



Date: August 28, 2015

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*

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

As you know, the Long Beach Budget Priority Survey and Long Beach Budget Challenge were launched four weeks ago to obtain feedback from residents regarding their budget priorities. While we intend to make these survey tools available up to the time of actual budget adoption, we wanted to provide you with a summary of the responses received thus far to allow you to take them into consideration before the FY 16 Budget is adopted.

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

LONG BEACH BUDGET PRIORITY SURVEY

Participants were asked to rate 35 different City services as being “very important,” “somewhat important,” “not very important,” or “not at all important.” This survey was available online and through a hard copy handout (in English, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog), which were distributed at budget community meetings. As of August 27th, 438 survey responses had been received.

The following are demographic descriptors of the respondents:

Council District

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Don't Know	Non-Resident
12	36	103	50	55	14	27	26	14	48	8
3%	9%	26%	13%	14%	4%	7%	7%	4%	12%	2%

Age

0-18	19-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
2	22	68	67	92	100	68
1%	5%	16%	16%	22%	24%	16%

Household Size

1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
70	183	79	55	26	6	2
17%	44%	19%	13%	6%	1%	1%

Results

The following is the summary of survey responses, reflecting the relative percentages of responses for each service. A weighted ranking of each service has also been included to provide a means for comparison. A “very important” response received 4 points, a “somewhat important” response received 3 points, a “not very important” response received 2 points, and a “not at all important” response received 1 point. The services have been reordered from how they appeared on the survey form to reflect the weighted average.

Service	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important	Weighted Average
Maintaining a low crime rate	80%	17%	1%	0%	3.79
Maintaining and repairing streets (fixing potholes, etc.)	66%	29%	3%	1%	3.62
Maintaining and repairing public buildings (community and senior centers, fire stations, libraries, etc.)	67%	26%	5%	1%	3.62
Providing fire protection services	68%	25%	6%	0%	3.62
Providing emergency medical services	67%	24%	7%	2%	3.57
Maintaining parks	55%	41%	4%	0%	3.51
Providing neighborhood police patrols	56%	34%	7%	1%	3.47
Keeping the City attractive and eliminating blight	53%	40%	5%	1%	3.47
Planning for the future of the city	54%	38%	6%	1%	3.47
Preparing the community for emergencies or disasters	56%	35%	7%	2%	3.45
Maintaining and repairing sidewalks	51%	40%	8%	1%	3.42
Reducing ocean pollution by improving storm drains	54%	34%	9%	2%	3.42
Maintaining a police presence in neighborhoods	52%	38%	7%	2%	3.41
Providing prompt graffiti removal services	51%	38%	9%	1%	3.40
Providing well-lit city streets	49%	39%	9%	1%	3.38
Providing free or low-cost recreation programs for youth	50%	37%	10%	2%	3.37
Providing nuisance abatement programs (loitering, illegal drug activity, excessive noise, etc.)	50%	36%	10%	2%	3.36
Providing specialized Police units (property crimes, directed enforcement, etc.)	50%	34%	12%	2%	3.34
Providing community park programs for youth & teens	42%	42%	12%	2%	3.25
Providing code enforcement services (citing blighted buildings, etc.)	39%	46%	10%	2%	3.25

Service	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important	Weighted Average
Providing access to libraries (hours of operation)	41%	42%	11%	4%	3.22
Providing new Library books, ebooks, media and access to technology	36%	45%	14%	5%	3.12
Enforcing traffic laws	37%	37%	19%	5%	3.09
Providing services for the homeless	37%	38%	17%	6%	3.08
Providing business assistance and supporting economic development	32%	44%	17%	4%	3.08
Providing environmental sustainability programs	35%	38%	18%	6%	3.04
Trimming trees on residential streets	26%	53%	18%	2%	3.04
Providing animal care/animal control services	31%	44%	20%	4%	3.03
Providing arts and cultural programs	31%	42%	20%	7%	2.98
Providing library programs and services (reading, homework help, etc.)	31%	40%	20%	7%	2.97
Providing programs for seniors	24%	48%	21%	4%	2.96
Creating new parks and open space	24%	38%	29%	6%	2.83
Providing special events and programs for families	22%	41%	27%	7%	2.80
Prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed in the City	25%	36%	26%	10%	2.80
Providing translating services (Language Access)	14%	31%	31%	18%	2.44

The survey also allowed participants to provide comments regarding any of the survey items, or things the survey did not cover. A summary of these comments is attached.

LONG BEACH BUDGET CHALLENGE

Participants were given the opportunity to change the current appropriation of General Fund resources through the selection of various theoretical budget scenarios. For each department, or group of departments, participants could keep services as they are (status quo) or choose to enhance or reduce services by two or five percent of the department's budget. Participants were also given the choice of increasing revenues if they want enhanced services in one or more departments, but do not want to reduce services in other departments.

As of August 27th, 151 responses had been received. However, only 60 percent (90) of the participants actually completed the Budget Challenge. [Responses with missing selections in no more than 3 of the 14 sections were deemed "complete." The missing selections are reflected as "status quo" selections in the results.]

The following are demographic descriptors of participants with complete responses:

Council District

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified
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5%	12%	31%	2%	5%	4%	6%	2%	10%	17%

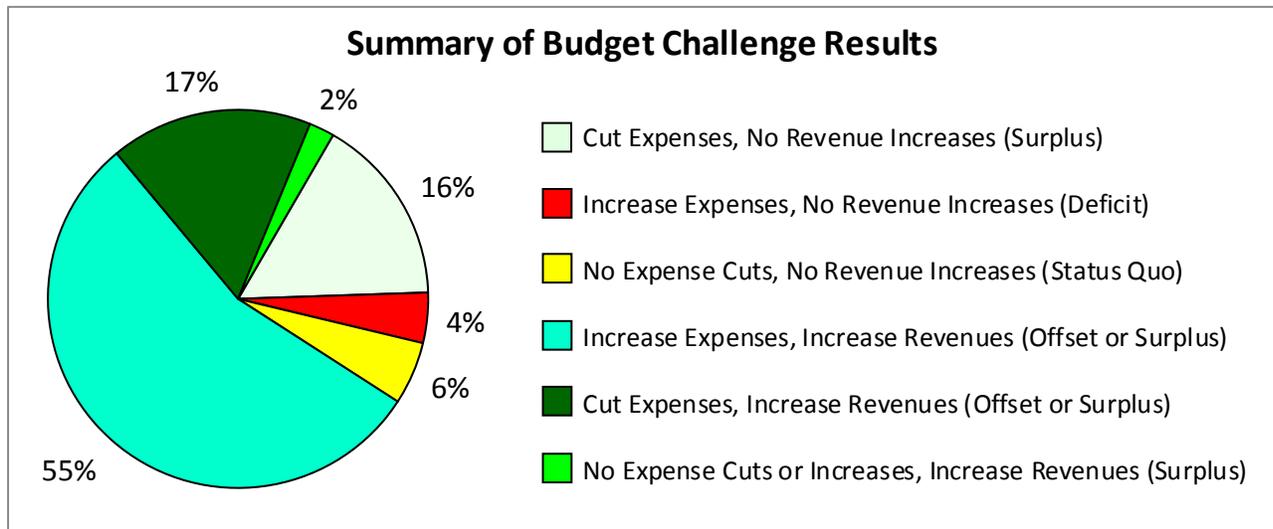
Age

0-18	19-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Not Specified
1	11	21	17	29	14
1%	12%	23%	18%	31%	15%

Several other demographic questions were asked, but the response rates were insufficient to warrant summarization.

Results

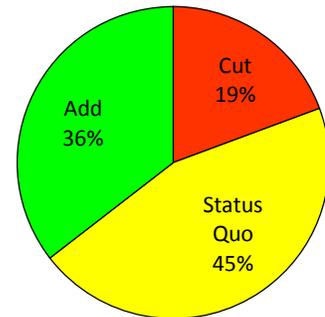
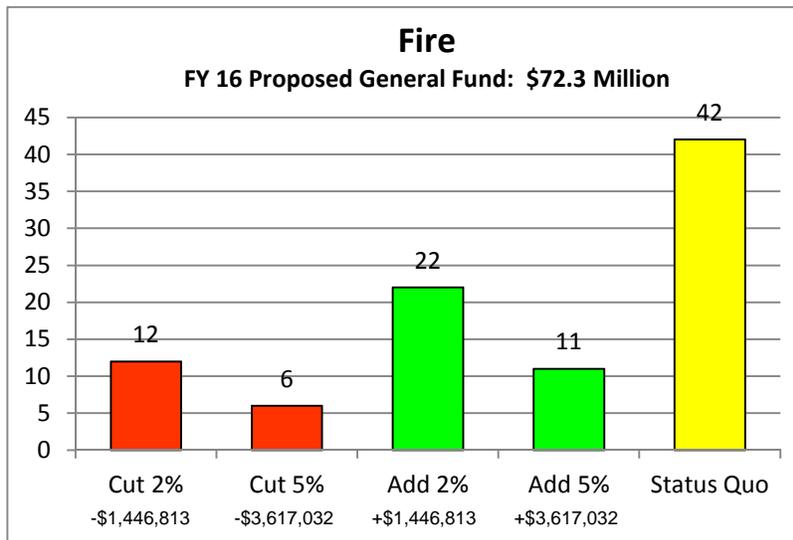
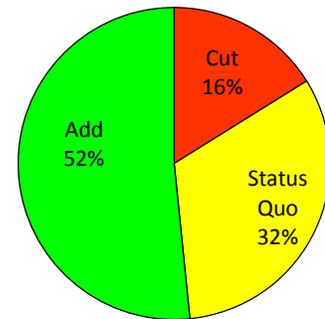
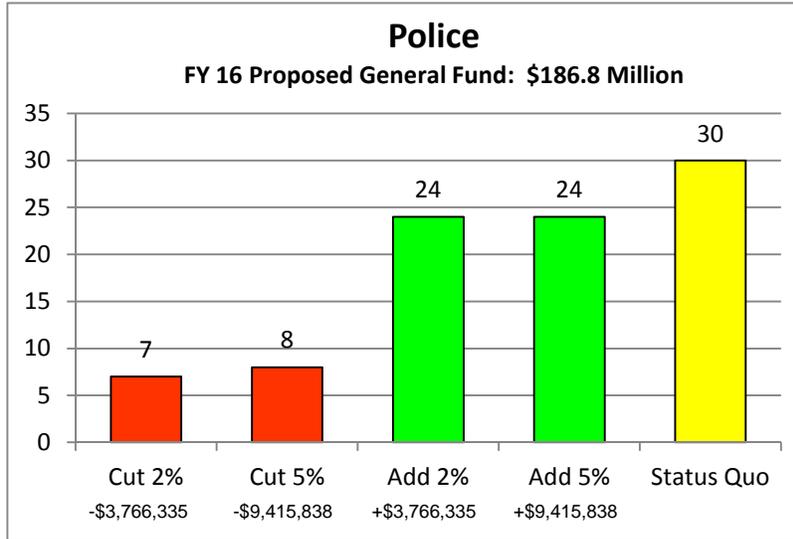
The chart below reflects the overall results of those completing the Budget Challenge.

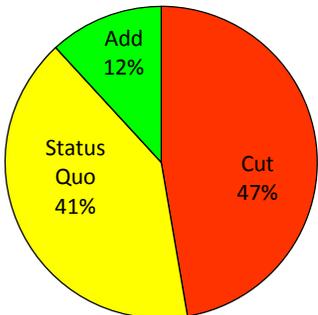
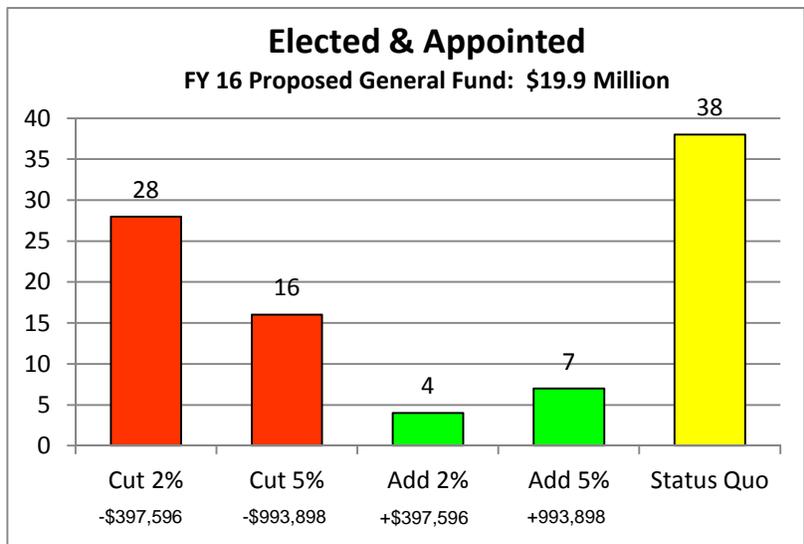
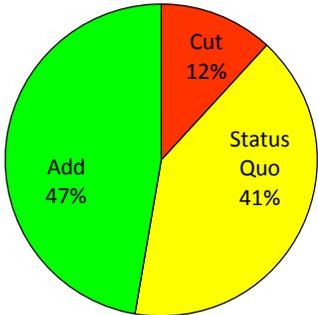
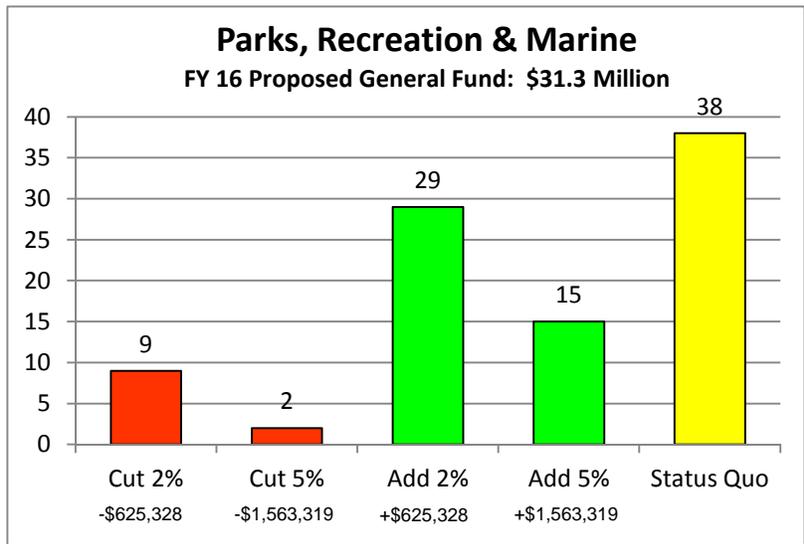
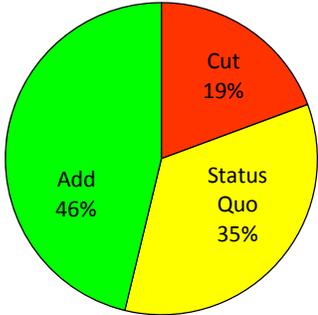
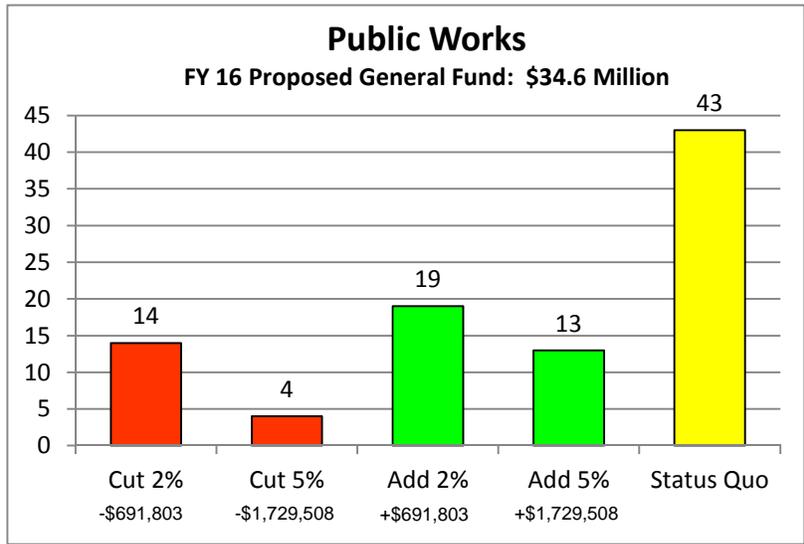


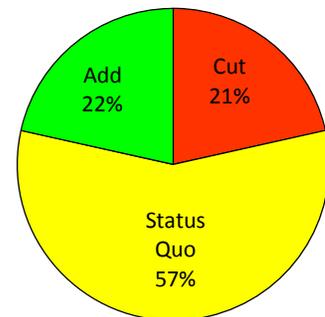
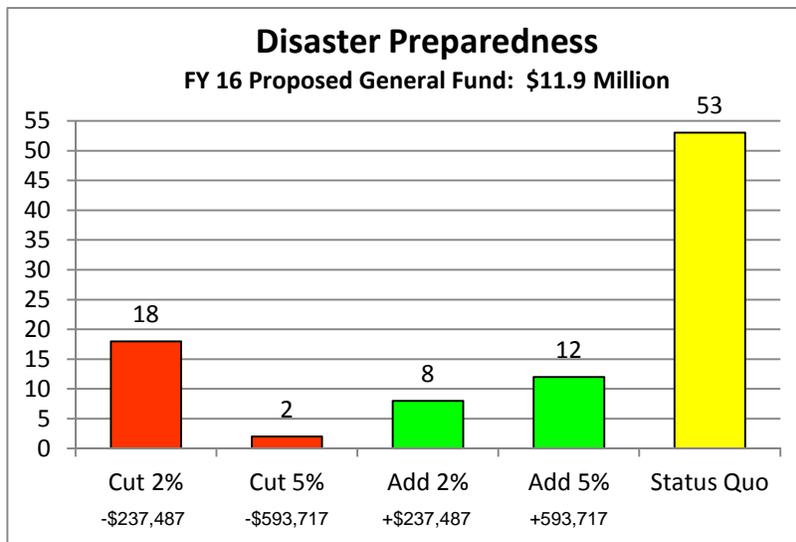
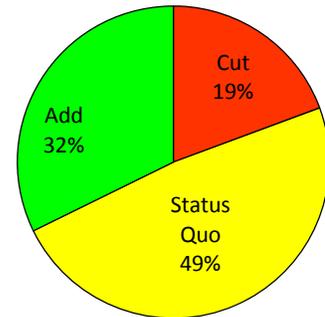
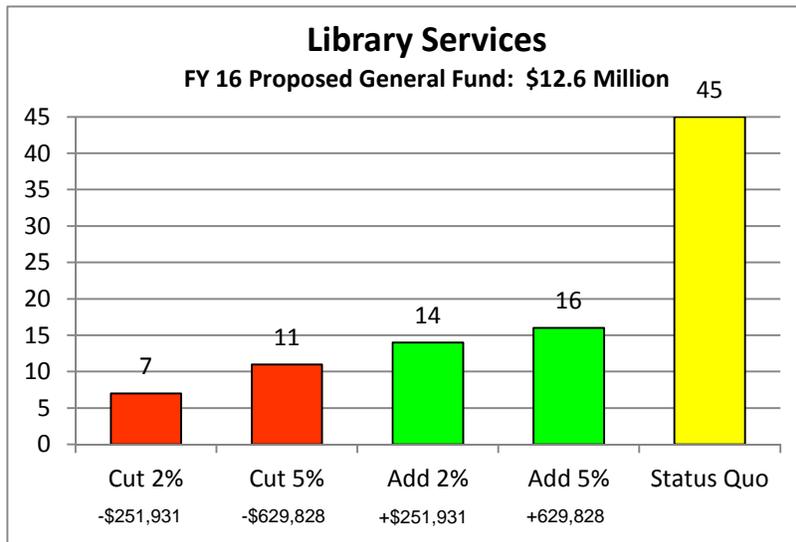
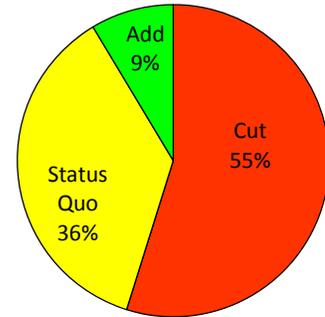
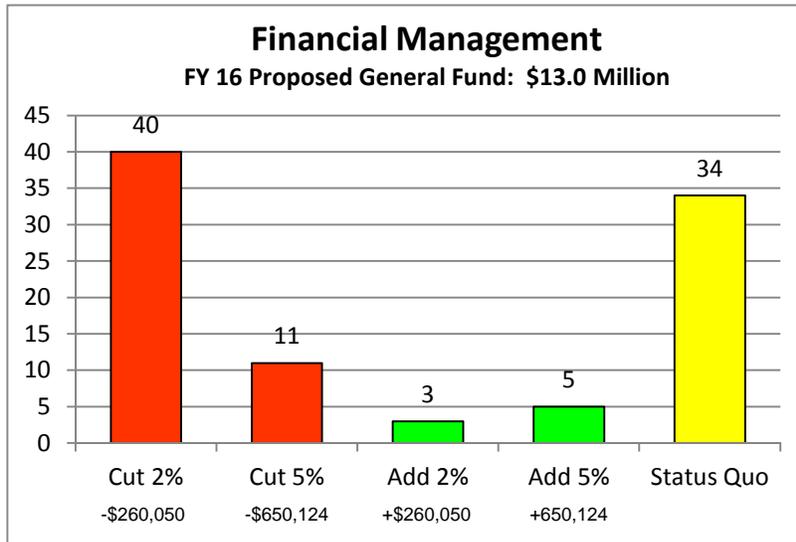
As reflected in the chart above, 55 percent of participants increased both expenses and revenues, with the revenues being sufficient to offset the expenses and/or produce a surplus. Seventeen (17) percent cut expenses, but also increased revenues, thereby producing a surplus. Sixteen (16) percent just cut expenses to create a surplus. Four (4) percent increased expenses, but did not increase revenues, creating a deficit. Two (2) percent left expenses as they are, but increased revenues, creating a surplus. Lastly, 6 percent of the participants opted for the status quo. In summary, 74 percent of respondents increased revenues to support increased expenditures and/or to create a surplus.

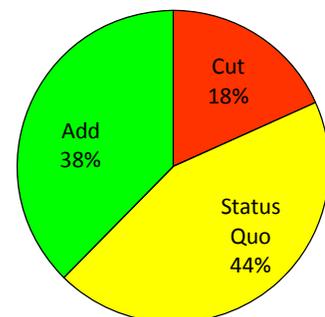
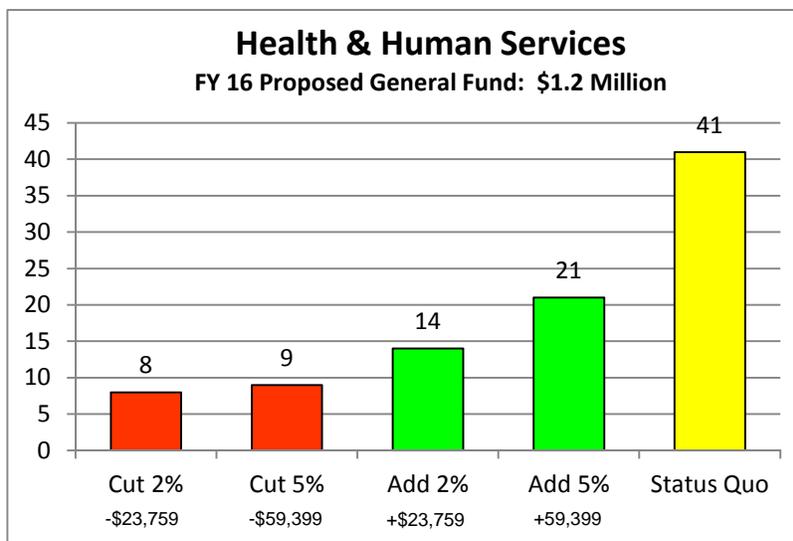
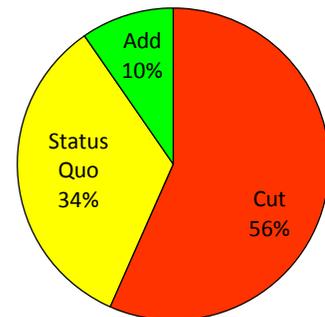
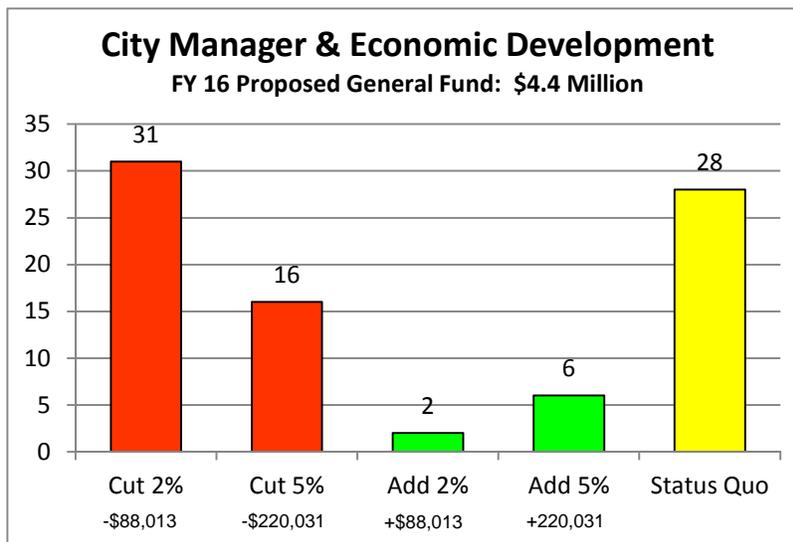
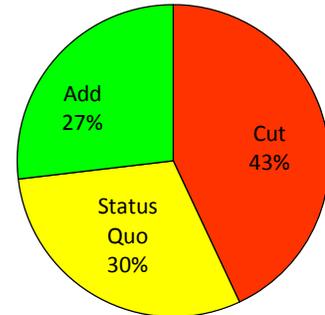
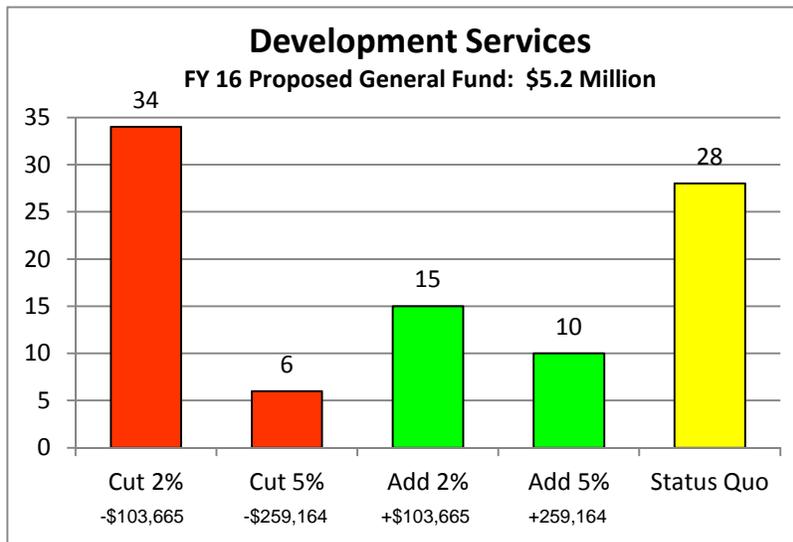
Spending

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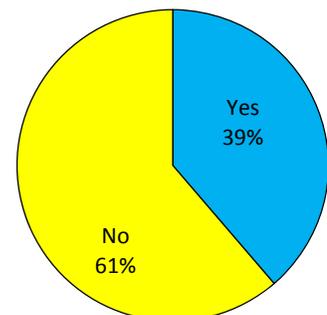
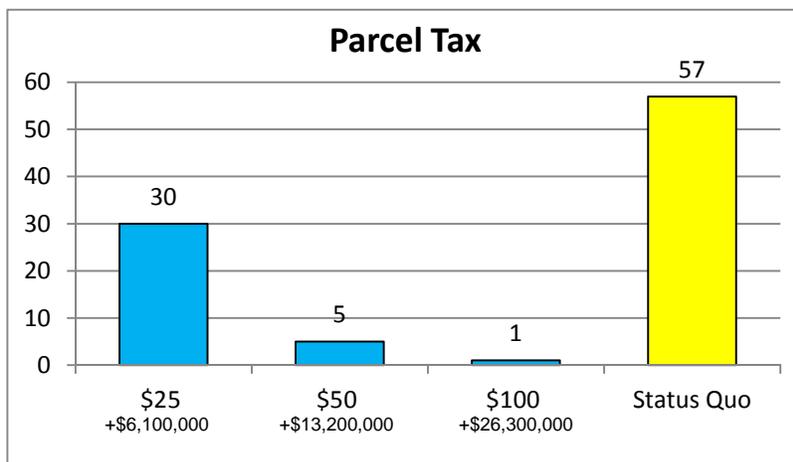
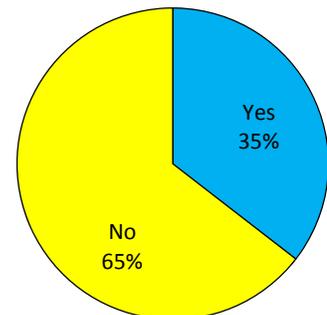
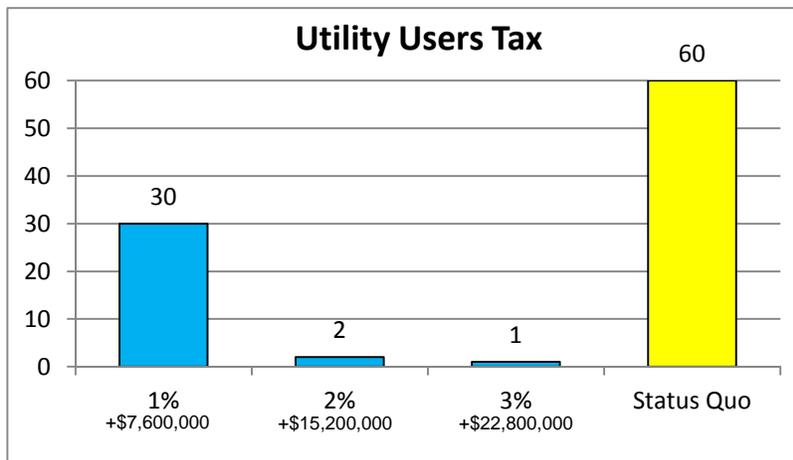
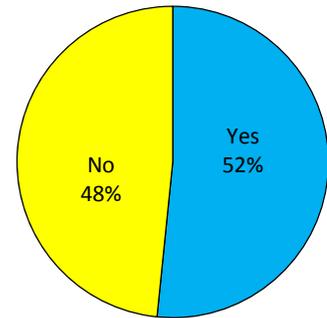
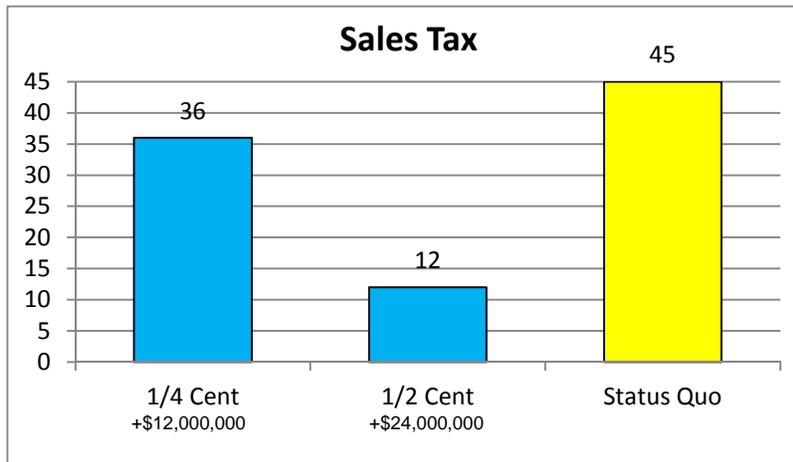






Revenue

The charts below identify the frequencies of responses to each of the available options for revenue.



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Comments

The Budget Challenge also allows respondents to submit comments through an internal mechanism and through an email address. A summary of these comments is attached.

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Attachments

Long Beach Budget Priority Survey Comments

1.	Continuing to make Long Beach attractive to retailers that want to locate here is very important. The new pike outlets is a very good thing for Long Beach, but attention also needs to be placed on City place and the many empty stores fronts throughout the City. And the City needs to be a lot more actively involved in the battle against homelessness. We have taken strides, but we have to do much more.
2.	Youth services especially in the summer translation is key to engage community members.
3.	It seems that Long Beach residents want the very best services, but don't want to pay for anything. Sure, more police officers would be great, but not at the cost to other city services. I'd support a modest tax increase, but only if I could be assured that funds wouldn't be split nine ways.
4.	I was told streets get repaved every 7 years. It has been over 14 years since Roswell has been repaved.
5.	<p>Comments on Mayor's recommendations:</p> <p>\$2.2 mil for violent crimes - OK</p> <p>150k police training - OK</p> <p>100k crime analyst - OK</p> <p>200k small business incentive - ?</p> <p>Open counter/improve parking - OK</p> <p>150k for LB Museum of Art - NO, Cut Back</p> <p>50k downtown Innovation Hub - NO, not necessary</p> <p>Early childhood education coordinator - Maybe</p> <p>Pilot Sunday hours 3 libraries - Not Needed</p> <p>950k street sweeping rerouting - ?</p> <p>50k matching funds Arts Council - NO, Cut Back</p>
6.	No new taxes - we are taxed to death. Cut the salaries and bonuses of workers. Free parking to library & City Hall. Long Beach is hurting! Oil price is way down. Cut all the extra taxes added to property tax. Stop building - Long Beach is built out and Calif is in H2O drought. Currently ~ 1400 new units !! Who is kidding who?? Keep Long Beach Municipal Band. Stick with Master Plan we drew up. No skate parks. No more dog parks. Speak English.
7.	Coyotes, Squirrels, ALL Rodents Fruit Rats
8.	This is B.S.

9.	Support the Muni Band
10.	We have too many City employees in the \$100k yearly salary club.
11.	One time an unstable homeless guy showed up at our school (Stanford) so I think we should try to get homeless people off the streets.
12.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
13.	Police and Fire Departments should be contracted out to LA County. Build the Belmont pool over by the Queen Mary. Don't have slush funds for each Council District - decisions on City needs/expenditures should not be made by term-limited Councilmembers who cater to donors, they should be made by professional staff that can make good long term investments.
14.	Weekend prompt graffiti removal especially in w division beat 6
15.	Issues of litter abatement, dumped item abatement, and a higher rate of citing trash-related code violations are of high importance and was not covered here. Also, more tenant protections such as a rent-escrow program. It's absurd that a City with such a high percentage of renters doesn't have this vital protection for its residents. (though I feel like the State should be running it, not individual Cities).
16.	Please increase security of your citizens by adding body cameras like Los Angeles has done.
17.	Provide a fiscally sound budget. Encourage business development.
18.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
19.	End all onshore & offshore fracking in Long Beach. Decommission & remove the Alamitos AES facility. Increase, enhance, & protect the Los Cerritos Wetlands.
20.	While we need to maintain our trees (very important) they are currently being butchered by the company in charge. It is detrimental to them! Often, trimming is done at the wrong time of the year, as well.
21.	The Camelot Center on Long Beach Blvd. and Pleasant Blvd. needs more Police surveillance. A lot of crimes happen there like homeless asking for money and scaring people. drugs sold to minors and using on center
22.	need more police, need more open space, thank you for your efforts and hard work!

23.	Thank you all for all you do! Thank you so much
24.	We need picnic tables in Scherer Park on the grass between the basketball court and dog park. More no fishing signs . FINE THE RAILROAD FOR NOT MAINTAINING PROPERTY ON ELM & PEACE ST.
25.	You needed a "neutral" check-off between "somewhat" and "not very" important. Any surplus must be saved to address deficits in next years!!
26.	Increasing police presence & focusing on the "Broken Windows" policy will help keep the City safe & instill community support. Providing activities for youth will help as well.
27.	You know we are going to be short \$7.5 next year. You have \$11.7 million one times so you decide to spend \$11.7 this year rather than save \$7.5 for next year.
28.	What about having a category for air pollution mitigation measures? Air pollution is a huge health issue in Long beach. Also I would support raising taxes, particularly property taxes. Thanks!
29.	We recognize these needs and we also recognize it will take some time.
30.	Need Parks dept to look into Vets Park facilities upgrade and repairs.
31.	Please fund the new roof for the historic Rancho.
32.	We could handle all the issues in the City and everything on this survey could become a top priority if Council had the guts to shift Fire and PD to the County. No divide by 9! Let the professional staff who have a long term interest in what is best for the City make decisions on where funds should go rather than leaving those decisions to term-limited politicians who have an interest in providing special-interest projects to groups that may donate to their future political campaigns.
33.	Traffic light @ Wardlow + Pacific by Blue Line
34.	There are too many permit fees for Businesses in Long Beach. Incentives are better.
35.	I feel very lucky to live in such a progressive city that is fiscally responsible. Thank you. I like Doug Haubert's ideas concerning crime control/prevention and support spending more budget to support those programs.
36.	1.) This would make a great handout/lesson for LBUSD government class as well as the budget challenge online. 2.) Would like to see parks use less water.
37.	Blight, graffiti, suspected drug sales, petty theft and code violations (weeds, trash, buildings in disrepair) are on the ride in neighborhoods in the second district. Neighborhood associations are working together to try to bring attention to the issue to no avail. Often blight is a symptom of larger societal issues and criminal activity, yet it seems that there is a lack of information sharing between code enforcement, graffiti removal and the police. Further, police are rarely seen patrolling the neighborhoods - instead they stick to major streets and arterials. I recommend that the GOLB app/database be leveraged so that crime analysts can determine if there are links between code violations and crime. Additionally, police should make residential streets AND alleys part of their patrol routes. They might also think of getting out of their cars and connecting with people in their neighborhoods. Put that \$2.2M in OT to good use or redirect it to public works to clean-up the trash and blight.

38.	Many of the things that I checked outside of the "very important" column are being provided by local non-profits and are important to me. But, by partnering more closely & applying together with these orgs other funds could be used that are not city funds.
39.	Cut pensions stop paying overtime, stop paying consultants, reduce Street cleaning to twice a month. Stop the civic center boondoggle. Encourage private enterprise.
40.	Composting. I would like to see us move into a composting in the future like San Francisco.
41.	Let's build a great city!!! More tech events and networking!
42.	By providing positive programs, the negative area expenses will naturally decline, so put the money into positive, use and welcome private NPOs into the area to support and take the burden off the city where possible.
43.	All above are very important - however answers given on priority relate to "what more focus should be prioritized above what services are already being provided"
44.	Please remove the break -water wall. It would make our beach amazing and LBC a true destination city.
45.	Parking help for downtown residents!!!!
46.	Health clinics.
47.	Traffic signal at Warlow and Pacific-funds (private) already available
48.	Blight is extremely important. Homes, businesses should be held accountable! All of LB should be beautiful, not just Belmont Shore or downtown! The Mayor shouldn't show favoritism!
49.	We need a united effort in 6th & 7th district in Wrigley, to build business corridors through a PBID. The community is very supportive and needs help from the city.
50.	for creating new parks and open space - west and central for providing business assistance and supporting economic development - small, local business and entrepreneurial
51.	Please complete the final stage of seismic retrofitting of the ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos.
52.	Thank you for having the survey. All programs and items mentioned are important for a growing, beautifying Long Beach. I absolutely encourage LB to focus on services and programs that help develop skills, social support and connections, jobs/employment, police and fire staffing, restorations of historically important properties ex. Rancho Los Alamitos, and overall sense of safety, community, appreciation of diversity and the arts, and peaceful enjoyment of public spaces.

53.	Many of us in the neighborhood are disappointed that the Long Beach Municipal Band is playing less concerts. There is a large portion of the community that would like to cut 1 or 2 of the existing LBMB concerts and use those savings to add additional concerts to the schedule with tribute bands. We feel this a more efficient use of our more and will make us a more attractive community to potential people looking to move here. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MORE EFFICIENT USE OF OUR FUNDING FOR EL DORADO PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
54.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
55.	I'm proud of the progress our mayor is making in improving Long Beach in every way.
56.	We are excited about the efforts to rejuvenate the LA River and bring more Green space to the West side of the city.
57.	I would like to encourage the city's approval of funding to retro fit the adobe structure at Rancho Los Alamitos to insure safe access to this important Long Beach landmark and preserve the heritage the site embodies.
58.	The libraries are understaffed and should be open more hours, with more professional staff. We need better animal control services, currently it is a crapshoot when you call animal services if someone will be available to help you.
59.	Does the city need its own Public Health Lab if Los Angeles County already has one? Is that duplication of services?
60.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
61.	Very important: Final seismic retrofit of the historic adobe at Rancho Los Alamitos
62.	The Rancho is an extremely important part of the history of Long Beach that is visited by people of all ages. It is the history of Long Beach. It is maintained by a nonprofit organization that has raised millions from private citizens to make it a beautiful experience. It is the responsibility of the city for the maintenance of the house. This includes providing for a new roof. If this does not happen it will become a severe safety issue for all visiting this beautiful home. If not done the city will simply waste all the money that the private individuals have invested,
63.	Something needs to be done regarding parking and police enforcement after the bars close on 2nd Street.
64.	Language Access is an important part of every city service; we must make sure it continues to be included.

65.	<p>Those of us who are able to travel, visit sites and museums around the world probably are not too interested in local activities.</p> <p>Childrens programs are wonderful as are concerts in the park.</p>
66.	<p>Seismic upgrades were mandated by the city on private property to be completed decades ago. Why are you dragging your feet on doing the needed seismic upgrades to the Rancho Los Alamitos. Are you waiting for someone to sue the city when someone is hurt?</p>
67.	<p>I started a Wrigley Community Watch group here but we get no help. We should have an meeting with all the Community Watch Leaders and Groups held every 3 months at the Veterans Park and also funding for us so we can put on Community Watch Events for the neighborhood. Thank you Josie</p>
68.	<p>Please support the vital repairs that Rancho Los Alamitos needs in regards to the seismic retrofit of the old rancho. Many people come to the ranch to learn of the history of the area and something as old as the rancho are few and hard to come by in California. To provide the necessary repairs is a must so that the city can continue to have hundreds of school children and the general public see the house and gardens as it was so many years ago. Rancho Los Alamitos is truly a gem!</p>
69.	<p>Funding for Phase III of the Rancho Los Alamitos funding needs to be a priority. Keeping buildings maintained (for safety now AND for future generations) and upgraded is important. Following through on progress already started is imperative. I support this final stage of the retrofitting of the Ranch House. Make sure the money for this project is included and specified in the upcoming budget.</p>
70.	<p>Rancho Los Alamitos Seismic Phase III project - please complete funding for the Rancho Los Alamitos upgrades. This is such a gem!! Thank you!</p>
71.	<p>We do not need to always prioritize the majority of general funds to law enforcement. The great people of Long Beach are fine without the threat of big brother. What we need are quality affordable housing, good jobs, jobs training, and good public transit access to jobs, housing and daily amenities. Take funds out of the militarization of policing and in the name of "community policing" and actually provide for a more livable city.</p>
72.	<p>We need to keep Rancho Los Alamitos in a good and safe condition for all the people of Long Beach. This is a city treasure especially for the children who come to learn the history of all the people who have lived here. I sincerely hope the city will step in and help with the work that needs to be done on the old rancho house.</p>
73.	<p>Pleaser get rid of the homeless people on the side of LA river.</p>
74.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
75.	<p>I would like to see the Rancho Los Alamitos seismic reinforcement program carried thru to completion.</p>

76.	Focus on life and property protection, in that order.
77.	Top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe house at Rancho Los Alamitos. I urge support of that stage.
78.	I urge support and execution of the last stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos. Public safety is a priority, especially since we bring so many children to the Rancho to learn our history.
79.	I believe it is the City's responsibility to provide for the quality of life for its residents.
80.	Rancho Los Alamitos is a city owned historical and cultural treasure, which needs to be brought up to current seismic standards. This jewel is open to all Long Beach residents and needs to be a safe place to learn and enjoy our heritage. The city of Long Beach needs to step up and pay for needed safety upgrades to the original structure.
81.	The mayor's recommendation of adding Sunday hours in three branches helps restore a very important service to the community - I hope all council members will support it.
82.	Being a fourth grade teacher who teaches California history every year, I feel it is important to maintain the ranchos. Every year I take my student on a field trip to both the missions and ranchos. It is important to preserve our history so future generations can learn from it and enjoy.
83.	I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of Los Alamitos Ranch, so it can last many more years.
84.	Please continue to support the upgrade and maintenance of both our historic "Rancho's"
85.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
86.	Please support rancho los Alamitos with all of the upgrades it needs, including a rood.
87.	Please allocate funds to the Rancho Los Alamitos structure. It is a treasure for our city, and keeping it well maintained and safe from earthquakes should be a priority.
88.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
89.	It is very important for the city to maintain the few historic structures we gave, such as Rancho Los Alamitos. Seismic retrofitting should be a high priority item.

90.	I strongly urge the City and City Council to fund Phase 3 of the seismic strengthening of the Rancho Los Alamitos ranch house. Phase 3 will repair and replace the roof to ensure the public is safe when touring the house. The Rancho is a City resource that is used extensively by Long Beach residents. Since the plans have been approved by City staff, work can commence in spring 2016. Please vote to authorize this very worthy project.
91.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
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93.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
94.	Long beach is fixing the wrong issues
95.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
96.	Please continue the work you have started on the roof of the Rancho. It is part of our heritage in Long Beach, a gift to the city accepted years ago with a promise to do upkeep as needed.
97.	Maintaining and upgrading treasures such as Ranch Los Alamitos must remain of high importance in city budget planning. Too many historic places have been allowed to deteriorate and disappear.
98.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
99.	Please provide the funds necessary to support and maintain one of Long Beach's most beautiful treasures, Rancho Los Alamitos!

100.	Obviously there are endless possible priorities to consider in allocating public monies. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say that virtually everyone with any history, and future for that matter, in Long Beach appreciates and takes pride in our cultural treasures and believe they must be preserved. It is essential that buildings of historical importance be kept in safe condition, especially those that provide educational, cultural, and historic programs on site for public access. I urge you to fund the final completion of seismic retrofitting on the ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos. I have always loved the Rancho, where my mother and I visited in the fifties. Thanks to all that has been accomplished there in recent years, it is truly a crown gem for the people of Long Beach. I understand that plans and specifications have been reviewed by the city engineering department. In light of the constant danger we all face from earthquakes, please see that this vital work be completed before it is too late. Please allocate the funds and get the job done. I thank you in advance for your proactive consideration. Carolyn E. Summers, Ph.D.
101.	Parents in underserved areas of Long Beach want clean and safe parks for their children to play in. Many parents do not speak English as their first language and feel that they have no voice in their community and therefore do not speak out about these issues.
102.	I grew up in Long Beach, near Cal State LB. I now live in neighboring Lakewood but still work in Long Beach. I am urging support and the implementing the funding for the phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historical Rancho house at Rancho Los Alamitos. I feel this is a priority and necessary to keep this valuable historic building safe and accessible to the public now and for future generations. I love Long Beach and care about the city and its future. Thank you.
103.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
104.	Seismic retrofitting is extremely important especially for historic buildings.
105.	The Bixby ranch is a wonderful historical site that needs to be maintained. The city needs to provide funds to maintain and restore the buildings to a safe state so people can continue to enjoy and learn about our past. Please budget the money to enable the next phase of repair.
106.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
107.	It seems everything is really important for a great city....which we are and want to continue being!

108.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofiting of the ranch house.
109.	It's time for the City to step up and complete the seismic reinforcement of the City-owned historic heritage property, Rancho Los Alamitos. Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofiting of the ranch house.
110.	Please help maintain Rancho
111.	Please provide funding to fix Los Alamitos Adobe. It's a treasure for our city and important that we can visit it and remember California's history.
112.	Fix up Rancho los Alamitos, please
113.	<p>Please work on improving the storm drain system. The beaches are terribly pollutes, especially after some rain. Despite many efforts from local organizations and citizens to clean up the beaches, it does not seem to make a dent. Only a solution to storm drain system along with change in consumption can induce a change to this growing problem. Thank you.</p> <p>I believe that with good social services, including public parks, recreation programs, attractive public meeting spaces, homeless shelters and services, meaning full youth/teen programs/playgrounds not only for the very young but for the young at heart, public art, community events etc., the need for police patrolling will decrease.</p> <p>Rancho Los Alamitos is one of these special places that allows for recharging. Please allocate some funding to keep the Rancho safe and available to the public. Even more public events would be welcome.</p>
114.	Rancho Los Alamitos should receive the necessary funding to secure it as a significant cultural resource
115.	I would like to urge the City to fund the rancho's seismic phase III project. We have very few historical sites left in our city, it's important to maintain them for future generations.

116.	<p>Both my husband and I have been lifetime residents of Long Beach; our families arrived here in 1919 and 1922. Safety and educational services within a community are crucially important for the welfare of ALL of its residents, and must be top priorities in every city budget. It is also valuable that our city is economically and technically progressive, but is more essential that the history of this great city is protected and preserved for future generations. The Los Alamitos Rancho and Los Cerritos Rancho are best-kept secrets within our community - yet they give perspective regarding the heritage and influence of this city since the land grant from Spain was given, and how their economic development flourished into a major city within California. These Ranchos offer educational instruction to Long Beach students annually that is invaluable to their understanding of the economic, social, cultural and political development of Long Beach, and surrounding communities. We have already lost significant structures of historical value, we must guarantee that this does not occur to the initial sites that birthed this great city. The plans for retrofitting and stabilizing the adobe homestead at the Rancho at Los Alamitos have been reviewed and approved already by the engineers of the City Building Department. We strongly urge that the funding for this project be included and secured for posterity by the City Budget for the coming year 2016. Please do not fail the citizens of Long Beach by excluding or minimalizing the home sites which first fostered the development of Long Beach. We strongly advise that the funding for the Los Alamitos Rancho be approved. Marilyn Moll</p>
117.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
118.	<p>I do not wish to see any city dollars spent in coyote extermination or trap/kill. Currently there is a big push from some in district 5 for this. District 5 has not even begun to implement an education program. No body, including me, is happy that pets have been losing their lives, but residents can learn from this to make changes before resorting to calls to exterminate</p> <p>I would like Councilwoman Mungo to push education and humane solutions. At recent meetings I attended I felt that she pandered to those who want the quick, lethal fix. Ironically those who want to exterminate feel that Mungo is being weak.</p> <p>I favor residents making changes and adapting, but have been told to my face by those who want extermination that coexisting or making the changes to reduce coyote encounters is not something they should have to do. They are favoring lethal solutions and want to take matters in their own hands. That level of arrogance and selfishness is not good for any community. It puts anything that is deemed an "inconvenience" in danger.</p> <p>Please begin a city wide education and PSA program to teach residents of Long Beach how to cope with and manage coyotes. Other cities have coexisted with coyotes We can too.</p> <p>Long Beach must not turn into another Seal Beach.</p>

119.	<p>Please fully fund Rancho Los Alamitos, including the final phase of seismic retrofitting! The Rancho has been frugal, seeks out grant funding, and uses its money well. The City has a legal obligation to maintain this property (and should STOP paying the Bixby Hill Association for "street maintenance" of its private street, and anything else it has been paying to that HOA.)</p> <p>Libraries should be fully funded to perform their core functions.</p> <p>Do not waste money on the proposed Civic Center project. It is going to make money for developers at the expense of the Main Library. Do the retrofitting needed for City Hall and the Library, and maintain the present locations.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>
120.	<p>As a huge part of Long Beach history, Rancho Los Alamitos is in need of a new roof. I would hope the city will strongly consider the funding for this important task.</p>
121.	<p>Survey didn't allow me to answer council district, age or number in households. Please support Rancho Los Alamitos and the request for funds to complete seismic project</p>
122.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos (a city owned property) must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff. This project is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I strongly urge support and completion of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
123.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
124.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe should be top priority. Funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos is in this category. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff. This project is ready to be implemented if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of this important and significant part of Long Beach history. Thank you.</p>
125.	<p>Funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos should be seen as a significant priority.</p>
126.	<p>Rancho Los Alamitos needs to be maintained and necessary repairs should be funded to keep this historical treasure open.</p>
127.	<p>Please fund and start constructing the soccer fields for AYSO!!!!</p>

128.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
129.	Many of these items are important, but the city may not be the best administrator of them. I am concerned that we contract out many services, but don't manage the contractors/consultants very well. I would like us to put money toward advance planning, connectivity, and leadership training.
130.	Maintaining the safety of buildings and historic sites is of top priority. Re. animal control, I am an animal lover and would just as soon they were all left on the streets to fend for themselves ((survival of the fittest) except in the case of an animal that is a danger to the public.
131.	Please maintain Rancho funding.
132.	Please fund the Los Alamitos Rancho's third phase of their roofing project to ensure structural stability and
133.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
134.	Seismic refit for the Rancho Los Alamitos is extremely important to protecting this historic treasure from damage. Re-pave Studebaker Road especially between 7th Street and 2nd Street.
135.	Leeway needs some new boats badly. It is such a well-loved place and the boats should represent it. Kids shouldn't have to sail in pieces of junk to learn how to sail.
136.	Please assign money to repair the roof of the historic Rancho Los Alamitos. This is an historic treasure and since all of the preparatory work is done we beg of you to set aside funds to see this project through. Thank you!
137.	Thank you for the budget support for libraries and the new Sunday hours at 3 branches. Suzie Price did a great job. If you open it they will come! And they did. Thank you Mayor Garcia. Most all of the items on this list are important, but key to a successful city is security, business development, jobs, literacy, sense of shared community, basically a feeling that 'My city cares for me, so I in turn want to care for my city'.
138.	Please make funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos a priority.

139.	<p>Rancho Los Alamitos is a valuable part of Long Beach. It is part of our history and part of our current day life. The city has an obligation to maintain the buildings and grounds so they are safe and inviting to the public. The Rancho has become much more attractive and user-friendly in recent years due to renovations. It doesn't make sense to not continue with renovations, especially those that involve public and staff safety. Please make sure that it gets the funding for the roof replacement and related work that needs to be done and has already been approved.</p>
140.	<p>Thank you for making this survey available for Long Beach residents, businesses and property owners. Although there are only two of us in our household, we have over 70 families and 200 adults and children residing in seven different Long Beach multi-family properties we own. For us, building safety should be a top priority, especially earthquake safety, given Long Beach's seismic history, geology (the City is bisected by the infamous Newport/Inglewood Fault) and the age of many of its buildings. Programs to facilitate retrofitting of high risk residential, public, and other properties is desperately needed.</p> <p>As a product of Long Beach schools & a long time area resident and landlord, I believe assistance in the form of subsidies and workshops could encourage landlords to retrofit in preparation for the next "big" (or "moderate") earthquake.</p> <p>We have retrofitted two of the five older Long Beach multi-family properties we own, and found the process confusing, especially for the smaller units which are so common throughout Long Beach, where recommended improvements can come close to or exceed the cost of the building. Bolting one of our older buildings to the foundation was simple and relatively inexpensive, but do we really need steel beams in the two story section (housing over garages) on one of our oldest buildings? Would sheering walls with plywood be an affordable alternative? I don't know, and I don't know who to ask! Ditto the solution for 1960s 7plex's "tuck under" carports. We--along with many Long Beach property owners are two small for massive, expensive engineering & construction, but finding trustworthy and economical earthquake retrofitters or consultants who are competent has proven a problem.</p> <p>Continuing in the earthquake vein, funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos should also be seen as a significant priority. In this case of the historic adobe both lives and one of the City's oldest structures are threatened. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p> <p>(Zip code provided above is where our oldest property is located. Others are in 90805, 90808, and 90815. I can be reached at 562.822.7653.) Thank you</p>
141.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>

142.	<p>Grew up in LB, was away for 28 years, and am happy to be back now. My son and his family just moved here from out of state.</p> <p>LB is a great place to grow up!</p>
143.	<p>Require all high-rise buildings have easy connectivity for emergency power generators and have available generators to utilize, perhaps in cooperation with other municipalities.</p> <p>Make sure that all city properties are properly upgraded for seismic safety.</p> <p>Understand that investment in the arts pays off in terms of city attractiveness and growth.</p>
144.	<p>please provide funding for Rancho Los Alamitos for the strengthening of the ranch house</p>
145.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p> <p>NO BOXES AVAILABL FOR ANY ABOVE ITEMS!</p>
146.	<p>Need to maintain and support programs that are in place. Not the time to add programs. Maintain streets. Main waste of money, is huge empty busses moving around the city. Most of the time busses are empty or have one or two people. Smaller busses on some routes. fewer busses at odd hours.</p>
147.	<p>In taking this survey, it becomes quite clear the difficult choices faced by public officials, because most participants, I assume, feel compelled to mark each and every box as a high priority item. As an avid community activist who volunteers much time on cleanups, tree plantings and care programs, public outreach and community camaraderie, I look at many of our civic resources as items that have already required and consumed massive resources over the years. So when times are tough and the public is unwilling to pay for the very items they find so important to fund, highest priority should be given to properly maintaining those resources we already have. For instance, as much as I would love to have and think we need new parks and public spaces, taking care of those already existing makes more sense than building new ones; fewer excellent parks are better than many deteriorating parks. Repairing and retrofitting existing buildings and facilities tends to make more sense as well, and keeping well maintained transportation infrastructure and clean and attractive public spaces does much to promote our city as a good place to be, retain and attract investment, residents and quality businesses.</p>

148.	hi....wish i had the dollars to help.....our place is long, time gone. I was born in 1940, and lived on my grandfather ranch.....just part of the Rancho propertyGRAND FATHER DE BAUTT came to live and work there in about 1917. Our place was about 400 acres, corner Palo Verde and Stearns road.....the south west corner. that part was starting to be developed after the WW2.....about early 50's....first time i had playmates from the new homes at the time.....we moved to the new ranch, that only was farmed a few years before it also was sold and the new power station was built on 7 th street at that time.... yea,it was a time. Good luck i miss that special time....Robert Green, 95777 ponderosa dr...Gold Beach, Oregon
149.	Sidewalks need to be fixed, we need parking limited or not at all as a result of the elementary school across the street. Speed bumps on Termino by the school because of speeding....maybe a flashing slow light as approaching the crosswalk...Alley in the back needs to be cleaned up and paved. I've called complaining about the lack of a light or stop sign and asked that someone come out and see what I am talking about and no one ever responded. Sidewalks are broken, tree hangs over and causes a mess and the parking is such that we cannot see around the cars parked so close to our driveway. Hoping someone responds before someone gets killed.
150.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
151.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by city engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
152.	Protection by police and fire departments high on the list. Recreational and library activities/services next in importance.
153.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
154.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.

155.	I'm proud to live in our beautiful city. Our police and fire departments give us great service, and our new council woman is representing District 3 in an admirable fashion. Our neighborhood recently joined others in the City for the National Night Out and the East Commander paid us a visit during the evening. She's an impressive person. We live in a low-crime area because of the professionalism of the police staff. Keep up the good work!
156.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
157.	The city needs to look for ways to deal with the homeless and mentally ill, especially in the downtown and over to Linden areas. Also, the trash and dog feces in the 90813 zip code is awful. Why are there all those vacant store fronts under City Place? Once you get past 3rd or 4th on Pine, it is almost a wasteland. Why not encourage lower rent and new businesses? I would think some rent and taxes would be better than none at all.
158.	Please support rancho los Alamitos funding for the necessary repairs for the third phase of the city approved plan.
159.	Please keep Rancho Los Alamitos open & safe. Please don't allow trailers or motor homes to park on residential streets!
160.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
161.	Please budget in the retrofit the Rancho Los Al ranch house
162.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house and Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p> <p>Please do not let us lose access to this important part of our history through neglect and disservice. We will remember if access to the Rancho is removed due to safety reasons because this final stage of retrofit was not funded and completed. This must be a priority item in the budget. Do not waste the funds that have already been spent on the plans, specs and reviews and hope to pass it on to a future budget year. Let's get it done now.</p>

163.	The choices were difficult where the first choice was VERY IMPORTANT and the second SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT. I do believe there is a category between the two which could be IMPORTANT. One thing that I couldn't say in the survey is that I think we focus too much of the services of police and not enough on prevention. Community policing seems to be a good idea where officers befriend the people in a particular community however I have never seen that so if it's happening in LB, I'm not aware of it. Even though I'm a white older woman, I feel a sense of anxiety when I see a policeman driving behind me or when I pass on the street. I have experienced officers to be short and curt when they've pulled me over in the past. I can't imagine what it must be like to be black. When police are so associated with stopping crime in whatever way they think is necessary, it is going to be hard for citizens to really believe they have the community's interest at heart.
164.	Long Beach needs to take on the Sunnyside Cemetery and get it in good condition. It is so run down. Have family members there.
165.	Please consider the safety of public buildings as a top priority. We have cleared specs and plans for phase III of the seismic retrofit for the historical Los Alamitos adobe. The project is ready to go if the funding is made available. I urge the funding for this final stage. Thank you
166.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house. Also, if there are services that can be adequately provided by NGO's, then the city need not spend resources in those areas. We can't rely on government for everything.
167.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
168.	Please provide funding to finish structural improvement of Rancho Los Alamitos house site. Rancho has raised and provided money to do everything up to this point. City property and the city MUST contribute. Important to preserve our history so that current and duty citizens of LB and Southern California can experience how we started.
169.	I think youth programs, for crime deterrence, are important in economically depressed areas, but not in the more wealthy areas. Rich & middle class kids on the East side don't need subsidized karate, golf, or yoga lessons. Poor kids on the west side do need subsidized tutoring and sports.
170.	Providing funding to maintain historical and cultural sites that add interest and sophistication to the City. These are things that tourists will come to see.
171.	Rancho Los Alamitos needs support to retro fit the main house.

172.	<p>RE: Question of noise abatement. There is absolutely NO enforcement/monitoring or effort made to reduce, and eliminate the illegal practice of motorcycles that reconstruct their mufflers to be LOUD on the scale of operating construction equipment and as per research, even louder than a shot gun in a shooting range! Please have police eliminate this illegal practice. I am specifically referring to Ocean Blvd (a few miles only, yet affecting thousands of residents along this 4 lane street) from Belmont Shore to the Long Beach Downtown area. I was phoned recently by LB Noise survey asking how the noise is for planes, helicopters, gardeners who use blowers, trash collectors, and traffic. I am hopeful that the effort and cost of this survey will do something to address this really big problem. Residents cannot open their windows/doors anywhere along Ocean Blvd. because the motorcycle loud popping noise comes all throughout the day, and night.</p> <p>I suggest, less PROMPT & IMMEDIATE parking tickets (a lot of revenue) to be allocated to a few police officers along Ocean Blvd. to warn, educate and ticket each motorcyclist rider who is BREAKING the law and causing totally unnecessary ANXIETY to the many residents along Ocean Blvd, including many large high rise luxury condo owners that are also on Ocean Blvd that are subject to paying high taxes!</p> <p>This ONE, easy to remedy, not expensive, income generating, problem is all I ask for on behalf of everyone here in Long Beach who live right along the water to have the privilege of enjoying tranquility, but are overrun by joy riders that purposefully rev and gun their LOUD engines/MUFFLERS over and over again!</p> <p>Thank you. I hope this survey accomplishes the funding needed for the many important programs, safety measures and restoration projects.</p> <p>Desiree Farr</p>
173.	<p>I want the city to be safe. If that means repair buildings, have better patrols, provide safe areas to play and learn and repaired streets/sidewalks, so be it. I love the Rancho and would love to see the repair work finished on the Adobe. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
174.	<p>Good survey...well thought out however I DO believe you should STOP worrying and spending \$ & time on...what IF/when marijuana business. DO NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL IT STOPS BECOMING A CASH BUSINESS! Then, it Can be regulated and treated as a business. Too much police, lawyers, court, city services have already gone into this. Let's worry about what is current. Yes, do what you can to control homeless, mentally disturbed, etc. Also, do not distribute water BOTTLES - give 'em a paper cup of water so the plastic doesn't end up in trash, parks, or in the water!</p>
175.	<p>Re item #1 - there is a big difference between "free" and "low cost." Should split that question into 2.</p> <p>Re several other questions - perhaps the people getting these services could take more personal responsibility for things such as their own entertainment (i.e., "special events"), friendships and food (senior services), learning English (translation services), tree trimming, etc. Some of these items should more appropriately be provided by non-profit organizations rather than a city.</p>

176.	Rancho Los Alamitos is a significant resource for Long Beach and our city has been blessed to have the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation taking care of restoring the buildings at little expense to the city. Now, the Foundation is wishing to carry through with Phase Three of the seismic needs for the core adobe. I strongly urge the city to approve and allocate the funds necessary to finish the work that the Foundation has outlined as the final project to strengthen and maintain the adobe for years to come. The city has been the beneficiary of the diligent work that the Foundation has undertaken for the people of Long Beach in many, many projects and it is time for the city to demonstrate appreciation for the dedication that the Foundation and the RLA Board of Directors have shown for more than two decades in preserving this most valuable asset.
177.	I support the repairs of Rancho Los Alamitos, but feel that all the arts need more money from the city.
178.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
179.	IT is very important to fund seismic upgrades for the Los Alamitos buildings so that it can remain a cultural treasure and a safe recreation area for residents and visitors alike.
180.	Please make sure you allow funds for Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos upgrades.
181.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
182.	Rancho Los Alamitos is an important part of our history and should be retrofitted for seismic activity. I urge the city to go forward with the plans and fund the seismic phase III project.
183.	Please provide the money requested by the Rancho for seismic retrofitting. And please resurface our streets and repair sidewalks in East Long Beach. Thank you.
184.	We need to ensure that the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos has a seismic retrofit. Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.

185.	<p>Many of the services listed should be covered under one category... For instance, maintaining a police presence is just about the same thing as and maintaining a low crime rate and providing police patrols.</p> <p>Also, Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofiting of the ranch house.</p>
186.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofiting of the ranch house.</p> <p>Additionally, the role the Municipal Band plays (and has played for over 100 years) in the City of Long Beach is critical to the make-up and culture of our city. The decrease in funding for the Municipal Band over the years is a disgrace. With support and funds raised by the community to support the Band, the city should increase its financial support to bring the Band back for a full eight week schedule in 2016. The city should investigate better business models for the Municipal Band that are more sustainable to guarantee the existence of the Band moving forward. As a live-long resident of this city, who has attended Municipal Band concerts my entire life, it is important to make this happen. It promotes the use of our parks for positive activities and brings community members together - while showing off all the good things about Long Beach to the friends and relatives we bring to the concerts.</p>
187.	<p>I support the seismic retrofiting of Rancho Los Alamitos and feel strongly about committing to our city's historic resources. The Rancho is a beloved institution in this community and should be properly maintained, as any respectable city would maintain its museums and cultural landmarks.</p> <p>I support a comprehensive public education campaign for urban coyote management, investing in hazing and risk reduction education in schools, community centers, neighborhood associations, etc. I do not support any funds committed to trapping these animals when no sound science can support its efficacy.</p> <p>I do not support funds committed to installing artificial turf in our public parks.</p> <p>I support funds which will maintain and promote our natural open spaces such as the El Dorado Nature Center, Dominguez Gap Wetlands, Colorado Lagoon, Los Cerritos Wetlands, Willow Springs Park, etc.</p>

188.	<p>Fix sidewalks and potholes. Pave streets and alleys. Trim trees. Enforce traffic laws. Maintain public buildings. Protect against fire, flood, earthquake and manmade disasters. Secure our water and utility supplies. Put criminals in jail. Stay out of divisive special-interest politics.</p> <p>We citizens can take care of the rest. Thanks for asking.</p>
189.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
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191.	<p>I feel keeping the history of our city in good repair of great importance. The retrofitting of the Ranchos homes is important! Our beautiful city doesn't have very many things to be proud of in our past. Everyone wants/needs to respect how we started as it makes us what we are today. Please fund the Los Alamitos Rancho building repair/upkeep!</p>
192.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. My grandchildren love to visit there. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house. I'd hate to lose this part of our history that gives so much to others.</p>
193.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>
194.	<p>Enhance support of the unique community farming, bee keeping, and pocket gardening activities, as well as maintain key locations such as Rancho Los Alamitos and the Lion's Sight for Life lighthouse</p>
195.	<p>Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.</p>

196.	Clark Street between PCH & Atherton should have regular side walk maintenance due to the many trees and bushes. I also urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the Los Alamitos Ranch House.
197.	<p>Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos is shovel ready - this must be funded otherwise all the previous work and money is wasted.</p> <p>STOP trimming trees unless they are dangerous or affecting power poles.</p> <p>Why do we have to pay for all three services (PD, FD, EMTs) attending almost every 911 call? This is a waste of precious resources. Needs redefining for greater efficiency.</p> <p>Stop wasting money on a poorly designed new City Hall; re-use existing empty buildings - our City admin does not need a palace!</p> <p>Leave the airport the way it is.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
198.	<p>Please support the retrofitting of Rancho Los Alamitos!</p> <p>And stop requiring rabies shots and licensing for cats, that is not necessary.</p>
199.	I live in this century but all I see is advance in social media and technology. The next generation will be living in a society where social manners and etiquette are no longer valued. We need to maintain and reach out to the younger generation on the important of history and the values of our historical sites, right here in Long Beach where family can actually get out and do something together! Family value is probably at its lowest where parents rely on technology to babysit their children instead of taking on that responsibility. Those who do not know their history tends to make the same mistakes. Long Beach needs to stay in touch with our past success as well as delving into the future with a great new mayor!
200.	The survey is pretty vague for the most part. I don't know which formula is used, which makes committing, so what difficult. That said, I would like to see this survey accessible to all citizens, so that everyone can have a voice, not just the people with disposable incomes. Thank you
201.	<p>I believe most of these issues are very important but know that they cannot all have the same priority.</p> <p>I'd like to review the cost of the \$100M pool and know the different firms that bid on it? It appears excessive and the argument that business will increase to offset its price is ridiculous. There is no hotel within walking distance of the pool, there is no north south bike path leading to the pool, there is no related recreation facility adjacent to the pool such as a soccer field or extensive beach volleyball facility.</p> <p>Private, public and alternative transportation needs to be led directly to the site and it needs to be part a greater whole with accommodations nearby.</p> <p>\$100M is a lot of money.</p>

202.	It is my understanding that the City Engineer has approved the seismic upgrade for Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens. Since this is a City owned property where many visitors come each year, I believe it is imperative that this upgrade be included in your budget for 2016. Too often, the City overlooks these assets to spend their money on downtown projects only.
203.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
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205.	Please continue to plan for the entrance to Long Beach's Eastern corridor including Rancho Los Alamitos, above the current SEADIP study/plan/ General Plan Amendments. Rancho Los Alamitos needs a continued upkeep program as one of the City's nicest assets. It's in the top ten free destinations in Los Angeles and is one of the jewels of the eastern side of the city. One roof, another one hundred years...
206.	Born and raised in LB. work as volunteer at Rancho Los Alamitos. It is time to put Phase III on the budget so all buildings are earthquake safe. I was in the 1933 quake and vividly remember to this day how destructive an earthquake can be.
207.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
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209.	I live in the neighborhood of Rancho Los Alamitos which is a hidden paradise in Long Beach. It is my pleasure to donate my time as a volunteer in Rancho and i hope the City of Long Beach still cares about this historical treasure.
210.	Facilities such as Boys and Girls Club and Churches should cover youth and senior programs. All police should be trained to handle most issues. Make use of volunteer services.

211.	I am very concerned about the preservation of our historic buildings, in particular, Rancho Los Alamitos. I understand that a new roof is needed, and urge that this be a priority item as you consider your budget.
212.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. As volunteer at Rancho Los Alamitos --- I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house. Thank you!!!
213.	It is important to us to get a seismic retrofit at Rancho Los Alamitos, as soon as possible. This will help make the adobe ranch house as safe as possible for visitors and staff from earthquakes.
214.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
215.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
216.	From this list, lots of things seem important, but I would like to see us focus on livability issues and youth services over code enforcement and traffic citations.
217.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
218.	All the things mentioned are nice if we have the money and it's really hard to say any of them are unimportant. It's a matter of choices when we have fixed costs.
219.	I am concerned about the future of one of our historic sites in Long Beach, Rancho Los Alamitos. The rancho is in need of earthquake retrofitting and I support their efforts for the City to assist them with this safety issue.
220.	DO NOT increase minimum wage to \$15.00. Good businesses will surely leave Long Beach and we will be left with the marijuana-like stores. DO NOT hire more city employees. Instead, hire outside contractors that you do not have to pay a pension and can fire them if they do not perform.
221.	Repairing and replacing our infrastructure is more important than 'people' services.

222.	Ensuring that buildings accessed by the public are safe is a top priority and funding for Phase III of the seismic retrofit of the historic adobe ranch house at Rancho Los Alamitos must be seen as a significant priority. The plans and specifications are complete and have been reviewed by City engineering staff and this is a project that is ready to implement if the funding is made available in the coming budget year. I urge support and execution of the final stage of the seismic retrofitting of the ranch house.
223.	Providing Lifeguard services year round is extremely helpful and important.
224.	Long Beach needs to streamline its processes for business development ie permits, fees and other obstacles that make it difficult to start and build a business. The city council should NOT enact a minimum wage. It does very little to help and a lot to hurt workers long term- a very feel good law. Also, public employees need to contribute to their pension funds at a higher rate, similar to private workers. The city really needs to look at these costs.
225.	Invest at the beginning with education and services for underserved populations which will lead to less crime and less homelessness down the road.
226.	This is based on the current financial state of the city. I would have different answers if the budget was greater.
227.	Retaining and maintaining the breakwaters is very important to me and my family. Climate change driven water levels and increased storm activity make it imperative that we in no way diminish the protection afforded by the breakwaters. This is a real quality of life issue for those of us living in coastal Long Beach.
228.	Public safety should be a top priority to this City. The City Hall is being replaced because of this and Rancho Los Alamitos is in desperate need of funds for a seismic retrofit of their Ranch House. This goes beyond City Council boundaries because this is truly a priceless asset owned by the City of Long Beach and significant to the State of California. It needs immediate protection. There are very few "treasures" left in the City and preservation is an extremely important issue but not addressed in the survey. Our historic districts, homes, and especially our priceless Ranchos, need the support of the City by way of the continuation of the Preservation Officer position, the Mills Act tax relief, and direct public funding where needed.
229.	Clean the beach sand and water. Fix the streets and public infrastructure. Pick up the litter around the city.
230.	I see tennis courts at Wilson High School shut - kids can't play tennis for free. We have recreation facilities in the schools, mainly high schools but they are locked. Where do children go to play? Kids don't have a place to go and they get in trouble. Utilize the facilities we have! I grew up playing tennis at Millikan High School after hours and on weekends. I could walk there from my house. I am 60 and still playing tennis. We pay taxes and the fees for playing tennis in Long Beach are crazy. I go to Lakewood Country Club. The City is going in the right direction.
231.	Please share survey results with Mayor and City Councilmembers.

232.	Street sweeping is important, but all it does is to push the litter down into the drainage system. If you provide street sweeping, maybe there is a way to clean (brush) and pick up the litter at the same time. We have those nice barriers in the curbs preventing trash from falling into the sewers, but the street sweeping pushes it down there anyway. Does not make sense.
233.	Survey shouldn't focus on whether these items are important, but should focus on how efficiently and economically these services can be provided.
234.	I did not see any mention of eliminating waste and streamlining services to lower costs for services, police in the parks, and also did not see mention of health programs - all of which I would rank as VERY IMPORTANT!
235.	Cleaning up trash left under underpasses by homeless. There are a few large piles accumulating around the city.
236.	INCREASE SWORN POLICE STAFFING BY HIRING 60+ POLICE RECEUITS PER ACADEMYBDUE TO ATTRITION RATE IN THE ACADEMY AND FIELD TRAINING
237.	I'm a bit disturbed that the library still has 2 vacant managerial positions in electronic resources and branch services. The library would be able to adopt high impact practices if those positions were filled by people with expertise in those areas
238.	Let's pave, not pothole fill, streets and alleys in Long Beach! Consolidate city, school, county, state and federal elections - primaries and general. Les add another, additional cruise line to our port.
239.	Crime crime crime crime Violent crime and property crime (break ins) People need to feel they are safe in their homes and walking down their streets.

Long Beach Budget Challenge Comments

<p>Why is the cuts to the police at minimum levels stated in such dramatic terms? If we cut 2%, then gangs are going to consume your streets. how about 2% cuts to copy paper machines and changing to LED lights and raising the A/C temps to 75 degrees?</p>
<p>Adding in more increments.</p>
<p>Option for "other alternatives" other than the cuts proposed. For example, instead of shutting down two libraries, we could decrease hours for all libraries across the board resulting in the same amount of decrease in spending.</p> <p>I like this budget challenge. It gets the community involved in the budget process and we see how difficult it is to cut expenses. The interface is simple enough to wear a high school student (or younger) who is interested in local gov't/politics could work through the exercise and learn from it.</p>
<p>Share results with Mayor and City Councilmembers. Providing information on % passing vote needed for parcel tax, UUT changes needed would be useful.</p>
<p>By allowing the participant to add suggestions. I would start with returning the \$6 million currently budgeted for three artificial turf to the general funds. Use some of the savings for maintaining and improving natural grass soccer fields throughout the city.</p>
<p>Offer some chance to analyze the benefit packages, including pensions.</p>
<p>Great exercise - could use more options.</p>
<p>I did not see the option to select reduce salaries/overtime of various positions which are paid with our tax dollars. See below.</p> <p>Long Beach could save millions of dollars each year if we made it an immediate top priority to completely restructure the Police and Fire Departments. Run these Departments as you would run a for-profit business. Stop the overtime pay now! If the Department were managed properly there should be NO overtime authorized or necessary except in extreme citywide emergency situations. Overtime pay CANNOT be considered part of the base pay and should not be an anticipated and expected perk of the job as it is now. Overtime should never be taken into account when Pension benefits are determined. These employees should be treated as employees in the general workplace are treated.</p> <p>Also, determine where the failure has been concerning Workers Comp and Disability claims. I have heard reports from MANY Police and Fire that they are encouraged to file claims by the Physicians charged with their treatment even when it is not warranted because the injury in not severe. Cases should be reviewed by someone impartial and denied when appropriate not just "rubber stamped."</p>

<p>Pension and health costs must be contained for all current and future employees.</p> <p>What was done is not a solution for unfunded liabilities.</p> <p>Who came up with the idea of Emergency paramedic fees? One flat fee does is not fair to the citizens who have never used transport. Quite simple to have a progressive fee for usage by citizens who abuse this service.</p> <p>Oh, yes, it was an innovative idea-please....</p>
<p>Have option of advising how my budget surplus could be allocated, i.e., addressing FY 2017 pension deficit.</p>
<p>It could start with revenue instead of expenses.</p>
<p>Keep Fiscal Responsibility</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several items referred to eliminating "free" services, but no option was given to recommend adding or increasing fees. - There was no discussion of "Interfund Charges" in this Budget Challenge. What are those, why do they exist, and are there opportunity
<p>Release this before the mayor has made his decision.</p>
<p>Honorable Councilwoman Suzie Price,</p> <p>Here are my suggestions for the 2016 fiscal budget. I urge you to pay attention to our need for added police and disaster preparedness given we have not suffered any major catastrophic circumstances in some time. You are already familiar with my posture regarding the voters' "buyers' remorse" for how lowering the property taxes defunded our police and fire response and staffing. Increasing property taxes \$25. per year would yield some well needed increase in police and fire presence and I do not believe \$25. would negatively impact property owners to a point of debilitation. The trade off is only good in my opinion.</p> <p>We cannot afford the consequence of understaffing our police and fire at a time of extreme drought, understaffed public works without the tax-payers sharing some of this burden. A quarter-cent sales tax would offset our overall need to spread out improvements in all areas demonstrated in my budget recommendations. I don't know if you apply the voting constituency of this survey 100% literally but I know you will use your own sound judgment in weighing what you believe would both represent the community of taxpayers as well as your own pulse on our community which we hold in great confidence for your elected seat.</p> <p>Thank you for your work and continued presence, we carry a great deal of respect for your energy and contribution.</p>
<p>You have to increase police, and pull from elsewhere, salaries....utilities make a lot</p>
<p>Give background on future deficits so we can decide whether to reduce current budgets to create rainy day fund.</p>
<p>Explain more of the arguments in favor of spending vs. in favor of cutting for the different programs. What is the community/human impact (apart from jobs) of spending/cutting?</p>

<p>I would make cuts to or spend more on different aspects of the departments' funded activities/programs than the examples that are described in the scenarios. Perhaps you could give people the option of detailing what aspects they would cut/spend more on, or provide multiple choices.</p>
<p>Enjoyed this budget challenge. Would like to see education listed as an area to adjust. Also would like to know if city officials look at the results of this for input from constituents.</p>
<p>By educating the public on possible tax increase and the benefits that this brings to the overall way of life in Long Beach. People want nice things and they have to know that we need to pay for all of these things somehow.</p>
<p>According to city-data crimes rates in long beach have been on a steady decline from 2001 until 2013 with some small hiccups along the way. It can be argued that spending additional funding on the police force is almost giving diminishing returns and not improving the community. We as a city should believe more in the people and give people value in the place they live through: City sponsored programs, decreasing blight, decreasing graffiti that stays posted for more than 48 hours, enforcing codes on distressed buildings to bring them to code, access to parks, improved roads (ALAMITOS IS HORRIBLE) and more community based events with private employer sponsorship. Give people value in the city and please for everything holy redesign our flag it looks horrible, you can partner with CSULB to have some graduate art & history students to come up with proposals that will cost the city next to nothing. Bolster relationships with the biggest CSU in your backyard and get students involved with the city!!!! I moved here in 2011 and I will always call Long Beach my home, let's increase Long Beach City Pride!</p>
<p>Increase the number of civilian support roles in city depts, especially in public safety as 2/3 of the red pie chart. This change would dramatically reduce future pension deficits and allow positions to be filled in a more cost-effective, streamlined & best-candidate-available process, which will help with future budgets; civilian roles in PD, FD, Utilities, Parks, Libraries and City Gov't could free up sworn City employees from administrative, financial, IT, grant writing and other back-of-house duties that will positively reflect in future budgets while keeping up with increasing retirement vacancies to keep dept operations more stable and sustainable.</p>
<p>It would be fun to see results in real time so that you can make adjustments for example if I knew I had a 22 million dollar surplus I might have spent a little more on fire or library services or something like that. So waiting until the end to see what are surplus is doesn't help very much if we're trying to make a balanced budget.</p>