

NAME	GOOD AND WELFARE QUESTIONS – JULY 21, 2020	ANSWERS
Lisa Santinos	<p>John Bendo,</p> <p>You were once quoted in the Long Beach Herald as saying about the Superblock:</p> <p>“This is not a project going in a blighted area — we’re talking about luxury oceanfront apartments. It appears that they’re using the PILOT to ensure their profit margin, and it’s not our job to put their profit margin on the backs of taxpayers.”</p> <p>Do you still feel this way? I don't care what your financial consultants say. If they want to build, make them pay their fair share just like the rest of us!! I believe tax breaks should not be given to greedy developers. Where's my tax break?</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Lisa</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The Nassau County IDA has reschedule their public hearing for Wednesday August 19th from 3-5pm and then again, from 6:30pm until there are no more comments. The hearings will be held both virtually via zoom and in-person at The Allegria Hotel. One can register for the hearings via the IDA's website at www.nassauida.org.</p>
Marie Brutus	<p>I asked these pertinent questions at the last meeting, and you refused to even acknowledge them. I'm asking them again for the 7/22 meeting. Given that you refused to read these previously, I trust that you will read them at the 7/21 meeting as you do not want to again violate the first amendment. There are no personal questions or attacks. These are all honest fact-based questions about government business.</p> <p>ITEM #3</p> <p>Scott Mandel stated publicly at the last meeting where a settlement was on the agenda that an independent report concluded that there was no wrong doing on the city's part. Subsequently all council members were embarrassed into voting "no" - even Mike Delury then claimed that he thought voting yes meant voting no and asked to change his vote. How on Earth can you put another settlement on the docket and NOT disclose the terms to the public. You are using OUR TAX DOLLARS. We have a right to know what you're doing with our money and why! If you're paying off an employee to leave, that's a separation payment - the one and only issue you seem to care about - and you're keeping the terms of said agreement completely secret from the public! It wasn't that long ago that you went ballistic about a separation pay agreement that was not disclosed publicly. Don't be hypocrites! I am not asking for anything different from what you all asked for before you sat in those council seats.</p>	<p>The question on how much has been spent on outside counsel on this matter that you've asked at the last several meetings has been answered as part of the Good & Welfare responses for at least the last two meetings. Your answer can be found on the city's website - City Council Meetings page under City Council Proceedings 2020. The remainder of your questions are not Good & Welfare questions. Thank you for your comments.</p>

Marie Brutus
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ITEM #4

Why is your commencement of litigation regarding separation pay limited to certain "exempt" employees from your rival political faction when you ignored the DOZENS of union members (some of whom were on the infamous 2017 list), in particular CSEA members and paid firefighters who received multiple payouts and drawdowns far exceeding the code and contracts? If you look at the Capozollo report, it lists dozens and dozens of individuals who you are declining to go after which only enhances the selective enforcement defense that your opponents will surely claim. Given that this practice has gone on for decades, based on legal interpretations of the likes of Joel Asarch, Corey Klein, Carolyn Olsen, Charles Theofan, and many others, why are you specifically starting with 2012 and acting as if your new methodology is the one and only true measure when even the state comptroller's office stated that the code was unclear and that you needed to enact new legislation to clarify it.

MORE ON ITEM #4

How much money have you already spent on Ingerman Smith? How much do you hope to be able to clawback from those you are suing? How long do you expect the legal process to take? Are you comfortable spending exponentially more on your attorney, John Gross (Scott Mandel's former boss). than you could every hope to recover?

ALSO ON ITEM #4

Have ANY of the council members spoken with Todd Kaminsky about the strategy surrounding engaging in litigation against your political opponents? Have you EVER discussed with Todd Kaminsky specifically which employees you would target, which ones you would avoid going after, and the timing of these attempted lawsuits?

MOST IMPORANTLY: Did the derailing of your initial plan to sneak through support for the Superblock tax giveaway have anything to do with the timing of this vote?

I strongly suggest that you answer these questions truthfully as the answers will likely be dissected in court one day.

RE: SCOTT MANDEL'S ABSENCES

<p>Marie Brutus (continued)</p>	<p>During his tenure, Scott Mandel has avoided attending 30 city council meetings. Is the city going to attempt to clawback the taxpayer money he's been paid to participate in these meetings? This is well over a year's worth of salary which equates to more than you're attempting to clawback from people who were paid out of their banks of accrued time.</p> <p>Thank you for actually reading my questions aloud at the council meeting</p>	
<p>Noquid Proquo</p>	<p>Please read this aloud at the council meeting.</p> <p>As much as the Bendo Brigade hates our public comment opportunity and wants to silence all critics, anonymous free speech is protected by the US Constitution. You should read it sometime.</p> <p>Given the limited time for comments, I'll get right down to it. This community has made it abundantly clear, we DO NOT, under any circumstances, support a tax break for developers looking to build luxury oceanfront apartments on the Superblock. It doesn't matter if you negotiated with your consultants to give some cockamamie presentation labeling the decades-long PILOT that steals tens of millions of dollars from as a "net positive." It's a horrible deal and we urge you to reject it.</p> <p>The Nassau IDA put the ball firmly in your court. There will be no tax break without your endorsement. So a) have you sent a secret letter to the IDA showing significant support b) are you planning yet another mystery emergency city council meeting where you vote on a resolution to back it or c) are you planning to add a nonsense resolution by unanimous consent at a meeting to sneak it through in the most despicable way possible.</p> <p>You, at the very least, recognize that doing this during COVID without public meetings, is an utter disgrace, and your clawback lawsuits that you're waiting to launch with fanfare of a goofy press conference will not fool the masses. The Superblock will sink your careers. Think twice before you destroy our city all to please</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The Nassau County IDA has rescheduled their public hearing for Wednesday August 19th from 3-5pm and then again from 6:30pm until there are no further comments. The hearings will be held both virtually via zoom and in-person at The Allegria Hotel. One can register for the hearings via the IDA's website at www.nassauida.org . A City Council vote on this matter is not required nor has it been requested by the IDA or developer.</p>

<p>Noquid Proquo (continued)</p>	<p>your Emperor.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Noquid Proquo</p>	
<p>Stacey Weinberg (Beach Safety)</p>	<p>What measures are used to determine when a beach reaches capacity? Who determines it, how is it communicated? For the safety of all residents, there needs to be a re-evaluation process of current protocol with regards to capacity.</p> <p>This Saturday at Edwards, I felt unsafe with the amount of people at the beach. There was no possible way to maintain the CDC mandated guideline of staying 6 feet apart. It was embarrassing that the city would risk the health and wellness of its residents to make money This unsafe feeling was escalated beyond the social distancing, the beach was to crowded and the burden on the lifeguards was too great.</p> <p>Please reconsider practices to ensure 1)residents have priority, 2) CDC guidelines can be followed, 3) closure and capacity protocols are followed and 4) the demand on lifeguards is not to great to put all at risk</p> <p>Thank you kindly for your time,</p> <p>Stacey Weinberg</p>	<p>Each beach is different in size, so there is no uniform number for beach capacities. Capacity is determined through a collaboration between our Lifeguards and Beach Park staff. When capacity begins approaching a point where those on the beach can no longer safely social distance, that entrance is closed. This became extremely un-manageable during busy weekends when nonresident daily passes were being sold. To remedy this issue, it was announced at the 7/21 Council Meeting that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer.</p>
<p>Diana Nappi (Boardwalk Safety)</p>	<p>My name is Diana Nappi and I am relatively new to Long Beach. Great little city. However, I have some concerns and questions.</p> <p>1. Where can buildings be reported that are a blight to the City? I notice 2 buildings over by Munroe and East Broadway and the there is Munroe and Shore Rd, that the property owners need to do their part to reflect positively on the City. there is no reason that broken windows, filthy exteriors etc are something that should be allowed or accepted. I can provide an address. Is this something I can report to the Building Dept etc?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building concerns can be reported to the Building Department at 516/705-1005. 2. At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This decision was made to address the issue you described.

<p>Diana Nappi (continued)</p>	<p>2. Concerns for Boardwalk- All these rescues after hours and clean ups of these unruly parties with no permits etc, wouldnt it make sense for the city to shut down some entrances and still charge a fee at some entrances? This would help offset the extra costs incurred by the City, which is passed onto the residents . It would also cut down on the amount of people after hours to go on the beach. Patrons will still come to the boardwalk and support the business on the boardwalk but it would curb the negative incidents on the beach which affects quality of life.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Diana Nappi.</p>	
<p>Matthew Nicholas</p>	<p>Hope you all are staying safe and healthy. I have 2 questions regarding our city:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is responsible for cleaning up the boardwalk by Marvel. Since they've opened the boardwalk has started to look as messy as Seaside Heights NJ with ice cream and sprinkle stains all over. Is there a plan in place to clean it and maintain the cleaning? 2. Can you please provide a status update on the development of the Superblock? <p>Thank you.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The establishment is responsible for cleaning their premise. The City has reached out to them and they have purchased a power washer to address the issue. 2. The Nassau County IDA has rescheduled their public hearing for Wednesday August 19th from 3-5pm and then again from 6:30pm until there are no further comments. The hearings will be held both virtually - via zoom and in-person at The Allegria Hotel. One can register for the hearings via the IDA's website at www.nassauida.org .
<p>Laurie Rainer (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>Good Morning Ive been a LB resident since 1964 The recent flooding of large groups to the beach/ boardwalk after dark are frightening friends calles the Police and were told the beach is open until 11pm so nothing can be done WHY is the beach open until 11PM? Please consider to close it after sunset. What happens on the beach after dark? Fireworks, drinking, drugs, sex, bon fires ,fighting , swimming and trouble. In this case the Police will have cause to tell People to leave the beach. LB Residents should not have to wake up to the news repeatedly showing videos of "trouble" in LB We have to feel safe</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This decision was made to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.</p>

<p>Joyce Petrosino (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>I want to have the opportunity to speak at this meeting regarding the large number of children (teens) that have been consistently gathering on the boardwalk and beach, blocking the bike lanes, and taunting bike riders.</p> <p>Thank you Joyce Petrosino</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This decision was made to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.</p>
<p>Samantha Moore (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>I am hoping that the issue of overcrowding/lack of social distancing is addressed at Tuesday's meeting. As a resident of Long Beach, it is terrifying to see the amounts of people being let on to the beach when it's supposed to be 50% capacity (I'm located near the Lincoln Blvd entrance). I notice that an abundance of beach visitors also aren't showing their passes to get on the beach - they just run past the booth, and the poor kids working at the booth look too afraid to do anything. Also, I notice that nobody is enforcing masks on the boardwalk, and it is my understanding that masks are required on the boardwalk and on the beach unless you are sitting in your beach chairs or swimming.</p> <p>Please, consider coming up with a new way to control the number of people on our beaches, especially on the weekends. The residents that live here year-round deserve safe beaches. And social distancing/masks need to be enforced as well!</p> <p>Thank you, Samantha Moore</p>	<p>To address capacity issues on the beach, it was announced at the 7/21 Council Meeting that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. Compliance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding masks remains a challenge. Residents and visitors should be reminded that a violation of the Governor's Executive Order is a class B Misdemeanor.</p>
<p>Debra Rabiner (Beach/Bdwalk Safety)</p>	<p>Thank you for welcoming questions. I am a concerned resident and have two questions. One, Why has the city decided that only a few central beaches will be open to non residents? This is making those beaches over crowded, yet leaving the other beaches reasonably occupied. It is overcrowded on the non resident beaches, leaving residents feeling crowded and unsafe, since social distancing isn't happening. I would hope my city would make it equitable and safe at all the beaches for tax payers. Please explain why this decision has been made and based on what parameters. This should be the year where no non resident passes should be sold. Second, What are our plans for keeping Long Beach safe and pleasant at night? There are regular weekend teen gatherings that make residents feel unsafe on the streets as well as our boardwalk? We are left with litter every morning as well. These gatherings are crowds of people from different towns - seems unsafe in light of COVID and keeping our infection numbers down. What actions are we taking to keep residents safe and happy to be living in Long Beach?</p> <p>Thanks, Debra Rabiner</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>

<p>Dorothy Byrne (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>I am certain I am not the only one to ask these questions or vent my frustrations on the state of Long Beach this summer. It is appalling as a tax payer and a resident for over 25 years (most of those years I owned 2 homes in this town).</p> <p>1) Why is non-resident beach access/sales only available between Long Beach Boulevard and Laurelton Boulevard? I live 3 houses from the corner of West Beech and Laurelton Boulevard. We are prisoners in our own homes on the weekends. We can't leave because we can't get a spot when we return. We can't even park in our driveway because cars park over the apron on both sides, which doesn't allow us to pull in off of Beech Street. Can something be done to spread out the access to alleviate some of this outrageous congestion?</p> <p>2) Please try to do something about the crowds coming to the beaches at night ruining our City. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Dorothy Byrne</p>	<p>1. Non-resident daily passes were sold at those beaches because they were the ones with additional capacity when it was Resident only. Many of the other beaches were at or near capacity under the Resident only restrictions. At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>
<p>Cathy McElroy (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>Since it appears that many of us tax-paying residents want to know exactly how beach capacity is being determined , this should be addressed at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>1. What is beach capacity? The number? Who determines it? How is it being done?</p> <p>2. It appears that alcohol is being openly consumed on the beaches. Why is the no alcohol not being enforced?</p> <p>3. What is being done to prevent the mass gatherings on the beach at night on weekends? Are parking summons being issued for parking in the super block lot at night? Are people being turned away from beach entry after dark?</p> <p>So far this summer the City Council is one huge fail for the safety, security and well being of Long Beach residents. All of the above in the midst of a pandemic.</p> <p>Cathy McElroy</p>	<p>1. Each beach is different in size, so there is no uniform number for beach capacities. Capacity is determined through a collaboration between our Lifeguards and Beach Park staff. When capacity begins approaching a point where those on the beach can no longer safely social distance, that entrance is closed. This became extremely unmanageable during busy weekends when nonresident daily passes were being sold. To remedy this issue, it was announced at the 7/21 Council Meeting that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer.</p> <p>2. Your comment has been forwarded along to our Police Department.</p> <p>3. To address that issue, it was announced at the 7/21 Council meeting that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>

<p>Amy Potter</p>	<p>First of all I'd like to commend our lifeguards who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our residents and non-residents, often when they're off "the clock".Two of them are mine and I know how hard they work. The guards on Monroe Beach, where my family goes, are always helpful, professional and courteous. I have had the pleasure of meeting one of our senior guards, Mike Medrano, who has helped me get a beach wheelchair for my mom and even helped get her safely on and off the beach. Without mobility mats, this process is difficult for our residents who have mobility issues. These guards go above and beyond their job descriptions to help our citizens.</p> <p>I'd also like to commend our pass checkers(one of them is mine) and their supervisors who have to deal with disgruntled residents and non-residents who feel frustrated by the ever-changing capacity restrictions this summer. I have witnessed first hand beach goers who take out their frustrations on young teens who make less than minimum wage. I'd like to thank them for their service and apologize to them on behalf of our community for the abuse they have received from so-called adults.</p> <p>My first question is about the vacant lot between Riverside and Edwards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who owns it?2. It has been used to host a carnival each year and I Fly Trapeze and an Escape Room business. Who is in charge of granting permission and collecting rent for those?2. Why is it not fenced off the way the lot between Long Beach and Riverside is?3. Can it be fenced off and used as a paid parking lot for beach goers? <p>I feel fencing off that lot would help prevent the destructive after hours gatherings which threaten the quality of our lives as Long Beach residents. I am worried that very soon, someone is going to get seriously hurt or worse. I am well aware that in today's climate there are issues that "tie the hands" of our dedicated police officers. I don't want to start a debate about that. I am simply offering a suggestion which I feel would help alleviate the unwanted gatherings, prevent some of the after hours swimming/drownings, and possibly generate revenue for our city.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Amy Potter</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Your commendations are appreciated and will be shared with the appropriate departments. The lot between Riverside and Edwards Blvd. is privately owned. For a number of years, the private owner allowed multiple uses of the property, including parking. Earlier this Summer, the owner asked that all use of this premise cease. "No Parking" signs are now up and is being enforced. The owner has stated that fences will be going up soon.</p>
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<p>Brian Ross (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>My name is a Brian Ross. I am a resident of the West End of Long Beach, with an address of 30 Oregon Street.</p> <p>We have personally witnessed groups of people simply blowing by the pass checking booths at beach access points. We've seen young summer jobbers tasked with checking passes simply overrun or verbally intimidated by groups without day passes. We have seen the pass checkers umbrellas brazenly taken by these groups (who then use them as beach umbrellas).</p> <p>We have seen groups of ten, 25, 50 and more refuse to wear masks in shared social spaces on the beaches. They also intimidate the young life guards and start trouble in and out of the water, trampling over blankets, smoking marijuana openly on the beach with bonges etc and menancing people who ask them to stop. It is clear they typically don't have beach passes.</p> <p>The beaches are overcrowded because of lack of enforcement of the beach pass requirement. High tax paying residents have been shut out of beaches because of this. The beaches are left filthy. Residents left intimidated.</p> <p>At the very least, each access point should be staffed with an adult who will call police if people refuse to show a pass. Perhaps resident volunteers can take shifts sitting with the summer jobbers to help them feel less intimidated. Spot checks also should be done by beach patrol or police on the beach to ensure people have day passes. Life guards should be instructed to call for police if they feel intimidated.</p> <p>The beaches currently are an unpleasant joke. The Delaware access point, for example, has clearly been subject to word of mouth that anyone can get to the beach there without a pass.</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>
<p>Sue Friedman (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>Due to the crowds, noise, disrespect, rescues, etc. at night on the beach, I would like to make a suggestion to closing the beaches at 7pm. Hopefully this would keep away the crowds. I would also suggest strict fines for people not following the rules. Rescues after hours should be charged too.</p> <p>Thank you! Sue Friedman</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This was done to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.</p>

<p>Scott Knobler</p>	<p>Why are the pass checkers at the beaches not mandated to wear masks? I live near the Pacific blvd entrance and the three people checking passes typically do not wear masks and if they have them on they are on taken off and sit on their chins, rendering them useless. This is unacceptable as you have to walk very close to their faces in the booth as you enter the beach. This needs to be addressed in a prompt manner as it is a danger to the beach goers and others they come into contact with.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Scott Knobler Long Beach Resident</p>	<p>The pass checkers are absolutely required to wear masks when interacting with the public. This comment will be shared with the Beach Park Department. Thank you.</p>
<p>Daniela Lamacchia (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>As a Long Beach resident with two properties, I have seen almost every day people getting onto the beach without having beach passes. These kids at the booths clearly must be feeling intimidated that they let people on without beach passes. I have seen patrol checking for passes as well on the beach, and they do not enforce people who do not have passes. Another subject is that I see dogs on the beach And boardwalk at all times, another broken rule. I have owned dogs my entire life, but the beach and boardwalk is not a place to have your pets. In the evenings, hundreds upon hundreds of people flock to our boardwalk, and on several Occasions I have seen inappropriate behavior regarding liquor, marijuana and boisterous behavior, creating dangerous situations for our bikers and people who are taking a walk.I no longer feel safe with my family on the boardwalk. Our city is quickly being destroyed. The word seems to have gotten out to come to Long Beach because of the lack of police presence. I do not see a good ending for the city of Long Beach when it seems that lawlessness is being promoted.</p> <p>~Long Beach resident</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>
<p>Colleen Amato (Beach Pass Sale)</p>	<p>As a Long Beach resident with two properties, I have seen almost every day people getting onto the beach without having beach passes. These kids at the booths clearly must be feeling intimidated that they let people on without beach passes. I have seen patrol checking for passes as well on the beach, and they do not enforce people who do not have passes. Another subject is that I see dogs on the beach And boardwalk at all times, another broken rule. I have owned dogs my entire life, but the beach and boardwalk is not a place to have your pets. In the evenings, hundreds upon hundreds of people flock to our boardwalk, and on several Occasions I have seen inappropriate behavior regarding liquor, marijuana and boisterous behavior, creating dangerous situations for our bikers and people who are taking a walk.I no longer feel safe with my family on the boardwalk. Our city is quickly being destroyed. The word seems to have gotten out to come to</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. In addition, Splash Parks are now operational at or playgrounds.</p>

<p>Colleen Amato (continued)</p>	<p>Long Beach because of the lack of police presence. I do not see a good ending for the city of Long Beach when it seems that lawlessness is being promoted. ~Long Beach resident</p>	
<p>Kiera McCrudden (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>I moved to Long Beach four (4) years ago. My main reason for moving here and purchasing a home was because I felt it was a safe, tightly knitted community. I pay a lot of money to live here in taxes and I am deeply concerned for my safety and the safety of my neighbors throughout our City by the Sea.</p> <p>What I have witness the past few weeks on the beach and boardwalk is beyond disturbing, I will not go out after dark any longer and I never felt this way before living here. We need to end access to our beach and boardwalk from NON-RESIDENTS.</p> <p>I am not going to rant and rave in this email as I know 95% of Long Beach residents are truly sick over what took place this weekend on the beach and boardwalk. I understand that circumstances are very different due to our present CV19 environment but we are inviting a reoccurrence of CV19 as well as civil unrest if these antics continue. We need to protect ourselves as tax payers in this community as well as protect our police department, fire department, life guards, beach patrol, badge checkers, special summer police and ambulance corp. Your residents and municipal employees should COME FIRST this summer, not NON-RESIDENTS.</p> <p>My suggestions for the remainder the 2020 summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow beach access for RESIDENTS ONLY who have purchased season passes • Eliminate selling Daily Passes on the weekends, people are coming off the train in droves and driving from all over the place to get to our beach, to the point where the LOOP had to be shut down! • Do not allow access to the beach on weekends until 9am as now people are setting up as early as 7am, for free, and sitting there all day long, no revenue has been paid to our city from these squatters. • Close the beach and boardwalk at 6pm daily, especially on the weekends, impose a curfew if need be. <p>People are dying before and after hours on the beach from downing and this needs to STOP! Our lifeguards work very hard, long days keeping us safe and they do not need to be monitoring the beach before it opens and after it closes. Simple fix, open @ 9am and close @ 6pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please support the teenage badge checkers at each beach with a security person or an adult city 	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>

<p>Kiera McCrudden (continued)</p>	<p>employee, the abuse they receive on the weekends from both residents and non-residents is frightening and something terrible is going to happen if they are not protected properly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barricade the empty parking lots along the beach such as National & Edwards so cars can no longer park there for the rest of the summer or charge a large sum of \$ to park there - that could be a win-win for financial mess this city is in! • Start ARRESTING people, obviously the “soft touch” DOES NOT WORK if we had 700 people storm the beach on Saturday night and try to do it again on Sunday night. • As fast as these “parties” go viral on social media, the City of LB needs to send the message on the same social media pages that LB will not tolerate this behavior and disruption in our community. • And PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE post permanent SWIM BEACH and SURF BEACH signs with arrows so people know where to sit on the beach, as well as the JETTY signs we use to have posting the warning and threat of a very expensive ticket if you are caught walking on the JETTIES! Enough is enough with our life guards all day long on the SURF beach telling people “NO SWIMMING” and “GET OFF THE JETTY.” Again, SIMPLE FIX, signs with arrows and warnings! <p>I hope you will address my concerns as well as the concerns of all residents as this current environment cannot continue for the remainder of this summer. Thank you for your time in reading my email.</p> <p>Sincerely, Keira McCrudden</p>	
<p>Liz Samoroukova (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>I'd like to see the below items addressed at tonight's meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beach overcrowding/Late night Beach Parties <p>As I hope you're already aware, given the plethora of comments on the city's facebook page from concerned residents, the beach is severely overcrowded. First, it is not clear to residents how the city is determining 50% capacity at any given time. I spoke with a police officer near the boardwalk yesterday who informed me that they are "eyeballing" the situation. This is completely unacceptable. People are crowding in, particularly out of town residents, on top of one another, not wearing masks, not respecting social distancing guidelines, and not listening to lifeguards. If the city has determined that it is safe to allow huge crowds of out of town residents on the beaches, then regular patrols need to be enforcing the rules. Yesterday, Laurelton beach was completely overrun. This is not a safe situation for anyone. My family and I left the beach at 3:00 and by that point, multiple groups of people were visibly intoxicated and we passed a</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At the same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. There is no truth to the rumor that the lot at Laurelton and Broadway is being turned into a parking lot. It is a privately owned property.</p>

<p>Liz Samoroukova (continued)</p>	<p>huge amount of discarded beer bottles. At that point, beach entrance was limited, but it was too late. Additionally, resident entrance was likewise restricted, which is an untenable situation. Long beach should not be catering to out of town residents at the expense of its own citizens. The bottom line is that this is not safe. People are fighting over parking spaces, running stop signs, and creating extremely dangerous situations both on the beach and on the surrounding areas. These are complicated and unique times, and the city needs to take care of its residents.</p> <p>This past Saturday, yet again, the boardwalk near Edwards was overrun with out of town adolescents disrespecting our community. This has to stop. The danger here should be clear to everyone. If the city does not have the capacity to control these crowds, then they need to seek additional assistance from Nassau County. While I understand that clearing the crowd without incident is the priority, the city must be giving out tickets. Without repercussions, these parties will continue to happen and will only get worse. As a community, we've always welcomed visitors to the beach, the boardwalk and local businesses. These parties are not that. I understand that given the times, these kids need somewhere to go, but creating a dangerous situation on the boardwalk is not the answer.</p> <p>That said, I think that the City Council and the City Manager need to provide Long Beach residents with specific, detailed answers to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will 50% capacity be officially measured to control beach overcrowding? • Will police officers be actively engaged in patrolling the beach to make sure that rules are being followed? • How many police officers are available to patrol the beach on any given day? • Will the city be taking any steps to prioritize resident entrance to beaches over non-residents? • Will the city consider limiting non-resident beach pass sales to a specific number? Limiting access on weekends when overcrowding is severe? • If the situation worsens, can the city close the beach to non-residents, or is there something preventing that from happening? <p>2. Parking lot on Broadway between Laurelton and Lafayette</p> <p>It is my understanding that the empty lot near the boardwalk between Laurelton and Lafayette Blvds is being turned into free beach parking. I'd like to get more information on this decision, as outlined below, but am very concerned that it seems this city is once again doing everything possible to benefit non-resident beach-goers as opposed to its own citizens. I've spoken to many residents who would like that space converted into something beneficial for this community's youth, as opposed to free parking, which will only contribute to beach overcrowding. Having grown up here I know first hand that long beach youth,</p>	
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<p>Liz Samoroukova (continued)</p>	<p>specifically middle school and high school aged children, struggle to find local activities. The skate park that the city built was great progress, but it's not enough.</p> <p>I'd like specific answers to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it correct that this will be free parking? • When was this decision made? Why was this decision made? • What specific benefit will the town's residents get from this decision? • What other uses were in consideration? • When was this opened up for public comment? <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Liz Samoroukova</p>	
<p>Donna Bullwinkel (Beach/Bdwlk Safety)</p>	<p>My husband and I are fairly new residents of Long Beach. We moved here 4 years ago hopefully as our place to retire and have an enjoyable life with the activities Etc. We have been so pleased with the kindness and compassion shown by the residents here. We were happy to call Long Beach our home. I do want to tell you that we are not happy with the changes that we see in the short time we have been here. It seems non residents have more rights and say then the tax paying residents. I simply cannot believe that a crowd as large as 700 to 800 young people gathered on the beach and boardwalk and there was 0 summonses given. The disrespect for social distancing and mask wearing obviously didn't apply to them. But the Residents can not have our annual movies or concerts on the beach Where I am sure social distancing would be abided by. As I walk the beach I pick up debris to help keep our beach and the ocean clean. But there has been so much it is terrible. Now non residents can buy daily passes while other nearby beaches are prohibiting during the health crisis..why is this? I could go on and on. And I know speaking to my neighbors that this sentiment is common among all of us. I was happy to move here because of the beach and the sense of community. But now I am having 2nd thoughts. I hope changes are made so the residents can feel like this is their home and not have to avoid the boardwalk.</p> <p>Donna Bullwinkel</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>

Lauren Lundquist	<p>It has been three years now that I am an owner and taxpayer in Long Beach. This is a city I have come to love that is currently in turmoil in many ways. First and foremost, I would like to address the "beach parties" that are occurring and the constant dangers that these present to our City. They are unduly burdensome to our residents, our volunteers and our cops. They are draining our resources and creating mayhem. If you cannot have a "wedding" or gathering over 50 people, these need to be stopped immediately. There is NO excuse that this is happening. Groups of over a certain number (particularly after beach hours) need to be fined. There needs to be some sort of sanction that will come of this. I don't believe closing the beaches is the answer as that is unfair to the residents who love to stroll the beach where they pay taxes and seek out sunsets at night. Instead, posted rules and the penalties (fines, charges, violations, etc) should be available for review before anyone even attempts this behavior. Additionally, DUI checkpoints at the only 3 exits/entrances of Long Beach would be suitable and contain some of this "partying". People need to be held accountable for their behavior. In a related notion, the after-hour beach rescues were at 17 from my research on the evening of 7/19/20. There was a constant flow of fire department, police and beach rescue that was stressful on the resources and people of this City. This CANNOT continue and should not be tolerated. As mentioned above, sanctions, penalties, violations or any combination of same should be implemented and posted at every entrance to every beach. I believe imposing a fine of \$1,000 or more would be a deterrent for many people to stray from jumping in the ocean that remains unguarded. It is devastating to see people drowning because they are swimming without lifeguards and this simply cannot continue in our City.</p> <p>As for another issue, beach capacity. The beaches were doing well as residents only and due to the current climate of our nation as a whole, the beaches need to be limited. Non-resident sales must be kept at a maximum. I live on Shore Road between Lincoln and Franklin and this is a VERY busy beach. My block alone is home to 6 condo/co-op communities. My building has 215 units, it is a very busy beach. To add non-residents as well makes this insanity. If you cap non-resident sales (or prevent them on certain beaches) the beach population will die down a little.</p> <p>Parking in this city is insane. My co-op has very limited parking and buyers are put onto a 7 year waiting list for parking. As previously mentioned, there are 6 buildings on the one block I live on. I sometimes have to park a mile away, or circle 20-30 minutes. I believe this needs to be addressed. There should be resident only parking areas (i.e. shore road and Broadway) and non-residents will have to park across Park Avenue during the summer or something of that nature. Or non-residents will have to pay to park. Between Lincoln & Monroe on Shore Road there are huge lots that remain overgrown and empty. These lots could take 100 cars off of the streets if they could be leased as municipal parking lots. I understand that these lots are "in</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that nonresident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. Hopefully these above steps have remedied many of the issues you described. We are currently examining past parking studies in an effort to advance the issue.</p>
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<p>Lauren Lundquist (continued)</p>	<p>litigation" but I think there can be something done in terms of temporary usage that could allow the residents on Shore Road to at least have access as parking. There is one municipal lot on the corner of Monroe and Shore that is constantly at capacity, even with cars parking outside of the designated spots. The parking issue has to be addressed. It becomes almost impossible to live here with the parking wars and issues that go on.</p> <p>We as residents are struggling and we need help. I am asking you to please listen to these concerns as I know they are the concerns of many of our residents. We love the City by the Sea but due to the above issues it is making it a miserable place to live. If we cannot have our beaches and city be safe and have places to park, some of us will not be able to remain here as residents. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.</p> <p>-- Regards, Lauren M. Lundquist, Esq.</p>	
<p>Kmowgli</p>	<p>Can you please address why LBPD, special police, and life guards are frequently not wearing masks - even when they are unable to social distance?</p> <p>On more that one occasion I have witnessed and spoken to special police who are standing on the ramp, forcing every person to walk within 1-2 feet of them while they are not wearing a mask.</p> <p>Attached is an example of one special officer who refused to justify his actions and told me he was "not required to speak to me."</p> <p>https://photos.app.goo.gl/tFzs2cpHDbUntPuv6</p> <p>Employees of Long Beach are public employees and should be required to follow all NYS laws.</p>	<p>If they are unable to maintain social distancing from the public, all officers and lifeguards are required to wear masks per the Governor's Executive Order.</p>
<p>Heather Licata</p>	<p>To our elected City Council Members,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What detailed measures will you be initiating immediately to prevent a THIRD incident of crowds illegally congregating on our beaches at night who are drinking, playing loud music and engaging in disorderly conduct which in turn jeopardizes the safety and welfare of our residents? 2. To date, why haven't arrests been made or summons issued to said "partygoers", since laws were broken? 	<p>To address this issue as well as the large number of saves having to be made by our lifeguards, it was announced at the 7/21 Council meeting that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This is still an active investigation within our Police Department. We will take your comment about alerting the community via robo-call for such events under consideration. Thank you.</p>

<p>Heather Licata (continued)</p>	<p>3. Why did you not immediately alert our community (e.g. robo-call) of the unfolding situation; requesting that our residents, especially our senior residents, avoid the area of “party goers”?</p> <p>Heather Licata Long Beach, NY</p>	
<p>Chrissy</p>	<p>Good afternoon I would like to bring to your attention The large rowdy crowds congregating on our beaches now becoming increasingly aggressive I feel unsafe walking the boardwalk with my children They are also blocking driveways and handicap curb sides which is unsafe Water rescues are up I recognize LBPD is understaffed and overwhelmed Have we considered DUI checkpoints prior to entering LB by NCPD? What can be done before this escalates into something violent we need to send a message to the county that violent aggressive groups will not be tolerated.</p> <p>Hope all is well Chrissy</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This was done to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.</p>
<p>Kim Greengus</p>	<p>Very concerned about the large crowds forming in the Super Block parking lot. To make sure the crowds leave after 7pm or cars will be towed. This happens in Island Park right near Jordan's lobster restaurant, cars must be moved or towed. Very expensive to get a towed car out of a penalty.</p> <p>. My boys work and use the boardwalk to get home safely.</p> <p>The boardwalk should be shut down by 8pm to deter any more issues.</p> <p>Thank you for taken your time to read the email.</p> <p>Regards, Kim Greengus</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This was done to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.</p>

<p>Thomas Kennedy</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>The lack of street sweeping on Oceanview in the West End has resulted in a strong smell of dog and debris everywhere. The attached cleaning schedule has been completely disregarded.</p> <p>Thank you, Thomas Kennedy Long Beach Homeowner</p>	<p>Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Our Street Maintenance Department was alerted and subsequently addressed the issue.</p>
<p>Tracy Eichler</p>	<p>Second Request Week 2 - No enforcement; police were called again. The traffic officer was there for 5 minutes, didn't write one ticket, nor did he clear up the parking mess. One car remained on the sidewalk unattended for hours. The valets now place tickets on the dashboard instead of windshield, do they think we can't see all the cars illegally being valeted into the median. I continue to take photos of this nightmare.</p> <p>Original request send July 13, 2020: As my new neighbor noted on FaceBook, the Allegria Hotel valets are doing a fabulous job creating chaos and a dangerous situation on Broadway between National and Edwards. In fact, residents of Broadway have been living with this terrible situation for over 10 years. We got relief on February 16th, 2018 when the ZBA passed a resolution to address parking in order to approve a request by the hotel to make changes but unfortunately there continues to be NO effort by the Hotel to uphold the agreement or the City to enforce it. I had to call the police yesterday, and while the dispatcher did his job and sent over the police (several times), the Hotel continued to violate the rules. I think it's a waste of time and money to have to call the LBPD all weekend, we need ACTION.</p> <p>Valets are parking cars In public parking spaces, which is against the law. The median between Edwards/National, National Blvd, West Penn and Beech Street are used to valet cars. Just walk down the median and see the valet tickets, or come to my driveway, that's where they blow when the wind is strong. They have a gentleman, and I use that term loosely in a huge black pick-up that idles on the South side of Broadway all day/night in the summer to pounce on parking spots as they become available, holds them until the a valet is ready to park a car or, one valet reserves an open spot by standing in it, until another one pulls a car in. There are times the South side of Broadway has 10 cars lined up, even on the sidewalk waiting for spots to open. It is a very dangerous situation, especially when the fire trucks, ambulances, and garbage trucks are trying</p>	<p>Our Police Department currently has a directive to do routine monitoring of parking in this area. Our Police Commissioner has also spoken directly to the Allegria's Manager about the issue and has warned that summonses will be issued should they persist. We are currently reviewing parking studies previously commissioned but never implemented by the City, and hope to advance the issue in the year ahead.</p>

<p>Tracy Eichler (continued)</p>	<p>to negotiate the turn. National is the gateway to Broadway for City Services. It also forces residents and visitors with children, baby carriages, and dogs to walk into traffic to avoid all the cars being parked on the sidewalk. Cars are parked in front of the fire hydrant for hours, not minutes.</p> <p>What happened to all the promises of parking cars at the train station, and offering shuttle service, or the fact that employees would have to park 3 blocks away from the hotel in all directions? The employees park in front of our homes, radios blasting when they are on break, discarding garbage (2 bags of garbage have been in the median for two weeks), cans and bottles(lots of broken glass). It is the hotel management team's job to educate their employees, and the City to enforce the rules.</p> <p>For the last two years there has been No action by City leadership or the Zoning Board to enforce conditions outlined in Resolution 2967. Bottom line is the hotel and its management team are HORRIBLE NEIGHBORS!</p> <p>Solutions:</p> <p>NO VALET - If the hotel is a destination, not a stop off point, visitors will park their own cars.</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT, the revenue that could be generated for illegally parked cars would be a boom to the City. The Hotel needs to be fined, not just the owners of the illegally parked cars.</p> <p>15-minute unloading/loading on National and the beach, not on Broadway. That includes UBER pickup/drop offs.</p> <p>All Buses/Vans need to be parked after discharging airline personnel. No idling!!! Can't imagine what's it's doing to our environment,</p> <p>My personal favorite, and the ultimate solution - Make Median Parking on Broadway between Edwards and National and National to Penn Long Beach Resident Only by Permit. Other municipalities have put their residents first, let's try it in Long Beach. We did it in the municipal lots, the median is a parking lot, just ask the hotel valets.</p>	
<p>Cindy Kanterman</p>	<p>There should be No nonresident passes sold even on mon to Thursday. Long Beach govt seems to care more about making money then keeping us safe Police & extras, specials etc should be setting a good example by wearing masks & social distancing. Most of them are not. The extras or specials that I have approached have been quite nasty telling me they don't have to wear a mask Close the boardwalks Again. Why did you bother to shut them before only to reopen them and let people form crowds again Police those bars & restaurants on the west end that have larger crowds then over. Take their liquor licenses away. They are hurting businesses that are complying.</p> <p>It is a free for all here in Long Beach. Something needs to change.</p> <p>A concerned resident & taxpayer Cindy kanterman</p>	<p>There have been no capacity issues on the beach thus far this Summer Monday through Thursday, which is why nonresident daily passes are being sold during those days only. The City typically brings in around \$4 million in revenue from the beach. While the health and safety of our residents is paramount, we are also trying to balance out the financial side of things. Every \$1million in revenue shortfall equates to a 3% tax increase or corresponding budgetary decrease, which is already very bare bones. Our Special Police are required to wear masks when interacting with the public. The State Liquor Authority is the entity capable of taking away liquor licenses.</p>

Barry Frohlinger	My suggestion is to impose an age curfew for the beach and boardwalk; anyone under 25 years old off the beach by 6PM and off boardwalk by 8PM. This could give some of the older people some quieter time on beach and boardwalk	At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This was done to address the issues you described and has thus far proven effective.
Anonymous	<p>I was wondering how the non-residents not being allowed on the beaches Fri-Sun will be enforced? I go to east end beaches off the boardwalk and I have seen many non-residents walking right past the ticket taker without a pass. They sit on the beach with open cans of alcohol blasting their music. I never see any specials or police officers anywhere near entrances that are not on the boardwalk, so how can a child enforce this? They are mostly young-middle aged males walking on, and the children are obviously taken advantage of.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for answering my questions!</p>	Nonresident daily passes are neither being sold nor accepted Friday through Sunday. Special Police patrol the entire length of the beach and issue summonses to those found to be on the beach without passes.
Alex Tsukerman	<p>My name is Alex Tsukerman. I live at 71 Kentucky Street since 1987. Almost every morning for last 30 years I ride my bicycle on the boardwalk with the same group of local riders.</p> <p>We strongly believe, that closing the boardwalk for bicyclists from 10 am till 6 pm even on weekends creates a tremendous danger for everyone</p> <p>Not only to transmit the virus, but also because of a very high possibility of collisions.</p> <p>Just about everyone, who has a bike in Long Beach coming to the boardwalk every morning.</p> <p>Riding at around 9am became a real nightmare – it is a total mix of slow riders, fast riders, kids on kiddie bikes, electric engine bikes, motorized skateboards, etc. ...</p> <p>Bikers constantly collide with pedestrians crossing the bike pass and with other bikers. It is just the matter of time when someone will get seriously hurt.</p> <p>Every morning at around 10:05am the boardwalk looks like a runaway – totally empty.</p> <p>I took a picture of the boardwalk at 10 minutes after 10am on the 4th of July (the most crowded day of the year) – completely empty, just literally few people walking around.</p> <p>This Sunday we tried to ride along the Broadway and through Lido Boulevard to Point Lookout. It is not a long ride, but is extremely dangerous. Traffic was very heavy and there is no bike pass in Long Beach.</p> <p>If the boardwalk will be open for bikers every day it will not get an empty boardwalk overcrowded, but will make it much safer place, because of bike rides will be gradually distributed throughout the day, as they always were.</p> <p>We thank you and sincerely hope you will seriously consider our suggestion.</p>	Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your point. The City is continuously re-evaluating all COVID-related restrictions and making changes as situations allow.

<p>Elizabeth Farrell</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We see cars turning on West Broadway into the oncoming traffic lanes to avoid the lights. This is a daily occurrence at both Magnolia and National boulevards. They routinely cut off drivers in the proper lanes to race around them while looking for parking. There are food delivery trucks and other service vehicles as well who are guilty of these traffic violations. This causes undue risk to bicyclists, pedestrians and other drivers. Please address this either with cameras or LBPD/ NCPD it is an accident waiting to happen.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. They have been passed along to the Police Department to be addressed.</p>
<p>David Palpatine</p>	<p>I read online that John Bendo leaked his political retaliation lawsuits to Denise Ford so she could leak it to Celeste Hadrick. There are so many questions about the utter foolishness and complete waste of taxpayer fund on such a frivolous endeavor, but I'll just start with a few.</p> <p>Why aren't you going after the dozen or so city managers and attorneys who preceded the individuals you are suing when they're the ones who had initiated the payout process? Why did you launch the suit against Agostisi before Schnirman? Why didn't you sue the other people who actually approved the payouts and had signature authority on the documents?</p> <p>It's clear you hate these guys, but filing an absolutely ridiculous lawsuit that you can't possibly win is a monumental waste of taxpayer funds, and it's really disappointing that you'd continue funnelling ungodly sums of cash to John Gross. By the way, I know many people are asking, how much has Ingerman Smith billed you for so far?</p>	<p>The Long Beach City Council has launched a wide-ranging initiative to recover accrued leave payments to retiring or current employees that were not supported by the City Charter, City Code, employment contracts, or collective bargaining agreements.</p> <p>The December report of an audit conducted by the NYS Comptroller strongly recommended the recovery process after detailing nearly \$750,000 in payments to current and former employees that (legally) should not have been made. That report noted Comptroller audits in 1992 and 1996 that made the same conclusions, with seemingly no changes in practice in subsequent years. This has added to the significant deterioration of the City's financial condition.</p> <p>The City Council unanimously supports broad reformation and accountability. An outside law firm, has been fully investigating all city records relating to leave accrual payments dating to 2010. In alignment with the NYS Comptroller's findings, they have concluded that the practices of certain former city officials were an unlawful violation of public trust and represented an abandonment of fiduciary responsibility. Law enforcement is investigating the actions of these individuals.</p> <p>The first two steps by the City Council to initiate the recovery of funds are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Former City Manager Jack Schnirman and former Acting City Manager and Corporation Counsel Robert Agostisi were served with lawsuits in July 2020 seeking repayment of inappropriate payments. (It should be noted

<p>David Palpatine (continued)</p>		<p>that Mr. Schnirman already returned some funds to the City after the Comptroller’s report was released.) 2. Demand letters for repayment are being prepared for current and former employees who have been identified as receiving leave accrual funds that were paid with no legal appropriate basis.</p> <p>It is unfortunate that some employees were paid leave accrual funds, who may not have been aware that these payments were improper, and are now responsible for returning the funds; however, Long Beach’s taxpayers deserve fairness in the manner in which these overpayments are recouped.</p> <p>Continued research into the scope of these inappropriate practices in the short term may result in additional recovery actions on the part of the Council.</p> <p>Additionally (and in conformance to NYS Comptroller recommendations), the Council is examining policy and practice changes it should make to bolster propriety and oversight for separation and/or accrual payments. The Comptroller’s report and the lawsuits that were filed last week both noted that a lack of transparency and reporting requirements allowed former city officials to engage in practices that eluded the attention or awareness of prior city councils. That should never be the case, and will not after much-needed changes are examined, discussed and instituted by the City Council.</p>
<p>Kelly Martinsen</p>	<p>Three important questions/suggestions:</p> <p>1) LB needs to have a drowning prevention plan. It is CRITICAL!-After being personally involved with a rescue last week, I began to look at other beach towns and many of them have a drowning prevention task force with multiple stakeholders, not just council people, not just lifeguards but a combination of 5 or 6 people to think outside of the box to create a prevention plan! We need a drowning prevention task force-I will GLADLY be a part of it-The WHO has a 116-page document discussing the prevention of drowning with some amazing ideas. We need to implement some of these ideas.</p>	<p>1) We will look into a drowning prevention plan. 2) The City is continually monitoring its rules during COVID and makes adjustments as situations allow. 3) Lights are currently being fixed. The contractor is currently at approximately Washington Blvd proceeding East.</p>

<p>Kelly Martinsen (continued)</p>	<p>Example of ideas within the plan; a) Have you reached out to Nassau County executives or NYC government officials to mandate a safety education plan within their education system? It is non-LB residents that seem to be getting into trouble. b) Riptide charts do not make sense to ANYONE unless you KNOW the ocean like our LB residents who are educated in 2nd grade. Nassau County and NYC residents NEED to be educated BEFORE they arrive. AND WE NEED BETTER SIGNS AND WARNINGS!!</p> <p>c) Have extra lifeguard/ticket hours say from 6 pm to 8 pm at certain beaches been fully considered? (i gotta believe that would cost less than the after-hours search and rescues and Nassau county helicopter cost).</p> <p>d) Alternate deterrents to access: Volleyball used to take over the beaches and the parking in years past (i do NOT play), the volleyball folks would frequent businesses and pepper the horizon with healthy activity. The loss of Volleyball is a direct catalyst to the masses of unruly teens on the beach and even drowning/rescues. We must work to bring Volley Ball back next year with perhaps specific parking passes tied to it...(we can make more money on the volleyball leagues if we issue parking passes etc).</p> <p>2) I think some good decisions were made as far as closing the beach/boardwalk at certain times as our essential workers and good samaritans were being placed in danger by people from out of town.</p> <p>That said, our children (and adults) use the boardwalk as a safe place to ride home. Perhaps there needs to be an unofficial way for kids to show some id (HS or license) when stopped on the boardwalk to allow residents to use it safely to get to and from their in-town destination?</p> <p>3) Lastly, When are the lights on the boardwalk being fixed? Not asking why they haven't been fixed since January simply asking for a definitive date. To be sure, if the city contractor can't do it I can find a contractor that can fix it within the next few days.</p>	
<p>Stephanie Harris</p>	<p>Please close the beach to Non-residents. Please allow residents access to the beach after Sunday. I'm pretty sure everyone knew that opening the beach to the general public when the city beaches are closed was a pretty bad idea.</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was announced that non-resident beach passes would only be sold Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the Summer. To date, this has proven effective in improving most safe beach capacity issues. At that same meeting it was also announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm.</p>

<p>Mary Coleman</p>	<p>I am writing to you to express my deepest concerns about what has been going on in our community, specifically this weekend. There is a global pandemic that has killed over 143K people in America of which 32K were New Yorkers. We are mourning the devastating loss of neighbors, grandparents, sons, daughters, and colleagues, among others, who have succumbed to the virus. New York City just entered stage 4. I am pleased that the City took measures to limit people coming in and out of our community. However, I would like to make sure that some other concerns are addressed.</p> <p>I have witnessed many of our police officers, special officers, and pass collectors NOT social distancing and NOT wearing masks. How are they supposed to enforce these health precautions when they themselves are not adhering to it?</p> <p>How do you expect young children who are checking passes to enforce your closure rules when the beach reaches capacity? There have been drunk people yelling and cursing them out. I am ashamed that you are putting these kids in that type of position. Another point is that the city has yet to clearly define what capacity means. On July 4, I never saw Indiana beach so packed with people. No one was social distancing. There were big games of beer pong and loud music playing. What the heck is going on, Long Beach?</p> <p>The boardwalk has become an aggressive place. Not only have you limited the hours of biking during the weekend for residents, like myself, who derive great joy from a bike ride, but you have removed all the bike lane signs that you had up the last two summers. What happened to those signs that taxpayers paid for? Why are we policing ourselves when we pay the salaries of police officers?</p> <p>Where are all the special police during the biking hours to enforce walkers not walking in the bike lane where it causes a completely dangerous environment. In my 36 years in Long Beach, I have never witnessed such a hostile boardwalk. It is packed with more people than ever. Please ban non-residents from the beach immediately. Please put in effective measures to help our community.</p> <p>I have seen people on motorized bikes that look more like mopeds than mechanical bicycles, dogs, and cannabis smoking. You have yet to replace the lights on the west side of the boardwalk, and it has created a sketchy place to ride my bike. I have been harassed by a few men already in those dark areas and there is not a cop or anyone in sight. Then again on Sunday night, after a near drowning, everyone was forced off the sand and on to the boardwalk creating dangerous, and angry crowds. I was swerving by bike here and there because of all the people loitering.</p>	<p>At the 7/21 Council Meeting, it was also that, effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. Our Police Department works in tandem with our lifeguards (on the beach), Special Police, Auxiliary Police and Parks Department, and Central Maintenance to enact these closures. Thus far, they have gone relatively smoothly. It was also announced that non-resident beach passes would not be accepted nor sold Friday-Sunday. This has largely worked to limit beach capacity issues and has allowed for social distancing on the beach. We are working to replace bike lane signs which are currently being used for COVID signage, as we work on a more sustainable solution to the long-standing bike lane issue. The City has reached out to each of the establishments you noted.</p>
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<p>Mary Coleman (continued)</p>	<p>Additionally, The bars have been attracting loitering on the sidewalks and passersby cannot walk on the sidewalk because of the tables taking up space.</p> <p>The following are just a few restaurants/establishments that I have witnessed over the weekend that did not adhere to social distancing practices nor masks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alabama Deli, 884 W Beech St, Long Beach, NY 11561 • Long Beach Sandwich Company, 801 W Beech St, Long Beach, NY 11561 • Gino’s Long Beach, 16 W Park Ave, Long Beach, NY 11561 <p>When I asked the owner of Alabama Deli why he wasn’t encouraging social distancing or requiring the wearing of masks, he shrugged and turned to the next customer. He is shrugging off the 143K deaths that happened in America. Might I suggest that your police do random pop-ins to the local establishments to not only check on how they are conducting their business under this new normal but also to strengthen community ties? There are so many great businesses in our neighborhood who are doing an awesome job helping to keep people safe, putting a lot of money in to redesign their space and keep it clean, while other businesses are just conducting their operations as business as usual. This is not only disrespectful, it’s unsafe!</p>	
<p>Karen Cybernet</p>	<p>Are those who are rescued from the ocean fined? Where is the record of this information? Also, how will I know if this email has been received and my question addressed Thank you,</p>	<p>They can be fined if swimming when no lifeguards are on duty. Our Police Department would maintain such records. All Good & Welfare questions and comments are addressed in advance of the subsequent meeting, and posted on the City's website.</p>
<p>Teresa Paggi</p>	<p>1. Definitive date for when our local swim team (Long Beach Aquatics) can start utilizing the LB Rec Pool for practice. We are almost 2 weeks into Phase 4 of the re-opening process and the Rec Pool usage is still in limbo while other local pools have already re-opened.</p>	<p>No date has been set for this yet. The pool is currently open to only lap swimming by members. We're looking into options on how to expand usage.</p>
<p>Elliott Pasik</p>	<p>I am not in favor of the new restrictions on access to the beach and boardwalk. The residents of Long Beach and visitors should not be punished because of the actions of a few episodes of so-called rowdiness on the part of a handful of teenagers and young adults. I also note that there is no evidence of physical injuries or property damage that may have been committed by those young people. I think you are overreacting. It appears that the Long Beach and Nassau County Police Departments did a good job in being present on the boardwalk and beach, and deterring any potential serious crime. I am glad there were no arrests. Police discretion is a good thing. I also think that there is an anti-minority bias on the part of some people who are complaining too much about some of these young people coming here. From the videos and photos on</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. They have been taken under advisement.</p>

<p>Elliott Pasik (continued)</p>	<p>news media, it is clear that almost all the young people are black and minority. If they had been white, we wouldn't be hearing these complaints. The way to handle such events in the future is the same as was done a couple days ago - the police appearing, the police walking among the crowd, and announcing that no public drinking of alcohol is permitted. Free masks should be given out. There are some people who are complaining about the music they played. May I remind those complainers that music is legal, even rap music. The restrictions should be removed, and the complainers should stop complaining.</p>	
<p>Alan Smithee</p>	<p>As you know Good and Welfare is NOT a question and answer session. It is three minutes of uninterrupted time. Given the pandemic, you are obligated by law to READ these statements aloud. I know John McNally buried my last message on the website, but I'm writing again so this can be read tonight:</p> <p>Here's my statement that does include questions...</p> <p>Dear City Council:</p> <p>Have the attorneys at Ingerman Smith, namely John Gross (Scott Mandel's former boss), prepared a cost-benefit analysis of suing your alleged political opponents in an effort to clawback drawdowns and payouts of accrued time? As the City's supposed financial watchdogs, have you recognized that filing certain lawsuits against targeted individuals will cost city taxpayers exponentially more than you could ever hope to recover?</p> <p>With the bad publicity you're receiving and will receive for both coordinating and facilitating the obscene 30-year tax break for the Superblock, having John Gross sue a bunch of your political enemies may be Todd's attempt to distract the public and change the news cycle. However, it would probably be wiser for you to identify how much you have BEEN BILLED FOE thus far and how much you will have to continue spending on your political witch hunt. It is my understanding several people have foiled for invoices and documents that you are shielding from the public!</p> <p>To the public: if Bendo has to spend \$2 million of your hard-earned money with the hopes of clawing back \$500,000, is it worth it? Especially when there's an extreme likelihood Bendo will lose?</p> <p>Why not do your jobs and enact legislation that clarifies the code to prevent these payouts from happening again? Why not take the powers away from the city manager so you can vote on each payout at a council meeting? Why not go after the hundreds of paid firemen and CSEA workers who received these same types of drawdowns and payouts for decades instead of isolating Exempts and maybe some cops?</p>	<p>This same comment has been addressed in the last two Good & Welfare documents.</p>

<p>Alan Smithee (continued)</p>	<p>How much have you funneled to Ingerman Smith thus far? The invoices are public information as are all the details of your communication since you waived your attorney-client privilege. The FOIL requests have gone ignored for over six months even though the answers are clearly at your fingertips, but maybe you'll just answer something now? You're obligated to by law.</p>	
<p>Noquid Proquo</p>	<p>The beach and ocean closes at 6pm. Why did you make a robocall yesterday to say it would now close at 8pm? You just told people they can stay 6-8, which is the time of virtually all drownings!. Who was responsible for that awful and dangerous script and were they fired over it?</p>	<p>The ocean is closed for swimming when lifeguards go off duty, typically at 6pm. The beach park, prior to 7/23, has historically been open until 11pm.</p>
<p>James Hardy</p>	<p>I would like to provide a brief background before proposing my question for today's meeting.</p> <p>The evening of July 9, 2020 is one that I (and many others) will never forget. We found ourselves directly involved in a situation in which multiple swimmers were in distress near the Monroe groin. One young man was fighting for his life and pleading for help. Lifeguards were not on duty, and there were no nearby floatation devices. Despite the best efforts of all involved, this young man lost his life.</p> <p>I often think back about that evening, and what could have been done to save that young man's life. I think "If only"</p> <p>If only ... the young men were aware of the dangers of swimming near the groins. If only ... there were lifeguards on duty during a hot summer evening. If only ... I had a flotation device to aid this young man (Many municipalities have these available.) If only ... something had been done years ago to stop the senseless drownings that occur every year in a similar manner.</p> <p>My question to you: What immediate action are you taking to prevent more "If onlys"?</p> <p>I am ready to act. I have many neighbors, friends, and family members who are ready to act. Please feel free to reach out.</p>	<p>At the 7/21 City Council meeting it was announced that effective 7/23 and until further notice, the beach would be closing at 8pm and the boardwalk would be closing at 9pm. This was done, in part to reduce the number of distress cases in the ocean. The City Manager and Chief of Lifeguards has also extended hours for lifeguard staff on numerous instances when the situation calls for it. The City is always open to resident suggestion, so please reach out if there are specific measures you'd like addressed. Thank you for your comments.</p>

<p>Brendan Finn</p>	<p>Thank you for addressing the beach and boardwalk issues. Sixty years living in this town and this has been a rough summer. It is not the fault of the LBPD who do a great job. And it is not caused by the City Council either. Perhaps a few suggestions might help this situation:</p> <p>On the "tourist beaches" like Grand Blvd and of course, the midtown beaches, simply having a young high school kid is not working. On Grand on Sunday we had an excellent booth attendant, Julia Walsh, who took her job seriously and was very effective in keeping people off the beach who did not have passes. But she was merely one person trying to do her job. Many of them don't try to do their job and I understand that they are intimidated. On busy days like last Saturday and Sunday it is ludicrous to have one person working the booth on such a busy beach. A Special Officer should be assigned there for the day, beginning at 0800 when the people begin arriving. The people who don't want to pay arrive at 0800.</p> <p>It is also not sensible to allow people who do not pay to get on the beach when there is a chance that the beach will reach "Capacity" and therefore some later arriving residents (who have already purchased their season pass) will not be allowed on the beach. It is actually a travesty.</p> <p>EVERYONE MUST PAY TO GET ON THE BEACH!</p> <p>SIGNAGE: A SIGN ON THE BOOTH: EVERYONE MUST HAVE A PASS TO GET ON THE BEACH. ANOTHER SIGN ON THE WAY OUT: YOU MUST SHOW A PASS TO RETURN TO THE BEACH.</p> <p>When you look at a crowded beach like Grand please remember that at least a third of the people did not pay at all to be on the beach. And the large groups and families of "out of towners" most likely did not pay. They either arrived before the beach officially opened or they "bum rushed" the poor kid who tried in vain to get them to pay.</p> <p>THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS!</p> <p>The people from out of town come here and form a group on the boardwalk and when all have arrived they then bum rush the gate attendant. I personally have stopped some of these large groups.</p> <p>In the past it merely made the beach more crowded. But now it could mean that a local resident might not gain access to the beach. That is a travesty. Not only does the city lose revenue but the taxpayer gets stiffed also.</p>	<p>Thank you for reaching out and expressing your concerns. Your suggestions will be taken under advisement. Please know that we continuously evaluate and re-evaluate decisions like beach and boardwalk closure times.</p>
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<p>Brendan Finn (continued)</p>	<p>2. Closing the beach at 8PM means that local residents who get home from work and might want to relax and watch the sunset cannot do that. Why are we punishing the locals for the sins of the out of town people?</p> <p>Throw people off the beach at 9PM as usual. But throw the trouble makers off the beach immediately. Don't wait till 9PM to do that.</p> <p>It is the same thing with the boardwalk. Close it down at 9PM but eject the troublemakers early.</p> <p>I am grateful that you recognize the problems, and they certainly are not confined to Long Beach. It is a big problem that Long Beach did not create but must address. We cannot let people from out of town think that they can come to our town and do whatever they want. This is not New York City and we pay high taxes so that it does not end up like New York City.</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts.</p>	
<p>Albert Albuquerque</p>	<p>Don't you think it's inappropriate to support the obacene Superblock on behalf of the city without giving the residents multiple in-person meetings to hear all the details and voice their concerns? Your laughable five-minute garbage period with CMA told us nothing other than that you urged them to say it was a "net positive." No thank you. Do not endorse the PILOT if you're looking out for our interests. And if you do, you will be voted out. No clawback lawsuit can save you from that.</p>	<p>The Nassau IDA has announced Public Hearings will take place, both in-person at the Allegria and via Zoom, on Wednesday August 19th.</p>
<p>Lisa Valencia</p>	<p>Basically ,I do not feel safe in Long Beach anymore. Back in April I wrote emails to the city council and the chamber of commerce but never received the courtesy of a response. I had also written to Donna Gayden and Todd Kaminsky. Those two did answer me. John McNally answered on behalf of the city managers office. I was told by John McNally that we only have 4 to 5 officers working at any given time and that this fulfilled the stipulations in their contract. I really don't understand that since there's so many more officers on the police force. Thank you,</p>	<p>There is a minimum requirement for 5 Police Officers on at one time. Shifts do overlap therefore we can have as many as 14 on depending on the day and time. Our Police Officers are also supplemented by our Auxiliary and Special Police Forces.</p>

Joclyn Tobia	<p>1. My first concern is related to the absence of lights on the boardwalk. When will they be installed as it's very dangerous at night?</p> <p>2. My second question is related to the bike lane. Many people disregard it, especially at night, but perhaps it would be helpful to paint a "bike lane only" sign in that lane? Might be helpful for the out of town-ers.</p> <p>Thank you, Jocelyn Tobia</p>	<p>1. Repairs of the boardwalk lights has commenced. The crew is working from West to East and are currently around Washington Blvd.</p> <p>2. The wood the boardwalk was constructed with, is very dense and neither paint nor stains (or even branding) takes. Our Beach Maintenance Department is currently working to come up with a solution to this long-standing issue.</p>
Roy Lester	<p>1. Why was the superbloc put on as part of a work session without any notice whatsoever to the public?</p> <p>2. Last week you voted to I assume settle a potential lawsuit without disclosing any information whatsoever. Please give us the legal authority that allows you to settle complaints without disclosure to the public of the nature of the complaint, the individual making the complaint, the amount of the settlement, the terms of the payment, or the cost to the city.</p>	<p>1. There are no formal agendas for public work sessions.</p> <p>2. Your comment is duly noted and corrective action will be forthcoming.</p>
BizzyLizzy	<p>I have been a long time resident of LB and of course LOVE it. However, i feel the boardwalk is littered with so much debris this summer. i see the cart picking up the canned garbages along the boardwalk every morning but the workers do NOT pick up the debris that is on the boardwalk (under the benches, on the walk and bike lanes etc) isnt that part of their responsibility as well please lets get this straightened out</p> <p>thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your concern. It has been forwarded along to our Beach Maintenance Department.</p>
Lauren Moriarty	<p>Hello,</p> <p>What support will be available to our community and local police department to ensure that people leave the beach and the boardwalk at their new designated closing times? What will the consequence be for people who have not/will not leave once we hit the beach and boardwalk closing times? Will the support for the PD (if we will have any) be stationed here proactively or will we have to call Nassau County PD and/or state troopers?</p>	<p>To date, we've had very few issues enforcing the new hours of the beach and boardwalk. Summonses of up to \$500 can be issued.</p>
Andrea LoGuidice	<p>I am a resident of Island Park and was told that because our kids attend Long Beach high school we are able to get "resident" beach passes. Any chance this can be discussed at the meeting?</p>	<p>Sorry, but this is not true.</p>
Scott Knobler	<p>Something needs to be done about this. Here is a picture from today July 21. Zero attendants wearing a mask</p>	<p>We have spoken to our Beach Park Supervisor to reiterate that attendants are required to wear masks. Thank you for reaching out.</p>

