

Date: March 7, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Name Change**

On June 8, 2022, the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission (Commission) approved the following recommendation to City Council by a 5-2 vote:

1) Motion was made by Commissioner Goldstein seconded by Commissioner Darnauer to approve the name change of the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission to the Long Beach Advisory Commission on Aging.

2) The Commission cited information from the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (JAGS)*, which adopted the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*, including qualified recommendations for the language used to describe older people. Based on American Geriatrics Society (AGS) work with the Leaders of Aging Organizations and the FrameWorks Institute, these recommendations were grounded in building better public perceptions of aging. They reinforced “that words like (the) aged, elder(s), (the) elderly, and seniors should not be used . . . because [they] connote discrimination and certain negative stereotypes.” The journal thus adopted “older adult(s)” and “older person/people” as preferred terminology, explicitly advocating against using “the elderly,” “senior(s),” and/or “senior citizen(s).”

The recommendation to change the name of the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission to Long Beach Advisory Commission on Aging is based on the appropriate terms for older adults.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-3170.

ATTACHMENTS

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY
COMMISSION AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022
LONG BEACH SENIOR CENTER
1150 EAST 4TH STREET, ROOM 202
LONG BEACH, 10:00 AM**

Naida Tushnet, Chair
Michele Valencia, Vice Chair
Don Darnauer, Commissioner
Robert Finney, Commissioner



Allan Goldstein, Commissioner
Daniel Reich, Commissioner
Phyllis Schmidt, Commissioner
William Smith, Commissioner

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission of Long Beach California recognize that we are on traditional and sacred lands of many indigenous groups who call these grounds home. We thank them for their strength, perseverance, and resistance. In their spirit may we strive to always honor and respect the wisdom of our elders.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

We advocate to improve the quality of life for Long Beach's culturally diverse older population by expanding knowledge and services related to education, health, housing, public transportation, safety, technology and language access.

GUEST SPEAKER

Juan Guevara, Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Long Beach Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting held May 11, 2022. Suggested Action: Approve

STAFF REPORT

Heidi Mazas, Recreation Superintendent

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Relations/Language Access - Commissioners Valencia, Smith and Darnauer
- B. Crime Prevention and Safety - Commissioner Goldstein
- C. Health/Education – Commissioner Finney
- D. Housing – Commissioners Tushnet, Goldstein and Schmidt
- E. Legislation – Commissioners Tushnet and Valencia
- F. Technology – Commissioners Finney
- G. Transportation – Commissioners Darnauer, Smith and Schmidt

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission pamphlet discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Name change

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Opportunity is given to those members of the public who would like to address the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission on non-agenda items. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

The Brown Act prohibits Commissioners from responding to comments on non-agenda items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held July 13, 2022 at 10 am at the Long Beach Senior Center 1150 E. 4th Street upstairs room #202.

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William Smith, Commissioner

ROLL CALL

At 10:01 am, Commissioner Tushnet, called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Don Darnauer, Robert Finney, Allan Goldstein, Phyllis Schmidt,
Present: William Smith, Michele Valencia and Naida Tushnet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Finney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Schmidt read the acknowledgement.
We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here. We thank them for their strength, perseverance and resistance. In their spirit may we strive to always honor and respect the wisdom of our elders.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Commissioner Goldstein read the mission statement.
Advocate for new thinking and science on aging for the culturally diverse population of Older adults in Long Beach and broaden knowledge in the areas of education, safety, housing, health, transportation, technology and the quality of life.

GUEST SPEAKER

Juan Guevara, Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy reported on skilled nursing facility sector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2022 minutes were approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Finney seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the May 11, 2022 minutes. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Don Darnauer, Robert Finney, Allan Goldstein, Phyllis Schmidt, William Smith, Michele Valencia and Naida Tushnet

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Superintendent, Heidi Mazas thanked Don Darnauer for serving on the Commission board for 4 terms. Heidi also reported the Senior Center will be hosting a pop-up vaccine and Heart of Ida will be hosting a Holiday Tech Event for seniors.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Relations/Language Access-Commissioners Valencia, Smith and Darnauer- *Commissioner Valencia reminded everyone of the Elder Empowerment event in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Event will take place June 13th from 9 am-12 noon at LGBTQ Center @ 2017 E. 4th Street in Long Beach.*
- B. Crime Prevention and Safety - Commissioner Goldstein - *NONE*
- C. Health/Education - Commissioner Finney - *NONE*
- D. Housing - Commissioners Tushnet, Goldstein and Schmidt - *Commissioner Goldstein gave an update on the Senior Safe House.*
- E. Legislation - Commissioners Tushnet and Valencia - *Commissioner Tushnet reported on AB2080, AB2269, AB1947, AB1502, AB1130, SB260 and HR5723. Commissioner Valencia reported on HR5914.*
- F. Technology - Commissioners Finney - *NONE*
- G. Transportation - Commissioners Darnauer, Smith and Schmidt - *Commissioner Schmidt and Smith reported they have a meeting set up with Long Beach Transit to discuss Senior Transportation.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission pamphlet discussion -Commissioners decided to postpone any changes until the commission presents the Name Change to the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Name Change - Commissioners have asked Recreation Superintendent, Heidi Mazas to find out the correct procedure to present the Name Change to the City Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Goldstein seconded by Commissioner Darnauer to approve the name change of the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission to The Long Beach Advisory Commission on Aging. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Don Darnauer, Robert Finney, Allan Goldstein, Phyllis Schmidt and William Smith

No: 2 - Michele Valencia and Naida Tushnet

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Karend Reside addressed the commission.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held in person July 13, 2022 at 10 am at the Long Beach Senior Center 1150 E. 4th Street, Long Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:26 pm, Commissioner Tushnet adjourned the meeting.

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