



Press Release

LBRC Demands Investigation of Illegal City Expenditures for Political Advocacy & Campaigning

Long Beach, Cal., May 1, 2019:

Within the last year or so the City of Long Beach has increasingly pushed the bounds of legal expenditure of taxpayers' dollars on electoral-related activities far beyond the breaking point. Now, the combination of, on the one hand, City documents recently obtained by the Long Beach Reform Coalition (LBRC) under the California Public Records Act, and, on the other hand, an audio recording of the most recent meeting of the Long Beach Water Board, also recently obtained by the LBRC, serves to prove beyond any reasonable doubt that the City of Long Beach has been taking residents' taxpayer funds and using them for political ends. This represents an historically grave violation of the public trust.

The current mounting trend of these corrupt practices began on March 16, 2018 with an action taken by City Manager Pat West in the lead up to the June 5, 2018 statewide primary election, which included local Long Beach Measure M. M was a proposal to enshrine in the City Charter ongoing transfers of "excess" Water Department revenue to City Hall's General Fund, rather than lowering water rates to Long Beach water customers (as required under state law, and currently the subject of renewed litigation). The previous mechanism for these transfers had been challenged in court by a ratepayer and the City tacitly admitted their illegality by settling that lawsuit, agreeing to return millions of dollars previously collected, and eventually putting Measure M on the ballot in an attempt to devise a more legally sustainable, or so the City hoped, mechanism for future transfers.

After the embarrassment of the water suit settlement, and under the pressure of the potential matter of a major budget hole due to the loss of the previously ill-gotten revenue, Mayor Garcia led the City Council to place Measure M on the ballot and personally took charge of the "Yes on Measure M" campaign to see that it passed. On March 12, 2018 he converted his registered 'officeholder-controlled' committee (FPPC ID# 1384353), which he had previously used to campaign in favor of Measures A & B in 2016, into a campaign vehicle to promote Measure M in 2018. That much was legitimate.

But just four days later, City Manager Pat West initiated, as a clear supplement to the mayor's regular campaign, an illegal parallel City-funded campaign in favor of Measure M, by means of a misallocation of nearly \$100,000 in taxpayer money. He abused his power to unilaterally make expenditures below that threshold by means of an official Exception to Policy Request order (attached), filed with the Long Beach Department of Financial Management's Purchasing Division. The exception form required an explanation

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of why “the purchase cannot be procured using the City of Long Beach’s competitive bid process”. The City Manager failed to provide that mandatory explanation and justified the expenditure simply as “an urgent need” prior to the election.

The funds were then used to hire one of Southern California’s best known heavyweight campaign consultants, Eric Hacopian (EDH Associates), who—as Hacopian stated in his hiring letter to West (obtained through the Public Records Act, attached)—crafted a mailer campaign for the City composed of three separate mail pieces, to be sent not to all or as many Long Beach residents or voters as possible, but rather to the same targeted subset of Long Beach voters. These “63,741 households (of known voters)”, obviously targeted (likely with the benefit of polling data discussed below) because of their voting propensity and assessed persuadability on Measure M, received the full brunt of this campaign—all three mail pieces, one after the other.

Hacopian’s letter used the appropriate language to provide cover for the illegal use of public money on a campaign expenditure—that the goal was to “inform residents regarding the Long Beach Transfer Tax Measure” (which, incidentally, Mayor Garcia claimed was not a “tax”) and that the material would be “prepared by city staff and approved by the City Attorney”. But the letter itself also contradicts itself, revealing its own disingenuousness: Within the same sentence that it states, “To reach as broad an audience possible within the available budget...”, it goes on to outline sending the three mailers to *only the same subset of targeted voters*, rather than sending one mailer to as many voters as possible (Long Beach has approximately 255,000 voters living at approximately 143,000 household addresses, more than double the number targeted for the three mailers).

With the passage of Measure M, and the failure of enforcement authorities to hold the City accountable, Garcia and West could not help themselves as the November election rolled into view. They renewed the illegal taxpayer-funded mailer campaign scheme, almost exactly as before, but this time in pursuit of a greater prize: The elimination of Long Beach’s longstanding term limit rules (Measure BBB), which would have forced the mayor to meet the high bar of a successful write-in campaign in order to win future terms in office, along with assorted other alterations to the City Charter. We have attached an additional Hacopian hiring letter showing that again the scheme involved an expenditure just under \$100,000 to avoid Council scrutiny and this time two mailers were sent, both to the exact same targeted set of 90,391 households, rather than as many voters or residents as possible.

While the information in these two letters alone warrants an investigation into the corrupt use of taxpayer dollars for political advocacy and electoral manipulation at Long Beach City Hall, LBRC has also recently obtained further damning evidence of our City’s pattern of corrupt abuse of public funds from an unexpected location, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners (“Water Board”). The most recent meeting of the Water Board, on April 18, 2019 included an unusual agenda item (Item #9), a staff request

for approval of up to \$50,000 to poll the public on a potential merger of the City's two main utilities¹, the Water Department (overseen by the Water Board) and the Gas & Oil Department (the city's gas provider):

9. Authorize the General Manager to engage the opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct a professional survey to examine public opinions toward consolidating Long Beach's water and gas utilities at an amount not to exceed \$50,000
 - Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Well known Southern California pollster John Fairbank, of the polling firm FM3, was in attendance to pitch his wares, and clearly revealed far more about his long-running activities on behalf of Long Beach City Hall than the board expected to have aired in a public hearing, including how to defeat one's "opponents" and "prevent them from lining up to oppose you" (as if a public utility should have 'opponents'). Indeed, Commissioner Harry Saltzgaver at one point jumped in to say that the discussion had "made history" by discussing political strategy in public and that he felt the discussion needed to end. Former Long Beach city attorney Commissioner Robert Shannon called the polling proposal potential "disguised advocacy" and potentially "illegal" and "dangerous". Ultimately, Shannon convinced his colleagues to postpone a vote on the item pending review by the current City Attorney.

Yet the damage had already been done, as Fairbank, in his eagerness to promote his rehiring by the City of Long Beach, had already revealed that his firm had been responsible for the placement on the ballot and passage of all recent ballot measures in Long Beach and that he had "the pleasure of raising all of our taxes". When questioned by Shannon, he said he could not remember if public funds had been used to pay for his previous polls yet made it clear that that was indeed a common, ongoing practice in Long Beach.

And he made it clear that he was offering to help craft a ballot measure for the Water Board which would ensure passage of the merger of the water and gas utilities by means of public opinion research. In other words, his results could be used to substitute political messaging in the place of a neutral ballot description of the proposal. As Fairbanks put it, "those seventy-five words are exceedingly important." The 75-word description referred to is called the 'title and summary' and is supposed to be prepared by

¹ As LBRC's explainer video (which can be viewed on [our web site here](#)) discusses in depth, the proposed merger of the City's water and gas utilities is likely motivated by City Hall's desire to continue skimming 'excess' revenue from Long Beach's water ratepayers, an illegal violation of Prop. 218, rather than returning that surplus in the form of lower water rates. Last year the practice was successfully challenged in court by ratepayers, resulting in a settlement ending the practice as previously implemented (as a charge to ratepayers for the use of pipes under the ground owned by the City). Measure M temporarily restored the revenue stream from the Water Dept. to the General Fund but is still in violation of Prop. 218 and is currently under litigation. The ultimate solution, in City Hall's eyes, is apparently to funnel the 'excess' funds through the Prop. 218-exempt gas utility, by merging the two utilities, thereby laundering the revenue free of regulation under Prop. 218 (which sought to prevent cities from using public utility rate hikes as backdoor tax increases without first getting two-thirds voter approval).

the City Attorney's office based purely on the facts of the proposed ordinance or charter amendment, not poll testing.

To recap, the interrelated evidence of misuse of public funds for political advocacy recently uncovered by LBRC is as follows:

- (1) Political consultant Hacopian crafted City-funded mailer campaigns last year to target only a select group of voters to ensure passage of mayor-backed ballot measures.
- (2) Pollster Fairbank's firm apparently has been routinely hired *by and/or for* Long Beach city government to ensure passage of these same ballot measures—which involved potential misuse of tax dollars:
 - (a) in FM3's potential hiring at public expense;
 - (b) in the use of his polling results to breach the public trust in the writing of ballot measure 'title and summary' descriptions; and
 - (c) in the development of the political messaging that went into the illegal City-funded mailers.

Listening to the Water Board meeting testimony by Fairbank, it immediately becomes clear that his polling is not just conducted out of academic interest, it is sold as a tool to deliver results. We know that the polling on the water and gas merger he was there to sell was a clear example of this: He had already briefly polled on the concept of the merger for the charter amendments last year, the concept proved unpopular, and thus the merger, which had been set for inclusion on the ballot with the other proposed amendments, was pulled. Fairbank's focus now, if hired by the Water Board, would be to do in depth polling just on the merger in order to, as he repeatedly said during his testimony, figure out how to "move" voters. The job of a public utility with rate-setting authority ought properly to be respecting the will of voters (on behalf of ratepayers), not to "move" them politically.

Given these revelation, LBRC is calling on the following authorities with enforcement jurisdiction over public corruption in local government to investigate the City of Long Beach's practices:

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (Public Corruption Program)
- The California Dept. of Justice (Office of Attorney General Javier Becerra)
- The California State Auditor (Local Government High Risk Program)
- The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
- Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert (who we call on to investigate, or if necessary recuse and refer the investigation to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office).

The trend of local governments misusing tax dollars for political purposes is a growing problem in California and unfortunately Long Beach is leading the way. As a result of these abuses, the FPPC [has sought enhanced enforcement powers over local governments](#) from the State Legislature. As legendary California political columnist Dan Walters put it, “State law very clearly and specifically makes misuse of taxpayer funds for political purposes illegal, but the FPPC has no power to enforce the law. That’s up to local prosecutors and the state Department of Justice” ([‘A crackdown on misusing public funds for campaigns?’](#), *CalMatters*, March 3, 2019).

Click below for LBRC’s new in depth explainer video on the issue discussed in this press release. It includes extended annotated audio from the recent meeting of the Water Board, which among other things contains the following astounding revelations about the proposed merger of Long Beach’s two longstanding gas and water utility operations:

- that there was so little Water Board involvement of this proposed massive consolidation that some Water Board members were not even aware that the Board had agreed to “endorse” the proposed merger, which nearly went on the ballot last year along with the other charter amendments but was pulled due to poor polling, and they had no memory of even discussing it as a body.
- while Water Dept. General Manager Chris Garner has discussed the merger with “downtown” (City Hall, i.e. the City Manager’s and Mayor’s offices) he has admitted to quite literally not having a single conversation about it with the head of the Gas & Oil Department, which runs the city’s gas utility, Director Robert Dowell.



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EXCEPTION TO POLICY REQUEST

Department of Financial Management, Purchasing Division

ETP Number **CMAFI8233**

DEPARTMENT NAME City Manager		FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018
DIVISION NAME		ESTIMATED FY EXPENDITURE \$ 99,435.96
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VENDOR NAME AND ADDRESS
 EDH & Associates
 13636 Ventura Blvd. #388
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

DESCRIPTION OF EACH PRODUCT AND/OR SERVICE REQUESTED AS AN EXCEPTION
 For each product and/or service in this request, provide a detailed description, the estimated number of transactions in the FY, and the estimated expenditure for the FY. Attach additional page(s) if needed.
 Design, print, and mail three informational mailers regarding a charter amendment to 63,571 households of known voters. In addition, the artwork for one of the mailers will be used by City staff for a utility bill insert. The cost per each unit of mail is \$0.52, which include design, printing, postage, data, processing, and consulting fee expenses.

AN EXCEPTION IS REQUESTED BECAUSE:
 Explain why the purchase cannot be procured using the City of Long Beach's competitive bid process, so that the item can be procured based on current Department of Financial Management purchasing policies and procedures. Attach additional page(s) if needed.

There is an urgent need to inform Long Beach voters about a ballot measure amending the City Charter to allow for the transfer of surplus utility funds to the General Fund in a non-advocacy manner prior to the June 5, 2018 election. EDH & Associates specializes in direct mail and general voter communication, and has been involved in numerous local and citywide Long Beach elections. They have been selected due to the immediacy of the need, their expertise, and ability to begin work immediately.

CERTIFICATIONS

I CERTIFY THAT:

- Total cost for each purchase will not exceed \$100,000
- Purchase will not be split to circumvent the Department of Financial Management's established policies and procedures.
- Purchase will be rotated among all vendors offering the product/ service in the purchasing area, when practical.
- Purchase will be made from local business vendor(s), when practical.
- Purchase for approved "services" will comply with all service certification requirements.
- If purchase is for Professional Services, "Professional Services Background Information Sheet" is required*

*Information sheet can be found on the Purchasing intranet site: <http://clbnet/purchasing>

DEPARTMENT CONTACT (Required) Print Name Geoffrey Hall	BUREAU MANAGER APPROVAL (Required) Print Name & Sign Below
Phone 570-6724 Fax	Signature Phone 570-5028
Email Address geoffrey.hall@longbeach.gov	Email Address kevin.jackson@longbeach.gov

APPROVAL

City Purchasing Agent can approve items not exceeding \$25,000.
 If purchase exceeds \$25,000; City Manager must approve. City Manager Approval Form must be attached.

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APPROVED

The purchase of product(s) and/or service(s) described on this form is approved as an Exception to Policy for the specified fiscal year(s).

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CITY PURCHASING AGENT Signature	Date 3/19/18
CITY MANAGER Signature	Date 3/20/18

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TO: Patrick West, City Manager
City of Long Beach
FROM: Eric Hacopian
DATE: March 8th, 2018

RE: Proposal for Preparation and Distribution of Informational Mailers Regarding
Transfer Tax Measure

Thank you for the opportunity to outline the services EDH & Associates can provide for the City of Long Beach in its efforts to inform residents regarding the Long Beach Transfer Tax Measure. EDH & Associates, established in 1997, specializes in direct mail and general voter communication. Over the past dozen years we have been involved in countless local and citywide Long Beach Municipal Elections.

To reach as broad an audience possible within the available budget, EDH & Associates proposes to design, print, and mail three informational mailers regarding Transfer Tax Measure M to 63,741 households (of known voters).

The mailers will be based on informational materials prepared by city staff and approved by the City Attorney.

The City of Long Beach will approve all mailers prior to distribution.

The cost for each unit of mail is \$0.52 (52 cents), which includes design, printing, postage, data, processing, and consulting fee expenses. The total cost for the three mailers, a total mail count of 191,223 units, is \$99,435.96.

If you have any questions about this proposal or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration



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TO: Patrick West, City Manager
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FROM: Eric Hacopian

RE: Proposal for Preparation and Distribution of Informational Mailers Regarding Measures AAA, BBB, CCC and DDD

DATE: September 24th, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to outline the services EDH & Associates can provide for the City of Long Beach in its efforts to inform residents regarding the Long Beach Measures AAA, BBB, CCC and DDD. EDH & Associates, our firm that was established in 1997, specializes in direct mail and general voter communication. Over the past dozen years we have been involved in countless local and citywide Long Beach Municipal Elections.

To reach as broad an audience possible within the available budget, EDH & Associates proposes to design, print, and mail two informational mailers regarding Measures AAA, BBB, CCC and DDD to 90,391 households (of known voters).

The mailers will be based on informational materials prepared by city staff and approved by the City Attorney.

The City of Long Beach will approve all mailers prior to distribution.

The cost for each unit of mail is \$0.55 (55 cents), which includes design, printing, postage, data, processing, and consulting fee expenses. The total cost for the two mailers, a total mail count of 180,782 units, is \$99,430.10

If you have any questions about this proposal or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration

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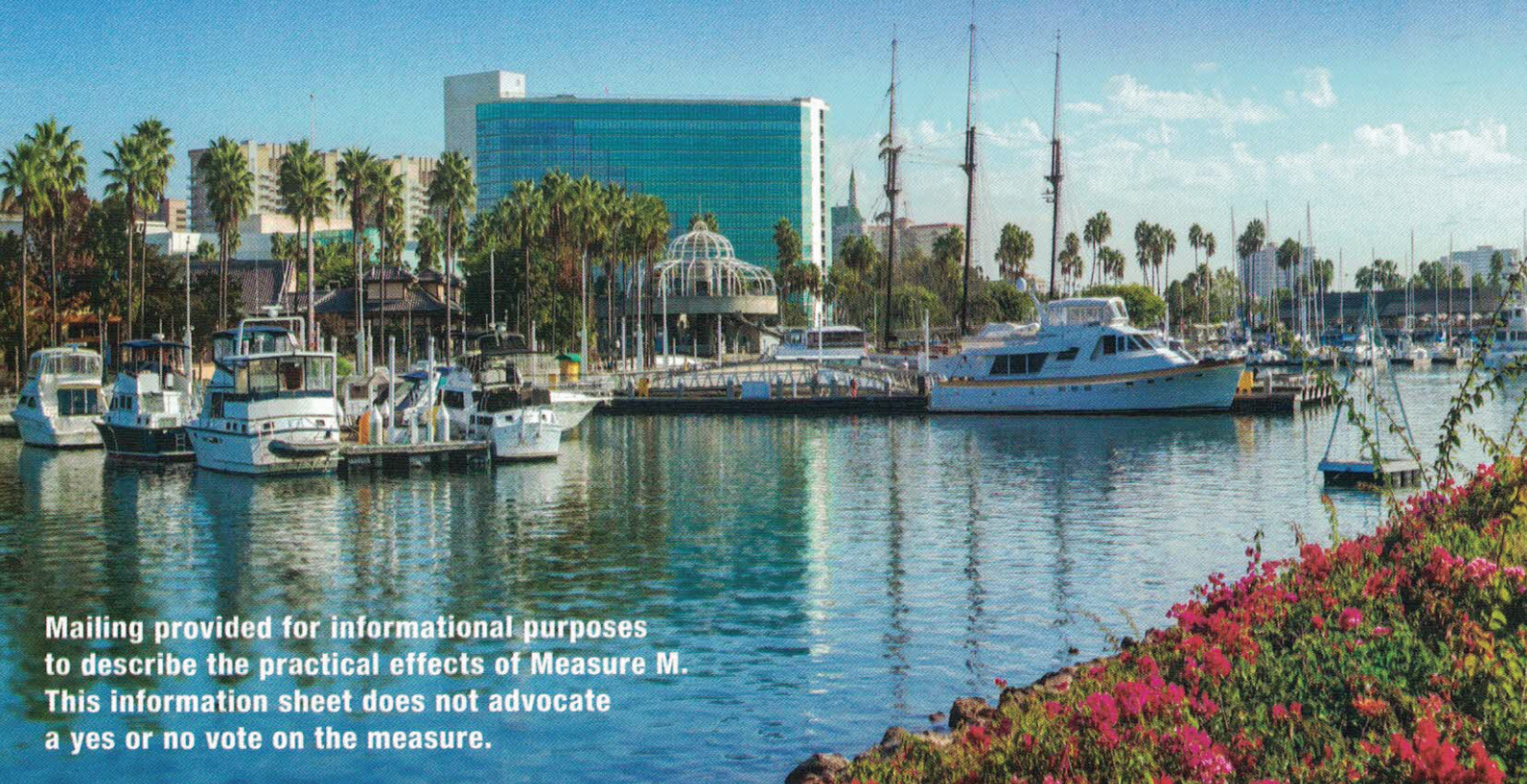
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VOTER INFORMATION

ON MEASURE M

LOCAL UTILITY REVENUE TRANSFER CHARTER AMENDMENT



Mailing provided for informational purposes
to describe the practical effects of Measure M.
This information sheet does not advocate
a yes or no vote on the measure.

INFORMATION ON MEASURE M

Dear Neighbor:

Measure M is a City Charter Amendment to explicitly authorize and affirm the transfer of surplus City utility revenues to the City's general fund to support services for Long Beach residents such as police, fire, and 911 paramedic and other general government services. These transfers have been used to support general City services for over 60 years.

If Measure M passes, the City would continue utility fund transfers to the general fund practice, subject to a new 12% cap on transfers from the Water, Sewer and Gas utility funds.

If Measure M is not passed, general City services affected would likely include 9-1-1 emergency response, police services, firefighting services, paramedic response, maintenance of streets, storm drain, neighborhood parks, senior services, libraries, and homelessness services. These reductions would likely be put in place with the new City budget in October 2018.

Under Measure M, the average rates are expected to be similar to what ratepayers have historically paid. For context on today's rates, the City's combined Water and Sewer rates in 2017 were on average \$15 per month lower than Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, and Golden State Water. Gas utility rates for residential customers in 2016 and 2017 were on average \$0.54 per month lower than those of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas).

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West
Long Beach City Manager



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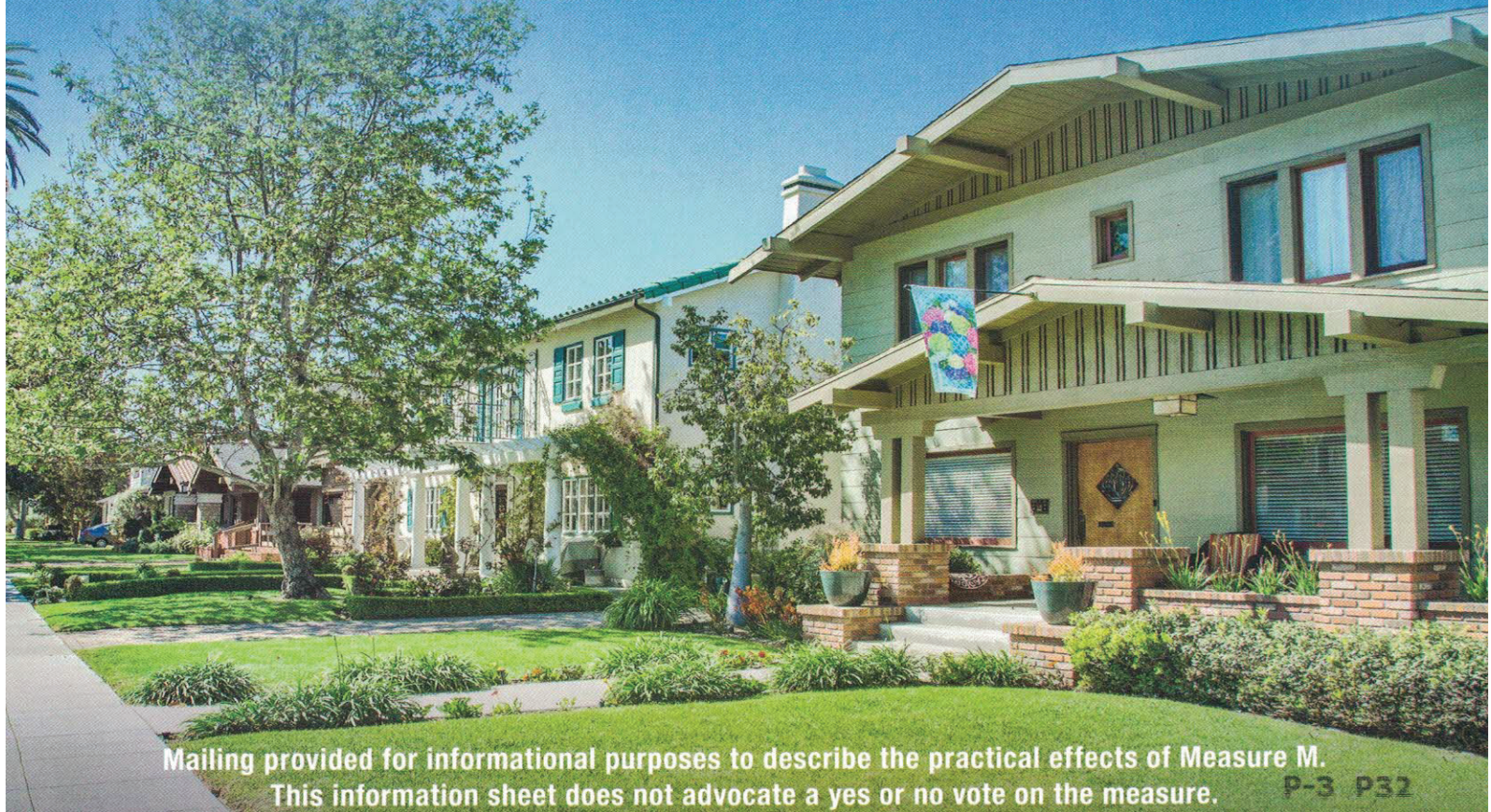
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COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON MEASURE M

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What will happen if Measure M passes?

If Measure M passes, the City would continue utility fund transfers to the general fund practice, subject to a new 12% cap on transfers from the Water, Sewer and Gas utility funds.

Why was Measure M placed on the ballot?

If approved by Long Beach voters, Measure M will eliminate the potential negative impacts on general City services from litigation filed by two individuals who claim that the utility fund transfers to the general fund are not allowed under the State Constitution unless there is a vote authorizing them. Measure M provides the opportunity for Long Beach voters to authorize and affirm these transfers.

What City services would be impacted if Measure M is not passed?

General City services affected would likely include 9-1-1 emergency response, police services, firefighting services, paramedic response, maintenance of streets, storm drain, neighborhood parks, senior services, libraries, and homelessness services. These reductions would likely be put in place with the new City budget in October 2018.

What type of controls and limits are in the Charter Amendment?

The Charter Amendment adds a new limitation preventing any utility fund transfer to the general fund from exceeding 12% of that utility's annual gross revenues. The Amendment also adds a new requirement for an annual independent audit of each utility fund transfer to ensure it complies with the Charter provision.

For more information visit www.LongBeach.gov/MeasureM

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What effect will Measure M have on water, sewer and gas rates?

Under Measure M, the average rates are expected to be similar to what ratepayers have historically paid. For context on today's rates, the City's combined Water and Sewer rates in 2017 were on average \$15 per month lower than Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, and Golden State Water. Gas utility rates for residential customers in 2016 and 2017 were on average \$0.54 per month lower than those of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas).

Will these funds be used to balance the Fiscal Year 2019 budget?

No, the FY 19 proposed budget is currently expected to be balanced through budget balancing actions that do NOT include the use of utility revenue transfers above previous levels. Measure M will authorize reinstatement and continuation of utility revenue transfers that will prevent what would otherwise be a shortfall, if those revenues were lost due to litigation.

For more information visit www.LongBeach.gov/MeasureM

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Ethics Commission

If passed, this measure will establish a seven-member City Ethics Commission to impartially administer and implement the provisions of the City Charter, statutes and ordinances concerning campaign finance, lobbying, conflicts of interest and governmental ethics. Enforcement of ethics laws would continue to be carried out by the state Fair Political Practices Commission, the Attorney General, District Attorney, City Attorney and City Prosecutor, as appropriate.



Citizen Redistricting Commission

If passed, this measure would establish the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission with sole authority for establishing Council districts following the U.S. decennial census, or more frequently if necessary. The City Charter currently grants the City Council the authority to establish or change Council district boundaries.

Mailing provided for informational purposes to describe the practical effects of the proposed Charter Amendments. This information sheet does not advocate a yes or no vote on the ballot measures.



For more information visit
www.longbeach.gov/CharterAmendments

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CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT MEASURES

The City Charter is the basic document that defines the organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures of the City of Long Beach's government. It is the most important legal document of any city. Any proposed amendments, or changes, to the City Charter require a vote of Long Beach residents, with a simple majority to pass.

The City Council has placed four charter amendment measures on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 Election. A brief description of each follows:

MEASURE AAA

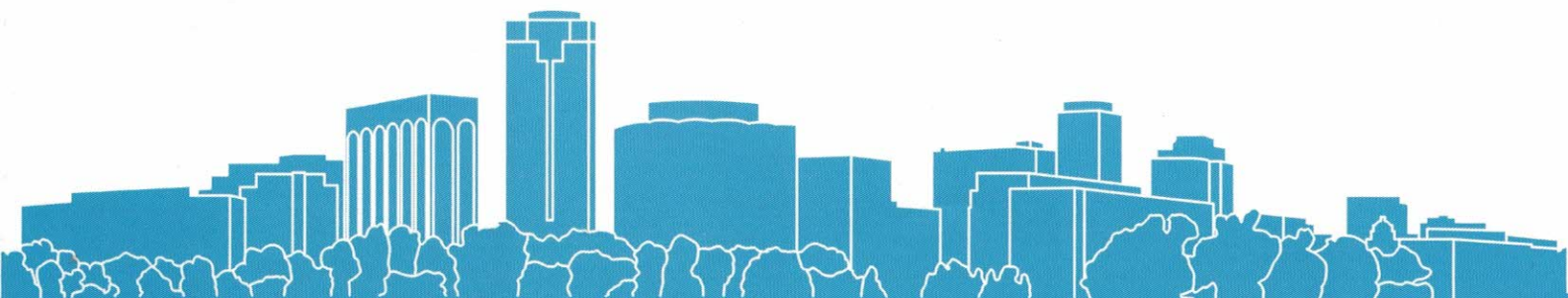
City Auditor's Authority

If passed, this measure will authorize the City Auditor to conduct performance audits of City departments, boards, commissions and offices. Performance audits are defined as independent assessments of programs, functions, operations, or management designed to enhance performance, cost savings, efficiency or service improvements

MEASURE BBB

Three-term limit on Mayoral and City Council Service

If passed, this measure will provide that no person may serve, during his/her life time, more than three terms as Mayor, and more than three terms as City Councilmember. The proposed measure would further prohibit any candidate for the office of Mayor who has served three terms or City Councilmember who has served three terms from running as a write-in candidate.



AGENDA
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1800 E. WARDLOW ROAD
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment:

GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED FIVE MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE BOARD.

3. Review Board Meeting Schedule for May 2019

- Gloria Cordero, President, Board of Water Commissioners

4. President's Report

- Gloria Cordero, President, Board of Water Commissioners

5. General Manager's Report

- Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ITEM CARRIED OVER FROM MARCH 21, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Authorization to sponsor the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House "A Few Good Men" Gala event Tuesday, October 29, 2019, being held at the Pacific Room at the Long Beach Arena (Sponsorship category: Community Outreach Event)

- Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ITEM CARRIED OVER FROM APRIL 4, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Authorization to sponsor the Aquarium of the Pacific, Pacific Visions Grand Opening Premiere event May 18, 2019

- Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

8. Adopt Resolution No. WD-1411 amending Resolution No. WD-1407 creating offices and positions in the permanent service of the Long Beach Water Department, fixing the amount of compensation for such offices and positions, and rescinding all other resolutions or orders relating thereto

- Ken Bott, Manager, Administration

9. Authorize the General Manager to engage the opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct a professional survey to examine public opinions toward consolidating Long Beach's water and gas utilities at an amount not to exceed \$50,000
 - Christopher J. Garner, General Manager
10. Authorization to attend and sponsor CORO's 44th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala, Thursday, May 23, 2019, at Taglyan Cultural Complex in Los Angeles, California
 - Christopher J. Garner, General Manager
11. Authorization to attend and sponsor the Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra gala, honoring Wes Westley, President/CEO SMG; Vice Mayor/Councilmember Dee Andrews; Councilmember Al Austin; Councilmember Rex Richardson; Councilmember Roberto Uranga; Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, at The Pacific Room at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California, May 6, 2019
 - Christopher J. Garner, General Manager
12. Authorization to attend and sponsor the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation 8th Annual Cottonwood Awards Luncheon, honoring Steve Goodling, President and CEO of the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach, California, May 30, 2019
 - Christopher J. Garner, General Manager
13. Review of Personal Services Budget
 - Greg Sorensen, Manager of Budget and Rates
14. Review of Non-Personal Services Budget
 - Greg Sorensen, Manager of Budget and Rates
15. Water Supply Update
 - Dean Wang, Manager Water Resources
16. Report of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Meeting on April 9, 2019
 - Gloria Cordero, Metropolitan Water District Director
17. Consider Standing Committee Referrals
 - Gloria Cordero, President, Board of Water Commissioners
18. New Business
19. Adjournment to the next Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA

Written materials relating to any item on the Commission's agenda which are submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the Water Department Administration Offices located at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807.

If language translation of the Commission agenda and minutes for non-English speaking persons is desired please make your request by phone to the City Clerk Department at (562) 570-6101, 72 hours prior to the Commission meeting.

Kung ang pagsasalin-wika ng adyenda at mga katitikan ng Komisyon ay hinahangad para sa mga taong hindi nagsasalita ng Ingles mangyaring gawin ang iyong kahilingan sa pamamagitan ng telepono sa Kagawaran ng Klerk ng Lunsod sa (562) 570-6101, 72 pitong oras bago ang pulong ng Komisyon.

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