

1 ORDINANCE NO. ORD-23-0028

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3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
5 MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2.57  
6 RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION  
7 NAME CHANGE TO ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING  
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9 WHEREAS, on June 8, 2022, the City of Long Beach’s (“City”) Senior  
10 Citizen Advisory Commission (“Commission”) approved a recommendation to the City  
11 Council by a 5-2 vote to approve the name change of the City’s Senior Citizen Advisory  
12 Commission to the Advisory Commission on Aging; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*  
14 (*JAGS*), which adopted the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*, included  
15 qualified recommendations for the language used to describe older people; and

16 WHEREAS, based on American Geriatrics Society work with the Leaders of  
17 Aging Organizations and the FrameWorks Institute, these recommendations were  
18 grounded in building better public perceptions of aging, reinforced “that words like (the)  
19 aged, elder(s), (the) elderly, and seniors should not be used . . . because [they] connote  
20 discrimination and certain negative stereotypes”; and

21 WHEREAS, JAGS thus adopted “older adult(s)” and “older person/people”  
22 as preferred terminology, explicitly advocating against using “the elderly,” “senior(s),”  
23 and/or “senior citizen(s)”; and

24 WHEREAS; the Commission recommends the City Council of the City of  
25 Long Beach resolve to approve to change the name of the Senior Citizen Advisory  
26 Commission to Advisory Commission on Aging.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as  
28 follows:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
DAWM MCINTOSH, City Attorney  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 9th Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

1                   Section 1. Chapter 2.57 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended  
2 in its entirety to read as follows:

3   Chapter 2.57

4   ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

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6           2.57.010    Created.

7                   There is created a Commission to be known and designated as the  
8 Advisory Commission on Aging.

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10   2.57.020   Members.

11                   The Advisory Commission on Aging shall consist of nine (9) members.  
12 Members shall be selected from the older adult segment of the City's residents  
13 and shall be at least fifty (50) years of age. No paid representative of any public or  
14 private older adult service organization shall serve as a member of this  
15 Commission.

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17   2.57.030   Duties.

18                   The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

- 19           A.    To act in an advisory capacity to any City department or City Council  
20           Committee concerned with problems on all matters pertaining to older  
21           adults and their needs;
- 22           B.    To assemble information on problems and their solutions for older  
23           adults through all available means including public hearings;
- 24           C.    To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to  
25           older adult service agencies on matters within its purview;
- 26           D.    To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed  
27           programs for older adults;
- 28           E.    To carry out such studies as may be assigned to it by the City

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Council;

F. To from time to time report to the Mayor and City Council its findings. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as investing the Commission, or any member thereof, with supervisory powers over the actions or duties of the City employees or the operations of City departments.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 20, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr, Saro, Uranga, Austin, Ricks-Oddie.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

Approved: 6/26/23  
(Date)

[Signature]  
City Clerk  
[Signature]  
Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        ) ss  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )  
CITY OF LONG BEACH         )

Alyssa Campos being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Department of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, I posted three true and correct copies of Ordinance No. ORD-23-0028 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of City Hall in front of the Civic Chambers; one of said copies in the Billie Jean King Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the City Clerk Department.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ CITY CLERK