over priced condos and gentrifying our city while forcing low income families to move out because rent and property has gone up. We have the money just relocate it in the right direction. Make change. Stay safe.  |
| 8  | We need to provide more funding towards bicycle education, and making sure we have a top of the line bikeshare system that provide access to lower income families, and students. This will significantly change communities. More funding to alternative transportation options & education.  |
| 8  | we're building a strong communities strong relationships a strong communication working together to make more public safely thank you so much good luck  |
| 8  | What has happened to cleaning up trash along freeways in Long Beach? Have never seen so much!  |
| 8  | When I hear "low cost housing" I think of developers taking advantage of our city, changing zoning and creating cheap cracker box housing. Can you ensure that projects are fitting with the character of surrounding neighborhood, that is good looking low cost housing?   |
| 8  | When we invest in more prevention programs and services there is less need for intervention programs. At the end the city saves money (since intervention programs are more costly) and we have a city and community that thrives. I hope LB can do this and be a model to the world.  |
| 8  | Why are paramedics on this list when a lot of them are privately owned? I see a lot of questions that are directed at crime and police but the question in our present state is to defund and retrain police on violence on people of color. It also makes it difficult for the police to care about Long Beach if they don't actually live here. Where is the question of funding public schools? I didn't know property owners didn't remove graffiti themselves and there was a budget from the city to fill that need. I do appreciate the opportunity for the COVID Relief fund- LB cares, and the COVID test   |



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|    | sites with the flow of emergency relief money coming into the city. But there's a lot do and rethink as to how we approach the new budget.   |
| 8  | With this pandemic occurring, it's important that residents are able to access services that help make getting through it easier such as access to affordable housing and library services.  |
| 9  | 1) Quality of life issue of excessive/invasive/chronic noise (not children playing!) but loud music coming from homes; no funding for the Noise Complaint Unit to come out on these types of calls; instead the police are sent out, who should be on other types of calls, but who then can only do so much. This is especially pertinent now as so many are having to work from home. The programs' shells/structures are existent but are not staffed/funded 2) Keeping out sex and xxx shops and questionable business such as the "massage" parlor on Cherry Avenue out of the area; so much was done in years past to remove them when they were clustered and in our neighborhood (2 on Atlantic across from CVS) and now I see they are being allowed to creep back in.  |
| 9  | 1. I live in 90805 formally 90808 and find it interesting that this survey was not noticeable if even provided on Rex Richardson's last two emails. 2. Being a Long Beach resident for 30 years, I feel like the city's focus is on homelessness and political aspirations at the detriment of home owners. Illegal fireworks need to be addressed in addition to the crime. It's embarrassing to have people come to our home and not be able to sleep due to fireworks going off from 10:30 AM to well into the night.   |
| 9  | Access to healthy food and water are very important to me. I hope the city will provide long-term funding to Long Beach Fresh's local food policy council. The policies put forth by this group would increase local food security and access to this food. I want to see a city that is more equitable - one where health disparities are reduced.  |
| 9  | Additional services & support to address/ treatment for mental illnesses; women's, men's and child abuses; drug's & human trafficking; pedestrians; walkways & bright streets light & Cctv's camera on streets.  |
| 9  | Adopt the people's budget. Defund the police.  |
| 9  | Budget for LGBTQ curriculum, pride events and inclusivity training for city workers and students.  |
| 9  | Clearly state the scale of importance of gentrification of our neighbors. It is clearly happening. Also, clearly state the importance of the police budget & how it should be defunded & redistributed amongst other community services. Also, clearly state how public records & files should actually be public & accessible, not destroyed for taking up physical space; don't just mention police services as if it was that vague, because it clearly isn't.  |
| 9  | Defund the police and give that money back to the school for the kids education!!! Also the Robert Garcia Mayor needs to stop building all these new unnecessary buildings and raising rent. Fix the potholes on an all of Artesia and have the companies that have trailer trucks pay for it because they're the once that fuck up the roads not citizens cars.   |
| 9  | Defund the police and invest the money public schools and help the homeless  |
| 9  | Defund the police and law enforcement. Invest in programs to support marginalized populations and community development, restorative justice, and community accountability. Police should not be responding to every call. There is a clear lack of training, sensitive, respect, and human decency displayed by many officers towards those of marginalized populations and those with mental health issues. Allow other professionals to respond to things in the interest of deescalation. We should be seeking ideals of restorative justice for those who do harm and are willing to participate. We should limit the times and situation in which law enforcement is engaged. The city should remove qualified immunity for law enforcement officers. Officers should be charged for the crimes they commit while on and of duty. I do not think more training will work for those who, while enforcing the law, disregard the law. There is a clear and present danger for the lives of people of color. And this is largely do to the minimum requirements to join law enforcement and the lack of accountability for those that clearly and openly express beliefs that go against their mission to "serve and protect". Also, in light of COVID-19, it became abundantly clear that the city/state/country has not invested in life saving resources to prepare our hospitals and medical professionals to handle a pandemic. This alone is concerning, but a total atrocity when you consider the budget given to law enforcement in general. The lack of resources to our medical professionals is in stark contrast to the military armament, and associated costs, that our police force has available to control, intimidate, and assault those practice their right to peaceful assemble |

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|    | about matters of police brutality. On a related note, those that deny science, and/or subscribe to white nationalist ideologies, assemble to protest about their need hair cuts and are met with none or minimal police involvement. There should be more money spent on services to bring people out of poverty and homelessness. There should be more service to provide opportunities and education for those in our community. Let try to receptive to change, to serve EVERY type of person in our community, and stop the senseless killing down by those who enforce the law, but are now being held accountable to the law.  |
| 9  | Defund the police.   |
| 9  | defund the police.   |
| 9  | DEFUND THE POLICE. Reinvest in schools and social services. DEFUND THE POLICE. Invest in homeless and mental health services. Invest in drug treatment programs, not law enforcement.  |
| 9  | Do not build any new building but repurpose existing building. Spend tax money wisely. building a brand new building for homeless who don't pay taxes is outrageous. Come up with a cheapest solution. Buy a run down apartment/hotel instead of building a brand new. Give them one way ticket and 1000 incentive to move out of California and have them sign that they'd never return. After all just like we cannot live in bel air because of our limited budget, not everyone can afford living in California.   |
| 9  | Do NOT defund police!!!!!!!  |
| 9  | During this COVID-19 Pandemic it's important to Focus on what Really Matters and that's the Condition of the City and it's Residents We have to maintain a Functioning City Governess we must reopen all City Functions with the Needed Staffing and Essential Employees with Hazard Pay at this Time We must also make it Clear that CDC Guidelines must be Followed. The Budget Must Allocate Funding for PPE for all City Staffing and Employees And Not Just The General Fund ! But from All City Funding The Port of Long Beach Revenue should be included Corporate what are they willing to due !   |
| 9  | Easily all of these things are very important, so this so-called survey is just more bs. Where are the questions about cutting salaries of overpaid staff? Or having staff contribute more (if they contribute at all) to their own pension costs? Hmmm, how about listing all the nonsense, feel-good programs that cost a lot and accomplish nothing? Let's see those money wasters here in the mix so people can really make choices on priorities. Nope...you just list all low controversy priorities anyone with common sense would agree on. Quit blowing smoke up our collective ass.  |
| 9  | Enforcement of certians crimes are lacking when officers percieve the crime as not exciting. For example, the police seem to jump right in when a high speed chase is occuring but drive by and ignore illegal explosives or pyro calls. WHY!  |
| 9  | Fireworks need to be addressed and handled ASAP!!!@  |
| 9  | For someone who works full-time, I just would like to see these tax dollars put to good use, and not to fill the mayor's wallet. It's a shame to look around the city and see so many empty buildings, so many homeless, and yet nothing is being done. All we are concerned about is building up downtown LB to attract visitors. It's time to really go through the not so nice looking areas and really fix them up. I know this message might fall upon deaf ears, but I just would like to voice my opinion. I see how things get done being that I work for a city, and I personally feel that it's time to start taking care of the areas that aren't well off and stop catering to the well off. Thank you. - Bixby knolls resident. |
| 9  | Homeless people with mental health issues are becoming a huge deal in our neighborhoods. I see multiple people walking the neighborhood and many times they are not fully clothed and they are talking to themselves posing a threat to themselves and others. Specially when crossing the street  |
| 9  | I believe you guys should really focus on fixing street, ocean pollution and affordable House prices.  |
| 9  | I do NOT support defunding the police. Please increase our police and fire budget. Thank you   |
| 9  | I have been trying for just under 35 years to get the city to repair the broken and misaligned sidewalks, curbs and street in front of my house. Why are you withholding these services? You collect taxes on my property each year, but do not provide services!  |
| 9  | I think city council should consider defunding the police and investing that money into youth programs and schools. I think the city council should also take into consideration increasing aid for renters.   |

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| 9  | I think for a city of its size, Long Beach does a pretty good job, however, trying to turn Downtown into this hip urban area while places like North Long Beach are still some of the worst in the city is frustrating. Let's get the homeless situation under control too!   |
| 9  | I would like to know the methods behind maintaining a low crime rate. Is this through social services or through police activity?   |
| 9  | If you dont stop trying to give everything for free, you'll never get out from under. You are not providing people a reason to EARN something for themselves. Haven't you learned that yet.   |
| 9  | Instead of spending new oil taxes on "equity" programs, please use the funds to pay down the Covid-19 costs.  |
| 9  | More money needs to be put into the needs of the community and less on cops and systems that further harm us.   |
| 9  | More police, safer streets, tree trimming and paved streets   |
| 9  | Our city needs to allocate funds to several districts, I currently live in District 9. The budget should include funds for Uptown Long Beach. Not enough parks, nowhere to sit and relax. I can't walk around w/o seeing cops patrol every second of the day. The COPS make me feel unsafe, we are terrorized daily. No CITY WATCH tank machines in the community. We need more ART, WE NEED community centers for TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS! We need a safe place for women & men in our neighborhood who are dealing w/ domestic violence at home. We need more in the north side then a pretty library...that took 10+ years to be built. I want to see the city's budget include ALL of Long Beach, not just the affluent side.  |
| 9  | Please consider moving funds AWAY from the Police Department and TOWARDS Programs that will give our young residents something to do other than get in trouble because they HAVE nothing to do. Our schools need funding not School Safety officers who come to a school site when they get good and ready.   |
| 9  | Please stop funding income redistribution and "equity" programs. Provide real police protection for the citizens who live in Long Beach.  |
| 9  | Provide a more in-depth survey than just "the cities unfunded liabilities" the tax payers shouldn't have to pay for police lawsuits. Pay those lawsuits with the police pension funds   |
| 9  | Public safety, law enforcement is a vital necessity in lower income areas. Defunding the police should never be considered. Quality of life for the entire city will be adversely affected. A domino effect, downward spiral for the city.  |
| 9  | Relationship with LBUSD.  |
| 9  | Stopping the illegal fireworks.   |
| 9  | Support our LBPD!!! Do NOT defund them!!!!  |
| 9  | The city should focus on creating homeless shelters and rehabilitations instead of turning a blind eye.   |
| 9  | The library is very important and access to resources are already impacted due to covid. Please do not reduce the library hours right now. They support their communities. LBC needs to do more to support our homeless population. How can citizens help in this area? I have lived here over ten years and know nothing about services we provide to the homeless and how I can help. Please have more e-waste programs. and finally, DEFUND THE POLICE!  |
| 9  | To me it is extremely important to get back to the level of lifestyle that I had previos the Covid outbreak. I think it is not fair to punish everyone with stay at home orders and keeping them from working and going to school if everyone doesn't have the disease. Why not allow employers and city professionals the ability to check everyone and only make the sick stay at home? We are living in a time when everyone is supposed to have insurance so why the problem with doctor checks? We can not continue to shut everything down and not contribute to the economy. We are not productive 'working from home'. We are meant to be like this as human beings, we are naturally social and need interaction with everybody. As far as health of the people of Long Beach public parks are good except that public bathrooms and transportation are essential. Everyone should have a place to go to the bathroom, get a drink of water, and a ride to take them where they are going anywhere in the city at all hours. We can not continue to only fine people for drunk driving, making them go into debt and loose their jobs and way to work. We need to provide safe and efficient means of public transportation so not everyone has to pay car insurance or gas prices. This would eliminate a huge part of our pollution problem in Long Beach and make our residents healthier. A good example of mass transportation is in Las Vegas they have the stacked two tier |

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|            | buses that run all night and are very inexpensive so you can get to work or get home at any hour of the night. I had no problem getting around on those buses and they went right to the neighborhoods you need to go. Las Vegas if having a huge amount of retirees going to live there now because they will rely on the transportation once they get their license pulled for being to old to see. It is our duty to make sure these citizens have a way to be as independent as possible and be able to get around. We will be old one day and need the same services. Parks are a great way to bring back things like the California state bird, the California Quail. We need to maintain these places in order for us to have healthier heart and also refuges for the birds and wildlife to live. Elderly programs are a great place for them to go and be social and be fed so they can live a higher quality of independence and not have to be placed in long term care. Every district should have one as well as places that teenagers can go and meet people their age. Businesses should pay for more private security opening up jobs for people because the police department will not hire most of the public for one reason or another. All people should be able to contribute to the welfare of the people and report crimes or patrol businesses. This will allow people to grow up and become contributing citizens. Thank you, Cholena Humphrey |
| 9          | Uplifting the community and providing occupying activities for at-risk youth who would otherwise be more prone to being involved as a perpetrator or victim of violent crime is of peak importance, OVER policing the neighborhoods where this may happen. By steering people away from negative mindsets and reducing negative factors in at-risk peoples' lives, a more effective and happy populace is created.  |
| 9          | We need budget to help the city and community not go in to the politician's pockets.  |
| 9          | We need more social resources for education, mental and physical health, and equitable access. Defund the police.   |
| 9          | We need rent reduction. Stimulus unemployment is ending, and I'm not sure how my roommates will be able to make ends meet. We also have a ridiculous amount of red curbs in my neighborhood, exponentially more than in more affluent areas. Parking is the bane of my existence. Please paint lines in the residential areas of Willmore city north. Have a designated area for unattached trailers/commercial vehicles. Please help your citizens with their daily lives. It's ridiculous that I have to spend hours of my night after working all day searching for a place to leave my car. Thanks.   |
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| Don't Know | - support small businesses - send our kids back to school - reopen labs. Student research has been halted.  |
| Don't Know | Accountability n integrity is what's mostly needed. Encourage n be very accessible for LB citizens to have a healthy relationship with officials n those claiming to serve the community. Leadership is also a huge issue in places of influence n power. Help raise a generation to turn things around   |
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| Don't Know | Affordable housing and programs to help small businesses are essential for low income families to survive. Longtime residents and minorities are being pushed out of the city by the gentrification that has been underway for years. We don't need luxury apartments, we need affordable housing, rent control, and programs that will help low income families and individuals survive, especially in the midst of a pandemic that has left so many without any way to pay their rent and utilities.  |
| Don't Know | AFFORDABLE HOUSING! These rent prices are getting out of control. We the Citizens of the LBC are feeling like we are being forcefully push out of our own city that we so deeply love due to the high prices in rent that are barley affordable and continue to go up. Also, instead of wasting money on unnecessary so called "street art" i.e. piano/ rainbow cross paths along Broadway and other streets, Maybe we could invest more in mental health/homelessness outreach of the city. In conclusions, it makes no sense that we keeping building new apartments when we cant even afford them or help out our homeless population  |
| Don't Know | AFORDABLE HOUSING IS ALMOST NONEXISTANT IN LONG BEACH. ALL OF THE NEW APARTMENTS ARE WAY TOO EXPENSIVE AND LONG BEACH DOES NOT PROVIDE THE KIND OF JOBS NEEDED TO AFFORD THEM. PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO YOUR PEOPLE. CARE ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS.  |

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| Don't Know | Agressive solutions to homeless programs of housing, mental health drug rehab and job training. More free parking!!!! Shouldn't cost to enjoy a beach. More housing around all areas....don't allow housing that has no parking!! Make parks for none homeless to enjoy..... Currently parks are for homeless to live, bath and use toilet do drugs smoke pot rant and rave. De fund the police budget and put that into facilities to resolve the issues as to why people are homeless. Moving the homeless off the beach, parks, and under bridges etc... When designing parks ask for community input.....the new Bixby addition is just more space for homeless. Why not out in a misting park with fountains for kids and adults to cool off. More games like Horseshoes, shuffleboard, corn hole, pickleball courts, foosball, pingpong, bad mitten etc....parks employee people in the community centers we never see.....put a kiosk up to loan out game equipment...provide a job for someone with limited skills or look for volunteers like retirees. |
| Don't Know | Allocate the money from LBPd & use it to end homelessness & help the youth of Long Beach!!! Also, Robert Garcia needs to be resign!!!  |
| Don't Know | As a lifetime Long Beach resident, many of the issues our city faces can be solved in the long term through community programs rather than militarizing our police force with a seemingly endless budget. I would also love for Long Beach families to stay and watch their community grow with them without the fear of losing their homes due to higher rent. We need rent control, not now but yesterday!   |
| Don't Know | Balance the budget and spend it to make life better for residents. Bus the homeless out to Barstow, or set up a tent city in the desert for them where they can work to receive food. Cut police, fire and public employee budgets, pay down all debt them give everyone a tax cut   |
| Don't Know | Basic City Service and Safety  |
| Don't Know | Bellflower Blvd gets used as a race strip all day long I never see anyone patrol to control the speeders   |
| Don't Know | By allowing looting and rioting your jeopardizing the public's safety. Keep us safe but enforcing laws.  |
| Don't Know | Can we please reallocate a significant amount of the budget away from police and apply it to school and other community based programs? Thank you!   |
| Don't Know | Create better parking options and later street sweeping hours  |
| Don't Know | Defund and disarm the LBPd.  |
| Don't Know | DEFUND LBPd, ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO LBUSD AND AFFORDABLE/ FREE HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS. IT IS OUT OF CONTOL.   |
| Don't Know | DEFUND POLICE and put that money into better social services so we can get the right kind of help.   |
| Don't Know | defund the lbpd, stop targeting black people, make Robert Garcia resign, don't open up shit in Long Beach until coronavirus is 100% taken care of!!! not 40%, not 80%, not 95%, 100% safe for everyone. stop worrying about making money for yourselves you selfish fucks. also stop criminalizing homelessness and provide housing, don't lie and say there's no money, we all know that's a fucking lie and i hope you all go to hell for being comfortable lying for your own benefit so much. i am a white woman so you should listen to me.   |
| Don't Know | defund the long beach police department and use funds previously given to the LBPd to fund schools in LBUSD.   |
| Don't Know | Defund the Police  |
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| Don't Know | Defund the police and allocate those funds towards investing in our youth.   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police and provide better, more humane, and more appropriate training. The police should not have the third largest budget in the city out of the other departments!!! There are no questions here about the harbor/port of Long Beach, which has the most significant budget!!! Please update this survey with questions about the harbor/port! The citizens need to know how much money it makes for our city, how much it costs, and the environmental impact among other things. Racial and indigenous justice in the city of Long Beach must continue to be publicly addressed. Thank you.   |

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| Don't Know | Defund the police and put the money into educational programs   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police and reallocate the money towards non-armed first responders and social services. Stop building luxury apartments nobody from Long Beach can afford. Stop developing shopping malls filled with giant corporations and invest in small local businesses. Tear down the break water. Robert Garcia should resign.   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police and redistribute the money to mental health personal to help cops deescalate life or death situations.  |
| Don't Know | Defund the police and reinvest in our community with health, education and social services.   |
| Don't Know | defund the police and use that money for health care, education, and homelessness   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police 🤝❤️💡🌟🌟  |
| Don't Know | Defund the police!  |
| Don't Know | Defund the police! There is no need that the Mayor has most of the budget geared towards LBPd. There have been many instances that we have witnessed police brutality in our own city, which is unacceptable. For a city with a Latinx Mayor and Police Chief, they are doing a shit job looking out for our minority community. You have to look at the root problem that is causing the so called "violence" in our streets. There isn't enough funding for low income communities and they have no way out and have to seek other opportunities to make a living. Instead of spending a ridiculous amount of money to LBPd, we should be spending the money to better our communities and their people. More money for students, schools, communities, social workers, and anything that can help us instead of harm us. |
| Don't Know | Defund the police!!   |
| Don't Know | DEFUND THE POLICE!!!!!!!!!!!!   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police, invest in education, public health, mental health, and resources for low income families. The police carry too much and shouldn't be accepted to do it all, reallocating funds into these programs will further help solve these issues.   |
| Don't Know | defund the police, it can help the community in many ways.  |
| Don't Know | Defund the police.  |
| Don't Know | Defund the police. Divest the money from their programs to housing, mental health services and community reinvestment programs.   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police. Focus on real problems residents of Long Beach deal with such as shitty parking, homelessness, food insecurity and job insecurity. Police do not need to be militarized or need to patrol low income neighborhoods that directly harm the residents of those said neighborhoods.   |
| Don't Know | Defund the police. Move a majority of their budget to providing social services, social and child development programs, universal income and healthcare and unarmed crisis response teams and give us an alternative to misdemeanors you mention in this survey. There's no reason a homeless person who isn't violent or someone suffering from mental health crisis should ever see a police officer. Fix the parking situations across the city without increasing financial burden on the families and residents who need it the most.  |
| Don't Know | DEFUND THE POLICE. PUSH MONEY TOWARDS PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE OF COLOR.  |
| Don't Know | Defunding law enforcement is NEVER the answer. Reducing funds for Public Services..police fire and EMS will be the fall of America. Please stand strong and make sure these services are maintained otherwise the days of the wild west will return and there will be more crime and violence than we have ever known in our lifetimes...we support the The Blue Line !!!!  |
| Don't Know | Defunding the police and allocating the funds to help homeless get on their feet (responsibly) and helping to promote cultures and people from every walk of life. Do the right thing!  |
| Don't Know | Defunding the police will not help our city. Funding the police, providing more training, and self defense lessons will lower crime.  |
| Don't Know | Disarm and defund LBPd. Provide more care and resources for your people and they will not commit crime. Rent control NOW so people don't have to live on the street or do illegal activities to maintain their life. Put your people first and the police LAST.   |
| Don't Know | Do not defund police. I hear about crime and shootings happening daily. My car has been broken into twice, while my nephew had his car stolen from a garage. Without safety, parks and  |

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|            | entertainment and everything else means nothing. Support our police and emergency responders first. Look at the salaries and pensions of government workers and consider pay cuts. I see so many city workers sitting around watching each other try to do jobs. We have a huge homeless problem; many are on drugs and mentally ill and pose a huge safety risk to the public. We pay a huge amount in gas taxes yet our roads are horrible. Stop trying to force our city to be bike friendly and take care of the roads.  |
| Don't Know | Do not defund the police or give any reparations. Work with the tax income you actually received and do not tax the residents more, especially for non essential programs since we are social distancing until the foreseeable future. Any [programs that cannot maintain the forced health protocol should be eliminated until it is safe to begin again.   |
| Don't Know | Do NOT defund the police! We need more appropriate police coverage, in different sectors and for many purposes other than just responding to calls. Our alleys are a huge problem! Clean them up or close them off! Homeowners have to pick up the tab on the nuisance of alleys, yet property owners pay their taxes. Our youth in LB is vastly underprivileged; we need more affordable charter schools and programs in our public schools that cater to these children/youth! We need more affordable housing within the city, whether it be by funds or actual housing units. We need better policing/control on drugs in our communities. |
| Don't Know | Do not defund the police.  |
| Don't Know | Do NOT defund the police. The crime and homelessness in LB is out of control! I am sick of it and pay enough taxes where I should not have to be scared to walk outside of my home after dark!   |
| Don't Know | Do not refund our police. We need them more than ever to keep us safe.   |
| Don't Know | Do Not Waste Any More Money On The Police! Focus on your communities and your homeless population!!!!  |
| Don't Know | Don't let the police force be reduced. We need them more than ever. Prosecute & keep in jail those with felonies. Have them clean the streets. Used to happen. Protect the tax payers & our city!  |
| Don't Know | Don't make the city attractive to criminals, homeless, or illegal immigrants. Tough on crime and those elements will go elsewhere.   |
| Don't Know | Drug rehabilitation, mental health and education are very important to me.   |
| Don't Know | Enforce the law, before, during, and after crimes. Like with the protestors.   |
| Don't Know | Enforce the laws.  |
| Don't Know | Environmental issues is very important to me. I would like to see more ways of reducing pollution in the air and the ocean. Also affordable housing, rent is ridiculous now and parking is unbearable  |
| Don't Know | Everything is overly priced in poor neighborhoods. Things such as housing.   |
| Don't Know | Excellent structure and wording of the survey.   |
| Don't Know | Expanding on "maintaining a low crime rate" How exactly are you doing this? LBPD does not need any more funding and should be cut even more than it has.   |
| Don't Know | Fire and police service is what our city needs more of. Measure A needs to affect the things it's actually suppose to and not just subsidize other projects.   |
| Don't Know | Fix the roads! It is very concerning that the roads have been neglected for so long. Before you plan on building anything that would look like you're doing something for the community, make sure the roads that lead there are in proper condition.  |
| Don't Know | Fix these roads  |
| Don't Know | Focus on the people now, for a better generation of people tomorrow.   |
| Don't Know | Fund social programs. Fund affordable housing. Help the homeless. The police can have what's leftover after those priorities.  |
| Don't Know | funding our police department and reinforcing our quality of life and heart teams are essential, bringing back our police athletic league and having a zero based budget where EACH city department has to PUBLICLY declare what they are spending our tax dollars on. EACH CITY DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE REQUIRED TO LISTEN TO public input   |
| Don't Know | funds need to be directed away from enforcement and moved to enrichment and education. Less police and more towards community programs alcohol and drug programs and fighting homelessness. More mental health programs.   |

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| Don't Know | Getting businesses back up and running at full strength the the biggest priority the city faces. Without that, all other programs cannot get started.  |
| Don't Know | Give less funds to the police force and more funds to programs that can help prevent crimes before they happen, like social workers and counselors.  |
| Don't Know | greener cleaner safer for all residents of LB  |
| Don't Know | Help the city is overrun by criminals  |
| Don't Know | Help the homeless. Reallocate money and resources away from the police, and put that money towards helping the homeless and less financially advantaged areas  |
| Don't Know | HELP THE POLICE AND KEEP LOOTERS AND RIOTER AND CRIMINALS IN JAIL  |
| Don't Know | Help us with all the petty theft from our homes!   |
| Don't Know | Help with college tuition and affordability.   |
| Don't Know | Homeless people and their mental health is number one priority to deal with. Followed by handling gang violence and gang recruitment in other ways than only relying on police. Air pollution from the port and neighboring cities contributes to many health problems in LB and should be on this survey.   |
| Don't Know | Homeless people I. The north side is a big issue and concerned !! These people need to be removed  |
| Don't Know | Homelessness is most important..   |
| Don't Know | Homelessness, Business stability, rent control and crime rate is very important problem here in Long Beach and we need to work in that the most.   |
| Don't Know | Homelessness, crime prosecution/reduction, and helping small businesses impacted by COVID are my highest priorities  |
| Don't Know | Hoping some skate parks like silverado skate park get remodeled and fixed  |
| Don't Know | How do you plan on addressing community problems without using the police? How are you going to improve police performance through longer and more extensive training, both before employment and while employed?  |
| Don't Know | I absolutely support defunding the police (and by that I mean funding them differently to provide social support rather than militarizing their approach). I support more funds going towards education and healthcare services. We cannot function strongly if we are uneducated and sick, and police force is NOT a solution to the symptoms of these problems.  |
| Don't Know | I am in complete support of our police department - I realize that there might be a bad apple or two - but the vast majority are good people - unfortunately, they only see the bad side of our society - do not defund the PD - thank you   |
| Don't Know | I believe fund should be kept to ensure the safety of the Long Beach citizens and visitors.  |
| Don't Know | I believe our tax money should go for the good of the PEOPLE in the city. Making downtown Long Beach aesthetically pleasing, gentrifying it and kicking people out of their homes making them homeless is not a good way of using our tax dollars. Use the money for our schools, teachers salary, fixing the streets/sidewalks, ending homelessness, and providing more affordable housing. Also DEFUND THE POLICE!   |
| Don't Know | I believe that existing laws should be enforced, particularly where homelessness and rioting/destruction of property are concerned. I don't believe in caving to the loudest voices, especially when what they are saying is patently untrue. I do believe that there is always room for improvement with systems, but I don't believe in burning down the existing system, or concluding that the entire system is bad -- is the solution. No more taxes. Live within a budget that supports citizens who pay for that budget and does not include programs for non-citizens. End the rhetoric and stop kneeling/cowering/bowing before those who would destroy our country. Thank you for listening.   |
| Don't Know | I believe we need to build our communities up for a sustainable culture. Rather than build a new apartment complex without parking, build a park and help small businesses and believe in the people that are in your city. Long Beach needs to be cleaned up and the beach needs to feel clean again, the community needs to feel safe again and outreach should be pushed to showcase we can do this together. I feel like I need to work to live here and I'm stuck. Let's not be crazy expensive anymore let's build a city that is a community where you are welcome and have to pay to live here but not where your afraid I will be evicted in 10 months because rent will climb so much. Please let's build a better, sustainable future for Long Beach! |



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| Don't Know | I believe we need to defund the LB police and fund: education, helping the homeless, make housing more affordable, and mental health services among other things. We do not need the police terrorizing our city or country anymore.  |
| Don't Know | I believe we need to focus on our well being of our community. Invest in Public Education, Library's and Park and Rec Programs.   |
| Don't Know | I care about parks libraries beauty safety and children   |
| Don't Know | I DONT CARE WHAT IDIOTS ON THE STREET CHANT, POLICE ARE EXCEPTIONALLY IMPERATIVE TO MAINTAINING THE SAFTY OF OUR CITY!!!!   |
| Don't Know | I feel like because there are more homeless people in the city, the city should provide more shelters and resources for them. I also feel like so much of the budget goes I to improving downtown Long Beach because it's become more of a tourist attraction however there are A LOT of areas in Long Beach that need work.  |
| Don't Know | I feel the survey was not too specific on some questions asked.   |
| Don't Know | I filled this out because I want the library to reopen! We miss it every day and it has been a huge financial burden to purchase educational materials for my son during the quarantine - we usually get them from the the library.   |
| Don't Know | I gave a shout of joy when the Bay Shore Library was able to provide our Hold books on a Pick Up basis. It is like a home away from home for me. I love the librarians: they are friends, providing help with research, discussing books, running a Book Club, How else could LB consider itself a civilized city? I have been sheltering at home since March.  |
| Don't Know | I have contacted your office many times regarding putting drains in the street and the alley where I live (2nd / Nieto) but was told it would be reviewed when it came up for budget review I am still waiting for a response.. it seems it has gone on deaf ears it's time to put in drains as the run off water that comes from the businesses on 2nd St. is is deplorable...hopefully I will get a response this time.. D.Dennis   |
| Don't Know | I like the idea of police patrols where they interact with residents and follow the tenant of innocent until proven guilty. More seriously, this towns' level of home ownership/ renting should alarm anyone looking forward.   |
| Don't Know | I live here few months already and the main problem I can see its with homeless people, why police allow for sleeping on the streets? If there are places for homeless to stay at night, then use budget and provide trnsportation service. And dont take me wrong, I am aware of this problem in US but some of those people have mental problems and coukd couse danger for residents. Oh and use some money to fix roads, especially those connected to highways. The same gaps are still there, even that during convid they could be fixed without roadblocks.... Great that there are places to play on the beach, this is great investment. Parks are kept clean and safe. People created here nice comunity of tolerance. |
| Don't Know | I love Long Beach. Thank you Robert Garcia for keeping us safe ♥  |
| Don't Know | I love the rise of murals around town. Murals and other art installations provide the city with a higher sense of community.  |
| Don't Know | I prioritize the environment and the people of the city such as programs that help lower class citizens or program or laws that control our city's output of pollution. Maybe programs to clean our waters especially by the boats at the aquarium because it's very filthy. Youth programs would be cool or just programs in general to bring the community together   |
| Don't Know | I support reallocating much of the police budget to community programs, especially those that help students learn during COVID and those that help low-income/homeless populations.   |
| Don't Know | I support significantly reducing the police budget and allocating those funds to social programs and community development.   |
| Don't Know | I think defunding the police is a huge mistake. In the past few months the crime rate, I feel, has gone up due to the protesting demanding defunding. The police has a very difficult but very important job.   |
| Don't Know | I think environmental sustainability is the most important but I know with SB1383 this is not a choice, and the City has to have an organics program and procure the offsets. In addition, the health department needs more funding to be the primary response for mental health and homelessness instead of police.  |
| Don't Know | I think it's important to look into parking citations in the Long Beach downtown areas and all other heavily populated areas that give VERY limited access to parking. Especially in low income   |

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|            | neighborhoods where a lot of families and individuals get parking tickets and are unable to pay because they simply can't afford it. I believe we should ease up on the parking rules in Long Beach.  |
| Don't Know | I think the mayor needs to focus more on the "ugly" of Long Beach. I have noticed many potholes on Atlantic Ave. and Orange Ave. but have noticed rainbow sidewalks and useless/pointless circle intersections in residential neighborhoods near the nicer parts of Long Beach. Has he ever even stepped foot in North LB???  |
| Don't Know | I think this survey is a start, but needs more questions and more thorough examples like the people's budget la. This survey should also specifically suggest after school programs, neighborhood gardens, supporting/providing more financial support to health clinics as well as other grass root organizations, improving/offering more bus routes, increased support to the libraries so that they can expand upon services such as the ged program, developing alternative programs that are community led and focus on restorative justice, gun violence trauma, and gang violence similar to cease fire. There needs to be more community centered approaches and examples in this survey that allow people to truly understand what reimagining public safety and budget means. I appreciate and thank you all for the time it took to make this survey. |
| Don't Know | I think we need to focus on providing for our beautifully diverse CURRENT community and stop focusing on tourism, beautification, and gentrification. There are many other pressing issues like homelessness, police brutality, affordable housing, and the inequalities in our very own LB that we need to prioritize.   |
| Don't Know | I very much enjoy the programs the City of Long Beach provides such as the composting workshop for Water and waste. I've been to two meetings and would like to see more gardening programs for children and seniors to participate in.   |
| Don't Know | I want a budget that reflects all of us not just pouring funds into the police departments. Also train our police to deescalate situations and know civilian rights.  |
| Don't Know | I want to make sure that police aren't used in most areas. I really think homelessness needs to be assisted but I don't think that should be a job for police. Please do not put work and money on police that need to be for other sectors. Please try to put that funding to underserved areas. And have more social workers, counselors, etc available. Police are not trained for these other areas   |
| Don't Know | I want to see funds going to teachers, mental health and other community issues. I want those funds to come out of the police budget and the police budget only.  |
| Don't Know | I would just like to say that supporting our police department is of primary importance. They need our support financially and otherwise to continue to provide the excellent care and protection they provide. I think that any "social" programs need to be the responsibility of families to make good decisions, to be accountable and be responsible for their actions and for the provision of their families. I also think the full support of our fire department and EMS needs to be the top of budget decisions. After these 3 areas are fully funded, then you can attend to other city issues. My assumption is that if you allow these department to do their work fully, and allow families to be responsible and accountable for their needs through their own decisions, other funds for all other services will be available.                    |
| Don't Know | I would like to see drains put in my street and alley ( they could be hooked up to existing drains) I have emailed you guys for over 3 years now and was told it would be brought up at budget meetings but never hear nothing.. my alley is like a obstacle course cement upon cement that does not fix the problem.. water runs off from 2nd st. businesses it smells and is dirty.. I am a senior and sometimes cannot get into the trunk of my car.. I have slipped in the mud in the alley I even have had to take a brush and broom and had to clean it myself tried to get the City sweeper to come out and clean it but it goes on deaf ears..the amount I pay in taxes does not warrant this kind of living conditions.. please please can you not do something about this.. thx D.Dennis  |
| Don't Know | I, as well as close friends use personal time, money and resources to provide clothing, toiletries and food to Long Beach's unhoused. The unhoused community needs access to food and water that isn't gatekept by how long they've been on the street, or their age or legal sex. With that being said, building useless, huge fences around vacant lots, when the community is more than ready to use personal and raised funds to beautify the community with plants, is extremely useless. Long Beach is ready, and willing, to care for each other. The city just needs to provide the land to do it. Defund LBPD and allocate the funds to providing the community with resources to sustain itself.  |
| Don't Know | I'm really interested in seeing a lot more enforcement of laws and city ordinances. Also, some of the sidewalks are a tripping hazard in our neighborhood.  |

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| Don't Know | I'd appreciate if the amount of money used on the police department can go to things that are more needed for the community, such as food banks, funding more art programs in schools, help in education, and towards low income housing. Also stop gentrifying Long Beach, many people of low income are driven to being homeless due to the amount of expensive condominiums built. Stop painting over indigenous paintings created by the people of long beach to please people who aren't even from Long beach. It's time you cared for those in low income instead of those who come from other states to live in expensive condominiums. |
| Don't Know | I'd hope the business assistance programs apply to smaller businesses because they generate more for the local economy than the corporate giants who have more than enough to protect themselves. Give to the "mom and pop" shops and not the Walmart's and Macy's.  |
| Don't Know | I'd like to see the unnecessarily large portion of the budget reserved for police forces and the like to be distributed to other areas that would better help serve the community such as maintaining and creating youth programs, buildings, and addressing homelessness and environmental damage.  |
| Don't Know | If this city starts attempting to "defund the police" you will see us along with many other people leave this city. You will lose much more than you could ever gain!  |
| Don't Know | I'm currently a new Long Beach Resident. I love this city so far, and would love to see develop to its fullest potential. Please consider investing more funds into the community and its local educational system! Thank you.   |
| Don't Know | improve out cities without gentrification and making rent skyrocket. defund the police. give more money to programs to strengthen our community  |
| Don't Know | Improving community attractiveness (safety, parks) and improving school buildings (looks). Fitting school buildings with improved HVAC, filters, UV, etc (safety).   |
| Don't Know | In light of recent events, more of the city's police budget should focus on: additional background checks/psychological evaluations before hiring new officers; more training on working in a diversity city and deescalating difficult situations; and expanded community policing. Climate change is a major threat to our country and the world. The City of Long Beach should adopt ordinances and provide incentives for businesses to promote environmentally friendly products and services. Thank you.   |
| Don't Know | Increase police funding! We love our cops in LB. Take a closer look at the Health Department's leadership...not a very diverse management team. 100% females and ZERO males! How is this diverse, equitable and fair?  |
| Don't Know | It doesn't matter the results of the survey. You are thieves and you will do whatever you feel like doing. Long Beach homeowners don't count. That's why we shop in adjacent cities and work in adjacent cities. And that's why we are moving out in droves!   |
| Don't Know | It is very important that cultural meetings and gatherings are had to educate everyone living in the city. We are such a big melting pot so it's vital to find solutions to not only "tax payers" issues but every living being in the city!   |
| Don't Know | Keep and add more of our police! We need the gang unit back in the neighborhood.   |
| Don't Know | Keep the beaches clean! It's disturbing how much trash washes up on the beach. Consider beach cleaning programs as punishment for adult misdemeanors if you choose to go forward with that as a council, or provide more bins and cans for locals to discard their trash safely.   |
| Don't Know | Keeping beaches clean from human waste spills. That occurs far too frequently.   |
| Don't Know | Keeping the beaches clean is important!  |
| Don't Know | Keeping the city looking good and dropping some expenses that aren't visually appealing would help save money as well as bring more residents in   |
| Don't Know | LB schools need air conditioned classrooms. Rental companies in Long Beach are a shameful, they raise rents as often as they can and refuse to maintain the properties. We need to hold them accountable or kick out them out.   |
| Don't Know | Less police services, more homeless and mental health services and affordable housing  |
| Don't Know | Let's keep this city moving in the right direction. Modernization, thinking about the future and utilizing the great diversity that Long Beach has. Thinking more of public spaces and areas that are safe for pedestrians and businesses that can expand and host events to make our city the next upcoming thing!  |
| Don't Know | Let's get people back to work. Let's work on getting some sort of place for the mentally ill.  |

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| Don't Know | Let's improve our side walks and roads. As someone who is both on the road or skateboard these streets are terribly beat down. That's not right and especially not safe for those who solely rely on their bike or board to get around.  |
| Don't Know | lets work on redoing alleys and code enforcement in neighborhoods( no trash can outs, no dumping, no blocking side walks with cars for wheel chairs )  |
| Don't Know | Libraries need social workers  |
| Don't Know | like money to be spent on items it was passed for (streets for one)  |
| Don't Know | Love what the city did for restaurants Need a Sports Park for kids Need to work on homelessness Need to repair streets. Lower taxes  |
| Don't Know | low come housing programs  |
| Don't Know | LOWER RENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!   |
| Don't Know | Maintaining a low crime rate does not call for more policing. Defund the police and invest in educational reform, the arts, provide FREE resources for people's basic needs.   |
| Don't Know | make the city environmentally smarter, create open spaces and parks then more buildings. If you are going to build more housings make it affordable enough, help the homeless please, more arts and cultural programs & special programs for lower income families !   |
| Don't Know | Mental Health services: very important   |
| Don't Know | Money needs to spend on Education. Things will need to be great to help these kids catch up. The homeless problem needs to be taken care of. Especially in times of COVID it is pertinent that we keep them safe too and also keep people in public areas safe.  |
| Don't Know | Money was supposed to be set aside to help the homeless. Does not appear to be effective. Believe it to be a strategy problem that needs to be fixed. Can't do this because it's LA s property or can't do that because that's private business property Figure it out how it can be done Parks do not need fake grass Will only last so long then will need replacement. Not only not green. It's very NOT GREEN Show support for our police force or any public department and I'm sure they will be performing much better. Moral is low. The community is separated. Just do what is best and not politically motivated Working and using our people of the community not only brings people together It's cheaper!  |
| Don't Know | More concerned with the City's Response to COVID at this time. Temporarily directing more funds to the Pandemic seems to be necessary and fitting. Thank you for the Survey.   |
| Don't Know | More funding to hire youths in the workforce and funding for LBUSD   |
| Don't Know | More high rises and more apartments should equal more police units and fire stations/engines.  |
| Don't Know | More investment in public transportation (the Blue Line revamp somehow made it slower and less reliable) and sustainable transport like bike lanes, pedestrian paths, etc. The redesign of Broadway is exactly the direction Long Beach should be going, despite its closed-minded critics. It is a wonderful effort to slowly curb car traffic, although I would love even more encouragement of pedestrian areas. The redesign makes it much more enjoyable to eat outside at restaurants along the street, as I'm no longer sitting right next to a giant traffic lane. Please don't reverse this progress as it would be an absolute waste of time, money, and resources that are so much better utilized elsewhere. |
| Don't Know | More money for education. Money directed toward Title I schools, students from low socioeconomic background. You spelled health "heath" in your unfunded liabilities question.   |
| Don't Know | More money needs to be funneled into the community. Dedicating money to preventing crime through community programs is better than dedicating millions to the police force. Uplifting our community with affordable housing and other support can end the never-ending cycle of crime and punishment. If we can keep vulnerable teens off the street and improve our education system, crime rates will go down.   |
| Don't Know | more patrolling in north long beach residential areas people are always break-in into cars. neighborhood meetings needed.  |
| Don't Know | more push for educational activities and cultural studies for people of all ages as well as more support for local businesses. we love that there is not a huge amount of big corporations in long beach. budget for the library is most important to us. in the future when covid has died down. events out our new local library would be very exciting for the community.   |
| Don't Know | more street parking  |

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| Don't Know | Most of the items are very important - but here's an issue no one talks about. SPEEDING - it's appalling how many near accidents I have seen for severe speeding (60mph in 25mph zones, even around schools). Terrible. Periodic hidden police who can ticket those speeding or those otherwise distracted. So dangerous.  |
| Don't Know | My "no opinion" response of maintaining a low crime rate was due to the question being unspecific about how we might achieve that. Making recreation programs available for youth does that, which I support. Increasing police presence does not, and I don't support that.   |
| Don't Know | NATIONALIZE URGENT CARE FACILITIES AND PROVIDE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ALL LONG BEACH RESIDENTS.   |
| Don't Know | Need Law and Order, homeless people should not be allowed to defecate/loiter on the street and in front of businesses  |
| Don't Know | No mention of addressing parking issues.   |
| Don't Know | No more liberal or socialist programs. The Marxist agenda must end.  |
| Don't Know | No new taxes   |
| Don't Know | Normally my answers would be very different. My Business is currently shut down due to Corona Virus. My biggest concerns at this time are my Safety and the Safety of my 15 family members all living and working in Long Beach. The programs that ARE NOT "absolutley necessary" to keep us safe, healthy, and out of debt. (with no increases in taxes) need to be put on hold until all Businesses that have been closed due to the Virus are reopened and the City regains the revenue essential to restart them. FYI, I am furious that you've restricted "everyone's rights" and have our Police trying to enforce mask and social distancing restrictions on everyone BUT protesters gathering by the Hundreds and Thousands! If anything needs to be shut down and postponed due to the dangers of Spreading the Virus it's PROTESTS! The fact that no one is advising, giving guidance, or monitoring these Marches is careless, idiotic, outrageous and totally Irresponsible! This Virus will continue to Spread as long as you ignore the dangers of Protesters gathering by the Hundreds one or two feet apart "shouting" their oppositions at the top of their lungs. Masks are only a precautionary measure, they ARE NOT A PREVENTION! I'm disgusted that none of this is being addressed on any news channel, and you expect us to believe the way the Media & Politicians are handling this Pandemic is not Political? PLEASE DON'T INSULT OUR INTELLIGENCE! SHUT IT ALL DOWN OR OPEN IT ALL UP, STOP CHERRY PICKING! IT IS NOT WORKING! |
| Don't Know | North long beach is falling into disrepair. The amount of run down or closed businesses and empty lots taking up space that could be renovated into community spaces or opened up for newer, more up and coming shops to bring revenue into the neighborhood as opposed to the countless projects going into the already developed downtown area would be a great start. As a long beach resident who resides in the north side but often goes downtown for business and pleasure, it feels as though these are 2 separate cities. I feel as though north long beach is often overlooked and underrepresented. The litter, vagrancy, and blithe in my neighborhood gives us such a bad rap, maybe that's why we are often forgotten when it comes to development projects. It's like city hall installed new lights on 3 blocks then acted as though that was enough. If things don't turn around I know I'll be taking most of my business to nearby cities rather than paying taxes to a city that sweeps me under the rug, and I know many of my neighbors feel the same way.   |
| Don't Know | Not sure what you mean by "keeping the city attractive"  |
| Don't Know | Once a cost of a "new" development project goes over a certain \$ amount (\$400,000) ask the people to decide to ok it or NOT ok it. Seems like our elected officials making the choices now are completely out of touch with reality and with their people. WHY ? Exa, El Dorado park \$ a total waste. The people could tell you folks where to spend that money or not to spend it at all. Stop spending money on choking down traffic lanes. Purposely pissing people off. Why ? This really sucks. Ocean Blvd. Belmont Shore. Broadway St. Belmont Shore it's more dangerous now after "spending \$ on it / Why ? Stop spending on green barriers. Palos Verdes St. Carson St. No. L.B.. What a waste and where they put them is lame. Nobody on them. Ask the people tell you where they are needed. Work with the people don't tell what and where things are needed. Stop spending along party lines. Follow the leader ? Stop with lighting of crimes on the homeless. The residents of the city don't want them here. Why spend \$ on them. More will follow. It's dangerous to local folks. Afraid to leave our vehicles in area we used to enjoy visiting. I used to be proud to be a resident of Long Beach but not anymore and all I see is it getting worse all the time.   |

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| Don't Know | One of the items above asks about "maintaining a low crime rate." I think most people would agree this is important, but this provides no detail on HOW or WHAT FUNDS are used to achieve this. For example, I'd like to see some police funds shifted to other services that would be better tools for reducing crime - such as counseling, homeless shelters or social workers. Also, more focus on programs that help people with addiction rather than prosecuting for small amounts of drug possession. More information is needed. |
| Don't Know | Parking enforcement, there's a lot of cars parking on red zone areas in my neighborhood and elsewhere in the city. Funds collected can help fund city.   |
| Don't Know | People over profit! Care not cops!   |
| Don't Know | Please be more specific when you put things like "keeping the city attractive and eliminating blight" and "planning for the future of the city"  |
| Don't Know | Please defund the police.  |
| Don't Know | Please do not defund our police department. Families need them, crime is going up.   |
| Don't Know | Please do not defund our police!   |
| Don't Know | Please do NOT defund, or cut the police budget in any way. Thank you.  |
| Don't Know | Please do not remove funding from our amazing police department.   |
| Don't Know | Please FUND the police!!!!!!!!!!   |
| Don't Know | Please get our homeless under control in the Downtown area. Long Beach is beautiful and we are letting the homeless take over. It's so sad.  |
| Don't Know | Please have patrols go down residential alleys. I hear homeless people/drug addicts arguing random times of the day and night on random days and I don't want to hear someone getting killed/overdosing or trying to break in to my or my neighbors house  |
| Don't Know | please just make living more affordable i love longbeach and I hate seeing people close to me leave because its getting expensive we need rent control !   |
| Don't Know | Please keep open spaces available during COVID. Parks, social-distanced community events, maintain cleanliness of parks/dog parks. Keep recreational events for children. Have better resources (social work) for the homeless who are mentally-ill. Help keep them safe as well as the rest of the community. Keep the patios available for the restaurants.  |
| Don't Know | Please lower the budget for the police and instead use that money for education, after-school activities, affordable housing, and bettering the environment.   |
| Don't Know | Please pay more attention to maintaining our wonderful Long Beach beaches. If our representatives would walk the beach they would see the debris that exists there. From plastics to clothing to syringes, diapers, garbage etc. etc. etc.   |
| Don't Know | please plan based on COVID still being around as some items maybe greater than others while we're still social distancing.   |
| Don't Know | Please reallocate money from the over militarized police for health care programs, homeless programs, environmental sustainability, and education. The amount spent on the police is ludicrous and upsetting.  |
| Don't Know | Please support libraries and relief programs!  |
| Don't Know | Please take care of the fireworks problem.   |
| Don't Know | Police and paramedics above parks and libraries. Prosecuting crimes and clearing homeless encampments above sustainable and language services.   |
| Don't Know | Police are excessively funded and should be defunded to provide more funding for other public service sectors. They can do the same job defunded just as the rest of our public sector jobs have been forced to do.  |
| Don't Know | Police Are EXTREMELY important. They are being handicapped. Please let them do their jobs! They need RESOURCES.  |
| Don't Know | Police are very important, please do not take away resources that help keep communities safe.  |
| Don't Know | Police enforcement should not be the priority of Long Beach, money should be reallocated to services that reduce the factors that lead to crime - low access to resources and opportunities for the less fortunate of the community. Homelessness is not a crime, and LB should provide housing and social programs to help those struggling from having to rely on illegal means to get by.   |

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| Don't Know | Police patrol to ensure - no burglaries - some irresponsible officer told me that this is their last priority  |
| Don't Know | Police protection, libraries, are very important to maintain. Special programs for families or seniors should be second for now.   |
| Don't Know | Prioritizing North and East side of Long Beach to becoming a nicer and safe community  |
| Don't Know | Priority needs to be cleaning up downtown, taking care of the homeless issues in downtown Long Beach and increasing policing fighting homelessness, illegal drug activity, and minor crimes.   |
| Don't Know | Program and or service for mentally ill people   |
| Don't Know | Programs dedicated specifically for marginalized and at-risk communities (e.g. POC / Queer / disabled). The police should receive no more money. Funds should be diverted away from the LBDP and into programs that prevent the environments that lead to criminal behavior and end mass incarceration of people of color, especially Black people.  |
| Don't Know | Programs to help better prepare our youth for the future. Education. Address the issues while they're going so fix is not needed later down the line.  |
| Don't Know | provide additional public safety to eliminate lawlessness. provide juvenile/gang special task force. provide something for parents to be accountable for their children.   |
| Don't Know | Provide more free public testing for covid. Make rent deferment/forgiveness a priority.  |
| Don't Know | provide more money/resources to public high schools in low-income areas of Long Beach!!!   |
| Don't Know | Providing food for community food banks  |
| Don't Know | Providing more funding affordable to mental health resources such as therapy   |
| Don't Know | Providing services to support members of the community is far more important than services like the police service that can hurt the community. If you continue to have a police department it should be of people in the community not people outside of it.  |
| Don't Know | Providing spaces for youth sports programs that are growing in our city, like Rugby. This sport is inclusive of all players boys and girls from 5-18 and adults that brings a community family culture unlike any other sport. Where opponents just don't congratulate after a game but share a meal and learn about each other after the game. Creating relationships that transcend beyond the field, team or game. Also, with the growth of the sport it is one of the top sports that provide scholarships for girls & boys in college. With a new major league team coming into the area we need to support our youth, families and community members who love and support this sport and especially all our youth. |
| Don't Know | Public Safety should be the number 1 priority.   |
| Don't Know | Put our money to use and not to funding a corrupt police department but actually caring about peoples housing and rent for this month, being able to provide for their families. Think of the unfortunate stop fixing things that arent broken.  |
| Don't Know | Questions regarding rent.  |
| Don't Know | Rather than continuously having new apartment complexes built, focus on creating more parking for the city or create a better parking system.  |
| Don't Know | Re-allocate more police funding! Fund teachers and schools, provide resources for remote learning! Fund hospitals and health care workers. PPE and mental care! Fund programs to help immigrants, homeless, unemployed, and low-income! We have the money, we dont have the right priorities!  |
| Don't Know | Reduce crime, provide incentives for businesses to move in, beautify city, increase entertainment  |
| Don't Know | Reduce the police budget   |
| Don't Know | Reduce the police budget and invest in social welfare  |
| Don't Know | Reducing the money spent on the police force, putting that money into housing, education, and programs/improvements for lower income families  |
| Don't Know | Reinforce parking !!! No parking what so every people from 4blocks down come and park here and we are left with nothing to park in! Daisy lane mainly on 19th and Daisy !!! 90806  |
| Don't Know | Remove the roundabouts. They more hazardous than not having them at all. Waste of city money. How about citing those people who have way too many cars. They are selling and buying cars to make money and it creates a huge parking problem. trim the tree when we call about. I have called dozens of times about the same tree. Make sure your 'city employees' stop abusing of privilege.  |

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|            | They get their friends to remove their parking tickets. Also drug test your employees at PRM some go to work high.  |
| Don't Know | Rent control needs to be considered for the city of Long Beach  |
| Don't Know | rent control.   |
| Don't Know | Rent needs to go down!!!!   |
| Don't Know | Salary cuts to any City Employee making over \$200,000 annually. That is ridiculous.  |
| Don't Know | Since our Long Beach Police DID NOTHING to prevent looters during the riots consideration should be given to contracting police services with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. As evidenced by the fact that our police department could not handle the crisis.   |
| Don't Know | since we are in a budget crisis, we need to get rid of the fluff that is free for people for entertainment and maintain cleanliness but not invest in building anything. I believe that we need to continue to focus heavily and safety and protection of the people, find somewhere to place the homeless to ensure more safety for the general population, increase police presence to maintain order, upholding the law and keeping our city clean. We should decrease the free things for people that are not truly essential to their health and sustenance but as stated eliminate programs that are not truly essential.   |
| Don't Know | Some of these survey items are suspiciously ambiguous. For example: keeping the city attractive and eliminating blight? What exactly do you consider to be "blight"? Maintaining a low crime rate? Obviously that is important, but how would this be done? It could mean working on the causes, like poverty, or it could mean more police funding, which would make it worse. The future of the city? This is so ambiguous that it is actually worthless.   |
| Don't Know | Stop painting rainbows on the floor and building sky rises. It's causing gentrification.  |
| Don't Know | Stop taxing the hell out of middle class when we don't get any benefit from any programs. The homeless problem is out of hand and you have failed to do anything about it. They should not be allowed to have 10 gallons of trash and a tent on the sidewalk all over our city. Or in parks when I try to take my children. it's ridiculous   |
| Don't Know | Sustainability is key! Smart urban planning and more public transportation would increase the sustainability of Long Beach.   |
| Don't Know | Take away funding from police and allocate to Cambodia Town and other poor districts  |
| Don't Know | Tell Roberto the homeless he invited in are ruining the city, neighborhoods and making our children unsafe.   |
| Don't Know | Thank you all for your hard working during these troubling times. May God be with you while making these decisions.   |
| Don't Know | Thanks for organizing this!   |
| Don't Know | Thanks for the survey. Scaling down police costs in favor of more mental health care  |
| Don't Know | That these services and programs will have ASL Interpreters   |
| Don't Know | The 9-1-1 dispatchers deserve a raise, the public needs to know more about them to be able to appreciate the demanding work they do.  |
| Don't Know | The Budget Breakdown provided by the City of Long Beach is a great idea but it doesn't really drill down into the finer details about the expenses of the various departments. For example, for the library services department, it covers broad categories such as Automated Services, Main Library and Executive Office but doesn't cover finer details such as how much the public library spends on digital resources like Gale Courses or Freegal.   |
| Don't Know | The city needs to open up a CITY HOSPITAL to service the homeless. The city needs to enforce all laws including no overnight camping (homeless), littering (homeless), drug use (homeless), defecating in public (homeless), intoxication in public (homeless), theft (homeless) and any other unlawful acts (homeless). The LBPD needs to enforce all the above by making apprehensions on all the above. The offenders who DO NOT have a current place of residence or have a legal guardian (meaning they are legally homeless) need to be taken to the City Hospital to be checked in for evaluation. If they are evaluated for mental issues or drug addictions, they need to be admitted in to hospital for care. The ones that are just financially struggling need to be given shelter and training assistance to get on their feet for employment. This is given at an option of either going to jail for the offense they got picked up on, or volunteer check-in into the shelter and training assistance program. They must actively pursue a better way of life while in this program or they go |



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|            | in to jail to serve their offense. The homeless offenders who are not California residence have a choice of receiving a city funded bus pass back to their home state or serving their offense in jail. Its literally that easy....   |
| Don't Know | The current police system should be dismantled and reworked. A police force similar to the current one can be in use for high value crimes but new forces should be created to deal with special cases, for example mental health crises will be dealt with by trained mental health specialists instead of a typical police unit. Especially in response to the BLM movement in the wake of George Floyd's death, the police system has been exposed to be corrupt and systemically racist. Actions must be taken to account for this and improve the "police" system. Funds for police programs should be redistributed to causes that will help prevent crime in the first place, such as poverty, homelessness, and more. Health care services should also be more affordable and medicinal providers shouldn't be able to up the prices of medications without quality reasons. In addition to this, I'd appreciate enhanced focus on environmental sustainability and making clean energy switches as a city. |
| Don't Know | The empty vacant lot near the post office should be turned into a community garden or turned into something that benefits the community. When weeds grow or an eyesore and fire risk. Items get dumped into the lot, there is trash that has not been taken care of   |
| Don't Know | The following initiative (in no order) need to be at the top of everybody's list: environmental conscious initiatives, access to GOOD education, ensuring clean water, open parks, and initiatives to keep people busy and happy especially during covid.   |
| Don't Know | The police absolutely do not need the inflated budget they already have. The budget for law enforcement, if they can even be called that, needs to be drastically reduced so that most, if not all programs are on an even playing field in terms of budget allocations.  |
| Don't Know | The police budget does not have to be as high as it is.   |
| Don't Know | The Queen Mary has served its purpose and should be removed. The \$289 million to fix up is no longer economic. Two generations have grown up with affordable cruising (i.e Carnival, Princess), so the Queen Mary is no longer a draw. The land can be developed without the cost of fixing the Queen Mary. The \$289 million could be better served in the schools. Public pensions are not sustainable and must be changed. Retirement ages, calculations of retirement salary that include anything other than base salary is ripe for manipulation and fraud.  |
| Don't Know | The questions could've been better designed. Some of your questions are major goals while others are tactics that should go under each goal. For example, you can categorize under major goals such as : 1) Keeping the city safe, 2) Keeping the city attractive, etc. then list up all the tactics under each goal. Currently the tactical questions are all over. I live right off FWY405 Atlantic exit, and there's so much trash around the streets. It is disgusting to see the dirty streets every day (I used to pick it up). Please remove all the trash of the streets to make the city look cleaner and more attractive. On the other hand, the pavement for the 31st Street was redone a few months ago, and it looks beautiful. Thank you!   |
| Don't Know | The top priority is continuing and post-COVID support. Businesses, individuals. Support for families with school-age children.  |
| Don't Know | There are items on this survey that are important but they may not be as important or a priority for next year, such as more parks. We should do what we can to help those struggling, create programs that focus on financial assistances, job placements, and public safety.  |
| Don't Know | There are too many homeless people wandering around on long bch Blvd and around st mary hospital.   |
| Don't Know | There is not enough police safety patrols at Alamitos Beach and beach parking areas as well as public stairwells where there is nuisance, loitering, noise. Also not enough patrols of shoreline drive where there is car racing, abuse of empty convention lots, motorcycle speeders without exhaust pipe control of noise, etc  |
| Don't Know | There needs to be more affordable housing, or a cap on rent. also real estate and homeowners shouldn't be allowed to not accept unemployment as income.   |
| Don't Know | There should be explicit detail about what policing in neighborhoods would look like, given the current climate.  |
| Don't Know | These categories infer all or nothing. None of the categories give the option or indicate "as-needed" services. For example: tree trimming. I do not feel that trees need to be cut regularly for "beautification" of the City, but there should be an option for as-needed when impeding power lines, or when they pose some kind of safety issue. Also, I don't understand why specifically   |

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|            | "Prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed in the City" was singled out. Is this inferring that they are not normally prosecuted? Shouldn't all crimes committed be processed through the justice system in its entirety? Many of these topics are accessible through the GoLongBeach app. I have used this several times to report graffiti etc in the neighborhood and the response rate has been great. Having the option to report "as-needed" items through the app enables the community to directly interact with the City on a more personal level, and seeing the rapid response rate makes your concerns feel heard.   |
| Don't Know | Thinking we might need more money for our schools, if 45 makes good (if he can) on his threats to withhold \$\$ from schools where our kids don't attend in person.   |
| Don't Know | This survey is designed to steer your abusive illegal drunken sailor union dominant spending into more taxation and continued service to a relatively few bureaucrats. It's over You've built your posh accommodations. Now it's time for the LB public employees to work for their pay and benefits Suggest you freeze all pay and benefits immediately. Monitor the work output from each employee Decrease your supervisors and managers Drop all the leftist nanny state programs entirely Fire a ton of non productive employees in each department The city's infrastructure will not survive unless you do these things You have the money You have the responsibility Start acting like it  |
| Don't Know | This survey should define "directed enforcement" and be more specific on what "specialized police units" might mean.  |
| Don't Know | This survey was thrash, everything is intentionally broad so you can still do whatever you would like and link it to the most popular answers on the survey. The city and our mayor need to get their heads out of the asses of big business and start handling the increase in rent and housing in Long Beach. And building luxury apartments and forcing people out of their homes ain't it. If you want neighborhoods to look better don't bring in new businesses to force people out but rather help the community build themselves. Robert Garcia is long beaches Covid   |
| Don't Know | Those things that I marked unimportant, or not very, are what I consider to be low priority during budget shortfalls. They are still important, but we have to cut somewhere, and those are my choices.   |
| Don't Know | Too much spending goes to police. The city needs more programs and assistance for residents. Education, after school programs, child care, and libraries are more important for the future of the city and the people who live in it.   |
| Don't Know | Top on my list are ensuring we maintain proper police services in ALL areas of Long Beach, providing affordable housing because Long Beach is ridiculously expensive, and promoting business opportunity. Also Long Beach has a great municipal airport, why is so under utilized. Seems like LB Counsel imposes such riduo fees and restrictions that airlines are pulling out of LB and going back to LAX. Any resii in Long Beach will tell you it's a pain in the ass to have to go to LAX when we have a perfect my functional and NICE airport right here. We also need to support AND protect our small businesses. The recent riots, AND lack of political support lead many small businesses to question whether they should even reopen when the rights of violent protesters goes above the rights and safety of businesses and individuals. |
| Don't Know | Traffic enforcement would go a long way to civilizing our streets and driver behavior. "STOP" signs have become suggestions, impatient drivers passing on the right, phone distracted drivers abound...   |
| Don't Know | Very important to provide more parking in the city  |
| Don't Know | We do not need more police coverage   |
| Don't Know | We don't need police in the city if they bring more harm than good. Also I do support services for pets but I do not support animal control.  |
| Don't Know | We need a strong and fully staffed police department to help stop the crime wave that has been going on here. Social programs take years before we even find out if they work but funding and staffing the police NOW will keep crime down.   |
| Don't Know | We need good change   |
| Don't Know | We need law enforcement! Do not cut the funding for police! They are needed and should be respected and treated better than they have been lately!  |
| Don't Know | We need our police. They should not be defunded!  |
| Don't Know | We need people with better training to handle things such as tickets, parking enforcement etc, not people who seem to be only trained to use violence. Police officers need to understand that they   |

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|                  | are not only protecting the people who called them in the first place but also the people who they end up interacting with. We ALL deserve to feel safe when interacting with police officers. More of the funding for the police department should go to proper training not riot gear.  |
| Don't Know       | We need police.   |
| Don't Know       | We need rent control in Long Beach & we need to be provided with more parking spaces. Parking is such a hassle in Long Beach. Also the roundabouts put on 6th street are terrible, drivers don't even yield. Bring back the stop signs! Those roundabouts are useless.  |
| Don't Know       | WE NEED RENT CONTROL. THE RENT KEEPS GOING UP ON THE MOST SMALLEST SPACES AND ITS GETTING RIDICULOUSLY OUT OF HAND.   |
| Don't Know       | We need specialized crisis response teams. As long as armed militants are sent to respond to a "sketchy" kid or a mentally ill homeless person, we're going to have serious outrage in the community because police are in dire need of reform, reeducation, reassignment, and accountability. Police seem to shoot, tase, suffocate, sedate far too many "suspects". We have a mental health crisis in this country. We have too many homeless vets and grown kids living with parents because they can't afford rent. We have a climate crisis. Priorities must change! |
| Don't Know       | We need specialized trained workers to reach out to homeless individuals on the street and help them find shelter (especially homeless women, individuals with pets, and those with mental health issues). We also need to find a way for low income families to obtain free or very low cost Wifi, since all LBUSD students will need to have access to the internet for school this Fall. This is an absolute must!   |
| Don't Know       | We need to be prepared for the further. This means to do all things we can for our youngest citizens. If we set them up for the best possible future, we can all benefit. Direct fund to programming and services for our young citizens. Mental health services!!!!  |
| Don't Know       | We need to fund our Law enforcement to have a safe working community.   |
| Don't Know       | WE NEED TO HELP THE HOMELESS DEFUND THE POLICE AND HOUSE THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE!! WAY TOO MANY IN NORTH LONG BEACH THEY NEED HELP THANKS :)  |
| Don't Know       | We need to prioritize the police LESS. Give the people of the city social services that will uplift them.   |
| Don't Know       | We need to provide more funding to upgrade our Police force and provide mental health and wellness programs to our first Responders.  |
| Don't Know       | We need to support our queer, black, and general POC better. There has been so much discrimination, hate crimes, and assaults that go unreported due to valid distrust of the police and justice system.  |
| Don't Know       | We only need street sweepers once a month.  |
| Don't Know       | We should also push for the \$600 stimulus or more for the people actually on the front lines. There are CNAs, student nurses, EVS teams, and more that make barely minimum wage and are arguably spending the most time with COVID patients. It's a HUGE risk with minimal pay unlike nurses, doctors, and respiratory therapists who are better compensated and able to withstand a partner losing their job or family needing help in times like this.   |
| Don't Know       | We use a lot of services in the library.  |
| Don't Know       | What are neighborhood police patrols... I don't want social works responding to things where real cops are needed.. the police keep this city from anarchy.. increase their budget !  |
| Don't Know       | With the recent increase in crime and the governors release of criminals from prison, we need to add more officers to patrol and provide an increase in the police budget in order to save lives and improve the quality of life.   |
| Don't Know       | Without maintaining a strong profile of law and order, all other items on this survey will not matter because we will have chaos and anarchy. I am 70+ and if my wife and I can't walk out into the streets and feel safe, all else doesn't matter.   |
| Don't Know       | Would like to know what the average number of 'Very Important' items are, and how useful this survey is in guiding future decisions. Seems like most items here could be 'Very Important'. Also, how widely this survey is distributed and who responds (only found out about it via Twitter).  |
| Don't Know       | would like to see alley people and homeless elsewhere   |
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| Don't Live in LB | Cannot defund the police nor defund the fire department. Less low income housing and less funding for the homeless. Stiffer penalties for those who commit crimes.  |

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| Don't Live in LB | Defunding the LBPB is necessary to decreasing police brutality in the city. There is over-policing and underfunding of necessary programs and services for underserved people of Long Beach. Houselessness and food insecurity should be a top priority for the LB council. This survey was biased and said leading statements to "enforce community safety" rather than ask unbiased questions that don't just confirm what the city wants for the budget. Please remake this survey.  |
| Don't Live in LB | Having worked in this city for years, I know we have an effective "community policing", police department that should be supported not vilified. We have a non-profit sector that can offset budget issues and replace competing city programs. Last, our economy rest on the business community who are the engine of our Long Beach economy, they require the city's support now more then ever.  |
| Don't Live in LB | I am a retiree from the City of LB and a landlord with residential property in LB. Public Safety is, or should be, the #1 priority of municipal government, for without that none of the other items matter.  |
| Don't Live in LB | I do not live in Long Beach Now but I use the library and other shopping and recreation in Long Beach   |
| Don't Live in LB | I don't live in Long Beach but I'm at the border and my kids attend LBUSD so these issues matter to us  |
| Don't Live in LB | I have a Long Beach library card, I lived there 15 years, I own a small business in Long Beach and am a licensed massage therapist there. I love Long Beach and it's inclusive peaceful community energy. Let's keep helping each other and not get militant.   |
| Don't Live in LB | I have a Long Beach library card, I lived there 15 years, I own a small business in Long Beach and am a licensed massage therapist there. I love Long Beach and it's inclusive peaceful community energy. Let's keep helping each other and not get militant.   |
| Don't Live in LB | I lived in Long Beach for 17 years and have owned two apartment buildings in Bixby Knolls on N. Banner Dr since 1978. I have seen homeless people encroaching into our neighborhood in Bixby Knolls more and more now. They have also become more aggressive in camping out in the back yard at night at these apartments. I hope Long Beach is not a sanctuary city. If it is, it will continually degrade the city no matter what you do. In the meantime, it is important to keep the City safe and protect it's residents as well as keep Long Beach attractive for people to want to live, work, and play, as well as to attract tourism. Long Beach needs to not fall victim to the movement to defund its law enforcement. Increase the training instead. Also, renegotiate with the POA so as to not protect it's bad cops and to allow the city to fire them if justified. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water. |
| Don't Live in LB | I may not be a Long Beach resident but as a resident of Los Alamitos that borders Long Beach I feel strongly in enriching the community rather than heavily policing it. I believe if more money was allocated to public services to make them more accessible and convenient to ALL residents then naturally there is more opportunity for residents and visitors alike to make sustainable and safe choices that benefit themselves and the community as a whole.   |
| Don't Live in LB | I plan to move back to Long Beach in the coming year.   |
| Don't Live in LB | I think your survey was pretty thorough. I lived in Long Beach for ten years and olan to return there for good within a few years.  |
| Don't Live in LB | I work for the city of Long Beach.  |
| Don't Live in LB | I work in the city and experience/notice the issues throughout Long Beach. I have provided an opinion on issues I know directly affect the community. Solving Homelessness requires strict mandatory in patient drug treatment plans to fight the drug addiction. Simply giving someone a home will not solve the problem. Providing housing for homeless persons is important but these persons must be supervised in order to make sure they abide by acceptable living standards as well as being treated for drug addiction and mental illness.   |
| Don't Live in LB | I would not want to pay for up keeping parks because we are allowing the homeless to take them over. Stop painting rainbow crosswalks. Stop doing the stupid art in the downtown area and fix infrastructure  |
| Don't Live in LB | It is complex. The list of 36 items shows/reveals the extent to which cities must function; thus must finance. It is now more important than ever that we define what is "essential." To me, libraries are VERY essential, particularly contrasted with toy stores, flower shops, tanning salons, etc.  |
| Don't Live in LB | Keep taxes low. Provide economic relief to small businesses.  |

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| Don't Live in LB | Keeping covid-19 numbers down and not overworking our medical staff or overcrowding hospitals should be our highest priority!   |
| Don't Live in LB | Please consider defunding the LBPD and reallocating the funds to things that will prevent crime before it happens and keep us safe.   |
| Don't Live in LB | PLEASE FIX THE STREET BETWEEN ORANGE/MARKET TO MARKET/CHERRY. THERE'S ALWAYS POT HOLES AND THE STREET HAS NEVER GOTTEN THE PROPER RENEWAL PROJECT, IT'S ALWAYS A REFILL OF POT HOLES, WE NEED A NEW MAKE-OVER.  |
| Don't Live in LB | Take Care of your employee  |
| Don't Live in LB | Want to support police and fire dept!!!   |
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| Skipped          | Abolish the police  |
| Skipped          | Abolish the police.   |
| Skipped          | Abolish the police. Paid assassins. You're all corrupt  |
| Skipped          | Actually fix things and not have our mayor state he's gay and Latino. Start fixing shit.  |
| Skipped          | All services the city currently provides are important. In difficult economic times, funds need to be used first on the most basic functions of government: infrastructure, safety, health, education. Social programs should be prioritized based on the impact they have on these basic functions. For instance, homelessness programs and animal control important for vector control, so could reduce services but maintain those that impact health. Pension reform is needed but likely will never happen.  |
| Skipped          | alot of these infrastructure and development investments is nice but we need to focus on addressing the real deep rooted issues. This city is made up of young folks are during this pandemic young folks are the most vulnerable to exposure to creating and developing their knowledge and plans for their future. I recent lost a love one due to gun violence in district 6. Sadly these young folks that killed my friend are all products of the city failing them. We need to cancel contracts with the police in our schools metro line to help us balance these budget. Most of these officers are not long beach residents either so the money is going outside of long beach. We need to put money for OUR CITY! FOR LONG BEACH! |
| Skipped          | Before starting new infrastructure or park projects, clean up and repair existing. Increase funding to police and start prosecuting misdemeanors.....petty crime is going to leads to worse crime then felonies. Protect you citizens and their property!   |
| Skipped          | Can the survey be fashioned differently? Perhaps require a ranking and offer a chance to provide comments. The topics above are wide and most are important to any functioning city. Because I identified something as "somewhat important" does not capture how I feel about sidewalks, libraries or homelessness accurately. Can the city also look into self-funding processes for some of the work, so it's not all dependent on sales tax revenue. Perhaps some crowd sourcing for things particular people or communities really care about in light of COVID. Thanks.  |
| Skipped          | Current budget allocations to above areas. Proposed budget allocations for coming year. Greater fiscal transparency.  |
| Skipped          | defund and ultimately divest from the police. collective care is the future, communities know what they need. provide for peoples basic needs housing, food, etc and crime will decrease.   |
| Skipped          | Defund police and better allocation of funds towards affordable housing, health care and social services for the community.   |
| Skipped          | Defund police, reinvest in the community!   |
| Skipped          | Defund the police   |
| Skipped          | DEFUND THE POLICE   |
| Skipped          | DEFUND THE POLICE .   |
| Skipped          | Defund the police, stop the big police raises, provide a living wage for all other employees. the budget is 62% designated for police, take 30% of that back and invest in communities other departments. All my tax dollars should be going to pay for police, police raises or lawsuits that the police caused. Strengthen the city and its people not the police   |
| Skipped          | Defund the police.  |

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| Skipped | Defund the police. Fire Chief Luna. Recall Mayor Garcia Resign all councilmembers Establish a brand new Citizens Police Oversight Commission  |
| Skipped | Defund the police. Fund mental health response team to emergencies that deal with mentally unstable civilians   |
| Skipped | DEFUND. THE. POLICE. They do not need a large budget. Redirect their funds to programs that will ACTUALLY IMPROVE our city. Hire sociologist and researchers to tell you that policing (especially over policing) does. not. work. Providing people with resources before they feel they have no where else to turn to but "crime" will make our city FAR BETTER OFF THAN ANY COP OR POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL!!!!   |
| Skipped | Defunding Police  |
| Skipped | Defunding the police is the last option the great City of Long Beach should consider. We should not base our decisions, or the future of our community because of the events occurring around the world. I am in favor of delegating certain calls, such as mental health and homelessness sensitive calls to social worker. I believe this would take a weight off of police and allow them to focus on the violent crime within the city. As well as those who need clinical help, get the proper care from a social worker.  |
| Skipped | Do Better. If looking for community input please reach out.   |
| Skipped | Do not defund the police  |
| Skipped | Do not defund the police, and stop ordering them to stand down on crime   |
| Skipped | Do not defund the police. Keep Long Beach safe for all. Defunding police hurts the poor the most.   |
| Skipped | Don't defund the police   |
| Skipped | Don't not cut the police budget or fire department budget   |
| Skipped | Don't put spend so much money on police. Hello the low income communities. Keep black lives safe.   |
| Skipped | Fix potholes first before changing bike lanes on streets where it moves parked cars towards the traffic which caused accidents.   |
| Skipped | Fix the streets, provide educational reform, KEEP THE POLICE well funded, keep our streets safe and clean, make Long Beach a desired location for business and development  |
| Skipped | For a city to be successful ....its number one goal & priority should be safety & protection to its citizens!! This cannot be done without the Police Dept. & the Officers who have sworn to uphold laws, while maintaining peace & safety! Our Police Officers should also receive the utmost in training & be provided with tools to assist in keeping themselves & the community safe!! Compensation in pay, benefits & retirement should also be a priority to help in recruiting the best applicants & keeping Officers that want to serve their community in a hard, at times life threatening & thankless job. Keep the City of Long Beach & its communities safe!! Keep our Police Dept & its Officers!!! |
| Skipped | Fund mental annual health checks for officers. They see and deal with a lot of situations that can naturally make people change and make them aggressive. Hire a human resource to make sure they are monitored and reprimanded for their wrong doing as any employee would.  |
| Skipped | Give the Police Department the funding they need and more, so they can receive the best equipment, resources, and training. We need our Police Department!  |
| Skipped | Government's number one concern should be maintaining law and order. Quality of life will be maintained and improved by doing that first!!!!  |
| Skipped | Have the police (not the meter maids) write more tickets in East Long Beach to the residents that can afford to pay them and we'll be able to pay back all the city liabilities in no time!!  |
| Skipped | Hire more cops and firefighters!!   |
| Skipped | Homeless Homeless Homeless need urgent attention..use steel shipping cargo containers as temporary housing dwelling to start..then brick a mortar   |
| Skipped | I am concerned that mental health services didn't even make the list even though strong mental health support would help with both misdemeanor behavior and homelessness. Also, the definition of some of these items are open to interpretation. No one wants to be the victim of a crime - but if that the "solution" is to find a police department that is not working to be actively anti-racist and without every responders trained in mental health deescalation then i would not agree with how the funds were used. Also, the scale used is suspect. A person can have a neural opinion on a  |

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|         | situation and that is not reflected here. A neutral opinion is not no opinion. This would be better represented using a 7-point Likert scale with an additional No Opinion choice. At minimum a 5 point. As this survey stands I doubt it will truly give you any useful information as you do not define terms and have a failed scale.  |
| Skipped | I believe that maintaining and repairing infrastructure, i.e. road repair, is important, but replacing existing already refurbished infrastructure is wasteful spending. Spending city tax funds on 2028 Olympic events (new rather than refurbished life guard towers/concession stands, handball courts, new airport rental car facility, Belmont Complex "showcase of Olympic history" etc) seems misguided in the current challenging economic environment. Pension reform has to be part of paying down pension liabilities.   |
| Skipped | I hope you realize that a majority of the questions you are asking related to budget are for Public works (8% of the GFbudget) and not safety(70% of the GF budget). The budget as a whole should be reflected that way. And I know about enterprise funds but a majority of above ground maintenance is from the GF. It is no surprise that the condition of LB roads, alleys, lack of a traffic management system(!!!!!), empty tree wells, sink holes and pot holes aka public works related GF maintenance is severely under maintained for a city that is 140 years old. The fire department doesn't need to respond to police calls. All they are doing is increasing their run numbers so you on City council agree to pay for a new bright red truck. We do not need nearly as many fire station or fire personnel as we need EMS/paramedics. How many fires do we have anyways? The movement shouldn't only be to defund the police. It should be defund the fire department that gets paid to eat and sleep and work unnecessary OT so they can sit in their lazboys and watch tv or wash their personal trucks. Balance the public works funding gaps and poorly maintained infrastructure by utilizing safety funds and pay for community programs, help for homeless and infrastructure maintenance. Wake up! Look at the numbers. The disparity in funding is no surprise LB is in the condition that it is in. |
| Skipped | I love Long Beach !   |
| Skipped | I love my city. Let's help keep it safe   |
| Skipped | I notice this morning the beach sand is being cleaned :) providing safe beaches. Appreciate parks, beaches, and clean ocean! City Really needs to keep collecting harmful things IN our ocean, beaches, bays and marinas. Clutter/trash in and on water appears that it's OK to allow plastic etc to just be discarded while breeding uncaring for...everything. Clean streets, beaches indicates that the city CARES so others will be more careful of disposal. Keep up-clean up will encourage others to care about all harmful actions and to our city and should help keep crime down.   |
| Skipped | I really appreciate how Long Beach has handled covid in helping residents take precautions and stay healthy. Thank you!   |
| Skipped | I think that any decision to continue funding the LBPD at the same level, or any increase In funding for the LBPD, would be quite literally the opposite of what most people want in the city. If the LBPD's budget is not cut and reallocated to community based services then the government is not doing what the people want it to. We need affordable housing and protection for our vulnerable homeless populations, not police in riot gear shooting off civilian's fingers with rubber bullets (which happened May 31st 2020).  |
| Skipped | I think the city needs to keep Belmont shore beach and parking lot very clean and provide all homeless another place to hang out because this area is the face of Long Beach and right not it doesn't look good. I feel like the homeless and the junk took control of my area.   |
| Skipped | I was born in Long Beach. My earliest memory is swimming, fishing and playing at the Second Street Bridge area of Alamitos Bay. Back in 1971, my family built and has owned our current Peninsula home. It has always been a very magical and treasured place for me to be... Unfortunately, my neighborhood, along with many others, has significantly changed over the last 4 years or so, due to the significant increase in crime and lack of police presence and response to it. Drunkenness, loitering, and lawlessness by the homeless and druggies that have become my new neighbors, has taken away my sense of safety. Our previously beautiful beaches are now dangerous for my grandkids to run around on due to the discarded hypodermic needles haphazardly strewn about in the sand and on the sidewalks. I am no longer comfortable walking by myself to Second Street due to fears of being harassed or even accosted by some poor deranged or drug addled person. We need better ways of serving those unfortunates, while ensuring the peace and tranquility for all residents of the area. Strong Anti-police attitudes, along with   |

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|         | shrunk budgets certainly has added to the law officer's ineffectiveness in dealing with our problems in Long Beach. My vote would be to forget about defunding the police, but rather increase their training and presence in all LB neighborhoods including my own. Ensuring public safety, maintaining good infrastructure are my two highest priorities. It's hard to make cuts and keep everybody happy, but without law and order and safety, does it really matter if we have great museums or free programs for kids, if it is too dangerous to access them? |
| Skipped | I would be interested in learning more about community/volunteer opportunities to help the city meet some of these objectives.  |
| Skipped | I would like the disc golf and soccer sports moved out of El Dorado Park to a sports park. We shouldn't be putting artificial turf into a natural-like area. The disc golfers urinate, let their children run amok, throw their discs at people and generally do not share the park like they are supposed to. The traffic lights need to be synced so that when I drive (and I drive the speed limit to keep up with everyone else), I do not have to stop every 2nd light or every light.   |
| Skipped | I would like to see improvements with property owners business and homes, long should bring back the beautification program. Also like for rosepark area to require business owners to update and clean their property especially on 10th and Redondo lots of drug addicts and unwanted trespassers. Hold property owner and businesses accountable for upkeep of property and the type of tenants they rent to is part of the problem.   |
| Skipped | I would love to see more community outreach programs And education for youth on how to be independent, and learn a skill that can be useful in the work force. More mental health programs for the homeless. I would also like our police to get more education on community and cultural awareness. Learn how to de-escalate situations and not judge people based off skin color.   |
| Skipped | I would not want to live in a city that didn't support police and fire services.  |
| Skipped | If adding bike lanes can they please be placed on less used streets. I do want safe bike lanes, but I think they can be added to less traveled streets. No need spend extra money, jam traffic on main through streets when there are plenty of less crowded bike friendly streets that could be designated as Bike lanes or shared bike lanes  |
| Skipped | In a budget shortfall the items that contribute to the wellbeing of our children have to take priority.   |
| Skipped | Investment perhaps in more community gardens throughout the city? Also emphasizing the need for affordable housing for ALL incomes in Long Beach - even those that don't meet the poverty line still need significant help with rising rent costs   |
| Skipped | It is absurd that during a public health crisis, there is absolutely no mention about funding for public health!!! That department has worked extremely hard (harder than most departments) during this pandemic on little support from the City budget. This is outrageous that the Public Health Department should even fight for a tiny portion of the City's budget and spend so much time writing grants to provide essential services to the City even out side of the pandemic. Fund them and list them on funding priorities!!!!                            |
| Skipped | It would be good to see more jobs available for people and even have jobs for social workers or those in the field. This city needs a better leadership that uses the money adequately vs using it inappropriately. I also believe they rent should be affordable. Unless the city wants to see more homeless people.   |
| Skipped | It's time we drastically cut the police budget, and use that to help fund aid for the homeless and low income neighborhoods.  |
| Skipped | Just because the City "Fathers"/Elected Officials are Communists or Socialists doesn't mean that the constituents are! Stand up to the criminals and let the Police and prosecutors do their jobs. This will end poorly for all involved if the rule of law is not maintained.  |
| Skipped | Keep funding Law Enforcement, Fire, libraries, parks and open spaces for all of us to use for exercise etc during this difficult time. Eliminate graffiti and it's gang components. Continue to make LB safe and NO MORE PROTESTERS!!!! Support our businesses right now.   |
| Skipped | keeping citizens safe is the most important job for all elected officials. The recent unrest that turned into looting has the potential of destroying our city. Protests are legal, but crime / looting should not be tolerated. If a business owner loses their business or a citizen is injured, all of the other city amenities really do not matter. I would like long beach to adopt the broken window theory. If you stop the small crime, you will eliminate the felonies. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.                                 |



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| Skipped | Less policing. More focus on our community. After school programs, addressing homelessness, affordable rent. Stop focusing on making the city pretty and having excess police everywhere. Help the people that live here. We can't afford \$70 street sweeping DURING QUARANTINE WHEN WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO OUTSIDE. We can't afford rent. We can't find parking to begin with much less on a street sweeping day. It seems our voices always fall on deaf ears. I hope this time you won't. Also your police pepper sprayed and beat innocent protestors. Try recruiting police that aren't cowards. |
| Skipped | Less to police, more to community Get rid of military weapons in police department  |
| Skipped | Let the police do their jobs, have a chief and command staff that will back their officers doing their jobs by being proactive, fighting crime, taking people to jail that need to be there. But the police officers also have to be acting lawfully and be respectful towards the public and yes bad cops should dealt with accordingly, whether it means termination or criminal prosecution.   |
| Skipped | Libraries: Our kids need free books, computers, other design items. I am underemployed need computers for school and unemployed to apply for jobs and benefits. More hours & days. We're Not Rich   |
| Skipped | More reliable public transportation like buses etc  |
| Skipped | most crimes committed is due to poverty or mental illness. Put money in peoples hands and you can cut down on crime leading to less police need which means less wasting of money on unnecessary resource. Put that money towards mental health assistance and poverty prevention programs. Angry people and Unstable people get triggered mostly by stress. Life in poverty creates alot of those problems. Remove those problems and most of your issues go away. We can move up from there.  |
| Skipped | My answers are given in light of the current corona virus situation. I would like to see money provided for people other than the police to take on non-crime-enforcement jobs.   |
| Skipped | My biggest concern is rental prices. My rent for a 1 bedroom apt. in bluff Heights had an increase of \$1285.00 a month within 2 years. New owners. I have applied for low income senior apartment in Lutheran building on 4th st. a few years ago. The low income apt.s that I have checked all had a 8-9 year waiting list. I'm 78 with some disabilities and I am going to look for a job, I don't know if anyone will hire a 78 year old. I do get ss, but with rent of \$1485, I can't catch up. Kathy Wilson  |
| Skipped | Need more cops on the street  |
| Skipped | No more taxes! We pay enough already to the city and the state of California, and have been for decades and still not getting the job done  |
| Skipped | North & East Long Beach needs help.   |
| Skipped | North Long Beach, has many open spaces that can be transformed to elevate the community just as it has begun happening in the "uptown" area along artesia/atlantic. I hope more will continue to be done.   |
| Skipped | North side Long Beach needs attention, just as east side Long Beach does as well. Efforts are seen in local parks and neighborhoods, but maintenance and consistency is needed to create a safe space for youth and families to keep going outside with confidence.   |
| Skipped | Overall I would like to see the budget geared toward investing in PEOPLE and their needs in this city.  |
| Skipped | Part 2 of 2 / and still not getting the job done! Stop the corruption that is going on in California State! I for one will be voting to get rid of the current administration in this state!  |
| Skipped | Please consider focusing spending on community resources, support, and compassion; rather than punishment, enforcement, and monetization. Thank you.  |
| Skipped | Please consider green waste as a waste option that can be used for a city composting program. Torrance has a great program, for example. Please, no more traffic circles. The three we now have in our neighborhood make it more dangerous but now we are stuck with them. There are other ways to slow neighborhood traffic. Thank you.  |
| Skipped | Please ensure the area around 19th street is clean and maybe even redeveloped. Lots vhf of drug addicts and the business owners seem to not take priority in keeping there business up to date, and clean especially in the alleys. Please help clean this area as if it was 3rd r 4th st. These areas are well taken care of. Thank u greatly appreciated  |
| Skipped | Police are important to our community. Increase patrol  |

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| Skipped | Police budget should be cut and the funds should be redirected to providing accessible learning for all students thru affordable internet access and technology. In addition, there should be more funds going to public schools as well as our health care systems. In no way should our law enforcement be spending taxpayer money on non essential raises and bonuses when our medical centers are understaffed and under paid. Our focus should be on addressing the root cause of crime in our neighborhoods not just on mass incarceration. Police forces have shown time and time again to react violently toward the very people they swore to protect with little accountability. For our city to prosper change must happen and our money must be rerouted for the good of all the community.  |
| Skipped | Police do not stop crime. They arrive after a crime has occurred. For true reform we must create and invest in structure and programs that prevent crime.  |
| Skipped | Prioritize the streets, and the ability to do business and travel safely within the city. If choosing a new civic center or Fire, Police and smooth roads, choose fire, police and smooth roads.   |
| Skipped | Providing resources for students to support online/ distance learning. ( technology for learners). Protecting teacher jobs from alternative online platforms. Considering other options to keep community members safe during no bail or penny bail times.   |
| Skipped | Public health  |
| Skipped | Quality of life should be #1, not business or paying pensions. No crime,homelessness, pollution, noise, more green space, better schools. Speeding & running yellow & red lights is at a crisis point yet I never see police. Put cameras back in use to create revenue. Clean up freeway on and off ramps. Landscape with rocks like Las Vegas  |
| Skipped | Reduce police funds and put the money towards the betterment of the community (community programs, education, sustainability, and affordability)   |
| Skipped | Retried police officer but still have what best for the city I worked for even as I live out of state.   |
| Skipped | Right now the health of the community is the most important thing. We need to protect our teachers, and everyone else who works in public service. We also need to make sure our city is as Anti-Racist as possible. We need to be a model for other cities, and destroy racist systems, and create Anti-Racist systems.   |
| Skipped | Robert Garcia needs to resign.   |
| Skipped | Single mom assistance  |
| Skipped | Stopping lawlessness and destruction of private and public properties protecting our citizens is of the greatest importance people should not be fearful of individuals intent on doing harm.  |
| Skipped | street repair big item. You keep telling us that will happen with the mew taxes, then you send tax money to other things. Ted  |
| Skipped | Take down the green bollards on studebaker and other roads. They are ugly and a waste of money   |
| Skipped | Thanks for being an overall awesome city. Let's keep it up and stay true to Long Beach's values. Please reallocate funds to departments who help to build up our communities through free programs and services that support every individual's potential to be the best they can be.  |
| Skipped | The city council/officials should work on programs that will make the state and federal governments take responsibility for paying for homeless shelters and use old closed hospitals for the mentally ill. They should also make nuisance homelessness not an option and illegal again. If they can't care for themselves due to addiction or mental illness they should be housed with 24 hour adult supervision until they can take care of themselves again. Feds are responsible to take care of our citizens.  |
| Skipped | The focus of our budget should be on the most basic essentials for public safety, education and care for our citizens during financial restraints. Going after non-violent crimes isn't as important to me. I would like for our bloated police budget to be redistributed to more public service oriented needs and ensure our city's most basic needs are being met, until we can get back on our feet.  |
| Skipped | The homeless population has increased since the coronavirus pandemic. It is important that we help the homeless to try and control the spread of coronavirus and illicit drugs. Most of the homeless persons I have encountered have signs of mental instability. They need mental help and rehabilitation in order to regain their place back into society. I think that it is important to have more designated areas for trash because I consistently see trash on the streets that later on will end up in the ocean. Police patrols in low socio economic areas is not ideal because the police either intimidate or insinuate issues that may or may not result in an arrest, making the crime rates go up. There needs to be a different solution for our police. They must be educated on mental |

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|         | health and basic human communication in order to know how to deescalate a situation instead of immediately making an arrest on a whim.  |
| Skipped | The money being spent in down town Long Beach should be also spent past 10th street and pine. It is obvious that the money is only being provided to make the city LOOK and SEEM better but they aren't helping the communities that have lived here for many years. We don't even have trash cans in corners of local neighborhoods you have to walk 3 blocks to get to the nearest trash can.   |
| Skipped | The police budget is way too high. We need to see that money go into things that will HELP people, not get them in trouble. We're not paying for cops to be acting this ugly. Defund them.  |
| Skipped | The topics that I had voted "Very important" all have one thing in common. It will enrich the community by meeting their basic needs and provide a large impact to preventing violence, drug abuse, gangs, and police brutality. E.g., After school programs provides an alternative opportunity from gangs, drugs, and other violent activities. Providing assistance and access to food, shelter, healthcare and other basic human necessities will enrich our Long Beach community. It will help our social ills. We do not need 50% of our city budget to the police department. Communities keep up safe. Over 90% of crimes are nonviolent and can be addressed by specialists, social workers, mental health practitioners, and other professionals. |
| Skipped | The wording wasn't as conscience as it could have been and leaves room for ambiguity. Overall, I believe the police force needs to be defunded and replaced with specialized community liaisons that can respond to calls after training in handling mental health crisis situations, homelessness, etc. that opposed to treating all activity as criminal activity. They should all also have sensitivity training in subjects like race and gender as well. Guns should not belong to traffic cops either. Tear gas and rubber bullets shouldn't be shot at defenseless protestors.   |
| Skipped | There are certain things that I find important or very important, such as noise abatement and homelessness solutions. However I believe the MOST important thing when funding these is that we are funding solutions that are not at all associated with the Police force. Please defund the police and reallocate resources to more specific programs that require specific trainings and qualifications for different issues.   |
| Skipped | There are quite a few items listed that I wasn't so sure about-- for quite a few of these items I believe non profits and religious organizations can do quite a bit. Government is not always-- slot, the best solution.   |
| Skipped | There are very many homeless with mental or substance issues and residents are unable to walk in peace, use parks and above all, the river trail. New encampments along the river trail and downtown need to be moved.  |
| Skipped | There is much waste in the budget and this survey does not address the waste. The new City Hall, the Queen Mary, the Belmont Pool, OVERPAID City Officials and Police and Fire personnel. The parks are a mess BUT we are not even allowed to use them. The City is out of control with how and what it spends money on. It needs to stop.  |
| Skipped | These are all important is some aspects but the right balance is critical really the pensions need to be reduced they are killing the cities and we have other priorities get rid of the gimmicks like working overtime excessively right before retirement   |
| Skipped | This feels more like a push poll than a survey. The questions and answer choices are designed to lead the survey taker to a foregone conclusion, which is: more taxes, more policing. Please publish who designed this "survey" and what discussion was had by the various departments prior to issuing the survey.   |
| Skipped | This survey does not allow for meaningful input as it relates to public safety and how that can be funded and where those funds could go. Is this meant to only be police or are there other ways to achieve public safety? This survey does not allow input to redirect those funds to other programs outside of the police that better achieve public safety.   |
| Skipped | Too many homeless in LB. Most of these people don't want assistance and tired of having them hanging out and sleeping on the sidewalks and bus benches near schools and children.   |
| Skipped | Under no circumstances do I think we should defund the Police. If we don't have law and order in our city, people will flee and no one will want to live here. Housing prices will drop as well as tax revenue.   |
| Skipped | Use the budget for the things it has been created for and stick to the budget, that's the money you have that us citizens agreed to give for the things we voted for.   |
| Skipped | Use the excess amount of money the police receive towards the community and providing important resources for those in need.  |

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| Skipped | Very important are climate change, homelessness, a MEDICARE for all program and all the programs mentioned in the survey. Maybe MEDICARE for all can start with cities and spread to States. Housing, food and Medical care for everyone should be a given. Tax the churches and corporations that exploit the revenue and use it for humankind.  |
| Skipped | We are very concerned this liberal leaning city gov't will kneel to the mob and "social justice" narrative and be duped into thinking defunding police will somehow make everything better. Its a dangerous plan and if implemented trying to put the genie back in the bottle may prove to be way worst than the misguided perception of the original problem. Look at the data it's not what they claim. Our only recourse would be to move out of the state if you follow this ridiculous mob rule, Marxist BLM socialist doctrine. Don't be complicate stooges. |
| Skipped | We need first responders, who are not police, to respond with care to mental health and homeless crises. We need to provide housing for the homeless and resources so they can be well and healthy, not punished for their situation. Take money away from the police budget and increase the resources for the community.  |
| Skipped | We need the rule of Law Enforced! More Police and stop all protesters that block streets or assault the citizens of Long Beach! We want peace for all our citizens and especially our elderly & children!! God Bless our Police ❤️us  |
| Skipped | We've lived in Long Beach since 1972. It's sad to see a once great city deteriorate to the point it's almost unrecognizable. Current leadership is the worse my family and I have ever seen.  |
| Skipped | who created this push poll?   |
| Skipped | With all the increase in expenses due to the virus and decrease in income, do what most businesses would do. Re-review All City jobs, pay and benefits. Especially including the unfunded liabilities. Retirement is out of control and I believe we'll see a big pushback from the public. The tough issue is unions have too much control over City spending for their constituents. The Alleys throughout Long Beach are very neglected.   |