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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Kevin Riper, Director of Financial Management



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2023 August Budget Community Engagement Summary**

During the Fiscal Year 23 (FY 23) budget development and adoption process, City of Long Beach (City) staff conducted a two-phase approach community engagement outreach plan. This included engagement activities in January 2022 (phase-one), prior to the development of any budget proposals, and engagement activities in August 2022 (phase-two), after the release of the Proposed FY 23 Budget. The summary and analysis of phase-one was transmitted to the City Council in a [memo](#) on May 3, 2022. This memo and attachments describe the community engagement efforts during phase-two of the engagement process, including an outline of outreach efforts, demographic results of community participants, and an overview of the qualitative and quantitative feedback received during the process.

The goal for phase-two of the FY 23 community engagement process was to provide the community members with information on the budget adoption process, engagement opportunities, and an overview of the Proposed FY 23 Budget highlights, including follow up on how the early feedback from January was incorporated into the budget proposals. The phase-two engagement efforts included three virtual community meetings, a Digital Comment Card, and a variety of resources available on the City's website. The community members also had opportunities to engage and provide public comment at the various Budget Oversight Committee (BOC) and the City Council Budget Hearing meetings where a more in-depth presentation and discussion on departmental budgets were presented to the City Council. Similar to phase-one, the planning process for phase-two involved collaboration across multiple City operations, including the Budget Bureau, Technology and Innovation Department, the Public Affairs and Communications Office, and the Office of Equity.

Community Meetings Summary

In phase-two, City staff conducted three virtual community meetings. The decision for virtual meetings was made in response to COVID-19 pandemic concerns. In future budget development community engagement plans, in-person/hybrid options may become available. These meetings were held during the following dates and times:

- Thursday, August 11, 2022 (5:30pm-7:00pm)
- Wednesday, August 17, 2022 (6:00pm-7:30pm)
- Monday, August 22, 2022 (6:30pm-8:00pm)

During each community meeting, the City Manager/Assistant City Manager, Budget Manager, and the Public Works Director provided a detailed presentation on items included in the Proposed FY 23 Budget. This included investments in the following areas that took into consideration City Council priorities as well as community feedback that was received during phase-one of this process:

- Addressing Homelessness
- Community Safety
- Equity, Inclusion, Health and Quality of Life Support
- Business Attraction, Support, and Economic Development
- Arts, Culture, and Tourism
- Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Critical Needs Investments
- Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
- Recruitment, Retention, and Strengthening Internal Administrative Services
- Unfunded Operational Needs and Major Liabilities Improvements

After receiving an overview of the FY 23 Proposed Budget, community members were given the opportunity to ask the City Manager and department representatives questions related to the budget and processes. Community questions relating to many different topic areas were discussed, including questions related to the new Climate Action Office, infrastructure investments and implementation and timing of efforts, clarification on homelessness efforts and requests for more information on new investments such as the new outreach counselor positions, oil revenues and how current projections might impact the budget, available resources for libraries and other services, etc. A recording of each of the community meetings and access to the full discussion can be found on the City's website here: <https://www.longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/fiscal-year-2023-proposed-budget/>

Digital Budget Comment Card Summary

This year, the City introduced a Digital Comment Card into the engagement outreach efforts for phase-two, as the normal Budget Priority Survey had already been conducted during the January engagement efforts to get community input on priorities prior to the development of the Proposed Budget. The purpose of the Digital Comment Card was to provide an opportunity for the community to give additional feedback on the January community engagement results as well as the Proposed FY 23 Budget now that it had been developed. The Digital Comment Card included three questions (and optional demographic questions at the end). The survey opened on August 2, 2022 and closed at the end of the day on August 24, 2022. It is important to note that the Digital Comment Card is not a statistically valid survey and the results should not be interpreted as such. Additionally, the qualitative and quantitative data depended on the profile of the respondents.

Survey respondents were provided with a list of top City priority areas (18) taken from the top priorities indicated by residents who participated in the January 2022 Budget Priority Survey and the January Community Meetings. They were then asked to choose which top five services were most important to them, in no ranked order to affirm or provide additional perspective on these early engagement results. Respondents also had the opportunity to list a different service(s) if they felt something was priority but not listed as part of the top items from the January engagement efforts. Attachment A provides a full list of these services. Table A below shows the top five services chosen by respondents. These top five service priority areas from the FY 23 Digital Comment Card align with the additional investments made in the Proposed FY 23 Budget.

Table A: City Service Priority Area	
1	Providing Services that Address and Prevent Homelessness (63 Responses)
2	Providing Sufficient Affordable Housing (45 Responses)
3	Combating Crime and Increasing the Community’s Sense of Safety (45 Responses)
4	Providing Police Patrol and Response (44 Responses)
5	Improving Local Air and Water Pollution (37 Responses)

Below is the comprehensive list of all 18 service areas from the Digital Comment Card and the total number of responses for each.

1. Maintaining natural gas and water systems in good physical condition **24**
2. Providing fire protection services **18**
3. Keeping streets in good repair **32**
4. Providing police patrol and response **44**
5. Providing ambulance services **16**
6. Maintaining bridges and alleys **11**
7. Providing services that address and prevent homelessness **63**
8. Maintaining wastewater and flood prevention systems **11**
9. Improving local air and water pollution **37**
10. Investing in mental health and domestic violence services and response **37**
11. Providing sufficient affordable housing options **45**
12. Combating crime and increasing the community’s sense of safety **45**
13. Promoting arts and culture initiatives **23**
14. Repairing and maintaining roads and infrastructure projects **35**
15. Diverting police funds towards other city services **28**

16. Alleviating traffic and parking issues 17

17. Increasing library funding 21

18. Investing in preventative community support services 30

In addition to selecting the top five service priority areas, respondents were also given the opportunity to provide qualitative open-ended responses on any comments or feedback regarding the Proposed FY 23 Budget. A summary of responses can be examined in Attachment B.

Outreach and Language Access

The community meetings were promoted on the FY 23 Budget website and the City Calendar, and widely distributed through social media and department newsletters, including the #GoLongBeach newsletter and the Neighborhood Resources Center listserv. Printed flyers for the community meetings were also made available at each of the library branches. In addition to the community meetings, City staff also widely promoted the August Budget Oversight Committee Meetings and City Council Budget Hearings.

For all three virtual Community Meetings, Budget Oversight Committee meetings, and Budget Hearings, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog interpretation services were provided. The FY 23 Digital Comment Card and community meeting flyer were also made available in multiple languages.

Participation and Demographic Information

There were a combined total of 97 participants for the three virtual community meetings, excluding City staff and participants identified as attending both meetings. For the Digital Comment Card, there were 110 total survey respondents. Compared to phase-one, the number of participants attending the virtual meetings and providing written comments and feedback was less (total number of attendees in the January community meetings was 141, and 723 respondents for the January Budget Priority Survey). City staff are reviewing the participation data and will look to develop strategies and approaches to increase participation in future budget cycles.

For both the community meetings and Digital Comment Card, participants were asked to complete demographic questions (the same questions for both platforms available in multiple languages). Of the 97 participants from the virtual community meetings, 24 completed the demographic survey. Of the 110 Digital Comment Card respondents, a range of 101 to 110 responded to the various demographic questions. Attachment C provides the full data of demographic questions-related responses.

Other Engagement Opportunities and Resources

Other opportunities for engagement include Budget Oversight Committee Meetings and Budget Hearings held on the following Tuesdays:

- August 2, 2022
- August 9, 2022
- August 16, 2022
- August 23, 2022
- September 6, 2022 – upcoming
- September 13, 2022 (if budget is not adopted on September 6) - upcoming

The City's website also provides links to the full Budget Book, the Community Budget Book, Presentations, educational resource materials, and information on meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon at (562) 570-6408.

ATTACHMENTS: A – DIGITAL COMMENT CARD QUESTION 2 RESULTS
 B – DIGITAL COMMENT CARD COMMENTS
 C – DEMOGRAPHICS

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 DEPARTMENT HEADS

Comment
Nope.
Homes for the homeless
keep cars out of downtown and create pedestrian only areas
One thing that is not addressed is the garbage along roads leading to and from 405. Not sure if that is the city's responsibility or someone else's but it is disgusting.
Fixing all the parks bathrooms, updating, repairing them. Making it safe and clean for children to go to the bathroom while they are playing sports at the park. Fix and update all the fields for games.
N/A
N/A
N/a
None
Build urban micro-forests to provide ecosystem benefits that improve LB community member health benefits.
Keeping the trees on city property and street medians/parkways alive
N/a
Homeless camps on beach and in town Trash and disease
N/A
I feel that the City of Long Beach's Government has handled the world's health emergencies very well, especially as they seem to keep coming. With all that is going on, my question will seem inconsequential. I stood on the shore in 1967 as the Queen Mary arrived. I was with my college roommate who had immigrated to America on her after WW2. From that day I felt a part of Her history. Stayed at the Hotel the first night it opened. Was wooed on Her over the years and in the process we spent every holiday there. We were married and had our honeymoon on board. We were very excited and looking forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary there. We hope there is a chance she will continue to be one of the symbols of Long Beach Thank you for providing this format to ask that Her care be included in the budget.
Allocate money for matching Grants the health department in the budget and other departments to offset the cost
Getting new business to Long Beach and keeping existing businesses here
N/a
infrastructure
Animal Care Services. Too many animals and not enough space or staffing to support the Compassion Saves Model. Needs more staffing, and space, or more euthanasia needs to be performed to maintain the health of the animals remaining at the shelter. Animals with serious behavior issues, who can not be readily adopted should be euthanized promptly to have space available for incoming strays.

Comment
All areas are covered
N/A
Nice to have but not 'most important': #6 Making Long Beach Airport more General Aviation and community friendly. #7 Promoting arts and culture initiatives
Bring the Park Rangers back. We currently only have 1!
Afterschool programs for kids in parks.
illegal drug dealing prevention
N/A
Affordable housing for seniors.
Ok
Grocery store in DTLB area replacing tru value market
nothing to add at this time
Improving parks and recreation facilities, services, and offerings.
Rental assistance based on local incomes level and not federal guidelines
My #1 was listed. Water n air pollution
Na
Affordable housing is my top priority. It will have positive effects on so many other areas.
Improving street cleaning, larger item dumping pick up in alleys and tree trimming of the palm trees
horrible listing above - we should be DISMANTLING corrupt government in favor of government BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE of this city, not for the corrupt police who pay to play, not for the other service unions who do the same thing, not for little Bobby's paymasters.
None
No.
ADA accessibility throughout Long Beach for adult and children needs. Push button access to power open doors, counter heights and toilet seat liners low enough for wheelchair users, enough space for wheelchairs to navigate in occupied restrooms and elevators, more designated disabled parking with enough room in between spaces for set up and not having to worry about being in the way of or hit by the car parking next to you, designated quiet rooms (similar to lactation rooms) for those with sensory overstimulation.

Comment
NA
N/A
All of these are important
Maintaining and investing in services we already have that are specific to Long Beach
Olympic Pool
n/a
Youth programs and senior programs
homeless services
N/A
Funding for Animal Care and Control services for Lost pets, especially dogs. Funding for animal shelters, especially for dogs. Funding for education for elementary schools including field trips and guest speakers from the community.
Keeping streets and sidewalks free if trash
Na
NA
Pave the streets. They've been neglected for years. It's a basic city function.
Food banks
Increase the number of and training of police

I am a long-time resident of the City of Long Beach. I was raised here as a child and had such a positive experience that I later returned to purchase a home with my spouse in 1997 and have resided in East Long Beach ever since. As an aside, my grandfather actually worked as a part of the construction crew when El Dorado Park was first created in the 1960's.

The reason for my outreach is that over the years, I have gradually seen the decline of the care and oversight of our beautiful city parks (and aren't we lucky to have them?). There are very few Park Rangers in Long Beach and therefore unlawful and dangerous and/or harmful behavior has increased over the years. I personally have (almost) daily experience at the El Dorado Park West Duck Pond (on Studebaker and Los Arcos), where I started walking my dog shortly after moving to Long Beach. Over the years, the conditions there have significantly degraded in terms of cleanliness, safety, and supervision by Park Rangers or Law Enforcement.

- There is regular illegal fishing resulting in trash and fishing hooks, lures, line, etc. which is injurious to children, pets, and wildlife. I have participated in rescuing NUMEROUS animals (ducks, geese, turtles, White Pelicans) injured and/or entangled by fishing gear.
- I have also observed an increase in graffiti.
- I have observed an increase of people walking dogs off leash. Some unleashed dogs are threatening to people, leashed dogs, and/or the waterfowl that reside at the pond.
- I have also observed and reported an increase in dumped animals at the Duck Pond. Within the last month, there I have observed 19 domestic-Pekin Ducks dumped there (9 of those were ducklings which were rescued and relocated by volunteer citizens). Previous to this, there had been several dumps of Muscovy Ducks resulting in over 30 which resided there. Sadly, last May, almost all of the Muscovy Ducks died from a very contagious virus, which was reported in the local news.

I have been in frequent contact with Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Marine, and he has certainly done what he can.

I am aware that there is a very extensive and expensive renovation project planned for the El Dorado Park West Duck Pond. This is sorely needed and long overdue. However, if such a project is undertaken to improve this area of the park and there is no plan to increase staffing for Park Rangers or Patrol Officers to monitor the area, I shudder to envision how quickly the area will be ruined by the above activities. In other words, it makes no sense to spend that kind of money and then fail to take care of it!

I implore you to advocate for funding to increase oversight and supervision of our Long Beach Parks in order to improve the safety and serenity of these outdoor green spaces so that they may be enjoyed for numerous generations to come.

Comment
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Build more housing
Increased safety for bikes and pedestrians, including additional safe bike parking.
Improving and adding safe passages for cyclists and pedestrians.
Support recreational and educational opportunities, water quality and the open channel.
Improving supportive social services to marginalized communities like LGBT+, seniors, and veterans
Stop spending money on the Queen Mary and the former Community Hospital. Stop giving away tax dollars to the Molinas and liars who say they will fix up the Queen Mary and then bail after they salvage the steel for scrap metal.
Please add more police officers to our community Continued psychological (annual) evaluations and yearly training. Change the perception that cops are bad or mean. They need to speak (in an assembly type arena) to high school and young college students so those age groups are more comfortable in speaking to an officer out on the street
Food security, free/low cost youth programs and education, and preventive health programs like diabetes.
N/A
Cultural appreciation of Filipino residents in the form of designations. This will build community support and co-responsibility for services, recruitment of Filipinos for roles in police, social services, fire, ambulatory.
Animal care services
some sidewalks are too small streets have more holes then a golf course
Build literally thousands of homes. Preferably publicly owned homes.
Improving the Long Beach Animal Care Services Facility
N/a
More police please
N/a
get rid of the homeless and I don't mean housing but criminal laws.
Animal Care Services.
None
I'm hoping the city might look into investing in recruitment for community support services beyond just the police department. I noticed a portion of the police budget went towards a cadet program to recruit youth, and recruitment was a major portion of the police department's presentation. I believe that it is important that we can develop similar programs but for other departments and career

Comment
pathways that focus on community support services - social work, education, cultural centers, city workers, engineers, etc. (especially as these departments spoke on also being understaffed and cannot find the personnel to cover these areas).
N/A
Update main corridors, it's often very embarrassing passing through Lakewood's nicely paved road and trees and brushes being maintained well and we know exactly where Lakewood and Long Beach borders lies because there is visual difference.
None
Long Beach is affordable housing compared to other beach cities.
Fix the yearslong, chronic nuisance activity rear of Fire Station 10 near 14th/Gundry alley.
none
N/A
N/A
Safety before everything else—maslows hierarchy of needs people! We're tired of smash and grabs at our local stores. We give so much away free to people and some just think they can take what they want. We need a clear message that this behavior will not be tolerated. This is a great city! Why are you allowing it to become a dangerous free-for-all city by the sea? Shocking
n/a
Services for the unhoused
Covered my interest
na
Please complete the necessary infrastructure repairs the city needs in its lower income areas, not just the areas where people have money.
Another audit to check corruption level of LB budget bid contracts.
It's above
Regulations banning the use of electric bikes and sit-down scooters on sidewalks.
Public safety but it must be reimagined
I selected my choices from above
na
Arts & Culture which is listed but I'd like to say that's one of my top priorities. We know it drives economies, and staves off mental health crisis' and helps to mitigate crime.

Comment
noise- excessive car, motorcycle noise,
n/a
N/A
N/A
Climate Action. The Department of Defense describes climate change as a "threat multiplier": it makes all our other challenges more difficult and more expensive to address. As a proud veteran of 25 years' US Coast Guard service, I keenly understand that paradigm. I was glad to see the LB City Council adopt the Climate Action Plan last week, and the new Office of Climate Action. City Mgr Modica and Mayor Garcia called out several other departments that will also have climate responsibilities. I encourage the City of LB to adopt a "whole of government" approach to climate action, similar to President Biden's approach at the federal level: please require <i>every</i> city department to consider GHG impacts of every decision they take. This will serve as what DoD calls a "force multiplier": all efforts on the "good guys' side" will amplify each other and the sum of our actions will be greater than the individual contributions.
Affordable housing & homeless services are two sides of the same coin.
NA
n/a
Reducing municipal budgetary dependence on oil and gas extraction. Having real-time updated production data publicly available for municipal oil and gas extraction within City land and water boundaries. Meeting emissions reduction targets by clean energy economy investments in on-site solar and battery storage in public buildings and facilities - parks, schools, libraries, city buildings, etc. - owned and operated by the City of Long Beach. Acknowledging the health risks, particularly the perinatal health risks at the two primary birthing centers in town -- St. Mary's and Memorial, from oil and gas drilling adjacent, and rapidly closure, sealing, and remediation of oil well and drill sites within a 3200 foot physical distance buffer from facilities -- i.e. parks, schools, hospitals, libraries, day-cares, nurseries, senior and assisted living, etc. -- regularly serving populations that are 'sensitive receptors'. Promotion of Clean Energy and Clean Tech economy -- through re-zoning and redevelopment of industrial corridors in the Central, West, and North sides of town for clean energy economy manufacturing facilities, attraction of said firms and businesses with the same amount of resources as the current branding of "Space Beach".

Comment
Please help the people before you help the cops. Most of them don't even live in Long Beach, nor do they contribute to our general fund.
Helping the poorest and most needy among us
obsessing over safety/crime/law-and-order creates a useless distraction from real problems like availability and accessibility of services (extensive public transit, walkable areas, health care facilities, more grocery stores in densely populated areas easily reachable without cars, more investments in culture and the arts and in education)
Please see #2 answer
Update all the roads in Long Beach. We can start painting it white to reduce the heat in many neighborhoods.
N/A
N/A
None
The budget covers the most important services needed for Long Beach.
Please provide money to build climate change resilience .
N/a
No comments
Fiscal budget to clean up our city
N/A
Explained above Thank you.
It's a good start but there is still some work to do.
Long beach should strive to be business friendly especially supporting the airport
N/a
Improving and maintaining infrastructure along with reducing homelessness are the two most important issues facing lb
Animal Care Services is often overlooked by many of these surveys. Please consider always having an options for animal welfare on your budget list.
Our streets have been neglected and are in terrible shape
N/A

Comment
Organic/food waste initiatives how much of that could be online education vs staffing? Reprimand the traffic engineer who came up with the striping mess at the Long Beach/Lakewood traffic circle.
Affordable housing is scarce here. I can't afford to live in Long Beach anymore.
it would be nice to see more money given to the north Long Beach area specifically South Street and Paramount Blvd area and areas west towards Atlantic. I grew up there in the 60's and 70's and it looks worse now. Storefronts need to be beautified and investment in new businesses.
Identify drug dealers and drug routes into city
N/A
The FY 23 Budget should be checked for correct usage by someone that is not on the committee.
Wondering why we have green bike lane bollards instead of pothole repairs. Wondering why we are adding handicapped ramps on street corners 20' - 50' from residential driveways instead of repairing tree root damage on sidewalks. Wondering why we are adding artificial turf football fields at high schools instead of classroom air conditioners. Wondering why restaurants are keeping parklets without compensating the city for the public land use for expansion of their businesses. Wondering how often we should ideally repaint our rainbow striped crosswalks. Lastly I'm wondering exactly how many additional dispensaries the city plans to permit; I already have six options within one mile of my house.
Na
nothing to add at this time
Unable to find specifics on projects, yet seeing comments about some on social media. What's that about?
N.a
Would love to see more improvements in north long beach
Na
Affordable housing is my top priority. It will have positive effects on so many other areas.
Consider including feedback from property owners and residence of Long Beach once the budget and its plan of action has been identified.
FIRE TOM MODICA

Comment
<p>There are so many important issues in our community. This budget is critical to achieving the major goals of our city.</p>
<p>My concern is the proposed billion dollar Bond to improve schools at the cost of property tax payers. Long Beach city has the highest taxes in the state. I understand the need for affordable housing, but there needs to be strategic efforts to include multi residential properties in property taxes or something so the burden doesn't always fall on property owners.</p>
<p>Keeping ADA needs in the forefront when not only building new areas, but updating older city areas. Lots of exciting things for Long Beach with the Olympics coming to town, but please plan for the temporary areas to be ADA accessible as well.</p>
<p>Homelessness and crime are an issue that should take priority to keep our community safe.</p>
<p>Too much money going to the police, as per usual. Their work does not deter crime, it merely responds to it. They waste a lot of time on creating problems rather than investigating actual abuses of people and of power. Divert that money to libraries, park services, healthy food, affordable housing, youth programming, and improving streets in the Northside and Westside. We know what the problems are, we don't need more studies.</p>
<p>Homelessness services need to be handled in a efficient and easy to use manner. Current system involves too many obstacles for people who do not function all that well in the first place.</p>
<p>We could more like approach all if we secured stae & federal money and cultivated partnerships with businesses that have a stake in the services</p>
<p>Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool is falling apart. This pool will cause lots of injuries if you fail to meet the standard of care required for this dilapidated temporary pool that has been here for a decade now. Someone will die if this pool collapsed. Please know if you do not act know you will face a multi million dollar lawsuit. Act fast or face the repercussion of many injured patrons. Public Works it's in your hands now. Good luck!</p>
<p>The homelessness that is all over this city should be shameful to every person in Long Beach government. We have voted for the funds to help our unhoused neighbors. Why is all of that money not being used efficiently?</p>
<p>Slow and measured growth. Let's not turn into Santa Monica.</p>
<p>The library needs to reduce reliance on the foundation by way of our city funding them better.</p>
<p>N/A</p>

Comment
Funding for Animal Care and Control services for Lost pets, especially dogs.
Funding for animal shelters, especially for dogs.
Funding for education for elementary schools including field trips and guest speakers from the community.
No comments
Na
Help the homeless
Please pave the streets! It's an embarrassment that our beautiful city has streets worse than country roads.
Resources towards housing assistance
Stop asking for more money for the homeless and use what you've already chiseled out of us effectively.
N/A
(1) Although you've added a LOT of administrative positions, I haven't seen any outcome measures. For example, while allocating a lot MORE money to address homelessness issues, you haven't identified the performance indicators to which you will commit and for which you will be held accountable. You haven't proven that you're not just throwing more taxpayer dollars away unproductively. (2) The safety and mental well-being of fire-rescue, dispatch, and police personnel should be a top priority for the city. How can the city profess to provide an adequate and "equitable" level of public safety when those who protect our city are crying out for help only to be ignored by the decision-makers charged with providing a safe community - and, by law, their welfare?
It's a sick joke that more than 60 percent of the budget is going towards "public safety" when all that means is more cops and none of the infrastructure that actually makes peoples lives safe
I think it's a fair breakdown of money for the various initiatives and services.
Well done and thought out budget plan
Should include an equitable distribution of services
Happy to see the proposed staff position to operate the Veterans office under the Health Department. I'd like to know more of the proposed mission for this office. Also, questions 12 of this survey does not provide the option to "select all that apply" and will only allow one selection.

Comment
Actually make more houses/apartments/rooms available for the unhoused.
<p>Add and "humanize " police officers We need a lot more in our community</p> <p>Officers need Continued psychological (annual) evaluations and yearly training. Change the perception that cops are "bad or mean" as youth have very bad perception They need to speak (in an assembly type arena) to high school and young college students so those age groups are more comfortable in speaking to an officer out on the street</p>
Disappointed to see so little funding for public health, youth programs, and community services.
N/A
Cultural appreciation of diverse populations. Please consider supporting & fundraiser Filipino communities: designation of Filipino Town, park named after Filipino area leader, school named after Filipino area leader.
Open the animal shelter to the public without appointments; greater hours open to the public; hire/fill empty positions at the animal shelter. Go back to being an open intake animal shelter.
i know why theres a homeless problem too many over priced places and greedy owners who only care about the money
For fuck's sake please stop giving the cops so much money. All they do is show up way after something has happened and complain (falsely) that they can't do anything because of Gascon.
Thanks
N/a
Please use the budget to help make Long Beach safer. We are at a point where safety is a real issue. The arts etc. can come later.
N/a
More money for the Queen Mary
See August 14 email to various people in the city government.
Why did you spend \$400K on a floating raft in the ocean when in this time the money could have been better spent!

Comment
<p>In regards to addressing homelessness - I am curious about \$2.1 million + \$255,000 + \$125,000 which are all listed as "clean up" efforts. I am wondering the initiative behind this, as clean ups are not a solution to the issue of unhoused neighbors, but a monetary cost for an inhumane response towards our unhoused neighbors that make their life more difficult. How is this a proper solution, and what assistance is this really promoting? Outreach efforts are described, but we continue to see unused vouchers and increase in unhoused neighbors but only a real big investment in clean ups. Especially as this department spoke on being underfunded, understaffed, and overworked - are there additional efforts to provide more staffing towards case managers for our unhoused neighbors?</p> <p>Lastly the presentation spoke on the community speaking on efforts of diverting funds from LBPD towards social services ,but there was no clarity on if that was being done and how. Also, there was a previous call towards funding true education and anti-racist work within the city and amongst city workers - including the LBPD specifically- and did not see if that was reflected in the budget as well. I am curious if that will be an effort of the city?</p>
Can we please start the Kings Park revisionist plan?
Na
None
<p>Get rid of rental scooters. They are very dangerous to riders and pedestrians. Any revenue gain is negated by cost of police enforcement and safety concerns.</p> <p>Next, bike lanes are used very little compared to the safety hazzard on streets such as Broadway and Second st. Belmont shore and others. Not to mention adding to traffic congestion.</p> <p>Next it is time to remove outside dining spaces created to help restaurants stay open thru Covid.</p>
City too reactive, not proactive quality of peaceful enjoyment issues.
none
Please keep the part about fixing/updating Senior Center in the budget. That place is an embarrassment. Thank you.
N/A
We need need to create a safe community for tax payers. Are taxes go up and our quality of life goes down
My children have benefitted so much from the LBPL system. Please continue to fiscally support this incredibly important cornerstone of our community.
None
Covered my interest
na

Comment
<p>So much of what your citizens are asking of you as elected officials can be paid for by diverting funds from the LBPD, and I am shocked that there has been no effort on the part of the police to denounce the former officer who was recently found guilty of possessing child pornography WHILE ON DUTY. DEFUND LBPD!</p>
<p>You have alot of items to sift through. Please consider funds that are for some of these services (homeless, fire) that have funds from state or fed and add that to process of categorization rank. They are not all equal in state, county and fed funding.</p>
<p>The police get to much of our limited budget and spend it inefficiently. Police OT is a huge fiscal disaster for the city.</p>
<p>Stop funding Fire and Police Unions!!</p>
<p>Increase community engagement of public safety. Change police training to reflect this. More mental health and compassion-based training. Dispatch should move back to Police. Dispatchers are giving the public wrong answers to protect police.</p>
<p>No feedback</p>
<p>na</p>
<p>More funding to the Arts Council of Long Beach.</p>
<p>Police service and presence are very important as crime is increasing in the beach areas 90803, 90802 etc.</p>
<p>I would just ask that the promotion of these types of community meetings / feedback spaces are consistent and wide-spread on social media. Thank you!</p>

Comment
<p>First I want to say THANK YOU to our city staff who work so hard to provide services and programming to our community.</p>
<p>I am hoping that the city is able to reopen the 3 shut down libraries, one of which is my local library- Dana Neighborhood Library. Our libraries are important public spaces that promote early literacy. My 5 year old son loves our local library. He is already reading, and doesn't start Kinder until next week, because of all the books we've been able to go through at the library. The fun programs and challenges they have for kids also helped him develop his literacy skills. I would love to see the libraries reopen with expanded hours and additional programming. If expanded hours aren't feasible right now, just reopening the library would mean a lot to our Bixby Knolls community. Thank you!</p>
<p>As more of us are working from home the libraries have become even more of a haven for community and hubs for entrepreneurship. It's a resource that is used by every demographic in our city. Once undervalued, it's now the bedrock of the community. Please reopen all our city's libraries.</p>
<p>Thanks for a thorough presentation at (almost) the end of a long day!</p>
<p>Libraries are one of the only truly public community spaces left. Increasing hours, enhancing the collections, waiving all fees are essential to keeping these essential community hubs thriving. In addition it's time to adopt the people's budget, protect tenants, provide legal services for the most vulnerable, and divest from police to INVEST in our communities.</p>
<p>In general we need to put a lot of emphasis on road quality of major streets they are in horrible disrepair Ximeno in various spots between Anaheim and Los Coyotes have unsafe bicycle lanes</p>
<p>n/a</p>

Comment

Oppose any budgeted monies for a position in the Energy Resources department for "public relations" on their climate work.

Oppose any budgeted monies for oil well abandonment costs paid for through new oil drilling, or the rework of existing permits for oil drilling (i.e. THUMS).

Oppose any utility rate increases or budgeted monies for renewable electricity (delivered) or renewable energy production (i.e. solar panels) used to extract oil or engage in "enhanced oil recovery" techniques. This includes changes to procurement or existing contracts for electricity used by the LB Water department.

Oppose the continued subsidization of cheaper electricity rates for municipal and agency departmental accounts (LB Water, LB Energy Resources, City of Long Beach, THUMS, California Resource Corporation, etc.) involved in municipal oil and gas extraction, production, transmission, and distribution activities -- by considerably higher residential and small commercial rates.

Support for the new hires for Climate Action, and for Development Services work around permitting and housing, and strongly suggest all new positions related to Climate Action or Development Services/Economic Development work around buildings and their maintenance/construction also prioritize applications with environmental health and energy efficiency auditing, inspection, and assessment skills and/or provided training.

Demographic Responses for FY 23 Digital Comment Card and August Virtual Community Meetings

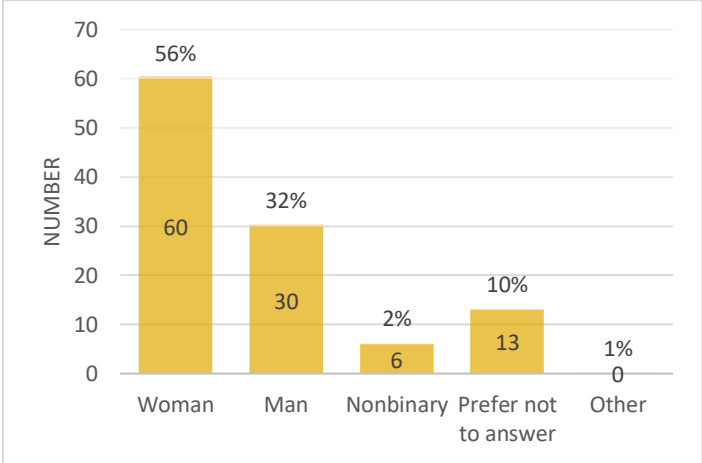
DIGITAL COMMENT CARD DEMOGRAPHIC RESPONSES

1. Responses by Council District: 106 total responses

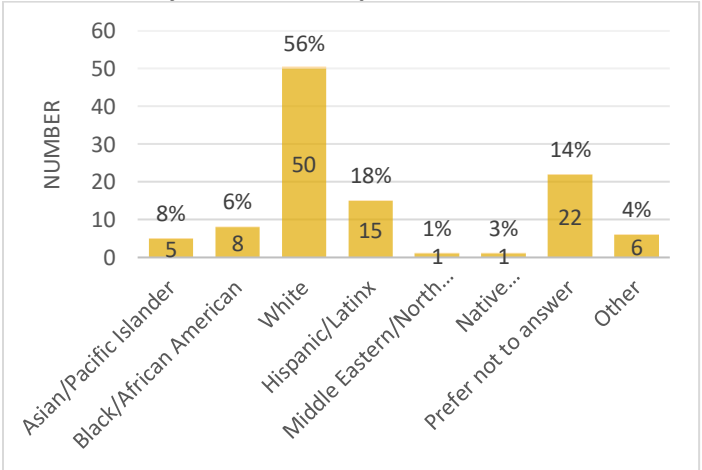
Survey Respondents by Council District
106 total answers

Council District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Don't Know	Non-Resident	Skipped Question	Total (Excluding Skip)
#	11	18	16	7	20	2	2	1	4	24	1	4	106
%	10.4%	17.0%	15.1%	6.6%	18.9%	1.9%	1.9%	0.9%	3.8%	22.6%	0.9%		

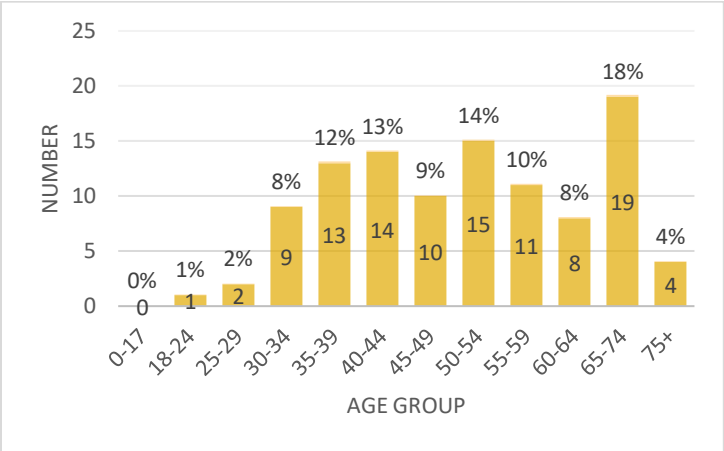
2. Gender Expression or Identity: 109 total responses



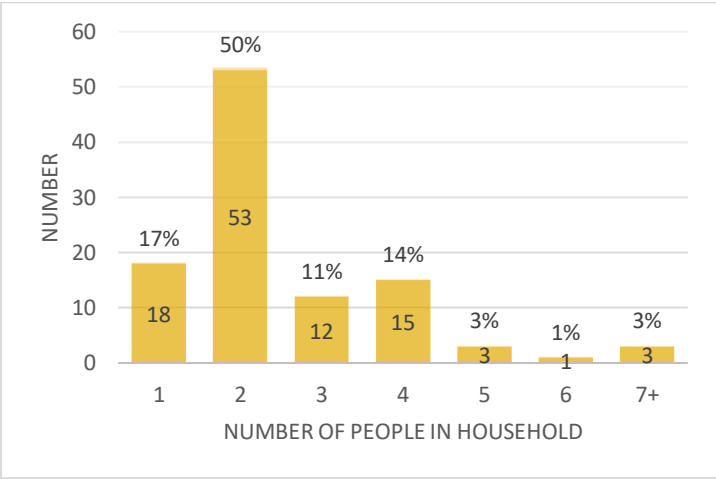
3. Race/Ethnicity: 108 Total Responses



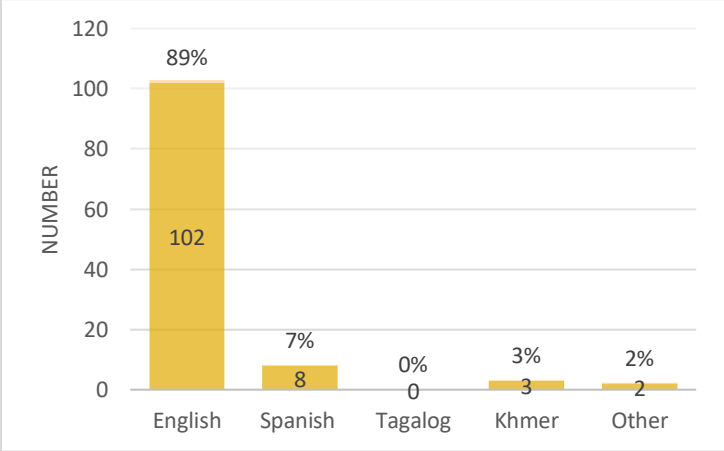
4. Age: 106 Total Responses



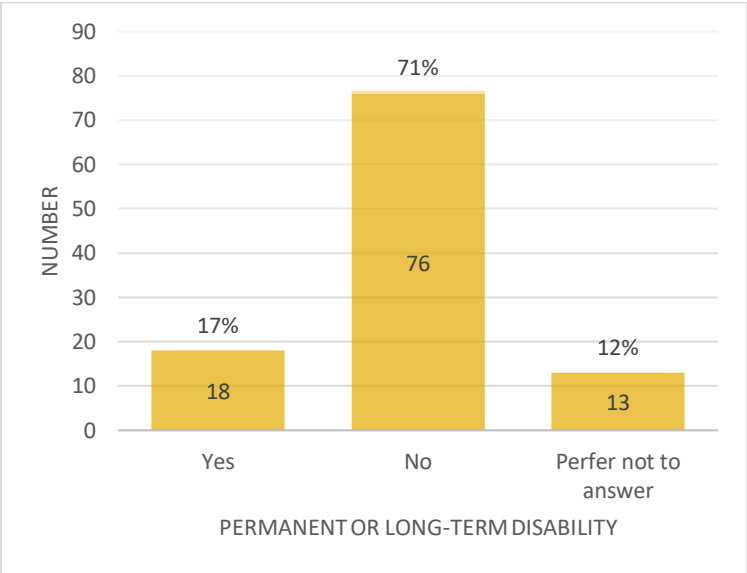
5. Number of people in household: 105 Total Responses



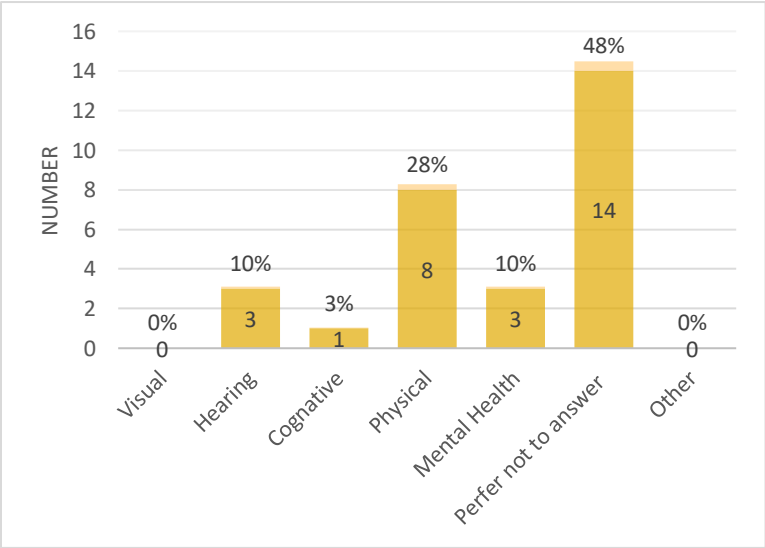
6. Primary language spoken in the home: 105 Total Responses



7. Indication of having a disability: 107 Total Responses



8. If answered “Yes” to having a disability, indicate type of disability: 29 Total Responses



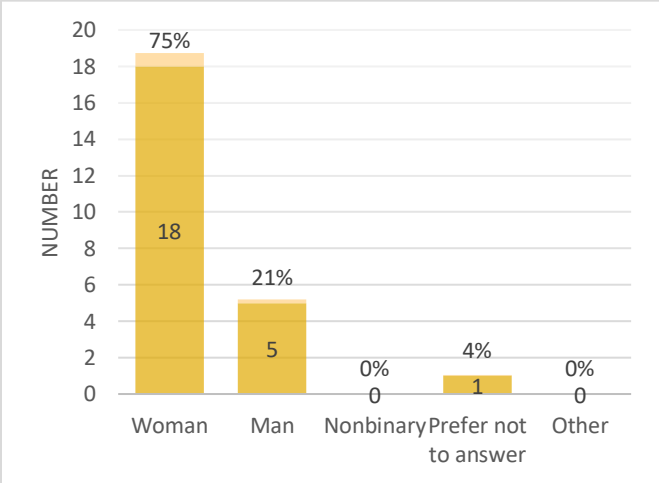
COMMUNITY MEETING DEMOGRAPHIC RESPONSES

1. Responses by Council District: 27 total responses

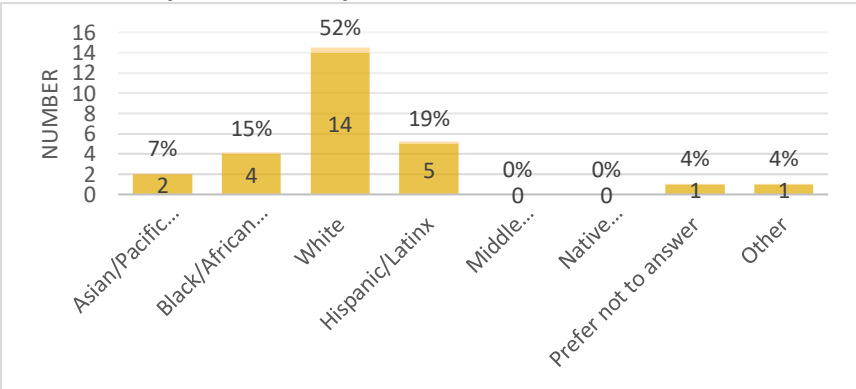
Survey Respondents by Council District

Council District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Don't Know	Non-Resident	Total
#	1	5	5	2	3	2	3	2	2	0	2	27
%	3.7%	18.5%	18.5%	7.4%	11.1%	7.4%	11.1%	7.4%	7.4%	0.0%	7.4%	

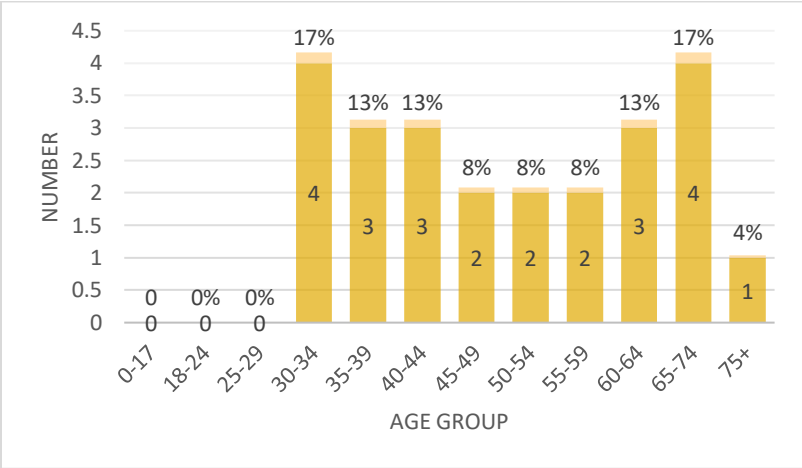
2. Gender Expression or Identity: 24 total responses



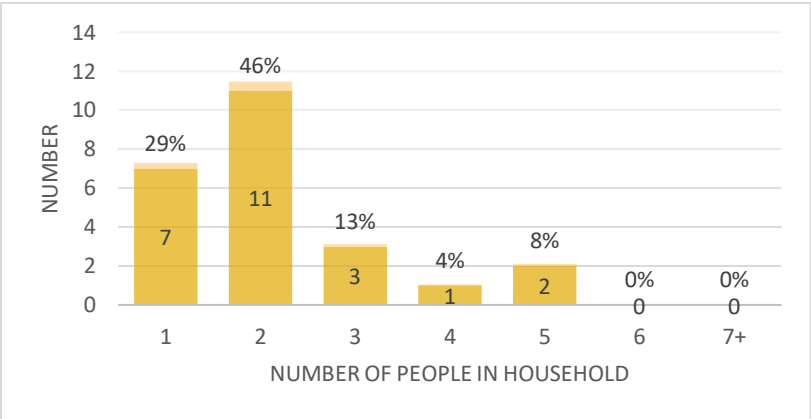
3. Race/Ethnicity: 27 Total Responses



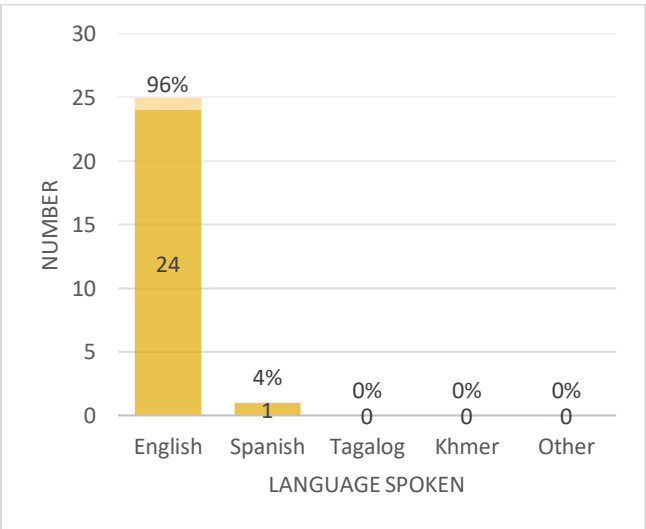
4. Age: 24 Total Responses



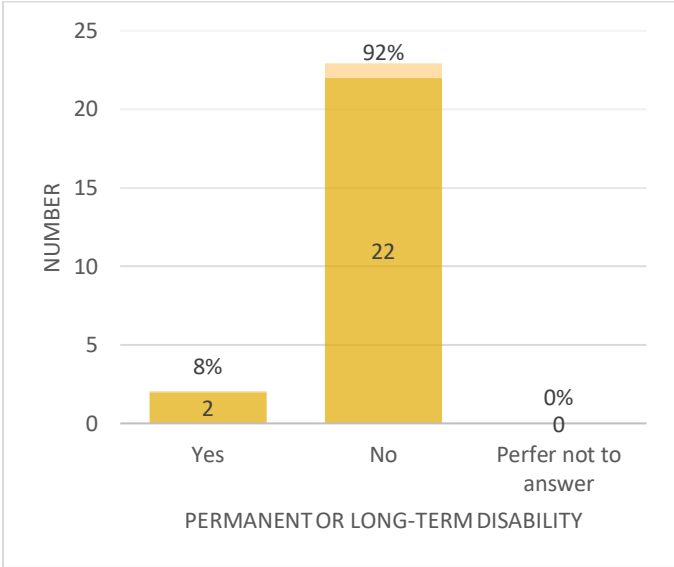
5. Number of people in household: 24 Total Responses



6. Primary language spoken in the home: 25 Total Responses



7. Indication of having a disability: 24 Total Responses



8. If answered “Yes” to having a disability, indicate type of disability: 2 Total Responses

