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(City of Long Beach; Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center)

February 11, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE

Comments Specific to the LCP Amendment (LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1)

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January 15, 2021

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Re: LCP Amendment Request No. 1-20 (LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1)

On November 30, 2020, only ten days before the scheduled December 10, 2020 Coastal Commission Hearing on a City of Long Beach LCP Amendment for the Belmont Pier Development District, the City submitted the attached letter asking Coastal Staff to rewrite the posted LCP Staff Report regarding three 'Modification' issues: Lot Coverage, Parking and Sea Level Rise/tidal issues. The City's 'Modification' requests should be denied.

At this time, I'm commenting on Suggested Modification #5 regarding parking issues for the BBAC.
Staff Modification 5 should be **retained.**

There is NO Question that new public facilities within the Belmont Pier Development District (Belmont Beach Aquatic Center and future public facilities) will adversely impact public access to the coast and beach for the life of the developments! (Please see details below.) The BBAC has no dedicated parking lot (per the DEIR). The BBAC is underparked and should **not** be relaxed!

The City is now claiming a reduction in parking spaces needed for the BBAC due to the redesign, but those public parking spaces are **NOT** vacant and just sitting empty, waiting for BBAC usage – the existing public parking spaces are highly used and occupied.

The 'historic parking usage data' submitted in May by the City to support these requests was undated and fails to deal with current parking usage and future planned use. Coastal Staff should reject these Long Beach City change requests.

There have not been Parking Studies performed to ascertain the current status of parking needs in the Belmont Pier Development District or for proposed future development. The Beach, Pier and Granada parking lots and street parking stated by the City as available and currently vacant for BBAC spectators, competitive event participants, coaches, etc. are already used, often to capacity, by coastal visitors, neighboring commercial patrons of restaurants, businesses, fitness centers and pre-schools which have no parking of their own. And since these beach parking lots and streets are all public parking, the referenced parking spaces are also utilized by residents of neighboring multi-family and individual residences – many of which have no garages or on-site parking. Few spaces will be vacant and available to the BBAC.

The public coastal parking lots the City references and shows on its 'map' (Belmont Pier, Bennett Ave., Granada Beach) are metered – at a cost of $2.00 per hour. Commercial business patrons, employees, coastal visitors, residents etc. first seek out free street parking along Ocean Blvd. or on adjacent residential neighborhood streets. All of the diagonal spaces along Ocean Blvd. are free of charge, and long-term parking is allowed – so these spaces are filled to capacity most of the time – not available for the BBAC. The forty-four free two-hour spaces along Olympic Plaza Drive will be eliminated, paved over by the BBAC complex. (And 22 of these spaces the City, due to Covid19, currently allows the ICONIX Fitness Center to use for their private business, filled with gym equipment, gym storage units, 'parklets' etc. This is a serious loss of free parking for coastal visitors.)

Since the original DEIR was completed in 2016, numerous new businesses and uses have sprung up with no required parking. The 30,000 sq. ft. ICONIX fitness center with 542 permitted onsite patrons at a time, for example, opened in

February of 2017. It has NO parking of its own, patrons and employees use beach parking lots and public streets for vehicle parking.

The Belmont Brewing Company near the Belmont Pier, also with NO Parking of its own, offers 100 seats for meetings and a patio allowing 80 customers.

The **undated** parking usage figures submitted by the City do not account for current and future parking usage.

1 The former Ripples bar at Ocean & Granada is scheduled to become a 'gastro pub' bar/restaurant opening in the summer of 2021. It has no parking of its own, and will add cars during day and night in Granada parking lot: https://www.gazettes.com/news/business-beat-prides-last-call-at-club-ripples-soon-to-be-burger-beer-joint-jade/article_9499190e-7455-11e9-bacc-f3120ae234f0.html
2 "The Granada Beach Concession building (under construction) is located south of Ocean Blvd. at Granada Ave. The location serves as a popular destination for volleyball, kite surfing and Rosie's Dog Beach. The City plans to have a restaurant at this location, likely with an alcohol license, as well as sport rentals, etc. The City is constructing new recreational amenities for children's water play and adult fitness, a new dog rinse station, etc. http://www.longbeach.gov/citymanager/tidelands/beach-concession-improvements/

A long-time neighboring resident points out that she moved in across from the then Yankee Doodles (now Olympic/ICONIX Fitness) in 1993. When the big-time swim meets were held - they would fill the parking lots plus at least 10 buses staged along East Olympic Plaza (and there was no dog beach back then). Rosie's Dog beach (adjacent to the Granada rest rooms) started in 2001 and then was later doubled in size to accommodate visiting dog owners to what is the only dog beach in LA County – these canine owning visitors take a lot of parking spaces on a regular basis now.

With the expanding Granada Beach Concession, and after the pandemic abates, the beach will likely again have movie nights, summer concerts, car events, sand castle contests and other community events. needing parking.)

Future commercial expansion of the entire Belmont Pier Development District and adjacent areas is foreseen. The City is already planning a rebuilt or new Belmont Pier, with new restaurants, shops and events. (The City has promised the LA28 Olympics a new Pier, which will be the site for viewing offshore sailing competition.) Daytime parking use: Chuck's coffee shop (customers and employees), Iconix (customers and employees) early morning to late at night, Floyds barbershop (customers and employees), Belmont day care school, need for Pier fishing parking, many of the apartments utilize the Pier parking lot, Vons employees use parking lot, Belmont Brewing Company (customers and employees), Beach Maintenance building city employee parking and a larger pool needs more staff using parking lot then squeeze in parking for delivery, Service and maintenance trucks for all those businesses plus the daily Firetrucks/Paramedics going to the Pool. Homeless parking along Ocean Blvd. can be up to 75 cars/vans/campers. Firetrucks and Paramedics vehicles are regulars at the pool - there are many pool accidents no one talks about and first responder needs will expand exponentially with an aquatic facility five times larger.

Also, the adjacent Belmont Shore neighborhood will have much greater on-street parking needs – as new California State laws have changed zoning laws and eliminate parking requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units, Junior Dwelling Units, the conversion of garages to living space, etc. This will greatly expand the number of residents and the vehicles they bring with them. Already seriously impacted Belmont Shore

resident parking will be more stressed. Covid19 has demonstrated to the public that they need vehicles to safely travel to work, to grocery stores, to Covid19 testing and vaccine sites, to food bank distribution sites. Long Beach Transit reports a 60% current reduction in ridership (with no fares coming in as riders have to climb aboard in the back of the bus). Long Beach Transit has had to reduce schedules, change routes, etc. making it less likely and advantageous for Coastal Visitors, BBAC patrons, etc. to use public transit. Only one bus line (121) currently serves the area. Water Taxi service is intermittent, limited and expensive, it is not a viable alternative.

How about people just wanting to go to the beach to enjoy the ocean and beaches, and partially escape hot days caused by global warming – and because there is no other entertainment for struggling families that is low cost or free. And a visit to the beach for a couple of people or a family requires all sorts of beach equipment, lunches and snacks, coolers, towels, clothing changes that are difficult to manage on a bus, much less a scooter or bicycle.

The City's insistence that there was be a lessening need for parking, and that the current beach lot and street parking is available for BBAC spectators, participants and support needs is unbelievable and unacceptable.

All these present and future parking intense uses should be factored into the impact the BBAC will have on parking in the area.

Sincerely,

Melinda Cotton

Note 1: Interestingly, the City's Nov. 30th letter uses the example below regarding "new residential developments" to request 'eliminating parking requirements' – thus acknowledging that the BBAC is a new development – a new public facility, and should be judged accordingly!!

> On October 16, 2019, the California Coastal Commission approved the City of San Diego LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0063-1 (Transit Priority Area) eliminating parking requirements for new residential developments in Transit Priority Areas. While this Coastal Commission action is not directly comparable to the proposed project (no residential proposed), the supporting arguments from the Coastal Commissioners do merit consideration related to excepting parking for public facilities in the PD-2 area.

Note 2: The DEIR Executive Summary 1-68 recognizes traffic congestion and parking impacts and requires:

Special Event Traffic. In the event that a large special event (i.e., any event with more than 450 spectators)is held at Belmont Pool, an Event Traffic Management Plan would need to be developed that addresses potential impacts to traffic circulation and the steps necessary to avoid potential significant traffic congestion and parking impacts. Mitigation Measure 4.12.1 requires the City to prepare and implement an Event Traffic Management Plan that requires traffic and control measures for special events to be reviewed and approved by the City Traffic Engineer. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.12.1 would reduce construction traffic impacts to the surrounding residences and businesses to less than significant levels.

Note 3: The Deir Executive Summary 4.9-14

The Project site is located south of Ocean Boulevard, southeast of Livingston Drive, and north of the Pacific Ocean. Ocean Boulevard is designated as a Congestion "Hot Spot" in the City's 2013 Mobility Element.

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Cc: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

Please consider the following comments in your review of the applicant's request to amend this LCP.

From the Staff Report on the related CDP application 05-18-077, Page 15:
"Long Beach is a coastal city in southern Los Angeles County. In 1980, the Coastal Commission certified the City's LCP, which is comprised of a Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP) made up of several stand-alone documents. The City of Long Beach LCP **has been amended nearly 100 times** since its original certification." [Bold added for emphasis.]

Is it possible the City's actions to amend their LCP nearly 100 times in 40 years reflects the City's lack of understanding in managing a certified LCP which is consistent with the Coastal Act?

From the Staff Report, LCPA - Suggested Modification 2, Page 16:
"... the newly proposed Subarea 5 boundaries [specifically defined for the BBAC] include area within the Commission's retained jurisdiction."

The report goes on to state that this modification is suggested to clarify that the Commission would process any CDP applications for projects located within its jurisdiction and that the standard of review for such development would be Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, with guidance from the certified LCP.

Clearly stated, development in Subarea 5 would be subject to Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. This aquatics center is new development defined by Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

Goals for use of the coastal zone is guided by Section 30001.5(d):
"Assure priority for coastal-dependent and coastal-related development over other development on the coast."

<u>A giant aquatics center on the beach is not coastal-dependent nor coastal-related.</u>

Please deny this Coastal Development Permit.

Respectfully,
Gordana Kajer
Long Beach, CA

Re: LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

Public Comment on February 11, 2021 Agenda Items 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a; Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center.

Serving as a volunteer coach for persons suffering with M.S. (Multiple Sclerosis) at the Silverado Pool I have come to realize that more pools are needed. While I am nostalgic about my youth swimming at the Belmont Pool, I realize it should not cloud fair judgement for equity. I do believe Long Beach will benefit from an iconic competition level facility; however, during my time volunteering, prior to Covid-19, I came to learn that there is a huge need for ADA accessible facilities in the coastal zone and the greater Long Beach area, and this will not satisfy that greater need at this location and as proposed. The facilities are insufficient such as the need for more lift chairs. Also, Long Beach pools serve the needs of people in other neighboring communities and many travel long distances, taking multiple transfers to do so. That greater need, the need to place pools so more could receive the health benefit from water exercise, should be one of the primary guiding directives for choosing what and where to build new facilities. The permit for this dramatically altered project for new facilities, further promotes inequity. To focus so many resources without consideration for alternative sites, in more suitable coastal access locations, that are not subject to all the environmental hurdles and prohibitive issues and impacts this project continues to present, is socially un-just.

As a for instance chair lifts are critical, Silverado pool only has one, and this permit/project does not meet that overall public need for many more of those types of ADA amenities. Furthermore, it does not need to be built at this on-the-sand location, when other more environmentally and socially just locations, even multiple locations, also within the coastal zone, as well as further inland still within the tidelands jurisdiction, have yet to be considered.

These concerns should prompt you to not approve this LCP application because of the valid un-resolved issues that include but are not limited to: climate change science, coastal sea-level rise and more frequent flooding risks, facility damage due to direct storm swell action, wind and sand intrusions, no sea-wall barriers, construction design impairments such as non-wind proof roof materials, shape, height variances, light and noise disruptions, traffic, over-whelming swells in density and overall disruption to the quiet enjoyment of the coastal zone by fragile bird nesting populations and resident human occupants and demolition of habitat and flora without agreed replacement by the City of Long Beach such as 2 for 1 on trees removed. This project also does not show it addresses the seismic instability concerns which were one of the reasons for demolition of the former Belmont Pool instead of it's retro-fitting.

Other examples of ADA in-equity have to do with construction design such as a 7' ramp design that may pose a problem for persons limited to wheelchair or walker use. The restricted street ingress and egress to get to this somewhat isolated on-the-sand location will inhibit persons with disabilities from being able to utilize the public facility in an equitable manner unless they are fortunate enough to live in the immediate vicinity; due to reduced traffic lanes through road diets, street vacations and the already built out limitations of this coastal zone and only one bus line.

Please consider these concerns in your review of this greatly altered proposal being presented. I oppose agenda item T12b manipulating the LCP. I support T13a and T13b appeals by two Commissioners and individuals. I oppose T14a application to close Olympic Plaza.

Respectfully,

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November 30, 2020

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Dear Ms. Ziff:

On November 20, 2020, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) provided the City of Long Beach a draft of suggested modifications for LCP Amendment Request No. 1-20 (LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1) for the Belmont Pier Planned Development District (PD-2). This email is to respond to the proposed modifications and provide clarification on the provisions intended with the LCPA.

Suggested Modification #4

The intent of removing lot coverage in the new Subarea 5 was due to the outdoor orientation of the proposed Belmont Beach Aquatic Center (BBAC) facility and the limited enclosed building area proposed on the 7.4-acre site. The revised project intends for an aquatics open complex with limited "enclosed" building area (18,075 square feet, functioning mostly as locker rooms and utility/support areas). According to our certified definitions of "lot coverage" and "building" (links provided below), the proposed project is under the recommended limitation for 50 percent lot coverage. The City would like to confirm understanding that the proposed project is under the recommended lot coverage threshold as included by the Coastal Commission under Modification #4. Based on the City's understanding, the only areas that count toward lot coverage under this development standard would be enclosed building areas such as the Support Building, Myrtha Pool Restroom, Locker Rooms, etc.

- Lot Coverage: https://library.municode.com/ca/long_beach/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT21ZO_CH21.15DE_21.15.1620LOCO
- Building: https://library.municode.com/ca/long_beach/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT21ZO_CH21.15DE_21.15.410BU

With confirmation of this understanding of how Lot Coverage is understood, the City will have no objection to Modification #4.

Suggested Modification #5

The intent of the proposed amendment for requiring no new parking be provided for new, rebuilt, or remodeled public facilities was based on the fact that public facilities in this area of PD-2 are in a portion of the City's coastal zone that is presently served by existing transit (inclusive of water-based transit) and active transportation infrastructure and is developed with moderate residential density, a mix of uses, and existing vehicle parking lots and street parking. In combination, these resources provide connectivity to existing public coastal facilities in the area and will adequately serve the proposed pool use (which was formerly on the same site).

On October 16, 2019, the California Coastal Commission approved the City of San Diego LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0063-1 (Transit Priority Area) eliminating parking requirements for new residential developments in Transit Priority Areas. While this Coastal Commission action is not directly comparable to the proposed project (no residential proposed), the supporting arguments from the Coastal Commissioners do merit consideration related to excepting parking for public facilities in the PD-2 area.

In the staff presentation, the Coastal Commission staff raised concerns about impacts related to introducing new development and potential exacerbation of existing coastal access issues in parking-burdened areas of the City of San Diego, such as Pacific Beach. However, ultimately, the Coastal Commission recognized that the Coastal Act does require new development to address coastal access, which includes vehicle parking, but also provides allowance for serving development with public transit instead.

Section 30252, Maintenance and enhancement of public access, of the Coastal Act states:

> *The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by (1) facilitating the provision or extension of transit service, (2) providing commercial facilities within or adjoining residential development or in other areas that will minimize the use of coastal access roads, (3) providing nonautomobile circulation within the development, (4) providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation, (5) assuring the potential for public transit for high intensity uses such as high-rise office buildings, and by (6) assuring that the recreational needs of new residents will not overload nearby coastal recreation areas by correlating the amount of development with local park acquisition and development plans with the provision of onsite recreational facilities to serve the new development.*

The PD-2 area, under existing conditions, provides a variety of transportation access modes (automobiles, bus transit, water taxi, and a network of pedestrian and bicycle connections) that can continue to serve the public facilities in the area. Furthermore, in a letter, dated on May 8, 2020, from the Department of Public Works to Coastal Commission staff, the City provided historical parking data for parking usage for the surrounding parking lots in the vicinity of the BBAC facility. The existing parking facilities were

demonstrated to provide adequate parking facilities to support the myriad uses of the coast in concert with the BBAC facility. In addition, consistent with Section 30252 of the Coastal Act, the available parking in nearby parking lots is further complemented by the existing bus and water taxi service provided by Long Beach Transit. Furthermore, the 2019 Coastal Commission discussion related to exempting parking requirements in the San Diego Transit Priority Areas included reference to transportation options outside of formal transit, such as bicycle racks, bicycle repair stations, and bike fleets. The PD-2 area, and specifically the project vicinity of the BBAC facility, features public bicycle racks, free bicycle repair stations, and multiple public bicycle fleet stations in the immediate vicinity of the proposed pool and with direct access to the Class I beach bicycle path and Class II bicycle lanes in the PD-2 area.

With regards to Coastal staff's proposed Modification #5, the City supports the concept of including the ability to relax parking standards. However, in introducing the ability to relax parking standards without objective metrics to demonstrate that the relaxation of parking standards will not adversely public access to the coast and beach, City staff is concerned that it will be impossible to demonstrate this standard has been met, both for the proposed BBAC facility, and future public facilities in PD-2. In order to provide expeditious development proceedings and avoid contention over unclear standards, the City requests clarification on the intent of this modification, if a complete exemption of parking standards for public facilities would not be supported by Commission staff. Since PD-2 includes both local and state jurisdictions of the Coastal Zone, staff wants to ensure the City can consistently apply the requested change in all areas of the Coastal Zone.

Suggested Modification #9

As revised, the requested modification to establish +10'-0" NAVD88 as the grade datum requires further discussion. The sea level measurement noted in the plans and submitted sea level rise analyses for the BBAC facility uses NGVD29 as the point of reference for sea level elevation. There is a minus 2.4-foot differential between NAVD88 and NGVD29 (see Attachment A). Therefore, changing this metric for the defined grade in Subarea 5 and inserting a 30-foot height limit would cause the proposed BBAC facility to have a non-compliant status with the height limits in the newly-amended LCP. The City has no plans to increase the height of the building areas for the BBAC facility from the submitted plans, but the height datum issue must be resolved to avoid this problem.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the project contact, Scott Kinsey, AICP, at (562) 570-6461 or Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Director of Development Services

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Attachments: A - Vertical Datum Planes for Los Angeles Outer Harbor

VERTICAL DATUM PLANES

FOR

LOS ANGELES OUTER HARBOR

(VALUES IN DECIMAL FEET)

WATER LEVEL		MLLW DATUM	NAVD88 DATUM	NGVD29 DATUM	MSL DATUM
HIGHEST OBSERVED WATER LEVEL (01/27/1983)	EHW	7.82	7.62	5.20	5.00
MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER	MHHW	5.49	5.29	2.87	2.67
MEAN HIGH WATER	MHW	4.75	4.55	2.13	1.93
MEAN TIDE LEVEL	MTL	2.85	2.65	0.23	0.02
MEAN SEA LEVEL	MSL	2.83	2.62	0.20	0.00
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM '29	NGVD29	2.62	2.42	0.00	-0.20
MEAN LOW WATER	MLW	0.94	0.74	-1.68	-1.88
NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM '88	NAVD88	0.20	0.00	-2.42	-2.62
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER	MLLW	0.00	-0.20	-2.62	-2.83
LOWEST OBSERVED WATER LEVEL (12/17/1933)	ELW	-2.73	-2.93	-5.35	-5.56

NOTE: The +7.82 shown as HIGHEST OBSERVED WATER level should be used with caution. Irregularities in the predicted tide (seiches) have been known to cause an overrun of up to 1.0 feet above the predicted tide. Numerical values are based on 19 years of observations by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey with full cycle corrections applied. JAN 1983 – DEC 2001 EPOC

2.42’ is the difference between NVAD88 and NGVD29 at Tidal Benchmark 9410660

To convert feet MSL to feet MLLW add 2.83’

General Public Comments Relating to the Proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center

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Subject: FW: Re:Agenda Item Th14a 2/11/2020 BBAC

From: Tahesha K. Christensen <taheshakc259@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:00 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Re:Agenda Item Th14a 2/11/2020 BBAC

Dear California Coastal Commission,
This letter is a statement in opposition to Agenda Item Th14a on Thursday 2/11/2020

Do not approve a permit for the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. Insist that the City find a more central, equitable, and sustainable location (like the Elephant Lot downtown) and prioritize public health and water safety, not sports competitions. The Special Conditions do not ensure equal access to the BBAC for marginalized residents nor prevent sea level rise from flooding the site. Do the right thing, MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

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TO: Coastal Commission Feb 5, 2021

From: Corliss Lee 3072 Knoxville Ave. Long Beach Ca 90808 714 401 7063

Subject: TH12b Thursday

Amendment Request No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center) of the City of Long Beach Certified Local Coastal Program, for Public Hearing and Commission Action at the February 10-12, 2021 virtual meeting

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The staff-annotated LCP is in standard type.

My comments/objections to the proposals put forth for the LCP are in italics.

Quotes from the LCP page 1

The proposed development motivating this LCP amendment **involves converting an area that is currently used as a passive park** with beach sand, grass areas, and meandering public bike and pedestrian paths (Belmont Shore Beach Park) to a swimming pool complex with seven water bodies, a pool facilities building, and passive park area. One of the City's objectives for this project is to replace the pre-existing Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool, described in the LCP as one of the "principal facilities in Area C which serve visitors and provide recreation" and "is unusually important in the training of U.S. athletes for international events."

The passive park is much used both by beach goers and by shore birds. Steady degradation of nesting habitat is documented in bird surveys with the City removing trees and not replacing them. Although the staff report says there are 27 trees, a recent survey found 13. The steady removal of habitat means a loss of wildlife in the area. This small park is an essential refuge for shore birds in this location and the park should not be removed.

As proposed, **the development is inconsistent with the certified LCP's height limitations**

Thus, the City is proposing to add a new subarea to the Belmont Pier PD (with boundaries that align with the proposed project site) that increases the allowable height, expands the allowable uses, and revises the general standards for the PD to accommodate the proposed BBAC.

Large public installations on the beach that exceed 2 stories were not contemplated in the Coastal Act. A competitive swimming pool that exceeds height limitations does not belong on the beach. The fact that there was one built in 1968, before the Coastal Act was signed into law, resulted in a non-compliant structure with respect to the vision of the Coastal Act. Non-compliance was not grand-fathered in however and since the old pool has been removed, the area should be brought into compliance with the Coastal Act with respect to structure height. If you allow this structure to exceed the allowable building heights in the LCP, and approve a change to the LCP, you are setting a precedent.

Also note that by removing the roof in the current design, all kinds of new problems arise that were not contemplated in the EIR. Additional noise and lights will be bothersome (if not intolerable) in the neighborhood. Sand blowing into the pools will be a maintenance issue.

I believe we can expect that the pool without a roof is just phase I of this build. The city will likely come back to get another height variance to put the roof back on.

~~"Any variance from those standards shall only be allowed if the following finding of fact is made: The variation will have no adverse affect on access along the shoreline including physical, visual or psychological characteristics of access."~~

The City strikes out this line in the LCP because the requirement cannot be met with this project. Striking the requirement from the LCP does not strike the overall requirements from the Coastal Act, which was put in place to protect the beach as a community asset, making it available to all. This new pool should be required to be designed within Coastal Act and the existing LCP requirements or be moved to another location.

The City of Long Beach maintains that this pool complex is a "replacement" for the demolished Belmont Pool that was built in the 1960s. ***The BBAC project is not "replacement" but better described as "expansion" being 3X the size of the original Belmont Pool.*** *"More" is not necessarily "better" - at least not on the beach.*

The Belmont Pool project is a good example of a project that violates the intent of the Coastal Act, allowing property uses that benefit the few instead of the many. How many residents or visitors do you know that will use a competitive high dive? That high dive, along with the other 7 pools, blocks views and when used for competitive swim meets with hundreds or thousands of spectators that come with cars, restricts access to the beach for the general public.

Quote from the proposed LCP page 8:

General Development and Use Standards, Parking

Public. The existing number of public parking spaces shall be retained ~~supplemented by the addition of up to 200 spaces to be located immediately south of the existing Belmont Pier parking lot~~ **with the exception of 40 parking spaces along Olympic Plaza and 130 parking spaces within the Granada public beach parking lot that may be removed pursuant to a California Coastal Commission-approved coastal development permit for the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center**. **~~Notwithstanding the requirements of Chapter 21.41 of the Zoning Regulations, no additional parking for new, rebuilt, or remodeled public facilities shall be required. Public parking may be relocated from the Granada Avenue parking lot to under and west of the Belmont Pier, but not to extend westward of 38th Place, provided an equal number of spaces in the Granada Avenue parking lot be converted to beach, bicycle path or landscaped uses.~~** No parking structures shall be allowed.
Subarea 1, Parking

Parking is at a premium all along the coast, with high density development and narrow streets being the norm. Allowing this extreme development that is 3X the size the original Belmont Pool to be built in the beach area necessitates removal of parking spaces, thus restricting access to the beach for the general public. The mobility plan alluded to that highlights access by bike does not change the reality that most beach goers are traveling to the area by automobile, which requires

available parking. Removing 170 parking spaces exacerbates the problem and restricts access to the beach, thus violating the Coastal Act.

The City Council meeting (May 16 2017) where the Belmont Pool EIR was approved contained a verbal statement by City staff (Tom Modica) that the new pool will contain ample parking "1050 parking spaces would be available…" See recording from that meeting – time 45:35 /6: 00: 09 *https://longbeach.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=84&clip_id=9143&meta_id=687371*

This doesn't seem to have made it into the LCP. Does the EIR conflict with the LCP, or was the parking spaces statement just a nice thought that didn't make it into either document?

Another statement made by City Staff presenting at the EIR approval meeting was that the site could expect 4000 spectators at an event. The spokesperson for the Belmont Shore Residents Association stated that their organization was opposed to the pool mainly because ***of expected extreme traffic and parking problems****. They asked that a traffic study be done as part of the EIR, but since the EIR was approved at that meeting, I doubt the traffic study was ever done. The LCP does not adequately plan for parking and traffic therefore failing to acknowledge the negative impacts to local residents that will result from having the BBAC dominating entrance and egress from their homes. The parking plan is inadequate and without sound basis (a traffic study).*

Quote Page 11

Suggested Modification 9: Distinguish the height of buildings from the height of structures allowed in Subarea 5.

Subarea 5, Building Design

Height. Buildings **are allowed up to a height of 30 feet** and **visually permeable or minimally obtrusive accessory** structures (**non-building area,** including but not limited to the aquatics complex shade awnings or structures, architectural features, and diving towers) are allowed up to a height of 60 feet ~~**(the height of the former Belmont Pool building).**~~ Height in Subarea 5 shall be measured from the project grade datum established for the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Complex project**, which is approximately at sea elevation level** +10'-0" **NGVD29**. Quote from Page 14

Similarly, some of the City's intended changes raise issues regarding the proposed amendment's consistency with the public access, visual resource, and community character policies of the City's LUP and the Coastal Act. For example, the City proposes to eliminate vehicle parking requirements for new, rebuilt, or remodeled public facilities in the Belmont Pier PD. While the City's LCP includes policies that encourage less automobile use and more alternative transportation options (e.g. Mobility Element Policies 5-2 and 5-3, Scenic Route Element Policy 3, and Local Coastal Plan document Transportation and Access policies) it may be appropriate for future projects in this area to provide vehicle parking in order to facilitate access to the coast or avoid adverse impacts to public access. Each project should be evaluated based on the demand for vehicle traffic and storage it is likely to generate; some projects may be authorized without new parking while larger projects may necessitate it to avoid adverse impacts to coastal access.

This CC staff paragraph above touches on the parking issues that may become intolerable with the city Mobility Element policy that suggests people can take buses, walk or bike to the beach. It's just

not realistic in a city that has never installed decent public transportation. I wonder how my 92 year old mother would ever again get to visit this location.

In conclusion, I do not object to the idea of Long Beach having a high quality, notable aquatics center. My objections are about the location of this enormous facility. The beach is to be preserved for everyone. Access to the beach must be available and reasonable to the existing culture of automobile travel, public transit, bikes, scooters and walking.

Alternative sites were not seriously studied. Rather the Belmont Beach site was chosen before any analysis of "best location" for this pool. The City has a location by the Convention Center that is called "the elephant lot." It is a far better fit for this type of facility but was ignored and falsely described as under contract until 2029. No contract going out to that date has been located. Although this site was deemed "already taken" the City has offered it up for other uses, such as the George Lukas Museum, Angels Stadium and the Olympics.

Please do not violate the intent of the Coastal Act by allowing the City of Long Beach to install a facility that denies residents and visitors access to the beach with unmarred vistas and reduces habitat for shore birds. The City of Long Beach needs to be encouraged to play by the rules.

Respectfully,

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For the record: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff

You should reject any action for items 12b and 14a.

According to the staff summary:

'The proposed development motivating this LCP amendment involves converting an area that is currently used as a passive park with beach sand, grass areas, and meandering public bike and pedestrian paths (Belmont Shore Beach Park) to a swimming pool complex with seven water bodies, a pool facilities building, and passive park area. One of the City's objectives for this project is to replace the pre-existing Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool, described in the LCP as one of the "principal facilities in Area C which serve visitors and provide recreation" and "is unusually important in the training of U.S. athletes for international events." That pool complex was located at the site from 1968 to 2014, when it was demolished due to seismic instability.'

Amazingly, the statement offers a motivation which presumes that it is utterly legitimate and indeed a wonderful benefit (and appropriate to brag to the Commision) that the varied coastal-dependent existing uses of the site are to be subordinated to the proposed construction for a non-coastal-dependent activity.

The statement does not even bother to offer a justification for its proposal:

* There is no claim (which in fact would be grossly false if made) that only this specific site within Long Beach can be used to replace the touted 'international events training' function of the former pool.
* There is no claim that the new pool would fare any better than the former one: no claim is made that the 'seismic instability' owed to the old pool's construction rather than to inherent instability of the site.
* There is no claim that the City has any plans to fulfill its own Charter policy of replacing the lost park acreages 2-1.

Commissioners, **the proposed staff modifications are meaningless because they impose no time limits** on construction disruptions or delays in achievement of the desired restoration of public use and access for current coastal-dependent non-aquatic-center uses. The mods say only 'shall be' this and 'shall be' that - e.g. that a path shall 'be provided' and that better public transportation shall 'be encouraged'. They don't guarantee any time by which these things must happen.

The City of Long Beach is used to making promises for eventual or far-off actions which impose no timely obligations on it, or to us the people now living or even to our children. For a telling example, the City of Long Beach has just released a so-called 'Climate Action and Adaptation Plan' (cool sounding title) - whose maps clearly show the proposed site and nearby neighborhoods and access zones routinely under flood waters in a few decades - yet no specific action versus sea level rise is proposed with any deadline.

[In fact, the most specific (and costly) action proposed by the City of Long Beach in regards Sea Level Rise is to make the problem worse by electively siting this proposed costly non-coastal dependent facility deliberately in Sea Level Rise harm's way.]

Joe Weinstein,
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Dear Coastal Commissioners,
I am a resident of Long Beach with three young children and whole heartedly support the belmont pool plans—as is. The original pool has always been a place for people of ages, socioeconomic Backgrounds and heritages to learn to swim, swim for exercise or compete in swimming, waterpolo and diving. The belmont pool has a decade long history of being where collegiate and high school teams from long beach and the southern california area compete and olympic athlete and international events can take place because of the quality and design of the facility.

The belmont olympic pool
Has been and will continue to be a place where dreams and goals are realized. It is a place that can inspire the young and young at heart to greatness in sport and competition and experience how sport brings us together. (This concept is something that local naysayers just dont understand)

Swim lessons are always filled as soon as they open for sign ups and woth more pools, there is more space for lessons, practice, etc.

There are public transportation options for people to come of they dont want to use the other public pool offerings closer to their neighborhoods. Currently the park space where the site of the original pool was, is filled with homeless people doing drugs and operating bicycle chop shops with bikes stolen from the neighborhood. So the pool will fill the void where these people are setting up camp.

Please approve this project for the community of long beach and communities of the region.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Larson

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center project

Please distribute to each of California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach & Aquatics Center project.

I strongly urge you to **APPROVE** items 12b and 14a and **DENY** the appeals as shown in items 13a and 13b. It would be a travesty for this project to not move forward. This is likely a rare instance where you have many, many more citizens who WANT this complex built than the very few who oppose it.

As a 40-year resident who moved to Long Beach because of swimming, I am an actively involved citizen and passionate supporter of the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center project. The proposed replacement for the original world-renowned Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool will benefit **all** Long Beach residents plus many more in the Southern California region and beyond, as do the bicycle and pedestrian paths along the beach that pass between the ocean and the pool location and which attract about one million users each year. The new complex will offer access to lessons, recreation, lifeguard training and water sports for all, as did the now demolished facility. The past results are proof that the future benefits of this project will continue to be a great asset to the entire city.

Many Long Beach residents from all over the City learned to swim and enjoy our beautiful beaches and water activities due to the presence of the prior structure and its wonderful programming. Both youth and adults participate in aquatic activities for fun and exercise, which improve our physical and mental health.

The facility creates a sense of community and **camaraderie** among the users. Young and old, when we stand on that deck in our Speedos ready to get in the water, no one knows whether you are rich or poor, or where you live. We all just know that we love being in the water.

I was fortunate to have parents who got me into swim lessons at an early age. Unfortunately, about 70% of Black children and 58% of Latino children have low to no swimming ability according to a 2010 study by USA Swimming and the University of Memphis. Up to 37% of all adults likewise are not drown-proofed. If your parents do not know how to swim, odds are good that you will not learn. **The consequences of this are deadly**.

While this communication expresses my personal thoughts, I am an officer and on the board of directors for Aquatic Capital of America, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Long Beach. Knowing the statistics as shown in the paragraph above, and given the amount of water in and around Long Beach, currently one of our most important and growing programs is funding swim lessons for children from minority and low-income families in Long Beach, focusing at present on north Long Beach. We continually seek additional donations to grow this program, aiming to change those statistics.

The opponents would have you believe that residents in north Long Beach and the Westside are unable to get to a pool on the beach. Simply not true. My husband grew up in poor family in an area known as the Wrigley district. He and his friends would ride their bikes to the beach every day in the summer, and that was long before there was a bike path on the LA River levee. In addition, Long Beach has an excellent bus system that can bring youth and adults from all over the city to the Belmont pool. Additionally, our Parks, Recreation & Marine Department offers long-standing, robust day camps at Belmont where they bus children to the pool from lower income areas of the city.

There are just 3 public year-round pools in Long Beach, a city with over 460,000 residents. Of the three, only Belmont serves the entire eastern half of the city, while the central and westside areas have one pool each and the north side has none. The opponents also want you to believe that the money to construct the rebuilt pool could be better used building more, cheaper pools throughout the city. Also simply not true. As you know, funds set aside for the complex are in the Tidelands Funds, and cannot be spent outside of the Tidelands areas. To build new pools outside the Tidelands area would necessitate using General Fund monies. Even in "normal" years, Long Beach's General Fund does not have the capacity to do that.

I look forward to the Commission's **approval** of 12b and 14a, and **denial** of 13a and 13b on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Thank you,
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Subject: Public Comment on CCC mtg 2/11/2021, Agenda Item Th14a, Application No. 5-18-0788, Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center,
Attachments: LBAPN appeal of BBAC re Coastal Act.docx; CCC Presentation copy 3.pptx

To: The California Coastal Commission
From: The Long Beach Area Peace Network
Re: February 11th, 2020 Coastal Commission Meeting, Agenda Item Th14a, Application No. 5-18-0788 Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center and Appeals 13a & b

Dear Commissioners,
We ask that the Commission not approve either a change to the Local Coastal Plan nor a Local Coastal Permit for the Project. Regardless of the Special Conditions we stand by our original Appeal (see attached) and propose that the City be required to submit a new EIR to allow consideration of alternative designs and sites as well as a genuine opportunity for public participation and comment.

Staff's conclusion that, with the addition of Special Conditions, the project complies with the Coastal Act in terms of equal access and Environmental Justice is incorrect. The site, in the wealthiest/whitest corner of a minority-majority city of 467,000 where ⅓ of children are poor, is inequitable. The facility itself is focused on sports competitions, not community water safety or recreation.

As regards the proposed Special Conditions we make the following comments:

3. Public Access Program.

A. *Include the hours and days of the week that the public will be able to access each of the public facilities….Provide the anticipated hours and days that the facilities would be used for competitive aquatic events. The public shall be allowed use of the facility from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 am to 2 p.m. Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends, at a minimum.*
B. *Require that during operating hours, a minimum of four bodies of water, including at least one of the two 50M pools, be available to the general public for recreational purposes (i.e. not for competitive events, private instruction or use by exclusive clubs, or temporary events).……If closure of the facility for a temporary event is permitted, access through and along the site and sandy beach shall be maintained and every effort shall be taken to provide the public with use of at least one water body onsite.*

   Comment: While extending public pool hours from 2pm to 9pm will allow greater access for working people and school-age youth it should be noted that with the design changes all pools will now be outdoors. Afternoon winds and cold nights will reduce attendance - few seniors and families will exercise or take lessons under these conditions. Competitive and private users may still use ½ of the facility, while making up only a fraction of the City's population. Providing the opportunity to train for and engage in sports competitions is not equivalent to providing for community health and safety on our coast. To claim that those denied an equal opportunity to learn to swim can equally access our beaches and/or aquatics recreation is to compromise the promise of the Coastal Act and put lives at risk.

C. *Provide and facilitate access for people with limited means to pay for pool use, including youth, seniors, and visitors from underserved communities (i.e. discounted and/or free pool passes). The concession stands shall stock relatively inexpensive food and drink items and offer food and drink items that can be easily carried out. There shall be no parking rate increases for the adjacent public beach parking lots as a result of operating the development.*

Comment: LBAPN does not agree that *"discounted and/or free pool passes"* and *"relatively inexpensive food and drink items"* will genuinely *"facilitate access for people with limited means ..from underserved communities."* Certainly not access EQUAL to those who live nearby, have private transportation, and can afford for public and/or private lessons. This condition sees disadvantaged residents more like tourists on a tight budget than as the rightful owners of the facility.

D. *Continue to work with transportation partners, including but not limited to Long Beach Transit, to identify and implement additional alternative transportation improvements.*

Comment: No matter how many "additional alternative transportation improvements" are provided, equal access to this location for *"people with limited means, including youth, seniors, and visitors from underserved communities"* will not be realized. You just can't ask people to ride one or more buses for one or more hours to access the BBAC and call it equal access. Especially not working families, seniors, or people with disabilities. USA Swimming, the organization that trains athletes for the Olympics,is deeply concerned that many, if not most, children are not learning to swim and says that the best way to reverse this trend is to build neighborhood community pools which can provide both education and recreation that is accessible to all residents.

E. *Develop a Community Outreach Program, for review and approval by the Executive Director, that:*
- *Includes a report of the underserved communities in Long Beach and tailored outreach methods and language access policies for these communities.*
- *Equitably engages and surveys Long Beach residents and/or all users of Long Beach community pools to:*
  (1) Collect baseline demographic and socioeconomic information on community use of Long Beach's public pools.
  (2) Determine how often pool users use community pool facilities, which pools they frequent, and what days of the week and times they use the facilities.
  (3) Identify the mode(s) of transportation used to access community pools (i.e. public transit, personal car, carpool, bicycle, etc.).
  (4) Determine whether enhanced access to the new pool facility and/or enhanced access to other existing community pools is preferred.
  (5) Identify barriers to access to the Belmont Pool.
  (6) Collect input on what types of programming is desired
- *Upon approval by the Coastal Commission's Executive Director, is implemented. A final summary report of the public outreach and engagement process and survey results is required to be provided to the Executive Director in association with the revised Public Access Program described in the following subsection of this condition*

F. Update the Public Access Program based on the results of the Community Outreach Program…..The revised Public Access Program shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director and, subsequently, implemented PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC and shall continue to be implemented for the life of the development.

Comment: This *Community Outreach Program and Update* are great and had it been done in 2014 we would be looking at a very different project in another location. Unfortunately, as LBAPN has pointed out, the City did not conduct community outreach to all Long Beach residents but instead selected a Stakeholder group of existing users focused on competitive aquatics and only held community meetings in the district where the proposed site was located. Even these meetings were limited to a discussion of the architecture and participants were not allowed to propose alternative sites. To suggest that conducting this Program/ survey, after the project is approved and BBAC is built will not undo the fact that the project has not met the Coastal Act requirement of public outreach. These Special Conditions attempt but fail to make the project comply after the fact. If there is a new EIR, LBAPN would support this program.

G. Establish an evaluation program of the revised Public Access Program...The evaluation program shall identify whether public access improvements are equitably accessed by all communities in Long

Beach. If the permittee or Executive Director finds that the evaluation program identifies substantial inequities in access to the facilities or adjacent beach, then the Public Access Program shall be revised to address any inequities in public participation in recreational activities.

Comment: Not to belabor the point but the Public Access Program is not able to substantially address *"inequities in public participation in recreational activities"* regarding the BBAC, nor can it be *"revised"* to do so. At the proposed location with the current design, the BBAC cannot be made to comply with the Environmental Justice Policy of the Coastal Act. Move it or lose it.

We would also like to point out that under:

Special Condition 7, the use of the term "ancestral ties" should not be meant to restrict tribal monitoring to only the Tongva and Kitz, but must also include tribal groups with historic and cultural connections to the area, such as the Acjachemen. Nor should those who have chosen to participate in the City and/or the Commission's Tribal Consultation process be given preferential treatment.

Special Conditions 4 & 5, the nesting season should be extended to at least November 1st (now the end date in LCP 5-08-187). Great Blue Herons and other coastal birds are still raising young at this time who continue to depend on both parents and nests for survival.

With respect to Alternative Sites, we ask that the Elephant Lot not be excluded from consideration, especially based on the inconsistent and unverified rationale presented by the City. We find the excuse that the air is too polluted for a public pool to be especially egregious. What message does this send to residents of this neighborhood who must put up with the polluting Grand Prix and pollution from the Port of Long Beach, who have no community pool at all. It would appear that the City cares more about the health of future Olympians from elsewhere than it does for its own residents.

Under the Project Description:

The City proposes to continue to provide classes and programming for the general public all year round…..Furthermore, the City developed a task force of City employees from Public Works, Parks, Recreation, and Marine, Long Beach Transit, and the Health Department to develop a plan to enhance access to the BBAC for identified underserved populations within Long Beach. The plan includes a new afterschool learn-to- swim program, new weekend transportation to and from City parks, 10 new summer swim camps per year, addition of swim lessons to the LA84 Foundation Summer Swim Program, new low-cost summertime "dive in" movie events, free entry to groups through partnerships with civic organizations, continued and more frequent free water exercise classes for seniors, continued low-cost entry for youths, and 25% more participants in Aquatics Day Camp program. As proposed, the City would purchase one bus that would pick up and drop off participants at park areas throughout the City and transport them to and from the BBAC. Details regarding the bus routes and timetables have not been provided.

Comment: After failing to acknowledge historic and ongoing racial and social inequities, the City is offering yet another in house "task force." Where is the recognition that members of disadvantaged communities are capable and should be invited to participate in the process. However, here, the asks and the offers are limited by the insistence that both residents and the BBAC itself accept de facto segregation.

THE BBAC is WORST PROJECT EVER!

UNFAIR! Prioritize water safety and equitable recreational opportunity for all residents - not the bogus BBAC! The $85 million BBAC is a competitive water sports facility in the wealthiest, whitest corner of Long Beach. Conceived by a Stakeholder Committee dominated by those representing competitive water sports (including private swim/dive clubs), the facility will have five pools, including two 50 meter Olympic pools, a $10 million high dive, and stadium seating for 1500+ . The majority of low income residents of color live far from the BBAC in neighborhoods without community pools (MLK and Silverado pools, both 25 meters, are the only other community pools in LB).

UNSUSTAINABLE! The BBAC will replace a park that provides nesting and roosting sites for coastal birds and extend onto a beach that will be underwater in 50-75 years due to sea-level rise. To get Coastal Commission approval, the City must submit plans for beach replenishment (trucking in sand) in front of the BBAC, and 2) provide " information about how each foundation element may be removed in the future," when (not if) sea level rise undermines the structure. This reality needs to be factored in to any cost benefit analysis. Have you ever heard of requiring a building to be removed before it is even built? We cannot ignore either inequality or climate change.

UNAFFORDABLE! In 2014, it was assumed that the BBAC could be paid for with Tidelands monies from the City's offshore oil wells. In 2015 oil prices dropped from $100 to $50 a barrel and, although the City did set aside $65 million in Tidelands Funds for the BBAC at that time, it has not committed any more monies since. This past year, oil prices sunk to an all time low and Tidelands revenues must be spent on maintaining existing programs and servicing debts.

In conclusion, the LBAPN supports the arguments of the other Appellants, and asks that all Appeals be upheld and both the change in the Local Coastal Plan and the Permit for the Project be denied.

Thank you.

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LBPAN Appeal of LCDP 19-023, SECTION III, Grounds Supporting the Appeal
(quotes from the CCC's Environmental Justice Policy are in italics)

Equity is at the heart of the Coastal Act
CCC Environmental Justice Policy, 2019

The Long Beach Area Peace Network (LBAPN), has expressed concerns about the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center from the inception of the project. Along with other community groups and individual residents, we have spoken out at community meetings, and at hearings on the BBAC before the Long Beach Planning Commission and City Council. Additionally, we have reached out to the Long Beach community to share information on the BBAC, and have learned much about the history and status of environmental justice in Long Beach, and the need for greater equity and access to public aquatics facilities.

LBAPN opposes the approval of the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center, including the Coastal Development Permit for the project and required changes to the Local Coastal Plan of the City of Long Beach. With respect to the CCC's Environmental Justice Policy we make the following argument, *If a proposed development has the potential to adversely or disproportionately affect a historically disadvantaged group's ability to reach and enjoy the coast, that is cause for appeal.*

Coastal development should be inclusive for all… and provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded, marginalized, or harmed by coastal development. A *fundamental re-thinking of who is connected to the coast* in relation to the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center Project, demands that we first consider it's proposed location on the beach in the southeast corner of the City, in Belmont Shore. Due to discriminatory practice for much of the past century, residence in southeast Long Beach was limited to whites. Today, this is a primarily wealthy, white area where property values and rents favor high-income earners, clearly demonstrating the *lack of diversity among those who live on the coast.*

Unlike its neighbors to the south, Long Beach is not a wealthy beach town, but the 7th largest city in California, encompassing 52 square miles. Its 500,000 residents have a median income of $60,000, 72% are people of color, and almost ¼ are under 18 years old. Historically, City beaches and Long Beach's first recreational pool, the Plunge at the Pike, were off-limits to people of color. In the past

100 years the City has built only three public pools, the Belmont Olympic Pool (1968) in Belmont Shore and two 25 meter pools, MLK pool (1980) in central, and Silverado Pool (1961) in west Long Beach. In the past, lifeguards at City beaches offered free swim lessons. Today the Long Beach Unified School District makes some high school pools available to residents during the summer. The CDC reports that nationwide, 40% of white youth, 70% of African-American youth, and 60-65% of other minority youth are not learning to swim. The BBAC, a state-of the-art facility for competitive aquatics, will not reverse the high risk of drowning for the majority of young people in Long Beach.

For low-income and minority residents, connecting to the BBAC will take an hour by bike or bus and 30-minutes by car. In the FEIR, the City states that equal access will be achieved by installing new bike racks and by scheduling free weekly bus rides to recreational swim time for youth participating in programs at De Forest Park in North Long Beach. This disturbingly inadequate response does not begin to ensure equal access to the BBAC for the majority of residents from underserved neighborhoods, nor does it offer even those children able to get on the bus the opportunity to learn to swim.

The addition of "fun" water features and zip lines is "smoke and mirrors', promoting the idea that residents have no interest in swimming and must be lured to the site. Rejecting the Elephant Lot location due to concerns over a long-term lease or sea-rise projections, fail to address demands for an *equitable distribution of environmental benefits*.

Refusing to site this new recreational facility in an underserved community such as the 2nd District, the City continues to deny that the location of the proposed BBAC is a barrier to marginalized residents who will not be able to equally enjoy its benefits. As the BBAC *has the potential to adversely or disproportionately affect a historically disadvantaged group's ability to reach and enjoy the coast that is cause for appeal*. Additionally, the failure of a local government to follow environmental justice principles can be the basis for an appeal. When *policy decisions continue to widen disparity* and coastal developments fail *to provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded or marginalized*, the guarantee of providing *public access and lower-cost recreation opportunities* for everyone is denied.

LBAPN asks that the CCC reject this site for the BBAC, as well as the City's finding that no alternative site need be considered. In it's current location, the BBAC presents both a *physical barrier* and a

social barrier for Long Beach's marginalized residents. The CCC must ask the City to amend plans for the BBAC to *address environmental justice issues and reduce its impact on disadvantaged communities*.

CCC's Environmental Justice Policy states that, *all marginalized and underserved communities are stakeholders.* In the case of the BBAC, a 17 member Stakeholder Committee was formed to design the original BBAC, and also reconvened to approve the current version. The only Stakeholder representing marginalized communities was the Director of Long Beach Parks and Recreation. The majority of the committee, owners of swim and dive clubs and sports teams who had used the former Olympic pool as their home base, created a world-class facility for competitive aquatics. While recreational swimming, aquatic exercise, and basic swim lessons are available, bleachers, a moveable floor, and a high dive that only 20 people are qualified to use, signal that the BBAC is primarily a venue for competitive aquatics, not community recreation as mandated by the Coastal Act.

Section 30006 of the Coastal Act states that, *the public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning…development should include the widest opportunity for public participation.* The CCC's Environmental Justice Policy notes that, *where policy decisions continue to widen disparity… underserved communities deserve equitable access to the process where significant environmental and land use decisions are made.* From its inception, the BBAC has been promoted as an "iconic" aquatics facility serving all residents of Long Beach. However, *marginalized and underserved communities* did not participate in the design or review of either the initial or revised BBAC EIR. Long Beach Development Services consulted exclusively with the Stakeholder Committee to create the BBAC. After the plans were complete, three community meetings were held in Belmont Shore. No community meetings were held on the revised BBAC, although the same Stakeholder Committee did meet and approved it.

A *coast and commons for the benefit of all the people* maintains that public beaches and public spaces are a public benefit. The BBAC, not a coastal-related development, will replace open beach, a park, and a shorebird rookery, with a facility that charges admission. These impacts of the BBAC on the neighborhood and local beach are extremely significant, therefore LBAPN is in full support of appeals filed by others, including CARP.

LBAPN's appeal is focused on equity. We ask for nothing less than *a fundamental re-thinking of who is connected to the coast and how* to ensure that the increasingly marginalized residents of Long Beach receive equal consideration as required by CCC's Environmental Justice Policy.

Some of the main points of our Appeal to the Long Beach Planning Commission re 19-093PL Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center Complex are listed below (text in red type is quoted from 19-093PL, full Appeal is attached).

BBAC Revised Project has been rejected by CCC staff as not "complete" LBDS must revise the Project, meet the conditions set by Coastal Commission staff, and have the project considered "complete" by Coastal Commission staff before requesting any public hearing or recommendation on the Revised BBAC Project by the Planning Commission.

Revised BBAC needs requires a new EIR, revisions are extensive and involve impacts not addressed in the original BBAC EIR. Additional factors, including policy (CCC Environmental Justice Policy) and environmental changes (new timeline for sea rise, specifically for Peninsula and Belmont Shore. Revised project is not "a less-impactful replacement" - as stated in 19-093PL.

BBAC is not a "coastal dependent" facility and should not be built on the beach. Because construction of the BBAC will destroy an existing coastal resource, a shorebird rookery, and t's foundation will both erode the beach and deny public access to the shoreline, it does not have "a coastal-oriented and eco- friendly design," as stated in 19-093PL.

The Revised BBAC Complex and associated documents - 19-093PL as submitted by LBDS to the LB Planning Commission fail to address significant environmental justice factors including: 1) lack of consideration of additional sites as required by CCC staff, to include one site outside of the Coastal Zone, 2) conflict with the City's Healthy Communities Policy which states that historically underserved communities be prioritize when building new recreational facilities, 3) lack of public outreach and input - only District 3 held community meetings on original EIR, none have been held on revised plans. "Stakeholders" do not represent general public nor are their meetings open to the public. The project did not involve "a comprehensive and iterative planning process that relied heavily on community input" as stated in 19-093PL, 4) prioritizing the interests of the competitive aquatics community and "existing users" over Long Beach residents' health and safety, including equal access to public aquatics facilities for the purpose of learning how to swim and maintaining a

healthy lifestyle. 10-093PL states that the Approved Project EIR "ensured the continued operation of a pool facility on the site, pursuant to the needs of the aquatics community," and further promises that, "The increased spectator seating potential for the new facility and nature of competitive events, ranging from local to national levels, will elevate the facility to a regional public amenity, thereby increasing the number of new visitors to the City's coastal zone." 5) misuse of the terms "community," "public amenity," "public necessity", "public convenience," to reference only "existing users" of the Belmont Pool, competitive teams and for profit aquatics programs when stating that the BBAC will provide "enhanced public access," and when stating that the "BBAC project... is in conformance with the public necessity, enhances public convenience and welfare, and is in conformance with good planning practice."

The revised BBAC at its proposed location denies equal access and violates the Coastal Act and the Environmental Justice Policy of the CCC. 19-093PL while claiming that "increased accessibility and recreational nature of the project is thus consistent with Chapter 3 Coastal Act policies." "Local access to the site will be improved through the provision of on-site bicycle amenities and hardscape improvements that better connect the site to existing rights-of-way." However, 19-093PL fails to address the lack of public access to the BBAC, especially by underserved low- income communities and minorities, due its location in the southeast corner of the City in a predominantly affluent and majority white community. Using public transportation from Northwest Long Beach, predominantly low-income minority neighborhoods would involve spending more than an hour taking multiple buses. 19-093PL offers no remedy for these LB residents who do not have a car or cannot ride a bike for a hour. Under the California Coastal Commissions new Environmental Justice Policy the BBAC's proposed fails to provide equal access. 19-093PL claims that, "The Modified Project would also replace the previous pool and recreational facilities in in order to continue meeting the recreational needs of existing and future residents. However no information or studies are provided regarding the degree to which past or present recreational use of Belmont Plaza Pool and temporary pool by community have met/are meeting "the recreational needs of residents," to what degree they failed/are failing to do so, and what alternatives would better meet " the recreational needs of existing and future residents."

With all due respect to the heavy workloads of both Coastal Commission staff and the Commissioners, we find it essential to include additional attachments re our appeal.

Equity is at the heart of the Coastal Act

CCC Environmental Justice Policy, 2019

Coastal development should be inclusive for all who work, live, and recreate on California's coast and provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded, marginalized, or harmed by coastal development.

Everybody in the Pool!

Healthy communities prioritize public health, safety, and recreation and plan accordingly.

As a coastal city, Long Beach must ensure that our residents become and stay water-safe by providing swimming lessons and aquatic exercise to the 99%.

Equal access is neither the history of nor the status quo in the LBC

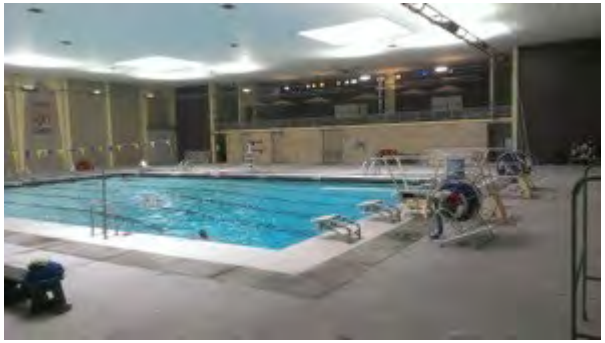
Until the 1950s, minorities could not rent or buy property in most areas of the city.

At the Pike, the Plunge was legally segregated and the midway included racist games.

De facto segregation ensured that City beaches were for whites only.

The City has only funded 3 public pools in 128 years. How and where we have built them reveals a pattern of race and class privilege

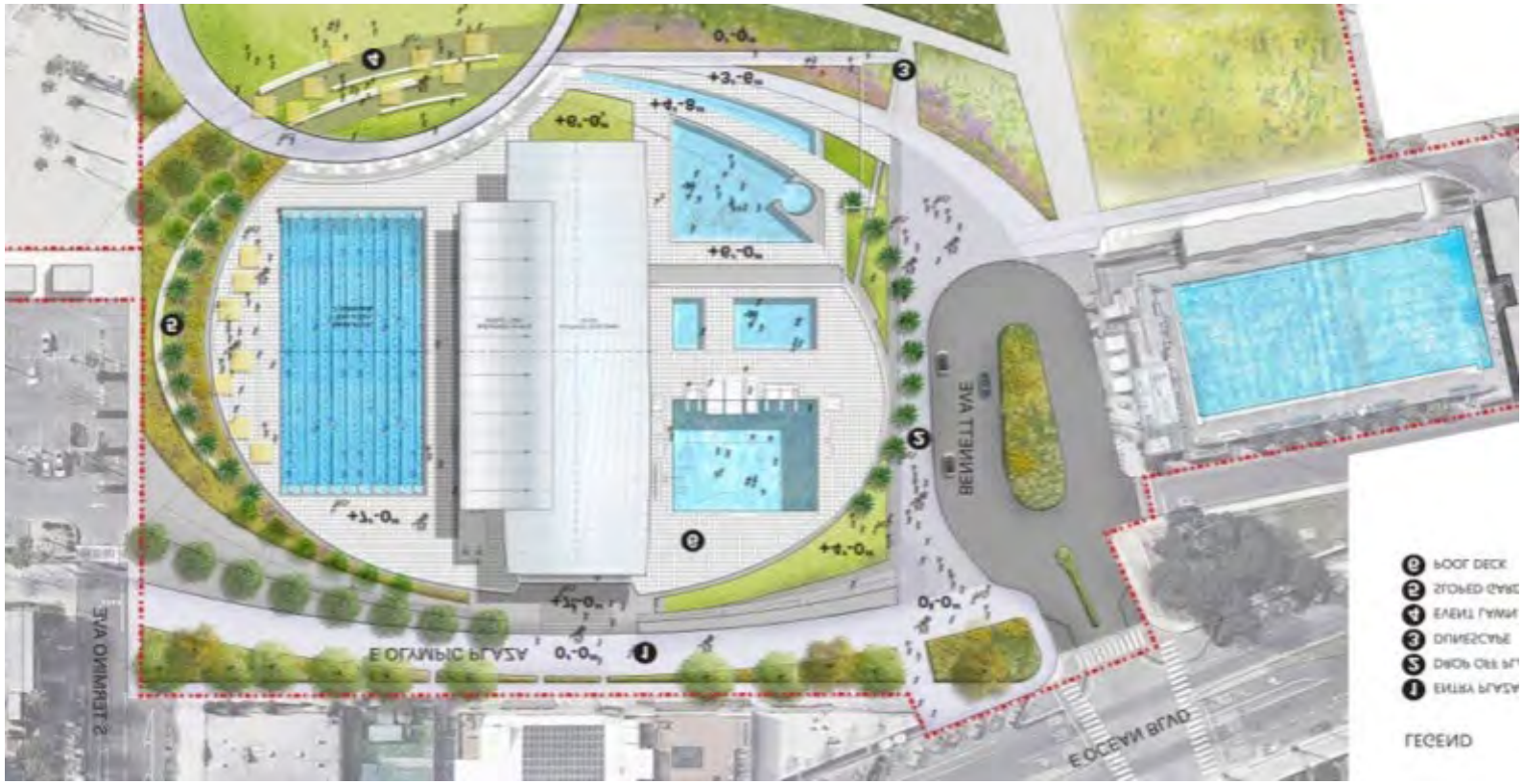
The Belmont Olympic Plaza (1968)
A 50 meter “Olympic-size” pool with high dive, bleachers,and an outdoor recreational pool in the wealthy, white SE corner of Long Beach



Silverado Pool (1967)
A 25 meter pool in West Long Beach in a low-income, minority neighborhood

Martin Luther King Pool (1980)
A 25 meter pool in Central Long Beach, in a low-income minority neighborhood.

The City now plans to build the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center, with two Olympic-sized (50 meter) pools, a recreational pool, a teaching pool, a 40+’ high dive tower with diving tank, a spa, and bleachers seating 1500+

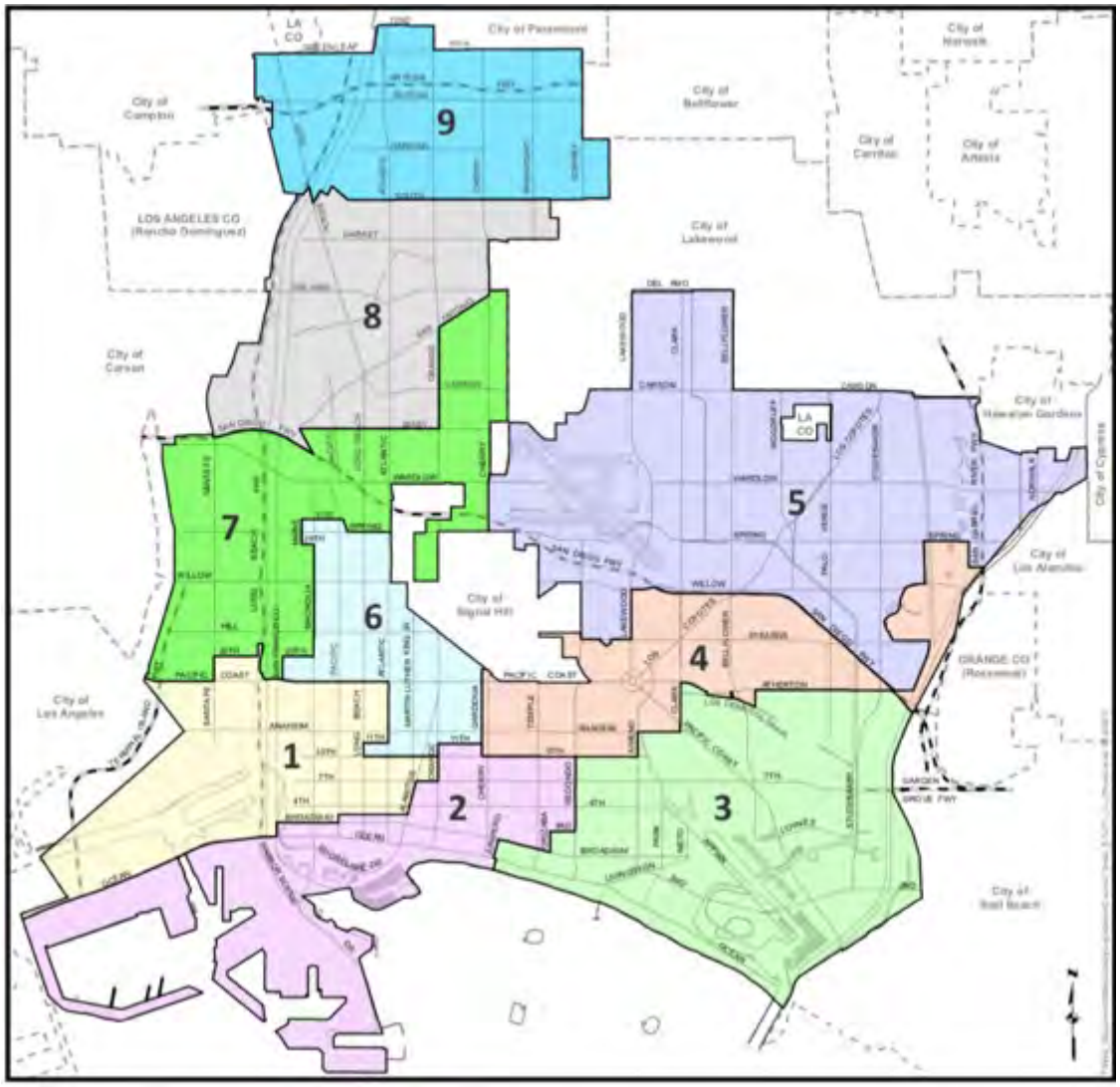


Its proposed location and design present both *physical* and *social barrier*s for Long Beach’s most marginalized residents

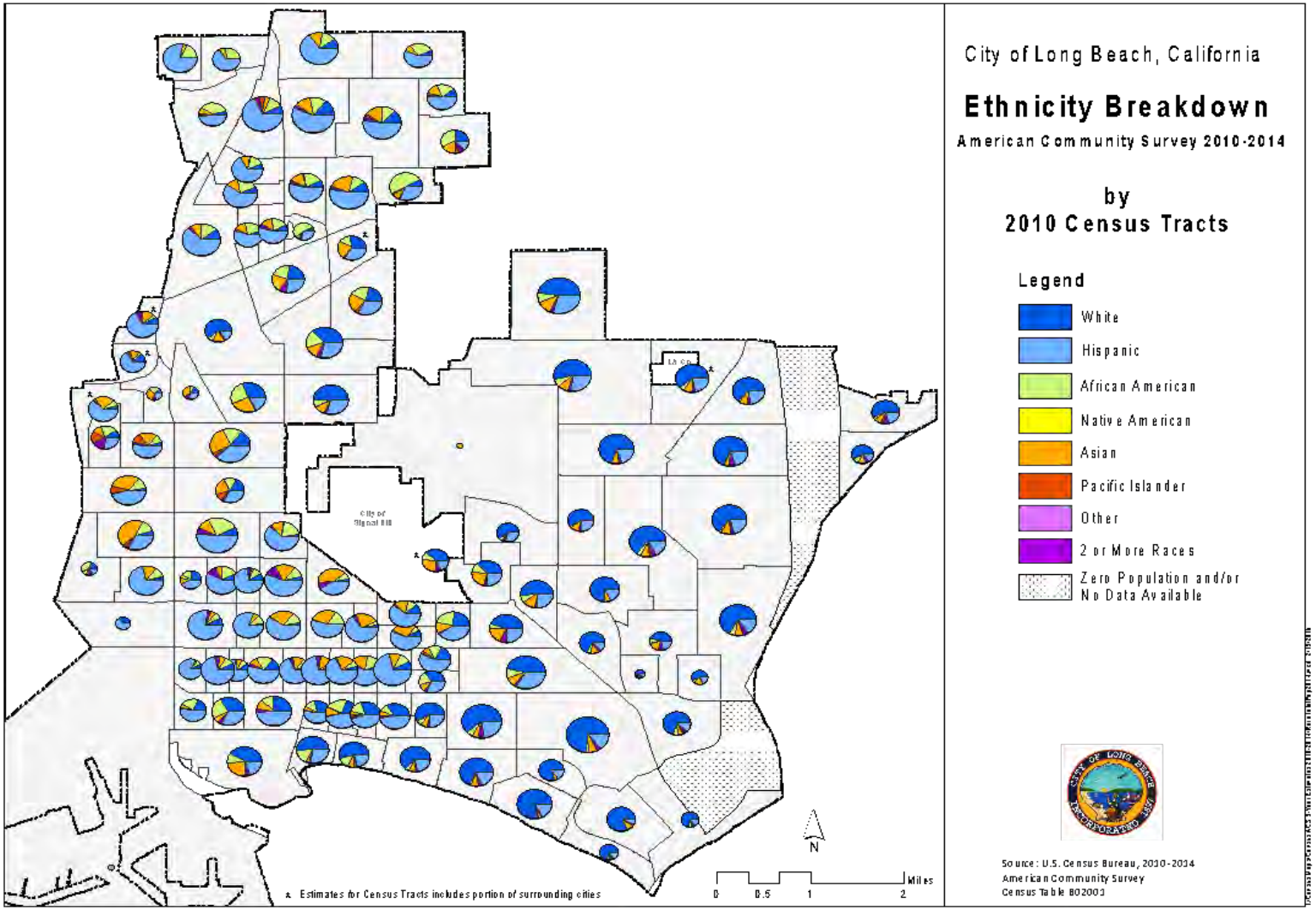
A fundamental rethinking of who is connected to the coast…**or not**.

The City insists that the new BBAC remain in the same location as the demolished Belmont Olympic Pool, and that it prioritize "existing users," including private swim and dive clubs and sports teams. This *fails to provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded or marginalized and denies public access and lower-cost recreation opportunities to all.*

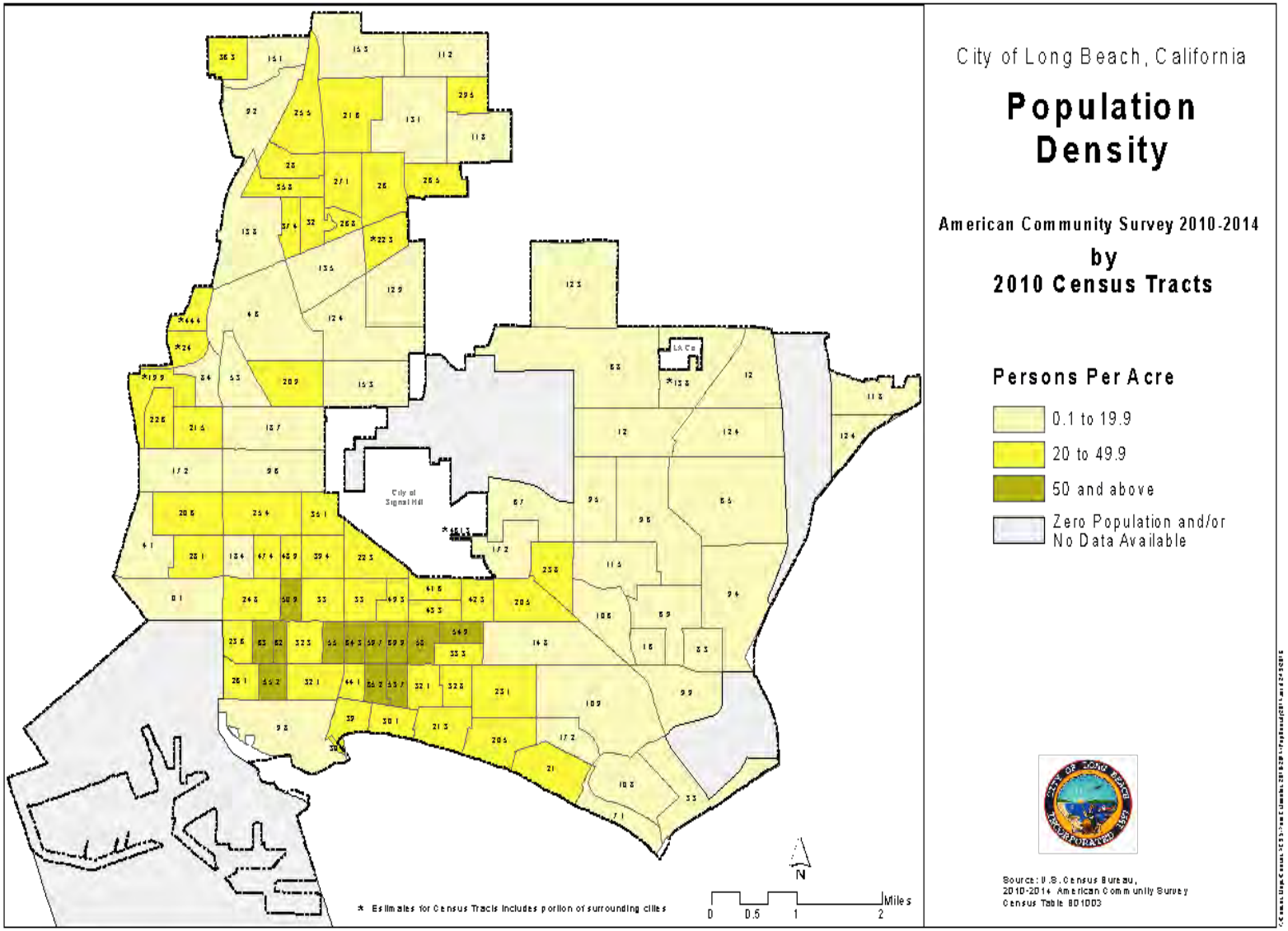
Long Beach has nine City Council Districts. The BBAC is in the 3rd District, the only one to hold community meetings on the project.



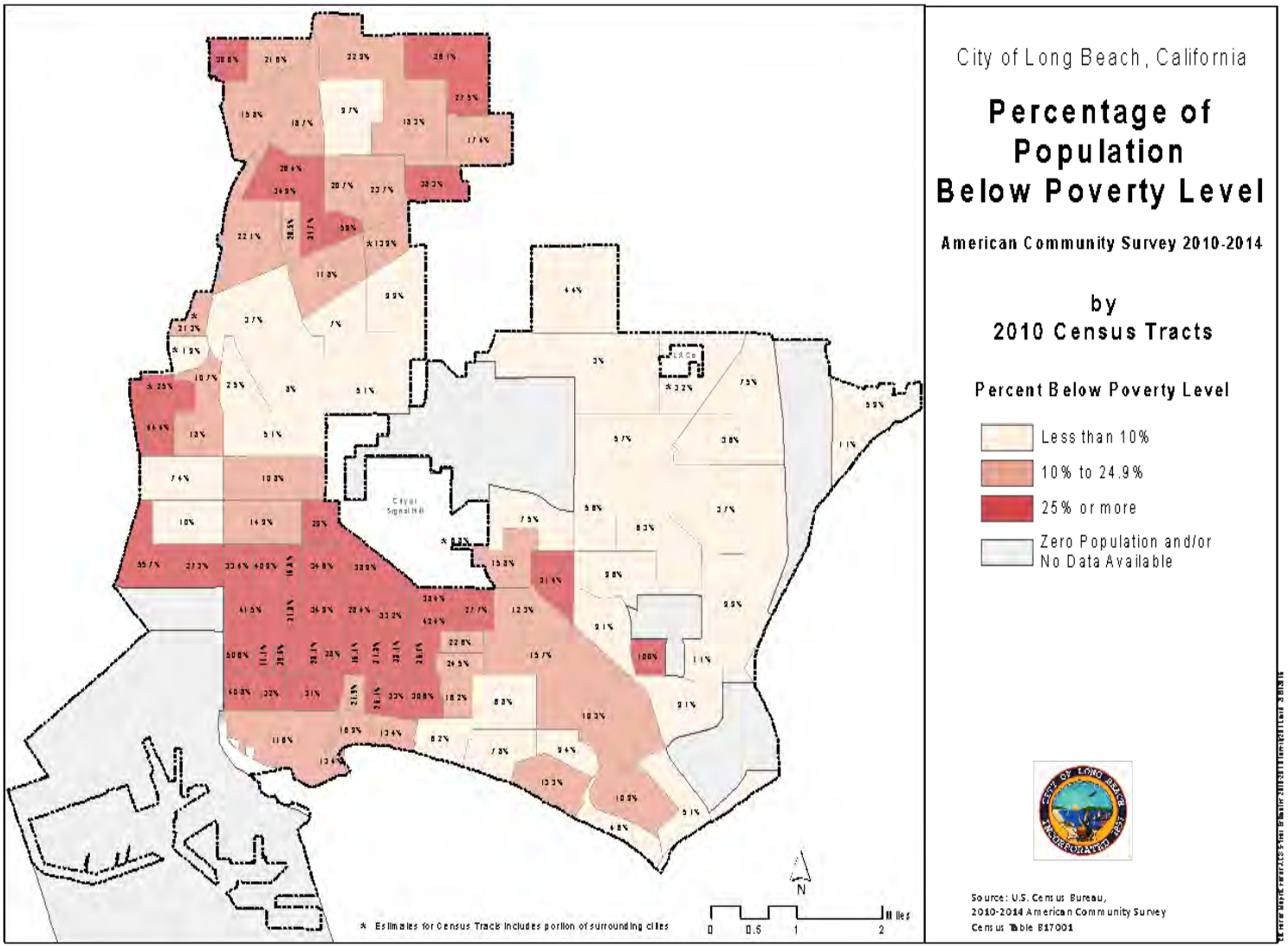
The BBAC is located in a majority white neighborhood, people of color mainly live in Downtown, North, or West Long Beach



Population Density lowest at the site of BBAC, 1-20 persons per acre, compared to 20-50 and above in Downtown and in Central Long Beach



The BBAC is not sited to equitably serve low-income residents who primarily live in Downtown, West and, North Long Beach



Better water-safe than sorry

- In the U.S., 4,000 people drown each year, ten every day, two of these are children.
- 70% of black children, 65% of Asian American and Native American children, 60% of Latinx children, and 40% of white children cannot swim
- Black youths age 10-14 are ten times more likely to drown than their white peers. Latinx, Asian American, and Native American youth are also more at risk.

Everybody in the Pool Resolution
Long Beach Area Peace Network

- Move the BBAC, possibly downtown to the Elephant Lot, and change it from a competitive venue to a recreational one.
- Ensure access to public pools and swimming instruction for all residents in accordance with the goals of the Healthy Communities Policy of the City of Long Beach
- Build and maintain a community pool in every City Council District
- Raise awareness as to the health and safety benefits of swimming, water exercise, water sports, and lifeguard training
- Increase diversity and city-wide participation in public aquatics programs for youth, including swimming lessons, water sports, sailing and boating, Jr. Lifeguarding, and aquatics day camps

Citizens About Responsible Planning/CARP is asking you to vote No on item T12b, Yes on Items T13a andT13b, and No on Item T14a, all having to do with the Belmont Beach Aquatic Center/BBAC, formerly the Belmont Plaza Pool.

As CARP stated in our appeal of the original plan, there are a number of CA Coastal Act REQUIREMENTS which have not been met..

1. UNSAFE LOCATION. The site is in an earthquake/liquefaction zone, on the beach, with expected sea-level rise, which will flood the lower levels of the building and the parking lots in an estimated 40 years. Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act states that new development should not be located in hazardous areas subject to sea level rise and shoreline erosion <u>if there are feasible alternatives.</u>
2. INCREASED SIZE AND HEIGHT. Footprint covers more than 50% of the previous site, which eliminates Public Open Space. Building height of 78 feet in area which permits only 25 foot buildings. As the ETFE Plastic Bubble is not transparent, views of the ocean are blocked from both inside the building and almost everywhere on Ocean Blvd. from Termino to Bennett. View corridor on Bennett will be further blocked by the 'Fast Casual Restaurant'. This pool building will be another taking from the now limited ocean view for both residents and visitors.
3. MUST BE 64% RECREATIONAL AND 30% COMPETITIVE. In order to achieve the projected economic benefits, the pool must be used more than 30% of the time for competitions. Assistant City Manager Modica has stated that Municipal Pools are not for profit, so this one will have to be supplemented with city funds if it is used by the public the allotted amount of time. Competitions are often held on the weekends when the public would also like to use the pool. There must be an equitable amount of weekend, day and evening time available for the public.

4. RESTAURANT AND MEETING SPACES. In order to put in a separate diving well and spa, the banquet room and meeting rooms have been eliminated and the restaurant is now out of the building footprint and has no indoor seating. The current design does not appear to pass CA Coastal Act requirements.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BEACH which includes traffic and parking. Competitive events will limit parking for beach visitors, especially during the summer. . No additional parking is planned for swimming and diving competitions with over 4,000 spectators. With the planned closure of Olympic Plaza, more parking spaces are lost. No traffic studies were done for the effect of Ocean Blvd. now having only one lane in each direction from Bennett to Bay Shore.

6. REMOVAL OF THE NESTING TREES. Since the demolition of the Long Beach Naval Station nesting trees, Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets have been nesting in the trees adjacent to the Belmont Pool. Bird surveys were inadequate as were done outside of nesting season. Mitigation of planting 15 gallons trees to replace mature trees is inadequate.

The City's response to these complaints was to design a completely new pool. To solve the sea level rise, the new pool is being moved north and will be on a foundation 10 feet above sea level. What was going to be underwater in 40 years, will now be safe for maybe 75 years; however, the surrounding parking lots and streets will flooded during severe storms, so one will have to have a boat to get to the pool.

The pool is still being built on sand and in a liquefaction zone. **The move north takes out the entire Belmont Plaza Park** (called Belmont Shore Beach Park in the staff report, but not on the Parks and Recreation list of city parks) and a public street with 40 free parking places, along with nesting and roosting trees for shore birds. Although the staff report states there are 27 trees in the park, a recent count found only 13, as the City has removed a number of trees in recent years and has never replaced them 2 to 1, much less 1 to 1. The construction also will require the removal of a section of the current beach bike and pedestrian bike path and the new ADA sidewalks in the park. Contrary to City Charter's policy, the City has not indicated how or where it will provide a two for one replacement of lost park acreage.

To solve the 78 foot height and ocean view problem, the roof was removed from the pools, **creating new environmental problems: additional noise and light pollution, increased heating costs and increased maintenance to deal with blowing sand.** (What will sand do to the moveable floor?) There are still height violations with the diving tower, light poles, shade poles, loudspeakers and the 29' locker facility, which will impend coastal views along a scenic route, so the City is asking for a LCP amendment to change the height limits. The purpose of this amendment is stated to be "project-driven" to allow for the BBAC and will be precedent setting for all future coastal development. (See Item 12 b on the Feb. 11 agenda).

Along with height changes the LCP amendment would eliminate the building of any new parking structures, in spite of the loss of 40 parking space on Olympic Plaza and 130 spaces in the Granada lot which were removed for the temporary, now to be permanent, pool. The pool is expected to hold special events for thousands of spectators who will have no place to park or will make it impossible for those coming to the beach to park. Access to the coast is a primary consideration in approving a new project. This amendment would be

entirely unnecessary if the pool were built in another location and CARP requests a NO vote on the amendment, even with the suggested changes by staff.

The removal of the remaining nesting and roosting trees will be a loss of a coastal resource. Special Condition 5 has detailed requirements for replacing and monitoring the trees, along with a survey of breeding an nesting birds. It will be years before the trees are large enough to provide habitat for shore birds as large as Herons and Egrets. Placing the replacement trees along the sides of the pool will discourage any nesting birds, as the noise and lights did with the Alpha tree by the temporary pool. (See birding surveys for 2014).

CARP concurs with the other appellants that the new development is not coastal dependent; will only serve a small portion of the city's population; there was inadequate opportunity for public participation in the planning process; and most important of all, LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.

CARP argues that all of these problems could be solved by moving the pool to the Elephant Lot/Convention Center Parking lot in downtown Long Beach. As stated in the staff report:

The City also considered siting the development within the Convention Center parking lot (or Elephant Lot). The Elephant Lot is an approximately 13-acre surface parking lot located adjacent to the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center in close proximity to Marina Green Park, Alamitos Beach, Shoreline Village, and Downtown Long Beach, ***including a large public transportation hub.*** *The City did not select this alternative, in part, because the site is currently used for recurring special events committed through* ***2020, i****ncluding the Long Beach Grand Prix, 4 and there is a contract that allows Jehovah Witness to use 1,915 parking spaces within the Elephant Lot for the annual Jehovah Witness Convention that extends through* ***2029****. In addition, the City has entered into agreements with the LA28 Olympics Committee to reserve the site, as currently developed, for Olympic events (water polo and BMX) and staging for the 2028 Olympics. Furthermore, an LCP amendment would be needed to allow for the proposed use.*

None of these reasons kept the city from offering this site to George Lucas for his Star Wars museum or to the Angels for a stadium. And none of these projects would have precluded including a pool project. What better site for Olympic water polo than an Olympic sized pool instead of the planned temporary pool?

As for the allegedJehovah Witness commitment, in spite of many Public Record Requests by CARP members and our attorney, the only lease produced by the city shows an **expiration date of 2017** (See attached copy of the lease).

Since the EIR was approved, the City has argued that the Convention Center lot is also subject to sea level rise, however, so are all locations in the Tidelands, which is where the City has to build the pool if Tidelands funds are used.

None of the 18 Special Conditions correct the many problems with this facility. The City didn't include any of the public outside the immediate vicinity of the pool in the planning. A survey will be done AFTER the pool is built to ask the public what programs they want.

Special Condition 3 solves the **Public Access problems** with a **"City-wide and Underserved Program". Surveys will be done. Enhancing access to the pool will include a Program Schedule, Bus routes and timetables and Details of program and bus fees.** How do these measures meaningfully aid access for the underserved? Would you want your child to have to ride a bus (or 2 buses) 15 miles one way to get to swim? Not to worry, they will be able to purchase "inexpensive food" at the snack shack during this all day trip.

The public gets to use the facility from **5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs. 5:30 to 2 p.m. on Fridays and 8 am to 2 pm on the weekends. If this is a public pool, the public should be able to use the facility any time it is open.**

Special Conditions 4 and 5 are even more ludicrous. Breeding and Nesting Bird Surveys and tree trimming policies when all the nesting trees have been removed?

This pool facility does not belong on the beach, in a liquefaction zone, with sea level rise, in the furthest corner of Long Beach with little bus service. Just the loss of a much-used public park with trees used by nesting and roosting shore birds should be enough reason to deny this location.

Again, we remind you that Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act states that new development should not be located in hazardous areas subject to sea level rise and shoreline erosion **if there are feasible alternatives. The EIR was done for a pool on the same site as the demolished Belmont Olympic Pool. With the move north and new design which includes a topless pool, this cannot be called a replacement pool; it is a brand new build and needs a new EIR.**

CARP urges you to vote NO on items 12 b and 14 a. Instruct the City to reconsider other locations, especially the Convention Center/Elephant Lot, for a covered pool, thus avoiding the many coastal, environmental and inequity violations and precedent-setting need for LCP amendments. Tell them to stop trying to put a square peg in a round hole.

Ann Cantrell
CARP Director

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Laurie Smith <lauriesmith22@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: Congressman Lowenthal; Pulido, Mark; Pujadas, Irantzu; Patrick O'Donnell; Marisol Barajas; Nicholas Cabeza; Gordana Kajer; Ian Patton; jeovalle; Melinda Cotton; SUSAN MILLER; Franklin Sims; Ann Cantrell; Corliss Lee; Joe Geever; joe mello; LBReport; diana lejins; Doug Carstens; Terry Watt; Michelle Black
Subject: Postpone Feb 11 CCC agenda items on Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center. Must address Biden Executive Order on Environmental Justice & Equity Issue

Hi Dani,
I am writing to ask you that the California Coastal Commission postpone the hearing on all the agenda items involving Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center (BBAC) until the federal and state agencies are able to determine if they meet President Biden's Executive Order to Secure Environmental Justice and Spur Economic Opportunity. It is not readily apparent that the President's very recent orders have been addressed.

This new Executive Order takes bold steps to combat the climate crisis and addressing issues of environmental injustice. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/27/fact-sheet-president-biden-takes-executive-actions-to-tackle-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad-create-jobs-and-restore-scientific-integrity-across-federal-government/

The order formally establishes the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy – led by the first-ever National Climate Advisor and Deputy National Climate Advisor – creating a central office in the White House that is charged with coordinating and implementing the President's domestic climate agenda.

The order establishes the National Climate Task Force, assembling leaders from across 21 federal agencies and departments to enable a whole-of-government approach to combatting the climate crisis.

I ask that you forward this email to the Coastal Commission and make sure this order is addressed before further decisions are rendered. It is important that the state agency is aware of the federal government's directives. Should the CCC choose to ignore the Executive Order and my request, then legal actions may be sought to rectify any actions made until a proper assessment is made.

This email is also looping in our elected leaders and community organizers:

Federal Government - Congressman Lowenthal and staff Mark Pulido & Irantzu Pujadas.

State Government - Assemblymember O'Donnell and staff Marisol Barajas & Nicholas Cabeza.

Thank you
Laurie Smith
Long Beach resident

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: adam hattan <adamwhattan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Support for Aquatic Center: February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

Dear Dani-

My family and I wholeheartedly support the construction of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center in Long Beach, CA.

We have lived in the area since the 90's and always appreciated how the aquatic center served as a community focal point for Long Beach.

I understand that there are concerns that the proposed location is not centrally located within Long Beach. However, thanks to plentiful parking, new bike / pedestrian beach path, and Ocean Blvd city bus, the location is easily accessible for the broader Long Beach population.

Best Regards,

Adam and JoAnn Hattan
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Long Beach, CA
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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Ryan Fox <ryan22fox@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, &14a

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool: APPROVE Items 12b and 14a and DENY Items 13a-13b.

Long Beach is designated the aquatic capital of America and our city deserves a legitimate pool to attract people to the coast. It just makes sense.

Sincerely,

Ryan Fox
Long Beach Resident

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Thank you for making Long Beach the Aquatic Capital of America!

Ryan Fox
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From: Diana Adamo <dianaaadamo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11 hear, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

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I am in favor the the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project going forward.

My husband and I are 77 years of age and participate in water aerobic classes 4 times a week, and lap swim 3 times per week.

These classes are vital to our physical health and our mental health, especially, but not exclusively, during this pandemic. This activity has also given us opportunity to safely interact socially with others, forming many friendships. Also important for our mental health when social distancing has become the norm.

Although we are fortunate to live within walking distance of the pool, (and we do) many of our fellow participants, live in other cities and areas of Long Beach. Without exception, everyone is grateful for Belmont Pool and staff who provide this opportunity for us all.

We are in favor of the new center and the potential for benefiting even more residents and non-residents alike. Having an actual facility for showers and restrooms would definitely enhance the experience. And with the addition of another pool, many more opportunities to expand the activities to benefit many more.

Water activities are suitable to all ages - from toddlers to senior seniors. It's a lifetime benefit for all. I have met many participants in water aerobics classes who are there under doctors orders to recover from an injury, and I have watched them as they experience healing and improved range of motion. I have seen overweight individuals who have dramatically lost weight by including water activities in their weight loss program.

Whatever reason for attending, we all reap multiple benefits and absolutely love doing it!

I am hoping that my words will weigh in favor of going forward.

Thank you,

Diana and Bill Adamo

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Susan Johnson-Lipman <suepinhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: February 11th hearing of Its 12b, 13a-13b and 14a for Belmont Pool project

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To: The California Coastal Commission
Re: Belmont Pool project

I implore you to **APPROVE 12b** and **14a.** This pool project is a wonderful opportunity for all of Long Beach, reaching up to the far north of the city. Buses run south from North LB Blvd and Atlantic and Cherry, etc. to Ocean Blvd, so the pool would be accessible for everyone. Swimming and diving are activities that are fun for families of all cultures. Children who enjoy swimming and diving at a young age, often continue to participate in those activities through high school. Some may join swim teams or learn to dive in competitions which opens possibilities for scholarships to higher learning sites.
Considering Long Beach is a huge city, it deserves to have a pool available for everyone to use.

Thank you,

Susan J Lipman

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From: Benjamin Rubin <brubin@osiortho.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool, I am writing to express my support for the rebuilding of the Belmont Plaza pool. As the head team physician for USA Diving for more than 20 years and the founder of the USA Diving Sports Medicine Committee, I have intimate and extensive knowledge of the historical significance of the Belmont Plaza pool to all of the aquatic sports, ,including swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo. In addition, the importance of the pool to the surrounding community cannot be overstated. I respectfully add my name to the list of supporters for the rebuilding of the pool and reestablishment of the City of Long Beach as a national and international center for aquatic sports.
Respectfully,
Benjamin D. Rubin, M.D.
Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Agenda Item # Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC

From: elizabeth tholl <sistabetzi@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 3:19 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item # Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC

Hello, I am writing to you out of concern for the proposed $85 million Belmont pool project.
As someone who lives practically next door I can tell you I am strongly against building such a large project in this location and so are any of my neighbors who whom I have spoken to. We enjoy the space as it is now . The citizens of Long Beach would like to see the funds distributed fairly so that several underserved neighborhoods may also have swimming pools. It makes no to build such an elaborate project here on the sand when no one wants it here.
Thank you
Elizabeth Tholl .

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Keith Polmanteer <keithpolmanteer@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool

Good afternoon,
I would like to weigh in on the proposed Belmont Pool replacement project. I am coming from several fronts on this topic, and I support the new building wholeheartedly!!
Both of my children used the original Belmont for school and club swimming and water polo. I used the pool as a master swimmer. When the Belmont was torn down, it left a terrible hole in the City of Long Beach and it's aquatic community.
As a customer of the Belmont, I used to enjoy the many people who used the pool for so many different uses from School swim meets to Water Aerobics for Senior Citizens.
Also, as I have a son who is a Long Beach Lifeguard, and has seen the safety aspect of a pool where kids from all over the area can learn to swim in a safe manner.

As the current President of the Long Beach Century Club, we look forward to a new, state-of-the-art facility the entire community would be able to enjoy for decades.
And with the Olympics on the horizon, this facility will allow the City of Long Beach to be an active participant in the Olympics

As you know the temporary pool is past the original intended life, and who knows how long it will be viable?

Very respectfully,

Keith Polmanteer
Long Beach Century Club
President

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From: Debra Blumberg <debrablumberg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

To the Coastal Commissioners,
I wholeheartedly support the plan for the rebuilt pool complex as outlined in the project permit. I am a resident of Belmont Shore and a frequent user of the former Belmont Plaza Pool and the current temporary outdoor pool. Over the years I have seen a broad range of people -- from all areas of Long Beach and nearby cities -- enjoy the pool, its location, and the events that been held there. It is time to stop allowing a very small group of very vocal people to continue standing in the way of a complex that will be an enormous asset to the community. I have had several discussions with some of the appellants in this case over the past few years. I understand that they have the right to appeal the decisions of the city and the Coastal Commission. However, I have come to the conclusion that they will never be satisfied with any changes to what has become the norm in their neighborhood, or whatever they believe should be the norm. As a taxpayer, I resent the amount of my tax dollars that have been spent on the numerous appeals since 2013. It's time to give final approval to the project and get started on what will be a jewel in the crown of the Aquatic Capital of the World.

Debra Blumberg
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Patty <pattywhiles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Project

To: California Coastal Commission Commissioners

I am in support for the project and I wish to APPROVE the project as recommended by the
commission staff in items 12b and 14a and
I want to DENY the appeals in item 13a-13b.

I was a diver who worked out at the Belmont Pool and it was a wonderful place to workout. I am a National Champion diver and it was a blessing to have this indoor pool to help with our workouts on the springboard and platform.

Please approve the project so that the youth of today will be able to have the same benefits and I did when I was a young up and coming diver.

Thank you in advance.
Patty Simms Whiles
9498130022

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Agenda Item Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC

From: sara hayes <bluwndzdancing@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:47 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC

I'll put this simply, especially after seeing the craziness at the Capitol on 1/6. Having taught in inner city schools for close to 40 years outside of Long Beach, I see this as another slap in the face to those who live in lower economic areas. I have to agree with Franklin I Sims's recent comments on Facebook. I know what brown and black students face with little access to things like this. It's, as said, another form of segregation. Two main things that stick out, equity and public access. There is nothing to address this; there hasn't been through the entire process.

as well as the other things he mentioned like environmental habitat protection and sea level rise. Many of the decisions being made by our city council that also concern you. Remember the land swap for BOME?

It's time for you to turn things around and do the right thing. I thought Long Beach was supposed to be about inclusion, not the opposite. Do the right thing. Just say no.

Sincerely,
Sara Hayes
370 Temple Ave #1, Long Beach, CA 90814

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: joncmoore@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #'s 12b, 13a, 13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center project

Hello Ms. Ziff,

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners, concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center.

The Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center will be a signifiant improvement to the entire region. It will be an incentive for people to come to Long Beach and enjoy the health benefits of aquatic exercise. There are so many people who live in less affluent areas around us, who are unaware of the benefits afforded by aquatic exercise and learning how to swim. The Aquatics Center would be a draw for the many underserved members of our community, and will provide opportunities to the minority communities in Long Beach and the surrounding areas. Please understand that this project will promote equity and inclusion for all people, not just those who are fortunate enough to live in Belmont Shore. This project will be good for everyone.

I strongly **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b (see below).

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Moore

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: VIRGINIA FRAZIER <virginiafff@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Feb 11 hearing Item#s 12b, 13a-b, 14a

Please go forward with the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

I swim there every week, and would love to see the temporary pool become part of the entire complex.

I am handicapped and 62, and can only swim, for exercise. I love the beach area, and would love to see Long Beach participate in Olympic size activities there.

Please break ground soon so we can all participate in this great addition to the city of Long Beach.

Virginia Frazier
Millikan '76

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Kaia Hedlund <kaiahedlund@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool replacement

Dear Ms. Ziff,

I write to strongly encourage approval of the Belmont Plaza Pool replacement. As a 65 year old woman with a strong aquatics background I know how much this facility will benefit residents of the entire area and beyond. The lifesaving benefits of children learning to swim leads to a lifetime of healthy recreation opportunities. Every single day this facility will provide opportunities to recreate for babies to the elderly. Children and adults who participate in water based sports and recreation on a regular basis never suffer from obesity and have healthy social outlets. Please do not allow a few individuals to further delay this desperately needed facility that will serve so many people of all ages.

Please DENY items 13-a-13-b and APPROVE item 14 a on the agenda.

Emphasize recreation, how all children need to learn to swim and be safe in the water; how much it will do for the community and the benefits we have

Thank you.

Kaia Hedlund
Long Beach Resident

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Robby Byrom <robbybyrom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool

Hello,

I support the new pool design for Belmont plaza. The old pool was great and the new one looks better. I think this will be a great stimulus to the local economy of Belmont Shores & Long Beach in general.

Thanks,
Robby Byrom

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Stacey Ogo <staceyogo7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Coastal Development Permits Approval - Comments

To those reviewing for Approval of Permits to Replace the Belmont Aquatic Center:

From: Stacey Ogo-Jurisic
Resident, Homeowner, Local Taxpayer, Voter, and Aquatic Patron, Environment Warrior, and Grandmother

As a resident and local taxpayer I need to speak out to say that local residents need and support the replacement of this pool at its original location. Our local youth now more than ever are in dire need of facilities to enable their aquatic athletic development.

Long Beach has a rich history of developing Aquatic Olympians and the Belmont Heights and Belmont Shore area does not have enough pools to continue to develop future aquatic athletes.

Past use of the Belmont Pool was enjoyed by local clubs and teams, as well as patrons from the local area as well as surrounding communities with no issue. Our neighborhood has the clubs, teams and patrons to support the future of an Aquatic Center, and can do so again inclusive of neighboring aquatic patrons and athletes.

As a fellow Environment Warrior, I applaud those who have fought this replacement in the name of our Environment, however, there is no sound evidence that the environment at this site could be further damaged beyond what has already occurred.

The bigger picture is the youth whom we need to preserve all things good for; and our local community is in dire need of a location that does not put us on the road polluting the air - where our local aquatic athletes can train, develop, and compete.

Thank you in advance for your Approval of the Permits necessary to rebuild the Belmont Aquatic Center at its original location in Belmont Shore.

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Barbara Holmes <pitah1946@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a - 5-18-0788 - Belmont Plaza Pool.

Reading comments in our local paper, the Grunion Gazette, it seems there is a small, but very vocal, group of Long Beach residents who would like to thwart the building of the new Belmont Plaza Pool Facility. My husband and I are two taxpaying citizens who actually use and enjoy the pool several times a week, and we would like to see the new facility built. We have been waiting YEARS while a handful of negative people have protested and delayed the project, meanwhile running up the cost.

I participate in the water aerobics classes, and my husband is a lap swimmer. We are both in our 70's. We do not live near the pool, but we ride our bicycles (or the bus) to the pool from our neighborhood. Along with a diverse group of citizens we count on the pool to help us stay healthy, and to provide us with much needed social contact.

It is a wonderful thing that Long Beach has a property of which the entire community can be proud--a beautiful spot along the shore for recreation. We see children and young adults of all ages and from all parts of the city training for water polo and synchronized swimming, learning to swim, and participating in swim meets. It's the perfect spot; any other place along the waterfront is unimaginable.

There are many well researched pros and cons, but they have been argued long enough and thoroughly enough. We ask you to approve this project, so that the new facility might be built in our lifetime and the citizens of Long Beach can begin to enjoy this spectacular facility..

Thank you very much for your service.

Barbara Holmes and Roger Morrissey
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Serious Problems with Beach Nourishment, Sand Backpassing, Hydraulic Pumping, etc.
Attachments: Sand nourishment Reality pdf.pdf; Hydraulic Sand Pump Fails Grunion Gazette Nov 2020 pdf.pdf

Please add the attached examples of problems with the approaches the City proposes to deal with Sea Level Rise, King and High Tides, etc. in connection with the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center.
The approaches mentioned are currently used on the Long Beach/Belmont Shore Peninsula to deal with storms and the above issues,
and are highly invasive and often unsuccessful (a recent Hydraulic Pumping Pilot Program was determined infeasible).

Thank you.
Re Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center
Feb. 11, 2021 Agenda Items 12b, 13a,13b&14a
Application No. 5-18-0788

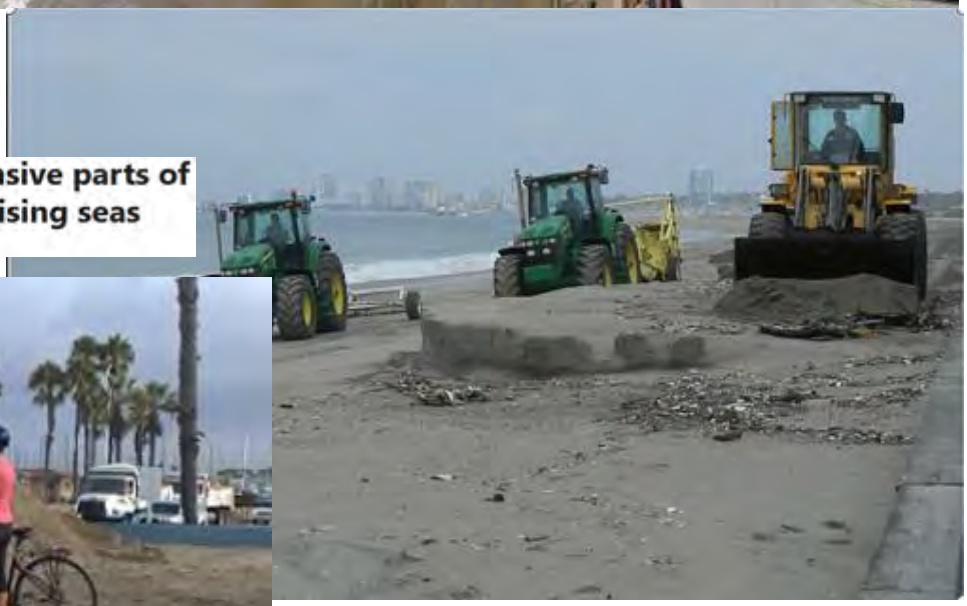
BEACH NOURISHMENT TEARS UP NATURAL BEACH, DISRUPTS COASTAL ACCESS, AND ULTIMATELY SEA LEVEL RISE & KING TIDES WIN

The City of Long Beach proposes using 'Beach Nourishment" or "Sand Replenishment" when SLR, tides and surf narrow the beach by the BBAC to an unacceptable width. The City has used this approach for years on the Peninsula, just one mile East of the BBAC site. Below are photos of the trucks full of sand, bulldozers, and more that spend day and night building berms to protect expensive homes from inundation – and it doesn't work! Not long-ago bulldozers and trucks spent a three-day King Tide event building up the berms during the day, and the sea would wash in at night and take down the berms. It's a constant battle. And for an active location next to the Belmont Pier, near the bike/pedestrian path and volleyball courts this approach would totally disrupt coastal access and ordinary beach usage.

LONG BEACH POST

'Water always wins': The most expensive parts of Long Beach are most vulnerable to rising seas

Tim Grobaty



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Environment

Hydraulic Sand Pump Fails Beach To Beach, But May Work Elsewhere

- By Harry Saltzgaver, Executive Editor
- Nov 17, 2020

Crews monitor a pump and pipeline last February at the beach near 55th Place.
photo by Harry Saltzgaver

A $300,000 study this spring has apparently proven pumping sand and water from one beach to the Peninsula isn't feasible — but there may be hope for another option.

Last week, the Marine Advisory Commission received a report about the summer experiment. The idea was to use a pump and pipeline to move sand instead of the huge earthmover trucks used the last several years to replenish the beach in front of Peninsula homes.

In February, a large excavator dug sand and put it in a manmade pond to mix with water and feed the pump. The experiment tried several different lengths of pipe and mixtures of sand and water, but nothing close to the length that would be necessary to reach the Peninsula.

Elvira Hallinan, Marine Bureau manager, said the experiment showed sand could be moved, but that it looked like it would cost much more than trucks, and be less reliable.

"We would be talking about almost a mile of pipe," Hallinan said the day after the MAC meeting. "It looks like it would cost more simply in manpower. The water-sand ratio is difficult to maintain, and when there are clogs, you have to take that pipe apart and put it back together again."

Long Beach has spent between $100,000 and $300,000 each year since the mid-1990s moving sand from the beach near the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier to the Peninsula

The prevailing current inside San Pedro Bay scours the beach in front of the Peninsula, eroding the sand away, sometimes to the point where there is only 10 or 15 feet between the water and the breakwater in front of the plank walkway.

The city uses the earthmovers and bulldozers to create a sand berm — a long hill — to protect the Peninsula from winter storms. Because the beach is so narrow, flooding still occurs occasionally.

Several different "solutions" have been tried over the last three decades. The effort that has appeared to work best is extending the beach into the water at a very gentle slope for up to 300 feet, taking the energy out of waves. But a single strong storm has taken much of that sand away more than once.

That has left the city replenishing sand each year to continue protecting the Peninsula, Hallinan said. The question is, how does the sand get to the Peninsula and where does it come from?

"We don't believe at this point the pump and pipeline is viable," Hallinan said. "What we'd like to do it to place the pump on a barge (where a source of water wouldn't be an issue)."

And the source of sand, Hallinan said, could solve two problems at the same time, at least for the short term. The idea is to dredge the channel entrance to Alamitos Bay, on the other side of the jetty from the Peninsula beach.

"The channel will require dredging at some point," Hallinan said. "If we invest in dredging alone, we'd be spending millions of dollars."

At this point, the concept is just that — an idea. To try it, the city must get permits from the California Coastal Commission and likely the Army Corps of Engineers. It is a lengthy process to get those permits, even for a test project.

In the meantime, winter and winter storms are coming. It's likely earthmovers and bulldozers will take over the beach again soon.

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Environment

Pilot Project Tries Pumping Sand To Replenish Peninsula Beach, May Cause Sinkholes

A $300,000 pilot study underway now could offer an answer to moving sand to the Peninsula beach…

February 12, 2020

LONG BEACH POST

Firefighters help dig out woman stuck in sinkhole on beach

Valerie Osier, February 5, 2020

Long Beach firefighters were called to the Peninsula to help a woman who’s leg was stuck in a sinkhole Wednesday evening, a fire official said.

Long Beach Woman Saved From Beach Sinkhole As Tide Rolls In

- By City News Service, February 6, 2020

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; SouthCoast@Coastal; Padilla, Stephen@Coastal; Brownsey, Donne@Coastal; Turnbull-Sanders, Effie@Coastal; Aminzadeh, Sara@Coastal; Hart, Caryl@Coastal; Wilson, Mike@Coastal; Rice, Katie@Coastal; Escalante, Linda@Coastal; Howell, Erik@Coastal; Uranga, Roberto@Coastal; Groom, Carole@Coastal; Luce, Shelley@Coastal; Ward, Christopher@Coastal; Bochco, Dayna@Coastal
Subject: Regarding: CCC Agenda Items T12b, T13a, T13b and T14a on Feb.11, 2021 CCC agenda
Attachments: CCC Public Notice about Pool posted on backside.JPG; hidden Public Notice about Pool.JPG; water soaked Notice caused by staples puncturing laminate covering.JPG

Enter this email into the public record for the February 11, 2021 California Coastal Commission meeting. Please provide this letter to all the California Coastal Commissioners prior to the February 11, 2021 California Coastal Commissioners meeting.

To: All California Coastal Commissioners

PUBLIC ACCESS is a major element of the California Coastal Act. Legal definition of **Public access** means unrestricted **access** to view, inspect, obtain a copy of the information, permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, communicate with, or pass to and from a place, thing, or person. As a private citizen, I have been denied public access concerning the BBAC project time after time.

1. The City of Long Beach dismissed me from the Stakeholders Advisory on the BBAC which was created in **2014**.
2. Saturday, May 2, **2015** at the SEAPORT MARINA HOTEL, the City of Long Beach had a public meeting to discuss the upcoming rebuild of the Belmont Pool Facilities. Only questions about the architecture were allowed. Suzie Price, 3rd District Council person bullied anyone in the audience from any other comments/questions that were not architecture in nature. She turned the microphone off on us.
3. On Friday, December 13, **2019**, the December. 19, 2019 City Planning Commission meeting was cancelled online saying the next Planning Commission meeting would be January 2, 2020. Mysteriously, over the weekend (which was during the Holidays when most people would be engaged elsewhere), the Planning Commission meeting was reinstated.

4. Jan 21, **2020**, City council meeting held a Hearing on the Belmont Pool. Hearings are supposed to be the first order on the Council agenda. Copied from the agenda: " AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: TIME CERTAIN AT 6:30 PM on the agenda" The Hearing was moved on the Council schedule to very late - did not begin until after 11PM and finishing after 1AM the next day. An intentional manipulation to deny our public access.

Presently:
Many glitches have happened. It is not fair or equitable to any of the interested parties (the Public, Commissioners or Coastal staff) to continue with any of the BBAC items on the Feb. 11th CCC meeting agenda.

The BBAC is a major project. I am writing my comments under protest because of denied Public Access.

1. Failed Noticing to Appellants by the City of Long Beach and by the Coastal office to Appellants repeatedly.
2. Coastal website technical issues preventing people from submitting comments.
3. Posting of Public Notice: Three factors to be considered in choosing a location for posting notice, the first two factors, conspicuousness and easily read by the public be given greater emphasis than the third factor, proximity to the site of the proposed development. The Public posting failed in two out of the three requirements. It is not conspicuous and nor is it readable due to water-soaked paper. See my photos above.

4. Additionally, notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen calendar days prior to a public hearing required by this chapter. Notice appeared in Grunion Gazette on February 4th for the Feb. 11th CCC meeting. https://www.gazettes.com/news/environment/belmont-beach-aquatic-center-before-state-coastal-commission-next-week/article_7151ad52-64d2-11eb-b2cf-a38d65cf103b.html This does not meet the 15 days prior requirement.

5. Live Stream provider for Coastal online meetings changed after the December 2020 CCC meetings. Many are not aware of the change and do not know this software change may cause their in-home computers operating systems not be compatible for Live Streaming Coastal meetings.

This is unfair, unjust, voids due process, violates people's rights and is just WRONG. This is a major project many people have invested many years in earnest. In Summary: I oppose agenda item T12b manipulating the LCP. I support T13a and T13b appeals by two Commissioners and individuals. I oppose T14a application to close Olympic Plaza.

Regards,
Susan Miller
Appellant against BBAC project


AND COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATION
2021/02/04


NO
PUBLIC PARKING
2021/02/04


2021/02/04

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Javier Rivas <jrivas17@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool Replacement

Dani,

Items 13A-13B need to be denied. Item 14A needs to be approved.

Belmont Plaza Pool was, for a very long time, an iconic place for the community. It was a place for athletes to compete in and a place for parents to watch their kids develop their skills. It was a place that employed young lifeguards and those who aspired to have a career in recreation. It was a place where many out of school time programs were run, especially in the summer.

When I was 8, I began my diving career with McCormick Divers at Belmont plaza olympic pool. When I was 16, I began my career in the field of recreation as a lifeguard at Belmont and at King pool. The ability to have these experiences in my formative years taught me a lot and made me who I am today. I was recruited by UC Berkeley for diving where I continued to learn the importance of hard work and dedication. I moved on to Grad school where I earned a Masters degree and now, I am proud to say that I am in the field of recreation doing what I love. There is no doubt that being able to train and compete at a high level at Belmont taught me many lessons that allowed me to be successful today.

We simply cannot rob the Long Beach community of the opportunity to have a pool that will not only house diving programs, but swimming, water polo and more. We can help create more experiences and opportunities for recreation, more jobs, etc that will have a lasting impact, some that we will never know about.

I urge you to please, do what is right for our community and work towards replacing belmont plaza olympic pool.

Sincerely,

Javier Rivas

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Dianne Sundstrom <dianne.sundstrom@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:42 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I appreciate the staff's "conditions of approval" to both appeals filed relative to the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center (BBAC).

However, as I stated in a previous email, I am opposed to the construction of the BBAC at the proposed location. This development encroaches on the public beach and, although the demolished building was in the same location, new construction on the site should not be permitted.

Further, although the footprint of the proposed BBAC has been moved north and will sit on an elevated plinth, it may not survive what could be sea level rise of as much as 8.2 feet by 2100. Climate.gov (NOAA) has published the following projections:

- Even if the world follows a low greenhouse gas pathway, global sea level will likely rise at least 12 inches (0.3 meters) above 2000 levels by 2100.
- If we follow a pathway with high emissions, a worst-case scenario of as much as 8.2 feet (2.5 meters) above 2000 levels by 2100 cannot be ruled out.

Also, it appears that the City of Long Beach and the CCC have not spoken to the impact of sea level rise on the land surrounding the BBAC. What happens to access to the BBAC if the parking lots, bike path, and pedestrian paths are under water?

To preserve the beach, avoid sea level rise, reduce the cost, and assure access to a municipal pool by marginalized communities in Long Beach, the pool should be built in another location.

Regards,
Dianne Sundstrom
Long Beach, CA 90814

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: kbutler dslextreme.com <kbutler@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a

I urge your strong support for the development of the Belmont and Aquatic Center, an important resource for Southern California. As a participant at the previous pool since the early 90's, I have been amazed at the widespread support for the programs and swimming opportunities as well as the extensive network of team competitions. In talking with other participants who traveled some distance to attend the previous pool, the location was an important aspect of the widespread support for the pool.

Sincerely,
Karen Butler
145 Pomona Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90803

+Each

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

-----Original Message-----
From: Dianne Sundstrom <dianne.sundstrom@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:24 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

I am opposed to this amendment that allows for the construction of the Belmont Beach & Aquatics Center at the proposed location. The location of the BBAC encroaches on the public beach and is located in a coastal flooding zone. Although the proposed structure has been moved north and has undergone significant cost to accommodate a design to raise the foundation, what discussion has taken place about the state of the surrounding property that supports parking and access to the pool. Will, for instance, the parking areas, bike path, and pedestrian paths be impacted by sea level rise?

Regards,
Dianne Sundstrom
4507 E Barker Way
Long Beach, CA 90814

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: wbrown1255@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Future pool issue

Dear Dani

I am writing to urge a no vote on agenda items 13A & 13B. Further, please vote yes on item 14A.

In that the name of our city, Long Beach, literally means "a big stretch of water" I believe it is imperative that its youth have a facility where they can safely learn to swim. That "big stretch of water" is a serious hazard to folks who are unable to swim. My son has worked for seven years as the national aquatics director for the island nation of Palau in the western Pacific. His job involves routine trips to some of the 75+ outer islands to teach swimming and life saving to people who are unable to swim and are unaware of any lifesaving practices, yet they must rely on the ocean as their only source of protein.

This vote is important, please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Bill Brown

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Agenda Item # Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC -

From: Hector Jimenez <edraid@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:11 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item # Th14a, 2/11/2021 BBAC -

no Retro Racism in the LBC!

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item

From: Diana Eastman <deastman@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:08 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item

This letter is in regard to the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center.

I would like to respectfully request that the California Coastal Commission does not approve a permit for this project in east Long Beach.

As a lifelong resident, I understand the importance of water sports to our city, its citizens and visitors. We need more public pools – however we need them in locations that are without them now and that are easily accessible to all who want to use them. I am legally blind and know how challenging it can be to move around this city without a car or convenient bus line. The proposed center, being at one end of the city in an area that is not particularly accessible, will not provide sufficient opportunity for residents without private transportation.

In addition, our coastline is beautiful and precious. Let's keep it as pristine as we can. Putting another building on the sand would mar the view and is not necessary. Some of my best childhood memories are swimming in the ocean and playing on the sand…we should protect our beaches for future generations.

Building the center is not a prudent investment, given the earthquake/water erosion risks and the fact that it would need to be replaced in a few decades. Tidelands funds can and should be better spent.

I and my husband support putting pools in neighborhoods where more residents can easily reach them and enjoy their benefits.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Sincerely
Diana Eastman
5301 Las Lomas Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Barbara 'BJ' Newell <bjandthecoach@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

friends of belmont shore

To: Dani Ziff, Coastal Program Analyst
For: California Coastal Commission
Regarding Coastal Commission February 11 Hearing
Items #12b, 13a-13b & 14a

On February 4th, at the Friends of Belmont Shore zoom meeting, after discussion of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center project being built as planned, a motion was made, seconded, and passed by a majority of the 35 members in attendance to express our support for the new pool being built at 4000 Olympic Plaza. We believe the Belmont Aquatic Center will be a valuable resource to residents of all ages, including the youth in surrounding areas of Long Beach, promoting swimming and water sports, while attracting people to our coastline.

Thank you for considering our members' views,
Barbara "BJ" Newell
President, Friends of Belmont Shore

My email address: bjandthecoach@gmail.com

Friends of Belmont Shore website: www.shorefriends.org
Friends of Belmont Shore email address: info@shorefriends.org

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Th14a,2/11/2021 BBAC

-----Original Message-----
From: Charla Howard <charlahoward@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:16 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Th14a,2/11/2021 BBAC

To You Whom it Concerns:

As a longtime resident of Long Beach who has moved from one neighborhood to another at least a dozen times over the years, as both renter and property owner, I know the importance of location in this city as a determinant of quality of life. It's indisputable that our coastline is the real estate jewel in the city's portfolio, without any added "development/improvement" to its existing attractions. Therefore, as custodians of California's Coastline, your commission should be to protect its natural assets from further encroachment and despoiling, especially when it comes to such an egregiously misguided project as the Belmont Pool boondoggle. At a fraction of the price, Long Beach could have a community pool in any one of the many under-funded, inner-city neighborhoods, where most residents would welcome all the opportunities it would provide. Better yet, we could have a number of such oasis.

Please vote no on this proposal.

Charla Howard

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Brian Brown <bbrown@fastswimming.net>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

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The ***Health Equity*** of the Project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social well being of the Coastal Community.

--
Brian Brown, Head Coach
FAST Swim Team

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Ella Eastin <eeastin@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

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I hope that the interest of the community is strongly considered.
Thank you,
Ella Eastin

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Nancy Buchanan <nancybfit@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:31 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: nancybfit@yahoo.com
Subject: The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

I strongly support this project to be reviewed by the Coastal Commission on Feb. 11 hearing. Item #12b, 13a-13b & 14a I am in favor of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center going forward.
The Long Beach city council supports the project as does the resident & business organization-Friends of Belmont Shore.
The Belmont Beach And Aquatic Center is the replacement for the previous swimming building.
Parking has improved by Granada lot increased parking spaces and new street parking.
Increased opportunities to visit the project have occurred with the beach walking and riding routes being improved.
The location of the project is a perfect location to showcase the beach and its opportunities for fun, adventure, and relaxation. The project will definitely increase beach attendance.
I request that the Belmont Beach And Aquatic Center project go forward. It will benefit and help both residents and visitors enjoy the beach.
Sincerely,
Nancy Buchanan
36 La Verne Ave
Long Beach Ca 90803
563/439/8649

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 14a 2/11/2020

From: Alyssa Bishop [mailto:alyssabishopyoga@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 9:19 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Cc: Yahoo
Subject: Agenda Item 14a 2/11/2020

Hello,
I am writing this email in an effort to make waves of change in Long Beach, a place that I love so dearly. Agenda item 14a regarding the Olympic swimming pool takes the city back 100 steps in our stride towards racial equity. The image is haunting. Children of allfulence diving from the high diving boards with their private lesson instructors planning for scholarships while the lower income community is bussed in trending water in the shallow end watching. This image is not right, it is not just and it is not with the times.Overall, this should not even be a priority right now. I would love to see this money going to safe housing. How many of us need to be watching your actions with a microscope to get you all to see what the people really want? I am so saddened by the rolling out of business as usual when suicide rates are on the rise. Safe housing is suicide prevention, yet we are funneling all this money into a racially unjust Olympic style pool? I feel sick to my stomach. I really don't understand how you have the hearts to move something like this forward. Please, now is a time of reflection. Hault this project all together and start focusing on helping the people of community. We are still in a pandemic and people are suffering! You are supposed to be here to help people. Please utilize your role in society and do something for us! People not profit.
I write with with a saddened heart. As many times I was witnessed words ignored and business as usually, profit and aesthetics come before what the community is begging of you. We are tired. This is not right that every week you are doing something horrible. Please for future generations really think about what side of history you are on.
Please,
Alyssa Bishop

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Theresa Hikita <tmhikita@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Build the Belmont Pool!

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support the building of the Belmont shore pool complex. The temporary pool has been a lifesaver for hundreds of lap swimmers during the pandemic. It has provided us with a safe outlet for swimming and maintaining our mental health during the coronavirus lockdowns. On a personal level I honestly don't know what I would have done without having access to daily swimming for my physical and mental health this past year. The pool, in short, was my lifesaver and buoy. I know that I speak not only for myself, but for the hundreds of other community members who have been swimming and doing water exercise there for many, many years.

It is now time to move forward with construction of this project which will expand and benefit the community in a myriad of ways. The new Belmont Shore pool complex will not only allow many more community residents to maintain their health, but also allow for competitive swimming and diving events including possible Olympic events. Such events will continue to put Long Beach on the map as a competitive athletic swimming and diving venue as well as bring in much-needed income to the city and local businesses. Such income is necessary especially after the negative economic impact of almost a year of coronavirus lockdowns.

It's time to bring growth and opportunity back to our city, local businesses and community. It's time to build the Belmont Shore pool complex! Build the pool!

Theresa Hikita
Long Beach Lap Swimmer
562-884-2130

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Ginette Skelton <ginetteskelton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:36 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Please deny this.

Ginette Skelton
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of your friends, family and associates.

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Kent Ferguson <kentferguson@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 6:54 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Replacement - Needed ASAP

Dear Dani,

I understand you will be voting on the Belmont pool replacement today. I was an Olympic diver who trained at Belmont prior to the 1992 Olympics that I participated in - with Glenn McCormick.

This pool was not only important to swimmers and divers across the world, but very needed for the Lomg Beach community. It provided a safe place for kids to learn how to swim, from all socio economic backgrounds - that may not have otherwise learned to swim, no doubt, keeping them safe when in the water for the rest of their lives. There is a huge void in the Long Beach community that needs to be filled by rebuilding the pool ASAP. Lives truly depend upon it!

Please deny 13a and 13b and approve 14a on your agenda today.

Kent Ferguson
World Champion; 1992 Olympian, Pan Am Games Champion; 7 x US National Diving Champion

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Kaitlin Sandeno <kaitlinsandeno@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 6:36 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

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More than ever we need ways to improve physical and mental health and activities for families. The City of Long Beach is the Aquatics Capital Of America and naturally draws visitors. Let's give them something to remember and keep coming back for!

Thank you and take good care.

Sincerely,
Kaitlin Sandeno Hogan
Olympic Gold Medalist
ISL DC Trident GM
"Golden Glow" Coauthor
Laguna Fin Partner & Spokesperson
Jessie Rees Foundation National Spokesperson

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: CHRISTINE LANGE <crlange2@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 6:17 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Proposal Support

California Coastal Commission,

I am writing to express my family's support for the proposed Belmont Pool replacement plan. My husband grew up participating in competitive swimming in Long Beach and continues to swim laps on a regular basis as part of his fitness program. Our son swims for recreation and has attended summer camps at the beach that use the Belmont Pool facility as part of their programs. We ride bikes on the beach path and pass the area frequently. We were excited years ago when the original pool was removed and we saw the initial designs for the replacement. What a rare opportunity for an upgrade. A world class facility in our home town to be used by all residents! Years have passed waiting and waiting. It is now time. The plans have been scaled back and critics' objections taken into account with the new design. This project will be an asset to the neighborhood, the city, and the region.

We urge you to give approval for the city of Long Beach to move forward with the Belmont Pool plan. It will surely be a wonderful addition to the city of Long Beach and the California coast!

Sincerely,

Christine Byrom
LB Resident

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Genai Kerr <genai@5meter.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Diversity in LB Aquatics

The Aquatic Capitol of the World has an opportunity to set the example for others to follow. Building a public pool to serve the ENTIRE community is a phenomenal step in the right direction. As one of two Black water polo Olympians in the history for the USA, I can't stress enough the importance of providing equal opportunities and making everyone feel welcomed.

Genai Kerr
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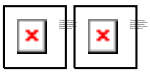

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Nancy Ridout <nancyridout@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:08 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: Nancy Ridout
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

I am writing to encourage the California Coastal Commissioners to approve the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

Long Beach was renown and respected for its former aquatic facility that served so many children, adults, seniors, and special needs in learning to swim, keeping fit through swimming and other aquatic activities, supporting diving and water polo for all ages and abilities, and making it widely available and user friendly. I have enjoyed the many times I've swum there and taken advantage of the many activities Long Beach has to offer.

Please approve this plan to show Long Beach knows how to plan, build, and offer a fine aquatic facility that will serve the community and greater Long Beach area.

Nancy Ridout

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Loren McCoy <loren.mccoy1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: 'SARA and RANDOLPH SOUZA'
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

Dear Mr. Ziff,

Please **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to DENY the appeals in Items 13a-13b (see below). All of Southern California Swimming would be greatly appreciative.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b. The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I feel that the Project will bring inclusion to the City of Long Beach as "Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the Aquatic Capital of America. From "Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include all of the aquatic needs of the entire Long Beach Community residents. Connection to the "Pedestrian and Bike path that run all long the Long Beach Shore" will be a ***Great Destination*** for families in the Long Beach Region to end up for a bike ride and/or walk. The ***Health Equity*** of the Project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the Costal Community.

Thank You

Loren McCoy

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Donna McGurn <dmcgurn57@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: Donna McGurn
Subject: Fwd: Regarding: February 11, 2021 Hearing, Items 12b, 13a-13b & 14a

February 4, 2021

Donna M. McGurn

2135 E 2nd Street, Apt.2

Long Beach, CA 90803

Coastal Commission

Ms. Dani Ziff

Re: Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project

February 11, 2021 Hearing, Items 12b, 13a-13b & 14a

Dear Ms. Ziff:

As a citizen of Long Beach and a swimmer at the Belmont Pool, I would like to share with you how much this pool means to me and so many others who swim several days a week and enjoy the entire experience of our neighborhood outdoor pool. Not to mention how much we adore the wonderful people who run the pool and work as lifeguards and instructors.

Early in 2019 I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. At the time I decided to begin a health regimen which includes using the pool four days a week. I swim laps usually first, then I participate in the deep water and shallow water aerobics classes. Since then I have lost 60 pounds, lowered my A1C from 7.2 to 5.7 and brought my blood pressure back to normal. It has literally saved my life.

Of course, Covid 19 put a bit of a damper on things, where we now have to make reservations to use the pool where we did not need to in past years. In 2019 it was not unusual to have 70 people in the pool during aerobics classes, today we are limited to 25.

I personally think that Long Beach should remain a city of water sports (unlike team sports such as football, baseball, etc.) since water sports, especially pool sports, are quiet and there is never any carousing, noise or violence that there can be in other sports.

To be brief, please approve plans for the new center. Oh, one suggestion…perhaps add more ladders for climbing out of the pool so that more lanes can be utilized by those with certain physical restrictions.

Thank you so much for your time,

Best regards

Donna M. McGurn

(562) 477-8752

Dmcgurn57@hotmail.com

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: candace lawrence <rence.claw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:51 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Aquatic Center

No. Thére are about a zillion other things we need more. Green space for the West Side, housing for the homeless, infrastructure, a cleanup, literal and metaphorical, for our disgraceful animal shelter, and funding for safe disease-free schools and vaccinated teachers. After school programs.

In addition, it would have been nice if LB citizens had been consulted, this was the first I'd ever heard of the plan.

Nonononononononononono. N O. Naught. Nunca.

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jessica Pollack (Payne) <jessicaintl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:59 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

Dear Long Beach Coastal Commission,

The former Belmont Plaza Pool was a huge part of my multi-racial children's lives. They were both part of McCormick Divers and took swimming lessons at Belmont. As a school district substitute, my income was so low that my children were on the free lunch program most of the time they participated in activities at Belmont Plaza pool. We never lived near the pool, and when they were in middle school and high school, they would take 2 buses to get to the pool after school because I couldn't leave work early enough to drive them there. The loss of the pool has been a major loss to our family. That is why I am so invested in helping assure that the pool is rebuilt so that future generations can enjoy the physical and emotional joy of swimming and diving at the new pool.

On that note, it is important that the Commission DENY Items 13a-13b and APPROVE Item 14a so that future children can have the same advantages of the new Belmont Pool that my children did, especially if like us, they don't live anywhere close to the pool.

Thank you for doing the right thing for all of Long Beach by making the new pool the success we all know it can be.

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Phone 562-331-7804

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Keith A Mason <keith.a.mason82@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:24 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: City of Long Beach - Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center

I'm emailing you today with reference to the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center that will be at the upcoming Coastal Commission Meeting on February 11. My wife and I regularly use the current temporary facility - typically 3 times per week. The utilization we've observed is very high and the demographics are varied with both young and older people utilizing the facilities.

We FULLY SUPPORT the new pool planned at the site of the old pool. We believe it will be a real asset to the residence of Long Beach and the surrounding area.

Regards,
Keith

Keith A Mason
914-262-8656
keith.a.mason82@gmail.com

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jackie Velez <jvrtst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:22 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: Councilwoman Suzie Price
Subject: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a - 5-18-0788 - Belmont Plaza Pool.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

For 6- 7 years now,I have been reading about whether to the build the Belmont Plaza Pool or not. Now we have yet another wrench put in the way of getting things done and each time there is a delay the cost to rebuild this complex increases. Yes, you can scale back the project and make it less grandiose. I am not going to argue that. And from reading the today's (2/4/2021) article in the Grunion Gazette by Harry Saltzgaver, that is what is being proposed. Cudos!!!

For the past 4-5 years (pre-pandemic) I have been participating in adult water aerobics classes held at the various Long Beach public pools year round. I can validate that the class participants are from all ethnic groups and from all over Long Beach. Some even come from San Pedro, Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. The argument that this pool is only accessible / attainable by the affluent folks in east Long Beach is ludicrous. The adult water aerobics classes are offered to people over 50 years old for FREE, that is obviously addressing equity; which is really beneficial for those that are retired and living on fixed incomes. I have seen children from various ethnic groups, which include minorities, participate in summer swimming lessons at the Belmont Pool; as well as, water polo practice, school swim meets, mermaid swim practice, etc.

The argument that the pool is not transportation accessible is crazy. I have a non-driving friend that lives near the MLK pool, who comes by bus & has been doing so for years. The bus stops on Ocean and Termino. She chooses to go to the Belmont Pool due to its scenic location and for class time offerings. There is off-street parking & ample paid parking. Folks come on their bicycles or walk. The other public pools, MLK & Silverado, do not have enough parking for large numbers. Plus, they limit the number of participants to their water aerobics classes.

The argument that the beach location is a hazardous site and at risk for sea level rise, due to climate change, is a weak excuse. The houses built along the shoreline are all at risk then. So what happens to them? My guess would be that sand berms will probably be a regular stop gap like it is on the Peninsula. Or something else will be built when the need arises. I ask you, if sea level rise is a valid reason, then why are the 3 upscale "hamburger" restaurants being built on the beach at a cost of $9 million?

So all the naysayers, like Citizens About Responsible Planning (CARP), say that the Belmont Plaza Pool complex should be built somewhere else, but they don't seem to understand about where is the money supposed to come from? And wherever it is built, it will not satisfy everyone and would be inaccessible and/or inequitable to someone. Seems to me that the opposition for not building the pool at the beach are not users of the facilities or they would know how bogus most of their opposition reasons are. If they looked at the Long Beach Recreation Connection schedule they would know that there is free swim time and discounts for children and seniors. Therefore, it is equitable and accessible.

I would love to see new Belmont Pool with maybe some kind of retractable roof for bad weather. If anything has shown us that during the pandemic, when exercise is key to keeping healthy, that an outdoor pool (not enclosed) is key. The pool is critical for low impact exercises that older folks and those with mobility issues can use. Plus, it has soo many other good uses.
I hope that the new build is addressing earthquake safety, especially since that is one of the reasons the original Belmont Pool was removed. This location promotes use of the beach as well as the other activities the beach offers.

With gratitude,
Jackie Velez
Long Beach resident

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Nick Rangel <nickrangel1231@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Beach Pool and Aquatics Project

Hello Dani,

I am in support of my tax dollars funding the construction of the new Belmont Pool.

Thank you,

Nicholas Rangel

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Emilie Grimaldi <emilie_grimaldi@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:49 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Beach Pool and Aquatics Project

Dani,

I live in Long Beach Shore and I am in support of my tax dollars funding the Belmont Beach Pool and Aquatics Project!

Emilie Grimaldi

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Dennis Snyder <dennisandrewsnyder@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Resident support for the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

Hi Dani,

I am a frequent swimmer at the Belmont Outdoor Temporary Pool. I understand there is a written comment period that ends tomorrow 2-5-21. I would like to express my support for the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center for these reasons:

- The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center is a replacement for the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool and should be at the same site.
- Its long history & legacy of serving the community at this location.
- After the earthquake determination that called for the demolition of the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool a replacement seems most appropriate, as opposed to moving it to some unknown site – causing more project delays.
- The money set aside for the project is from the Tidelands Fund, which is restricted for use in the coastal area.
- The argument that the pool should be in another part of Long Beach means losing the Tidelands money.
- This relocation begs the question: where does the $85 million come from? And where will they place it?
- Although I was at first attracted to it being placed in a low income area, my mind was changed by equitable access solution that the Coastal Commission staff imposed. I like the idea of the city offering reduced entrance fees or free access to the pools for lower income residents.
- This project would attract more visitors to this ocean-side area for lower cost recreation.
- It allows safe access to coastal waters through programs that teach people to swim.

Since this is the final approval for the project, let's stop delaying this. It has been more than four years and with construction (and unknown delays) this project needs to be green-lighted.

Thank you,

Dennis Snyder
3021 E Vista Street Long Beach, CA 90803-5810
Cell (562) 413-2396
dennisandrewsnyder@gmail.com

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:43 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Hello from the Contact Page

From: Michelle Baker <michelle@prostaffsearch.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:30 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Hello from the Contact Page

Project Name and Application Number: Application No5-18-0788 Belmont Aquatic Center, Long Beach

Nature of Communication (In Person, Telephone, Other): written comment-your website didn't work

Date and Time Requested: 2/4/2021

Full Name: Michelle Baker

Email:michellebaker199@gmail.com

On Behalf Of: myself

Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the Belmont Pool. This project does not make sense. To build a pool on the sand with rising water levels is foolish. This pool is being built in a wealthy neighborhood which is not fair. There is no parking and will cause more traffic and hurt the environment. Build the pool in the middle of the city which would be more equitable. We do not have the money to build this pool.

Public comments submitted to the Coastal Commission are public records that may be disclosed to members of the public or posted on the Coastal Commission's website. Do not include information, including personal contact information, in comments submitted to the Coastal Commission that you do not wish to be made public. Any written materials, including email, that are sent to commissioners regarding matters pending before the Commission must also be sent to Commission staff at the same time.

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Mary Benedict <lb4mary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item w14a, Application No. 5-18-0788, Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

Please vote to approve the permit for the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center.
Sincerely,
Mary Nevill

BELMONT POOL IS AN OASIS OF BLISS FOR DISABLED SENIORS IN THE SEA OF COVID 19

Inbox

Linda Hobbs <sabrinawriter2020@gmail.com> 6:54 AM (6 hours ago)

to me

February 4, 2021

Dear Honorable Members of the Coastal Commission:

RE: FEBRUARY 11 2021 HEARING - ITEMS 12b, 13a-13b and 14a

I am grateful for the opportunity to express my support for the City of Long Beach and the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center at 4000 Olympic Plaza. Before I needed hip replacement surgery, I jogged 5 miles per day, walked the L. A. Marathon, completed 2 hours of Step Aerobics five times per week, loved and survived Bikram Yoga five times a week, and danced ZUMBA every time the class was offered. Once the constant hip pain consumed my life and joy, Dr. Robert Klapper, hip replacement surgeon, advised me to exercise in the water in preparation for the operation. I ignored him until Covid 19 appeared! When all the activities and gyms were closed in Los Angeles, I was desperate until I remembered that the City of Long Beach offered pool classes to non-residents.

As a non-swimmer, terrorized by deep water, I grabbed my flotation belt and began exercising in the Long Beach pool during lap swim and senior exercise classes 5 times per week. From the moment I enter the pool, **my constant hip pain stops! I am in pure joy as I walk/jog through the water non-stop each 45-minute session! And when I realized I could work on my creative writing projects while exercising in the water, my joy increased!**

The Belmont staff is perfect. Because I am 72, living alone, being treated for all 5 of the CDC serious underlying medical conditions while awaiting hip replacement surgery, I am so touched by the kindness and dedication of the Belmont Pool staff. (And when I swam at the King Pool and Silverado Pool, I found their staff to adhere to the same level of kindness and dedication.) Belmont and all the Long Beach Pool staff are so patient with seniors. Several times per week I forgot something! And the staff is so supportive!

When the pool classes are full online, I rise at 3:45 am, **arrive at Belmont at 4:45 am prepared to wait for a cancellation for the 5:30 am, 6:30am, 7:30 am or 8:30am lap swim.**

As a rule, I am able to register online for the Monday through Friday 8:30 am lap swim. Other swimmers and walkers may not know my name but they never forgot me!

I am the little old lady, walking with the walker, wearing a WET SUIT to keep me warm in the water and a FLOTATION BELT to prevent drowning!

I no longer have the terror of drowning! I have lost 30 pounds without dieting and my legs are much stronger.

When Covid 19 is over, I plan to add my "my complete swimming costume" to my stand up comedy routine!

Belmont Pool gives life to seniors!

Sincerely,

Linda Hobbs - “Watch for my wet suit!”

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Maury Jessner <mjessner@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Dear Coastal Commission,
I am requesting you to **APPROVE** the Belmont Plaza Pool project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

Sincerely,
Maury Jessner
Member
Long Beach Century Club

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: john@amyandbriannaturals.com
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

Ms. Dani Ziff
Coastal Program Analyst
South Coast Division
301 E Ocean Blvd, Suite 300
Long Beach, CA 90802

Ms. Ziff,

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

Thank you,
John Gurich
60 year resident of the City of Long Beach

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: ted j dowe <tedjdowe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool

For the attention of the California Coastal Commission...
Please pass 22b and 14a
Thank you, Ted Dowe

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Compton, Christopher <christopher.compton@stateguard.cmd.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: In Favor of Belmont Beach Pool

Requesting the info.

I recommend setting up redacting tarps for the old pool during High Wind Storms.

There should be a way to close down the tarps during storms.

Lt Chris Compton
CSET Chief
Cyber Operations - Cyber Special Equip and Training
California State Guard, Computer Network Defense
9800 Goethe Road
Sacramento, CA 95827

Voice/Text: (562) 304-3716
Christopher.Compton@stateguard.cmd.ca.gov

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Ellen Abbene <ellena@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

APPROVE the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a
DENY the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project will bring inclusion:

- "Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the City of Long Beach, the Aquatic Capital of America.
- "From Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include the aquatic needs of every age group among Long Beach Community residents.
- The project's connection to pedestrian and bike path that runs along the Long Beach Shore will be a great destination for families in the region as part of a bike or walk.
- The project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social well-being of the coastal community by providing health equity opportunity.

Sincerely,
Ellen Abbene
Aquatics Safety Professional, Swimmer, Coach and Interested Citizen

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Ted Olivieri <trackmdr@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal

ALL,
For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b. The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I feel that the Project will bring inclusion to the City of Long Beach as "Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the Aquatic Capital of America. From "Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include all of the aquatic needs of the entire Long Beach Community residents. Connection to the "Pedestrian and Bike path that run all long the Long Beach Shore" will be a ***Great Destination*** for families in the Long Beach Region to end up for a bike ride and/or walk. The ***Health Equity*** of the Project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the Costal Community.

Inclusion, Equality, Health Equity - good for physical and mental health.
- Connection to the "Pedestrian and Bike path that run all long the Long Beach Shore. Great destination to take the family for a bike ride and/or walk.
- **The City of Long Beach is The Aquatic Capital of America** and naturally draws regional visits on a regular basis.
- ***"Every Child A Swimmer"*** is the core value of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project.

Thank You,
Ted Olivieri

Subject- Agenda Item 12,13,14, Application No. 5-18-0788
Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center
California Coastal Commission
02/04/2021

Honorable Commissioners and Executive Director John Ainsworth,

I am a named appellant on this project due to concerns about lack of public participation, a lack of equity and a failure to follow proper process in the development of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center (BBAC). I have lived and have been engaged in local issues in Long Beach for over 30 years.

The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center and the LCP Amendment should be denied because the City of Long Beach throughout six years (2014-2021) of project development has refused to address two sections of the Coastal Act which require –

> The public's right to "**fully participate**" and be given the "**widest opportunity of public participation"** and the requirement to address "**environmental justice, or the equitable distribution of environmental benefits**". [1]

In 2015 then Long Beach Assistant City Manager, Tom Modica stated that the BBAC project would follow the following public process-

> *"And four public bodies will review it in open session for the public to attend and give input at the **Recreation Commission**, **Marine Advisory Commission**, Planning Commission, and ultimately City Council. Along the way feedback will be given and modifications made as appropriate. This is the **tried and true process for dealing with complex projects that have multiple stakeholders, and has worked very well**, incorporating both community input and the technical input needed to make projects a success."*[2]

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[1] PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE – PRC DIVISION 20. CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT [30000 - 30900]
CHAPTER 1. Findings and Declarations and General Provisions [30000 - 30013]
30006.

The Legislature further finds and declares that the public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning, conservation, and development; that achievement of sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support; and that the continuing planning and implementation of programs for coastal conservation and development should include the widest opportunity for public participation.

Section 30604 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read

h) When acting on a coastal development permit, the issuing agency, or the commission on appeal, may consider environmental justice, or the equitable distribution of environmental benefits throughout the state.

[2] Source https://swimswam.com/city-planners-release-statement-detailed-survey-reports-for-belmont-pool-project/
"*It will go through several intense review processes to ensure its compatibility with the goals. Parks staff will work to ensure the design meeting Parks and Recreation needs, Planning staff will work to ensure it is compatible with our planning objectives, mobility elements, design standards, and building safety. Public Works will ensure it meets their criteria for public infrastructure. The community will provide comments on the building design and the impacts it has on the environment through the EIR process. And four public bodies will review it in open session for the public to attend and give input at the Recreation Commission, Marine Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, and ultimately City Council. Along the way feedback will be given and modifications made as appropriate. This is the tried and true process for dealing with complex projects that have multiple stakeholders, and has worked very well, incorporating both community input and the technical input needed to make projects a success*."

Yesterday I reviewed all agendas and minutes (from 2014 through 2021) for both the Long **Beach Parks & Recreation Commission** and the **Marine Bureau Commission**.
I could find NO agenda item or minutes at either commission which discussed the proposed design of the BBAC, the operation of the park, public access or even a discussion of the cost of operating the center.[3]

The city circumvented these two commissions in spite of the fact that the Tidelands Fund is collapsing due to the falling price of oil and the fact that the City does not have adequate funds to build the project or pay for the operating or maintenance of the center.

I am very concerned that other recreational facilities will be further neglected and have their funding cut all to support a fancy competitive swimming and diving center that the city clearly cannot afford.

Perhaps someone on the Commission can ask why for over six years the City of Long Beach abandoned a "*tried and true process for dealing with complex projects that have multiple stakeholders, and has worked very well*" and limited the discussion of the design of this primarily to stake holders who are attached to the USA Swimming/Olympics and the mostly affluent white completive swimming community.[4]

The public's ability to participate or obtain information has been also severely limited due to Long Beach's decision to promote the BBAC as an Olympic Project.[5]

The City of Long Beach has refused to publically discuss the terms or cost of its participation in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. All BBAC stakeholders meeting were closed to the public and no publically available minutes were produced.

A required joinder agreement with the United States Olympic Committee USOC put a gag order on city employees, prohibiting them from criticizing the IOC, the IPC, the USOC, the bid, the bid committee, or the Olympics and requiring them to speak positively of all of the above.

> *"The City, including its employees, officers and representatives, shall not make, publish or communicate to any Person, or communicate in any public forum, any comments or statements (written or oral) that reflect unfavorably upon, denigrate or disparage, or are detrimental to the reputation or statute of, the IOC, the IPC, the USOC, the IOC Bid, the Bid Committee or the Olympic or Paralympic movement. The City, including its employees, officers and representatives, shall each promote the Bid Committee, the SOC, the IOC Bid, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes and hopefuls and the Olympic and Paralympic movement in a positive matter."* [6]

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[3] Source- http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx **Agendas and Minutes 2014 through 2021**

[4] **BBAC Stakeholders** http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/city-manager/media-library/documents/tidelands-capital-impovement-division/belmont-aquatics-center/belmont-beach-and-aquatics-center-stakeholders-advisory-committee-update
Racial Disparities In Swimming https://www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/news/racial-disparities-in-swimming-what-can-we-do/

[5] BBAC Project Critical to 2028 Olympics
http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5774807&GUID=1C0FEE83-E98D-4E78-9C06-B195795F1304

[6] Democratic Accountability https://www.noboston2024.org/democratic-accountability

The special condition imposed by Coastal Commission staff (to address equitable access-a new accessibility study, creating a more robust plan and an offer reduced entrance fees or free access to the pools) ignores that fact that the public has been excluded from fully participating in the projects design. Past behavior predicts future behavior and once this massive competitive level swimming/dive stadium is built no amount of busing poor people or handouts will make this project acceptable. The proponents of the BBAC will state that there are other community pools in Long Beach. Separate and not equal. I object. Let the people decide!

In the last six years the City has railroaded the public process ignoring the needs of the public all to kowtow to the demands of US Swimming and the Olympic Committee.

If the Coastal Commission truly intends on addressing environmental justice or equity …then the first step is to include people of color and those living in economically challenged dense polluted neighborhoods into discussions about how this City beach park is to be developed.

I should also mention that I was again not notified of the upcoming hearing on this project. I am aware that other appellants were mailed notices. I wrote to the Coastal Commission last year when the City failed to property notice the public. This is not an isolated situation -I know three others who again were not noticed. The City has both my mailing address and email address. I have signed up for project updates both on the City's website www.longbeach.gov and www.BelmontPool.com…I am aware that stakeholders are sent regular emails from the City's project consultant.

Please reject this project's approval and the LCP amendment.

Kerrie Aley

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: HomeJelly <skaieknox@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool Replacement

Hi Dani,

My name is Skaie(sky) Knox. I was a member of the Mission Viejo Nadadores diving team from 1978-1985. I was the national age group champion (girls 13-14) in 1981, medaled in the World Championship on 3m board and 7m tower, then went on to compete at the Senior National level alongside Olympians Greg Louganis, Wendy Wyland, Michele Mitchell, Matt Scoggins, etc. (along with many others). We went on to win the team Senior National Championships several consecutive years with coach Ron O'Brien until my retirement from the sport in 1985.

Why am I writing? Firstly, to give you a little background as to who I am as an athlete, but to also describe how Debby McCormick has had an incredibly huge impact on my life.

She may have been the coach of a different team, but even with the highest caliber coaching and facilities that we had at Mission Viejo, Debby's influence was that of major importance to me.

When my coaches were not available at meets, she would step right in and give me corrections. She would also encourage and cheer me on - not a typical gesture for coaches, as their mission was to support and have a winning team of their own.

Along with the great success Debby and Glen had with their McCormick Divers team, they were both incredibly generous with their time, their expertise and their kindness.

This, at a time in my life, when I was suffering from child abuse from my father. My only refuge was diving, and whenever I was treated with care, love and support, that meant the world to me.

Entering the enormous (from the perspective of a 9 year old) and indoor Belmont Plaza Pool, it was like entering another world. The sound of diving boards bouncing and echoing throughout that window-filled chamber excited me with such wonder and possibilities.

Then, of course, I'd see Debby in her usual place - on deck by the edge of the pool - enthusiastically instructing each of her divers like they were the most special athlete in the world.

This pool, this coach and this sport showed me there were great things in the world. It wasn't only darkness, sadness and fear. I am now married to an amazing man (a former semi-pro hockey player), a published and signed singer-songwriter and author, and I am an avid snow skier.

You see, a sports facility is SO much more to the life of a child, young person, adult, coach, athlete, spectator and city. It is a place of possibilities and self-empowerment, growth of character and physical/emotional strength, not to mention a place where communities can come together, celebrate, spend lots of good money on local businesses and create unforgettable moments.

In closing, I would greatly encourage you to deny items 13a-13b and APPROVE item 14a on your agenda. This new pool is INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT to the lives of so many - local, regionally, nationally and the world.

PLEASE make the right decision and make this project happen. I, and my 9 year-old self, would be very thankful.

Sincerely,
Skaie(sky) Knox, (FKA, Lori Dellota)

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: wenke hansen <wenkeh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Project

To whom it may concern,

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b. The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I feel that the Project will bring inclusion to the City of Long Beach as "Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the Aquatic Capital of America. From "Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include all of the aquatic needs of the entire Long Beach Community residents. Connection to the "Pedestrian and Bike path that run all long the Long Beach Shore" will be a ***Great Destination*** for families in the Long Beach Region to end up for a bike ride and/or walk. The ***Health Equity*** of the Project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the Costal Community.

Thank you,

Wenke Seider

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Betsy Harrison <bharrison@buenaventuraswimclub.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I, Betsy Harrison, APPROVE the project as recommended by the commission staff in items 12b and 14a and DENY the appeals in items 13a-13b. The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I feel the project will bring inclusion to the City of Long Beach as " Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the Aquatic Capitol of America. From "Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include all of the aquatic needs of the entire Long Beach community residents. Connection to the Pedestrian and Bike path that run along all the "Long Beach Shore" will be a great destination for families in the Long Beach Region to end up for a bike ride and/or walk. The HEALTH EQUITY of the Project serves the physical, mental and social wellbeing of the Coastal Community.
I for one, when traveling in the beautiful Long Beach area, will plan on enjoying the opportunity to use these facilities for my own physical and emotional well-being.

Sincerely,
Betsy Harrison

Public Comment on February 11, 2021 Agenda Items 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a; Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center.

I urge you to reject these four items related to the BBAC. You have been presented with many reasons why the BBAC should not be approved. First and foremost, swimming and diving in pools of fresh water are not coastal dependent activities. The preeminent principle of the Coastal Act for development on the beach is that it must be a coastal dependent activity.

Other reasons to reject the BBAC are many. The problems it would cause and the objections that are being presented are real and valid concerns that cannot be dismissed or mitigated. The likelihood of damage from projected sea level rise; the precedent-setting location on the beach; decreased public access; environmental justice inequities; esthetic, environmental, and habitat damage; traffic and parking impacts; and the excessive cost and diversion of Tidelands and city operating funds are all real problems that would occur if the BBAC were built.

On the other hand, there is only one reason offered by the advocates to build the BBAC at this location: There was a pool there once and they want one there again. There is no reason for the Coastal Commission to support this reasoning. It does not meet any of the objectives or principles of the Coastal Act.

Public participation is another guiding principle of the Coastal Act that has been violated with this project. The city has developed its revised BBAC plan with almost no opportunity for outreach, comment, or participation by the public. From the beginning, the city's communication has been inadequate. The city's Stakeholder Committee was not representative of the city's residents. Ten of the twelve members represent commercial swimming and diving interests. There was only one independent resident on the committee. It was never presented to the city's Marine Advisory Commission. The city's BBAC web site, "belmontpool.com", was not kept current with revised documents, illustrations, or hearing dates. For this new design, a new EIR should have been conducted. Instead, the old EIR from the different, original design was barely changed. The outdated information, such as traffic and parking impacts, were not updated to meet the new, existing conditions. The project was approved by the city's Planning Commission at a meeting in December 2019, during the busy holiday season when public participation was guaranteed to be light. The revised EIR document, 835 pages, was released to the public only days before. The project was then approved by the City Council at a meeting in

January 2020, at 01:30 am. The hearing had been advertised as beginning at 6:30 pm, but in actuality, did not begin until 11:30 pm.

The BBAC would violate this defining principle of the Coastal Act: "Maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone." The BBAC would serve a limited number of swimmers, divers, and spectators, compared to the larger number of visitors and residents who now use this space daily. I live a few blocks from the site. I walk or bicycle past there several times per week. I see this firsthand: the area is in constant use daily, for ocean swimming, picnicking, exercising, dog walking, sports such as beach volleyball, beach soccer, kite surfing, and families simply relaxing on the sand and in the grassy park. This site supports this intensity of use because of the large adjacent parking lot - parking which would be unavailable to these visitors if it were allowed to be used by hundreds of participants and spectators at the BBAC.

These are all appropriate and coastal dependent activities, and should not be displaced by allowing the construction of the new BBAC pool. Additionally, allowing the BBAC would set a terrible precedent for future encroachments and limitations to public access to the California coast and beaches.

The Coastal Act includes this requirement: "New development shall be designed and sited to protect views; maintain and enhance public access; minimize risks in geologic, flood or fire hazard areas, including special controls in bluff and cliff erosion areas where appropriate; protect special communities and neighborhoods which are popular visitor destination points; and be consistent with air pollution requirements."

This project would violate this provision in these ways: It would degrade views, reduce access to this popular visitor destination point, increase the risk of geologic and flood damage, and burden the adjacent residential and commercial neighborhood with increased traffic and parking demand.

Long Beach has only three municipal swimming pools, one of which is the Olympic-size pool already at this site. More pools are needed - it is important for all children to learn to swim, for beach safety. Pools are needed in more economically-deprived neighborhoods in the city, not a $100 million pool on the well-off east side of town. It is unrealistic to claim that children would be able to use public transit to travel to this site - new pools are needed in the neighborhoods where the children live.

The City's use of Tidelands money to fund the BBAC, estimated to cost $85 million, would negatively affect its ability to use these limited funds for projects that are necessary and required for its other coastal commitments, such as renovation of the Belmont Pier, repairs of the Naples seawalls, replacing the aged Leeway Sailing Center, upgrading the Lifeguard Headquarters, and developing and executing a strategy to deal with the expected sea level rise and storm surges caused by climate change. The current and projected future decreases in oil revenue make it even more important to conserve these funds. These projects also require ongoing operating and maintenance, with limited funding. Adding to this burden with the huge operating costs of the BBAC would be irresponsible, especially now, with budgets under extreme pressure because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Commission's own staff report for this project does a good job explaining the many deficiencies and objections to this project. Some of the Special Conditions in the report ignore reality. For example, "spot zoning" the parcel designated for the BBAC to allow for structure heights way in excess of the current allowed limit would be completely contrary to the entire development and land use philosophy stated in the City's LCP.

The eighteen Special Conditions included in the analysis would be a large burden on staff to monitor - some of those conditions would come into play only in the future. Some of these conditions require modifications or additions to plans submitted by the city that are currently inadequate or incomplete. Approval of each of these conditions should require a formal hearing by the Commission and not only approval by the Executive Director. The public should be given an opportunity to see and provide input to these revisions. The approval of some conditions would not guarantee the project would actually be acceptable and meet these conditions. For example, if sea level rise does impinge on the facility, the only practical remedy to the loss of beach might well be the demolition of the project. This is hardly an acceptable outcome!

Please deny the approval of the BBAC and support better coastal projects.

Jeff Miller

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: arcadia riptides <swimarcadia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding 2/11/2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

Hello,
For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b. The Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project. I feel that the Project will bring inclusion to the City of Long Beach as "Every Child a Swimmer" is a core value of the Aquatic Capital of America. From "Cradle to Cane" Aquatic Center Project will include all of the aquatic needs of the entire Long Beach Community residents. Connection to the "Pedestrian and Bike path that run all long the Long Beach Shore" will be a ***Great Destination*** for families in the Long Beach Region to end up for a bike ride and/or walk. The ***Health Equity*** of the Project serves the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the Costal Community.

Thank you,
Lauren Skinner

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Fred Gaschen <gaschen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Items #12b, 13a, 13b and 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool:

I am recommending and urging the Commissioners to **approve** the project as recommended by the Commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to
deny the appeals in Items 13a and 13b. I believe this is the right thing to do for **ALL** the people in Long Beach as well as our neighboring cities.

Michael Gaschen

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jerry Jeffery <scaryjerry59@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Feb 11th hearing for Belmont plaza pool

I am a life long resident of Long Beach, 80 years in March, and encourage the Cal Coastal Commission to approve the project concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool. Please approve the project in items 12b and14a and DENY 13a and 13b.

I live in Belmont heights and believe the complex will be a boost to ALL Long Beach residents. It will attract people to the beach area and increase spending in the area, a boost to all restaurants, shops, and attractions.

Thank you,
Jerry and Cheryl Jeffery

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: gazeatel@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Feb 11 Hearing, Item#s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

Dear Dani Ziff,

As a Long term Belmont Shore resident, I have come to depend on The Belmont Plaza Pool systems to maintain my health! I am aware that Long Beach City has always advertised this City to be the Acquatic Capital of the World!So I do not mind the fact that my Taxes have been appropriated towards the running, upkeep, and maintenance of The Belmont Plaza OLYMPIC pool. It is built specifically to contain all the requirements to serve as a venue for Olympic Competitions. Gregg Louganis, olympic Diving Gold Medal(S!) winner, as well as Michael Phelps, also Speed Swimming Medalist, both received their training at this pool!
There are many other pools in Long Beach, both in Rich AND Poor neighborhoods, but this BPOP is the only one that can host Olympic competitions.
I feel betrayed by the City Council that they are wanting to shift the $$$$ (my tax $$$) set aside for this new training center, and using it for a totally different agenda.

Thanks for your part in keeping our CA coastline healthy!

Sincerely,
Hazel Schubert

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: t71mcbride@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool

I fully support the current Belmont Pool plan. I'm a 57 year resident in Long Beach, very involved in the community -- I participate and contribute in and around the City in dozens of events and activities and charities every year.

I urge the commission staff to approve the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a, and to deny the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

Tim McBride
6482 E. El Paseo St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Kelly Robertson <twoxOlympian@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: BELMONT PLAZA POOL REPLACEMENT

Hello,

My name is Kelly McCormick Robertson, and I'm writing The Coastal Commission With the hopes that you deny items 13a--13b and approve item 14a.

I was very honored to represent the United States in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. I received the Silver in 1984 and the Bronze in 1988. I started my journey training with McCormick Diver's when I was 13 at the Belmont Plaza Pool. I was able to further my education by attending The Ohio State University through the sport of diving.

I'm now a mother of 3 and can't imagine my kids not being able to swim. The community needs a pool that teaches kids how to swim and how to be safe in and around the water. More importantly, kids need a safe place where they can go with good role models, and goals they can achieve to help them be successful in life.

Please, deny 13a-13b. Approve 14a. DO IT FOR THE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Thank You and have a wonderful day!

Kelly McCormick Robertson

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Lillian Slater <lilliands@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a

I am in favor of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. I enjoy the outdoor pool during the summer but would like indoor classes when it's colder and/or windy. I have been disappointed that it's taken so long to rebuild it.

This facility has been and will be an asset to our community.

Lillian Slater
148 Argonne Avenue
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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Pamela Cronn <dance10s@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: BELLMONT PLAZA POOL REPLACEMENT

COASTAL COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING.

I am writing this letter asking you to please deny items 13-a-13-b and APPROVE item 14a at your Zoom meeting on Friday. With everything that is going on in our country right now, we need to have places where all children can go to learn to swim and be safe in the water. They need to have someplace to be able to forget all that is going on in today's world and have some time that will not only boost their morale but give them confidence. I, myself, was never taught to swim, consequently I am totally afraid of the water. Also, this will do so much for our community and the benefits we have gotten from our sports and social outlets.

PLEASE, consider all the children that will not have the opportunity to just go a little farther in life (or maybe even reach Olympic goals) if you approve this. This is for OUR children and THEIR children. You have this in ***your*** hands and you can make many children happy and have their wishes granted by approving 14 a!

Thanking you in advance.

Pamela Cronn
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Huntington Beach, CA 92649

dance10s@dslextreme.com

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: February 11, 2021 CCC meeting/DENY Agenda Items 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a; Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

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From: SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:13 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>; Padilla, Stephen@Coastal <Stephen.Padilla@coastal.ca.gov>; Brownsey, Donne@Coastal <donne.brownsey@coastal.ca.gov>; Turnbull-Sanders, Effie@Coastal <effie.turnbull-sanders@coastal.ca.gov>; Aminzadeh, Sara@Coastal <sara.aminzadeh@coastal.ca.gov>; Hart, Caryl@Coastal <caryl.hart@coastal.ca.gov>; Wilson, Mike@Coastal <mike.wilson@coastal.ca.gov>; Rice, Katie@Coastal <katie.rice@coastal.ca.gov>; Escalante, Linda@Coastal <linda.escalante@coastal.ca.gov>; Howell, Erik@Coastal <erik.howell@coastal.ca.gov>; Uranga, Roberto@Coastal <roberto.uranga@coastal.ca.gov>; Groom, Carole@Coastal <carole.groom@coastal.ca.gov>; Luce, Shelley@Coastal <shelley.luce@coastal.ca.gov>; Ward, Christopher@Coastal <Christopher.Ward@coastal.ca.gov>; Bochco, Dayna@Coastal <dayna.bochco@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: February 11, 2021 CCC meeting/DENY Agenda Items 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a; Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

Please provide this letter to all the California Coastal Commissioners prior to the February 11, 2021 California Coastal Commissioners meeting.

To: All California Coastal Commissioners

> The world has changed. There is no going back to normal. Our Future will be different. Last year, the entire beach and Belmont temporary pool in Long Beach, CA were closed for long periods of time. The existing passive park with grass, mature trees and habitat areas were the ***only*** open spaces for people to have a respite from the lockdown. Enjoyment of this Park was priceless and free. Everyday needs must be prioritized. Previous Plans must be re-adjusted to realize current state. The BBAC project is not coastal dependent. A viable alternative location is available (aka elephant Lot). Deny this project entirely.

The BBAC project has been in the planning stages for over 8 years. Coastal Staff has been burdened with attaching a “miles long” conditions list before presenting the project to the Commissioners. Common sense says these conditions are unattainable by the City. Plus, the City of Long Beach is slipping in zoning manipulations to finagle putting this project into a residential area. It is a red flag that this is a flawed project necessitating Coastal Staff to pin on such extensive conditions list to the project. Approving this Plan opens the doorway for an abandoned/unfunded project and total destruction of the current passive park with mature trees. The existing passive park meets all the Coastal conditions in its current state. Do not jeopardize what exists now.

BBAC proposed Plan heights exceed height limitations. This is a predominately residential neighborhood. NO exceptions should be allowed. This is a fragile coast line. The entire Project is open - has no break wall or protection barriers facing the ocean (which are not allowed). It will incur brunt force of ocean gale storms. Last week, the gale winds ripped the textile shade cloth off the one-story high Belmont temporary pool. The BBAC project is over three stories tall giving three times the opportunity for wind lift upload. Roof overhang on the stadium bleachers tend to trap air beneath them, resulting in high uplift forces making them particularly susceptible to damage and liability. There are towering (over height) light poles with heavy PA system speakers exposed to the ocean wind. The towering light poles with PA systems allow glaring lights and noise into the residential neighborhood. This is a violation. The existing Belmont temporary pool (with towering, over-the-height restriction light poles, chemicals and noise) has negatively impacted the residents - it needs to removed, not approved.

This project is a new build on an illogical location. Project has **Substantial Issues.** This is a complete folly to reward a City that has a long history of shirking "Conditions". It needs to be denied entirely. Protect the Coast.

Thank you,

Susan Miller

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Tom Bussa <tom2951@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

I ask that the Commissioners to **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

As a resident of Los Alamitos, it is important to note That the complex will be open nd available to all no matter where you live, the color of your skin or the dreams you dream.

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: David Hein <David@heinhomes.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: February 11, 2021 Hearing for Belmont Pool Project Items 12b, 13a-13b & 14a

Dani,

I am writing to show support for the Belmont Pool project. Please ask the Commissioners to APPROVE the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to DENY the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

Thank you for your consideration.

David

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From: Andy Fee <Andy.Fee@csulb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:31 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Serving as the current Director of Athletics for Long Beach State University I am expressing my personal support for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project. I am asking the Commissioners to **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

This project is necessary and vital to our city - while respecting those in opposition of the Belmont Plaza Pool Project, the impact of this new facility would enhance and build community!

Best,

Andy

Andy Fee
Director of Athletics
Long Beach State University
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@TheAndyFee

COVID-19 Update: The athletic department staff and coaches are available Mon – Fri, 8am-5pm. All staff are working remotely and will return voicemails and e-mails during business hours. Learn more information about CSULB's response here: http://www.csulb.edu/covid-19

PRACTICE: FLEXIBILITY, PATIENCE, & SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

-----Original Message-----
From: jerry nulty <jerrynultyvideo@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:18 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 12b - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

I'm hoping the pool gets approved. My family has had great times at the old pool and would be happy to see the new one go in. The benefit to the community and Long Beach would be exponential.
Jerry Nulty

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Pat Lynch <pat@businessalignmentstrategies.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 02/04/21 - Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788

Hello,

The Coastal Commission is right to be concerned that Long Beach residents from under-served communities were not consulted adequately or even considered during the city's planning and approval of the Belmont Beach Aquatics Center ("project"). Such input was not collected and thus could not have been considered.

For the above reason as well as those listed below, I am requesting that the Coastal Commission NOT approve this project until there is extensive discussion about the relevant issues.

I am opposed to this project at this location because:

1. It further widens the existing substantial inequity of access to recreational opportunities among residents in many areas of the city.

2. The project's location is not easily accessible to residents in areas outside of downtown Long Beach. Transportation options are limited and require fees. Parking currently is nearly non-existent and costly. In contrast, residents who have access to neighborhood recreational facilities would not have to spend time and money to travel to them.

3. Of course the city leaders did not provide adequate opportunity for widespread community input.

4. It makes no sense to me to build any size pool, let alone two Olympic-size pools, on the beach where people swim now.

5. There absolutely is zero need for two Olympic-size pools and a diving platform on our beach. Offering justifications such as the project will attract events that will bring revenue to the city are smoke screens for not prioritizing the equitable distribution of recreational resources among neighborhoods.

6. Even should the imbalance of resources be addressed, there are compelling reasons not to build the project on the beach. Although other viable locations throughout the city were identified, each immediately was shot down by city decision-makers without serious consideration or explanation.

7. The existing pool and facilities are barely six years old. What a waste of taxpayer dollars to tear them down! The Coastal Commission would set an exceptionally bad precent by approving millions of dollars on projects, only to agree to allow them to be torn down a few years later despite the total absence of a compelling reason to do so, and to pay for their substantially more expensive replacements.

8. The cost of this project is outrageous on its face, not to mention when consideration is given to the important compelling needs for Tidelands funds. And given this city's leadership's track record, it's a safe bet that the cost will balloon significantly and immediately if the project is approved as well as in the years that follow.

9. The proximity of the project to the water ensures that it will be a victim of the scientifically projected sea rise that will occur in coming years. While that's not likely to happen during the political lives of today's city decision-makers,

it stands to reason that it's very possible that they dismissed or ignored that reality during their rush to get this project approved.

I'm requesting that the Coastal Commission NOT approve this project now. Instead, I would like to see the Commission:

1. Insist that the city address residents' concerns fully, transparently, accurately, and publicly.

2. Enable ALL voices to be heard, not just those with a vested interest in seeing this project completed.

3. Require the city to make a specific, *compelling* case for how this location for the project will reduce the existing inequitable distribution of recreational facilities across the city, enable free and easy access for all residents, and be a wise investment for taxpayers across the state.

Thank you for your consideration of the points I have raised.

Respectfully,

Pat Lynch
Long Beach resident, business owner, and voter

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

-----Original Message-----
From: Hongping Li <uscdiving@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:41 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Approve!

-----Original Message-----
From: Hongping Li <uscdiving@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:40 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13b - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-20-0007 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Deny!

-----Original Message-----
From: Hongping Li <uscdiving@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:40 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Deny!

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jack Rosenberg <jackrosenberg46@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:01 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool

Please approve the Belmont Pool. It is the right thing to do.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Melinda Baer <melinda.baer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:46 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

This is a request to be heard on the Belmont Plaza Pool project. I am urging you to DENY Items 13a-13b and APPROVE Item 14a.

It is apparent now, more than ever for the need of ample outdoor space for residents and visitors to the city of Long Beach, to be able to access areas for recreation, restoration and reconnection.

Item 14a is an excellent example to the community and the surrounding areas that Long Beach is committed to providing safe opportunities for ALL to access outdoor activities that promote physical, mental and emotional health.

A project of this undertaking is necessary to stay competitive with surrounding areas and communities that are investing in their residents. Areas set aside for a community is not only equitable, but necessary for building stronger, more resilient communities.

I hope that the commission will do the right thing, and promote a project that establishes their commitment to the growth and development of their community in positive and equitable ways.

Thank you,

Melinda Baer

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Chris <lblocal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:41 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 02/04/21 - Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788

Thank you for allowing me to submit this email into the record.

My name is Chris Bonomo (District 03). My family and I have called Long Beach home since moving here in 1979. Growing up in Belmont Shore, I regularly enjoyed playing and swimming at the Belmont Olympic Plaza pool. It was everything a pool could have, when you're a kid. Fast forward to today, and we have a pool that fits nicely in our local community. Sure, it does not include amenities like concessions, high dives, or locker rooms. But it's a perfectly functional pool, for what is needed for our community.

I am strongly opposed to putting any new pool complex in it's currently planned location. The scope, size, and design of the plan does not fit the footprint needed adjacent to the beach.

Namely: Lack of parking. Lack of traffic flow. Negative impact on the adjacent neighborhood.

In addition, the design of the project doesn't serve the majority of residents of greater Long Beach. Rather, it's design is to appease the special interest / loud vocal groups that have been pushing this project for years.

Ideally, I wish the plan was to provide more 'community based' pools in other areas of the City rather than just one location. With the budget surpassing 86 million dollars (and more), it would make more sense to downsize the plan, split the budgeted money, and provide suitable pools, like the one in Belmont Shore, to other districts / communities. Granted, the money has to be spent in the Tide Lands area, but there are multiple spots in at least 3 Districts that could benefit with this alternative plan.

The rush to pass this over-sized, over-priced project should be ended immediately. Or, at the very least, the City should consider other areas along the shoreline, so that a better option, may be found.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Bonomo
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Curt Wilson <curtis.wilson@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:02 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool Project

Dear California Coastal Commission,
I am writing to you in support of doing everything possible to rebuild the Aquatic Complex at Belmont Plaza. Growing up in California in Rolling Hills, my friends and I would often travel down Ocean Blvd. to swim and dive during recreation "open" swim at the Belmont Plaza Pool. We would challenge ourselves with follow the leader or work on new dives that we were trying to learn and then head out to one of the local restaurants before heading home. It was always a great time and a fantastic almost tangible memory. We were High School kids enjoying the heck out of each others company and performing in a safe and well maintained world class facility instead of drinking, doing drugs or causing trouble somewhere, everywhere. Pools and sports facilities give kids and parents positive options to pursue healthy and enriching experiences. 40 years later when I was the Head Diving Coach for the University of California at Irvine, i would bring the diving team to Belmont Plaza Pool to escape some the inclement weather that Southern California experiences from time to time despite what popular culture and certain songs might try to downplay and it was always a treat for these college kids to train in such a respected facility, rich in history for its community as well as neighboring towns far and wide due to the quality of the facility and its open invitation for all to participate at whatever level one might desire. The City of Long Beach and Southern California is known for it's love of water and water sports. The long Beach Belmont Plaza Pool has been an icon and an inspiration for beginning swimmers to world class athletes, from local neighborhoods to a global community that strives to stay healthy, mentally and physically. Please rebuild the Long Beach Belmont Plaza Pool to a level that can match or surpass its former glory and welcome in several new generations of people looking to work hard to improve and get the most out of life in a healthy, safe, and well maintained facility that attracts people of all walks of life and backgrounds to foster tolerance and inclusion in this wonderful City of Long Beach.
Please approve to replace the Belmont Plaza Pool as recommended by the commission staff in item 14a and DENY the appeals in Items 13a and 13b.

Sincerely,

Curt Wilson
Head Coach, Owner
Crown Valley Divers
Laguna Niguel, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Raman Vasishth <RamanV@Charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 11:37 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 02/04/21 - Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788

Hello Dani,

I'm asking California Coastal Commission to stop this project on the beach, old Belmont Pool, and to consult Long Beach residents all over the city to build it in a neighborhood that needs a community, public pool. There's already an existing outdoor pool at this site – installed 5 years ago when the old Belmont Pool was demolished in 2015. As of today, the city of Long Beach has only 3 public pools and we need more throughout the city.

The current design of the pool is not a replacement to the old pool at all. But rather a far upgraded version and larger of what the old Belmont Pool was both externally and internally. As a Leader of the underserved area of the city I am seriously concerned that no outreach was ever perform regarding such a large scale investment to our community or any to the neighborhoods or districts. It just seems the elected officials voted and approved it, in spite of the majority of the residents that discovered it on the City Hall agenda and having voted against it. It was simple rammed through without what I think was much of any outreach to the underserved communities.

One of the problems on putting a pool in this area is that it is as far away from underserved communities as possible. So far, I don't feel the underserved community will be able to get to the facility or find it easy to get there, let alone have enough money pay to get in if they wanted to try. It's also in an area that has massive parking problems and I don't think many could afford the current parking, let alone enjoy the benefits of the pool. The location of the pool is odd as it is situated directly off the beach as far away from most of the underserved and rest of the Long Beach Residents as possible and is extremely difficult to access.

Warmest Regards,

Raman Vasishth
Neighborhood Leadership Project, 2019
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SUSAN <suvanra2@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:25 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a-5-18-0788-Belmont Plaza Pool

For the Attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool

I am greatly concerned about the placement of the Belmont Plaza Pool. I have lived in Long Beach (District 5) all of my life and I feel that putting the City's largest, most expensive pool complex back into the same area is foolish. It's a known fact that the sea level is rising which will mean that eventually the expensive pool complex will be under water. Also, why are you putting a pool next to an ocean ? Why not place this pool inland where people who can't get to the ocean to swim will be able to take part in swimming in the pool? What a waste of money if you put it back to where the old pool was. Please re-think this and find another place for the Long Beach Pool that won't be under sea water in the future.

Thank you.

Susan Kay
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Long Beach, CA 90808

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Judy Donie <judydonie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: BELMONT PLAZA POOL REPLACEMENT

As a former Swimming Coach, Water Safety Instructor, and as a parent, I would like to encourage you to make a final approval for the Belmont Plaza Pool replacement.
The value of this pool is immense for your community. Water Safety should be of the utmost importance to you. This pool provides learn to swim programs, recreational programs, the availability of wholesome sports for the community and it is a place for social gathering.

Please deny items 13a - 13b

Approve Item 14a.

This is in the best interest for everyone in your community.

Yours,
Judith Donie
Former Water Safety Instructor, Swim Coach and concerned parent

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jimmy Adams <riversideelitediving@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:52 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Aquatic Center - Long Beach

Good Evening.

Riverside Elite Diving fully supports the Long Beach set up for an Aquatic Center rebuild.
Please rebuild.

Thanks for your time.

Jimmy Adams
Riverside Elite Diving
619-995-1173

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Lesser, Eric <elesser@chapman.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 7:43 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool

Hello Danni,

Hello Scott,

I am the diving coach at Chapman University and Troy High School in Fullerton. I trained with McCormick Divers in Long Beach from 1984-1989 at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool, and was fortunate to earn an athletic scholarship to the University of Michigan. I would not have been able to achieve the success in the pool without a facility like Belmont Plaza, and the ability to train year round on 1m, 3m, and platform.

It is imperative that the city of Long Beach replaces the original facility with a new Olympic caliber facility to support aquatics in this community, and I encourage you to deny any appeals.

Eric Lesser
Diving Coach
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Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jenn Lappe <jenn.lappe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 7:34 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Replacement

Hi,

I heard about the Coastal Commission zoom meeting at the end of the week about the Belmont Pool Replacement. I want to please urge you to **approve** 14a, and **deny** 13a-13b on the agenda! This pool means so much to the community, and was a huge part of my childhood. Kids need to learn to be safe in the water, and be able to play and socialize and get exercise. Swimming and diving was a huge part of my life through the end of college, being an athlete and having the swimming and diving community at the pool enriched my life immensely. I want all future kids in the area to be able to enjoy the watersports and community that I had at the Belmont Plaza pool.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lappe

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SD DIVERSity Diving <sddiversitydiving@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

Ms. Ziff,

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Please approve the project as recommended by the commission staff in Item 14a and deny the appeals in items 13a-13b.

The pool is a necessity to engage the community and provide opportunities for the Southern California community to have another reason to visit the area. Aquatics facilities, especially those of high quality such as will be the new Belmont Pool, are few and far between. A pool of this quality will be sure to be able to increase access to aquatics classes, opportunities for exercise, and availability of life-changing and life-saving water safety classes for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Amy Alexander

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Sage, Kevin <KEVIN_SAGE@dpsk12.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool Replacement

Heard about a zoom meeting the Coastal Commission is having soon. Wanted to encourage you DENY 13a-13b on that agenda, and APPROVE 14a. PLEASE!!!

This day and age with all that's been going on in the world, our citizens need places to play, to have recreation, to take their kids, and to let off steam.

I have such great memories of being at your pool the past couple decades, pool time for our family was so valuable. Please continue to support any and all aquatic recreation projects.

Sincerely,
Kevin Sage
303.949.8331

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Dawn Post <dawnmariepost128@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool

I cannot wait to visit the Belmont Plaza Pool replacement!

Belmont Shore is an ideal spot for a recreational pool.
Whether learning to swim, having a birthday pool party, or participating in aquatics competition, the Belmont Pool will serve as a gathering spot for many.
More than ever, young people need places to gather that enable them to interact with others and move their bodies while having fun!

I am asking that you APPROVE item 14A and deny items 13a-13b.

Thank you for your time,
Dawn Post

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: l <gruneisenfamily@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: February 11, 2021 Coastal Commission Agenda (Item #s 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a)

Ms. Ziff,

The purpose of this email is to express my support for the proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. As a lifelong resident of Long Beach, I truly understand the benefit this center will provide for the residents and visitors of Long Beach and the impact that the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center will have on the region. This center will provide access for recreation, competition, water safety, building confidence and lifelong relationships. I was fortunate to be able to utilize the "old" Belmont Plaza pool. The lessons I learned when I was five years old led me to a water polo scholarship and an eventual career as a Marine Safety Officer. My wife and children competed in swimming and water polo in high school and college. The values, hard-work, and dedication required to be successful in life begins simply by having a facility to participate in aquatic activities. These lessons last a lifetime.

I would like to thank the Coastal Commission in advance for approving this project. The new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center will proudly serve generations of patrons. Please contact me if you would like further discuss this project.

Sincerely,

Matt Gruneisen and Family

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Bennett P. <bennettpifer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:18 PM
To: ExecutiveStaff@Coastal; Ziff, Dani@Coastal; SouthCoast@Coastal; Howell, Erik@Coastal; Uranga, Roberto@Coastal; Aminzadeh, Sara@Coastal; Mayor
Subject: public comment regarding Belmont Pool public hearing, Feb 11.
Attachments: IMG_4168.jpg; IMG_4080.jpg; IMG_4033.jpg

To the California Coastal Commission regarding the Belmont Pool project
App numbers LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1, A-5-LOB-17-0032, A-5-LOB-20-0007, & 5-18-0788
Public Hearing, February 11, 2021

I am writing to state my position and comment on the Belmont Plaza Pool project public hearing happening virtually on February 11th, 2021.

For the record, I am against the construction of the Belmont Plaza Pool as currently planned due to the destruction of the current greenspace and mature trees that fill the park, deemed "remove park landscaping" in the coastal permit application. Expanding the footprint of the old pool structure to eliminate Belmont Shore's only seaside greenspace is unacceptable. There are 13 mature trees in the park that cannot be replaced, nor does the planned 90,000sf+ 'new' greenspace/park replace the current 66,000sf contiguous and uninterrupted wooded greenspace that exists there now. The fragmentation of the 'new' greenspace does not constitute a park, in my opinion, and more serves as peripheral landscaping to a largely privatized structure. I say privatized, because I do not agree that this pool will serve to benefit all, unlike the current park.

Next to the current 66,000sf wooded park, there is the Granada Beach parking lot, at 279,000sf, and on the other side, the Belmont Pier parking lot, at 78,000sf. Combined, there is currently over 357,000sf of concrete parking lot on both sides of the planned pool project, representing a nearly 5.5x concrete to greenspace ratio. I mention these figures because we are essentially paving over our beachfront, leaving no pervious coverage, and ruining the coastal 'feel' of the area.

As we were all forced to stay at home more over the past year, the pandemic proved that the Belmont Shore community is starved for green space. With this being the neighborhood's only grassy seaside park, I'm extremely disappointed that the project includes eliminating this highly utilized and enjoyed greenspace. I've seen birthday and wedding parties celebrated here, casual dinner parties, yoga classes, workout groups, dog training, and pandemic friendly socially distanced elderly meetups. The pool project claims to add more green space to the area, but the plans obviously show how fragmented and broken-up these new spaces will be, not to mention the lack of mature trees. Families, couples, and kids all gather in this park each day to relax in the shade under a 50 year old tree, and to watch the sun go down- all gone if this pool is built.

I think the neighborhood has been somewhat deceived about the pool project and it's destruction of the greenspace. In my conversations with neighbors, much of them believe that the city is just planning to 'replace what was there before'. Even the signage highlighting the new pool project stands back and away from the park, where the old pool stood. Unless you take the time to read the plans or look at the site drawings, it would be easy to think that the pool was going to be built right at the barren sight of the old, and not to include the neighborhood's cherished park. In the request for permit the phrase "remove park landscaping" could easily be overlooked, and in my opinion, downplays the implications of the removal of 13 mature trees and the entirety of the 66,000sf of green space.

It is my belief that the city/Coastal Commission should seek alternative locations to build this project, perhaps on top of an already existing impervious zone, and not on top of one of the city's very rare green spaces. This project also begs to question the short-sightedness of the Coastal Commission in an area that is bound to see the effects of rising sea levels, where I believe a hard line needs to be drawn by the commission in regards to new commercial structures within areas of future sea level rise. It will be the hindrance and dilemma of our next generation if we fail to make better decisions now.

If the Coastal Commission truly wants to maintain public coastal access, it will seek to preserve a public park and it's trees for everyone to enjoy for generations to come.

I have included a few pictures of the park for those who have not visited the site, and I would be happy to read this and answer questions during the call next week.

Thank you,

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Michael Mac Arthur <n4698r@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool project

Dear Members of the Coastal Commission,

Please vote to deny items 13-a-3b and APPROVE item 14a on your agenda concerning the rebuilding of our pool.

The Plaza Pool is so important to so many people in our city for sports, recreation, and physical fitness. My husband is 75 years old and likes to swim laps every morning. Even before he retired, he would be at the pool by 5:00 AM to swim his two miles. He often took with him an elderly friend, who enjoyed the great exercise and health benefits. There are many seniors who used to swim at the Plaza Pool daily! They miss it very much!
Years ago, as a young mother, I enjoyed and appreciated the "Mommy and Me" swim classes with my little ones and the water exercise classes. Our athletes need a place to workout and train. My granddaughter loves spring board diving. Parents are having to drive hours a week to get the divers to pools in Orange County. Long Beach is called "The Aquatic Capital of America!" We should have as fine an aquatic center as so many other cities in California. Please rebuild our pool!

Thank you,
Andrea MacArthur

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Vasil Gucev (vgucev@usc.edu) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!

Dear Dani Ziff,

I do not support the move to block the construction of this pool. I have swam there for much of my life and I'd like to see the pool restored. This patch of sand is useless and an eyesore. Restoring the pool would make a great deal more sense than not restoring it. I fully support the City's move to construct this pool. Godspeed!

Sincerely,

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Michael Sprague <msprague@aptelectronics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, item #s: 12b, 13a, 13b, & 14a Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

I am in favor of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center project going forward.
Even though the new structure will obstruct my view of the ocean, I think it's a small price to pay for the positive impact it will have on the city as a whole.
I believe a city is judged by the services it offers its citizens and by how well the city maintains its parks and recreational areas.
The proposed Aquatic Center will benefit not only the residents of Belmont Shore but to all Long Beach residents and will attract more people to the area thus providing customers to the local shops and small business that will drive commerce and tax revenue.

I have lived in several cities around the state and country. The condition of LBC's parks and recreational areas are superior to other cities I have lived in. Long Beach should be proud of the services it provides its citizens and the Aquatic Center will become an example for other cities to follow.

Regards,

Michael Sprague
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Long Beach CA. 90803

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: DION GRAY <diongray@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:15 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: RE: February 11, 2021 hearing, Item 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool Project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Please **APPROVE** the Belmont Plaza Pool project as recommended by the commission staff in items 12b and 14a.

Please **DENY** the appeals in items 13a-13b.

An aquatic facility has unmeasurable physical and health benefits. Belmont Plaza Pool will be a place for people of all abilities and backgrounds to learn and grow! Please approve!

Dion Gray

recreational swimmer for health

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jacqueline De Luca <jackiedeluca1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

please **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY**the appeals in Items 13a-13b

Sent from my iPhone

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Dale Whitney <hirev333@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:02 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc: Diana Lejins; Summer Hansen
Subject: Comment on Belmont Pool in Long Beach Th14a-5-18-0788

Dear Commissioner:

I have lived in Long Beach for 44 years in the same house, which is located about midway between affluent Belmont Shore and the lower-income, largely minority-occupied areas to the north and west of me. I have good friends in the Belmont Shore/Naples area as well as friends and acquaintances in the latter areas. I do remember the former Olympic Pool right on the beach there in Belmont Shore not too far from the Belmont Pier. I cannot remember actually swimming in that pool, but I have often enjoyed the beach nearby, as well as walking out on the Pier on calm summer evenings...in fact there was one such beautiful evening that I actually started dancing on the Pier, so actively that when I got back home I discovered that I had danced away my valuable Appointment Book! When I went back to look for it, it was nowhere to be found...but I did make the discovery that there was a "Wharfinger" there in a watchtower who did have a Lost and Found, but alas not my little book. I learned that there are no Pieringers, only Wharfingers, so that is why the sign on his office said what it did.

What I am trying to say here, in my own peculiar way, is that there are already plenty of recreational opportunities like the Belmont Pier and the temporary pool - now located where the now-demolished Belmont Olympic Pool used to be - in the Southeast area of Long Beach,as opposed to the Central, West and North parts of town, which tend to be very crowded and relatively lacking in either public or private recreational amenities, especially swimming pools.

It is true that one sees many minority-group fishermen and their families on the Belmont Pier, which is ordinarily accessible to the public, subject to Health Department rules, and has a large parking lot right next to it. On the other hand, many homes on the East Side have their own private swimming pools, whereas there is simply not enough physical room on the other side of town (with the smaller lots and built-up areas there) for private swimming pools, even if the residents could afford to install them. And public pools in those areas are few in quantity and not very evenly dispersed, with the Poly High pool and the MLK Park pool being located quite near one another and Silverado Park hosting the only public pool on the West Side.

Thus I am opposed to funding and building the new pool in Belmont Shore. Since the City is relatively short of funds in both the short and the long run, and as financial sources like the Tideland Funds have some available funds now but will probably see reductions in the future for various reasons including the lower price of petroleum as well as society's move towards a fossil-fuel free future, I advocate building the pool on the so-called "Elephant Lot" near the Convention Center. The reason? With adequate parking for private cars and its identity as a place where all public transit in town finds its downtown nexus, that location would almost certainly prove to be the most accessible to people in the entire City instead of only the wealthier folk on the East Side.

I urge you and the other Commissioners to vote "NO" on Th14a-5-18-0788 when the vote comes up.

Rev Dale Whitney
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Landline 562-433-3881

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From: Stebbins, Tom <tstebbins@athletics.ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

DENY Items 13a-13b and APPROVE Item 14a

Thank you for your time.
Best,
Tom Stebbins

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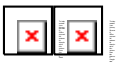
From: Ely Cruz <pjaygirl@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b & 14a- Support for the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center



Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b,13a-13b &14a

Dear Dani Ziff and the Coastal Commission,

My family and I totally support the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center at 4000 Olympic Plaza. For the last 30 years, my family has grown up with the Belmont Pool as the center of all of our activities. My two children, Brian (33) and Vanessa (35) learned to swim here which took them in many directions. Both of them practiced and competed for Beach Swim Club for 4 years here too. At age 10, both of them qualified to become LB Jr. Lifeguards which they loved and participated in for 3 years. At Wilson High School, Brian played waterpolo and swam for the team. Brian works during the summers for both Long Beach and LA County as a lifeguard which he has been doing for the last 16 years. He has saved lives up and down the coast and even in Ecuador with a special group that helped that country learn the value of lifeguards on the beach. At 59, I have been taking shallow water aerobics for the last 10 years and know that these classes have helped
my joints immensely. During COVID, the Belmont Pool Lifeguards/Instructors have done a tremendous job keeping us all safe in following all of the COVID protocols. When everything but our pool was shut-down, we have been so fortunate to have somewhere to exercise, relieve stress, and still feel a sense of community in seeing our friends 4 days a week in class.

Please build this facility for the Long Beach Aquatic community. We need this for all the different generations to keep our minds and bodies strong and healthy especially in a pandemic. The positive impact of all of our children understanding water safety and health has contributed so much to their lives and ability to enjoy living in our beautiful coastal city.

Thank you for your hard work. Stay safe and healthy with your families.

Sincerely,

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Debbie Wall <msdebbiewall@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Comment on 2/4/21 Agenda item Th14a app 5180788

Please stop the build of the pool near the beach in Belmont Shore Area. There is already a pool nearby, and there is the beach!! The beach area does not need more development and there are many other better areas to build a pool where people can enjoy it.

Thank you,

Debra Wall
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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Barbara 'BJ' Newell <bjandthecoach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center project

friends of belmont shore

To: Dani Ziff, Coastal Program Analyst
For: California Coastal Commission
Regarding Coastal Commission February 11 Hearing
Items #12b, 13a-13b & 14a

Friends of Belmont Shore is a neighborhood association comprised of residents, property owners, and business owners who are committed to enriching the quality of life in Belmont Shore and surrounding areas through a platform of interests, concerns, and advocacy. During the past several years, when the subject of the rebuilding of the Belmont Plaza Pool has come up at our meetings, the membership has been overwhelmingly supportive of the project going forward.

This letter serves to express the support of the Friends of Belmont Shore Board of Directors concerning the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center being built as planned. We believe the addition of the Belmont Aquatic Center will attract people to our coastline, including youth from all surrounding areas of Long Beach, and be a valuable resource to residents of all ages in supporting mental and physical health.

Thank you for considering our views.

Friends of Belmont Shore Directors: Barbara Newell, Kurt Schneiter, Todd Durham, Mike Crosby, Dick Gaylord, Alfred DiGrazia, Steve Donovan, Diana Infante, Maria Hanson, Howard Homan, Matt Jackson, and David Newell

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From: Terry Lucas (tdlucas@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!

Dear Dani Ziff,

NO GIANT BUILDINGS on the beach. Get a clue. Sea level rise coming big time. Wasting money if you build on the sand, it will be destroyed by mother nature, bet on it. Whatever, idiots are gonna try to do what they want anyway. It would be nice if you all tried to be good humans and respect the coastline.

Thank You

Sincerely,

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From: Richard Gutmann (rwgutmann@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!

Dear Dani Ziff,

Commissioners and Staff: Please uphold the appeals and deny the City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center permit applications.

I can't imagine a more ridiculous place to build a swimming and diving complex than on the beach. It would make far more sense to construct it somewhere inland where there is not already a convenient place to swim.
Why take away a beautiful view? Also, this area may be under water in a few years from a rise in sea level. Construction cost would be far less in someplace not subject to both earthquake damage and liquefaction. Please do you duty to protect our beautiful coast and deny this absurd project.

Sincerely,

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:40:11 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Dear Coastal Commissioners:
Please consider the following amendment to Special Condition 13A - "Shoreline Change, Sea Level Rise Monitoring and Adaptation Program" - suggested in the Staff report.

This condition is found in CDP Application 05-18-0788 (Page 43):
"PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE CDP, the applicant shall submit, for the written review and approval of the Executive Director, two (2) copies of a Shoreline Change, Sea Level Rise Monitoring, and
Adaptation Program (Monitoring and Adaptation Program)."

Condition 13(A)(ix) includes 'Reporting' (Page 45):
"The City shall provide monitoring reports to the Commission each year, beginning one year from the date of the Commission's issuance of this permit, including reports of all surveys,
photographs, and documentation of the facility, beach access, and inland access, with analysis of trends and changes; and notification of all flooding and coastal hazard damages."

This review and approval process, and reporting requirement, would be more robust and transparent if it included the public - Long Beach residents.

The applicant can easily be required to provide this information to the public by means of a website or other internet portal. A Citizen's Task Force might also be an appropriate method
to ensure public involvement and oversight of this Coastal Commission requirement, along with on-going enforcement, for this city-wide resource.

I respectfully request that Special Condition #13A be amended to include providing the elements of the Monitoring and Adaptation Program, and reporting requirements, with the public.

Thank you.

Gordana Kajer
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:40:44 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Dear Coastal Commissioners:
I'm writing to you about sea-level rise, protective devices and this aquatic center site.

This site is just one of many in Long Beach threatened by future SLR. In fact, the City now moves sand all year long from this beach area to build 6 ft. berms in protect existing homes further east. Both the "donor" site and the homes being protected are directly adjacent to the proposed site for the BBAC.

The Staff report is focused on preserving beach width and envisions a sand replenishment program to protect this facility as sea levels rise. The proposed sand replenishment program includes Special Conditions 2G (page 27) and 13 (page 42).

I fully support the intent of these Conditions. The Commission, however, cannot approve this CDP until you are certain the applicant will not use emergency circumstances that warrant approval of a future protective device. Special Conditions 2G and 13 fall short of that goal and the studies required are simply too limited.

There are existing structures already being protected by moving sand from one area of the beach to another. Other areas of this beach, not only the BBAC site, will require sand replenishment to main a wide enough beach for both public access and enjoyment, as well as protection of other existing structures, beyond those already threatened today.

At a minimum, please expand Conditions 2G and 13 to include a more comprehensive study of other sites that will be threatened by SLR in the future. This must include identification of other sand "donor" sites to accomplish all future sand replenishment goals. Looking only at the BBAC site without a more comprehensive analysis of future sand "supply and demand" is not enough to ensure Coastal Act policy enforcement in the future.

The applicant has not developed a comprehensive plan for SLR adaptation. Adding this structure in harm's way, without a comprehensive SLR adaptation plan, simply encourages the applicant's avoidance of this issue.

The Commission must be confident that the proposed beach replenishment program under Conditions 2G and 13 will meet the stated goals. This requires a thorough study of comprehensive future demands for sand as well as future supplies of sand to meet broader demands beyond this one site. It is worth noting that Long Beach is not the only coastal city looking for sand for beach replenishment, and that offshore dredging for beach grade sand also has its limits.

Allowing the applicant to place a new structure in harm's way, without a comprehensive SLR adaptation plan, only

enables the applicant to avoid addressing this issue and escalates competing demands for limited beach replenishment resources.

Please deny this permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordana Kajer
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: jon.mcmullen@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners,

Regarding the proposed Belmont Plaza Pool – I respectfully request that you **APPROVE Items 12b and 14a and DENY Items 13a-13b**.

I firmly believe that this new pool will be a meeting place for the diverse population that makes up the city of Long Beach. I support the proposed location of this project and believe that its surroundings will further encourage visits from those who reside in other districts within the city (I do not live near the pool but plan on resuming my regular schedule of visits once the pandemic is behind us). It should be a focus of all residents to ensure inclusion and equality within our city and I believe this project will continue those efforts dramatically. The physical and mental benefits of organized team swimming and individual swimming are things that should be experienced by, and open to all.

I hope you agree with my statements and I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jon McMullen

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From: D. O. <d.oliver.ccc@gmail.com>
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To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 2/4/21-Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788

I do not agree with this project. There is already a fairly new pool at this site. City funds should not be used for this. This project will impact the coastal region. There are better areas in Long Beach for this project.
-David Oliver resident for over 20 years.

JANUARY 31,2021

INFORMATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION BELMONT PLAZA POOL

This report is to provide insight into the beach east of Belmont Pier. My information is based on 40+years of studying the ocean beach on the historic Peninsula that ran from the Belmont Pier to the Alamitos Bay Jetty. The eastern part starting at 55th pl is now referred to as the Peninsula. For clarity I will call it the East Peninsula. The studying included the study of the natural forces, human induced changes, the history including collecting historic pictures and taking modern pictures and video of this section of the historic San Pedro Ocean Cell.

In the 1990's I joined the ASBPA, and though not a professional, went to the convention and listened to lectures, then tried to improve my knowledge by reading Bascomb and articles on beaches, erosion and natural systems. Lectures at the convention repeated the difficulty of understanding pocket beaches and the fact that such studies were more art than science. This led me to undertake quasi scientific study of the natural forces, sand movement and ocean currents. This was studied from land, the air(helicopter) on the water and underwater(the sea bed and all projects attempted.} Dyed sand, measurements, home - made drogues and floats were used.

The basic summation is that we have a very complex, corrupted "natural " system due to the huge amount of human engineering and intervention. It is far from a text book beach, a problem for new consultants. All opinions, I consider, are educated assumptions because of the difficulty of pure science. Thus they become Educated Textbook and Educated Onsite Assumptions.

This disrupted "natural" system must be not be ignored and must be looked at in a historic, current and future context. A sandy beach cannot be looked as a solitary. Isolated spot but rather as part of a dynamic system, a fluid not solid base.

Looking at this corrupted system on the Peninsula we find the littoral drift is from east to west as opposed to the historic San Pedro to Newport west to east flow. This means if we stabilize the East Peninsula as is intended due to high erosion, this would decrease sand loss from this the donor beach but cause increased erosion at the area to the west the recipient beach to the pier. While sea rise is mentioned in building plans on the beach, several important factors are not. The preceding problem of existing and increased erosion was not included, also increased storm activity and sea temperature were not noted at that time. These are very important as the potential for Mexican Chubasco {Hurricane) is greatly increased, like the very real event, the SEPTEMBER 1939 hurricane, where a large amount of damage was done.

Historical risk can be seen in the pictures of sea walls including ones by Belmont Pier and along Ocean blvd. a long distance behind the current beach. Damage by the hurricane that extended into Belmont Shore is shown. Erosion can be shown to the Pier, including destruction of the Claremont Launching Ramp. Heavy erosion is seen all along the East Peninsula Beach especially 72pl and 62-68th pictures are available.

JANUARY 31,2021

INFORMATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION BELMONT PLAZA POOL

Another risk not mentioned is up to 2 feet of subsidence, adding to sea rise and to beach imbalance, also the very real risk of further subsidence after oil drilling stops. This was mentioned to me by an oil island geologist patient of mine, as a very real threat.

I have mentioned and shown in pictures many problems in the past, presently and in the future. It is universally accepted that climate change will (and is) going to cause major problems for hundreds (thousands?) of coastal communities like ours. Parts of the Peninsula and Belmont Shore are downhill from the ocean or below sea level. The cost of protecting public beaches that in turn protect thousands of homes and businesses will be tremendous. As previously mentioned, competition for funds will be heavy.

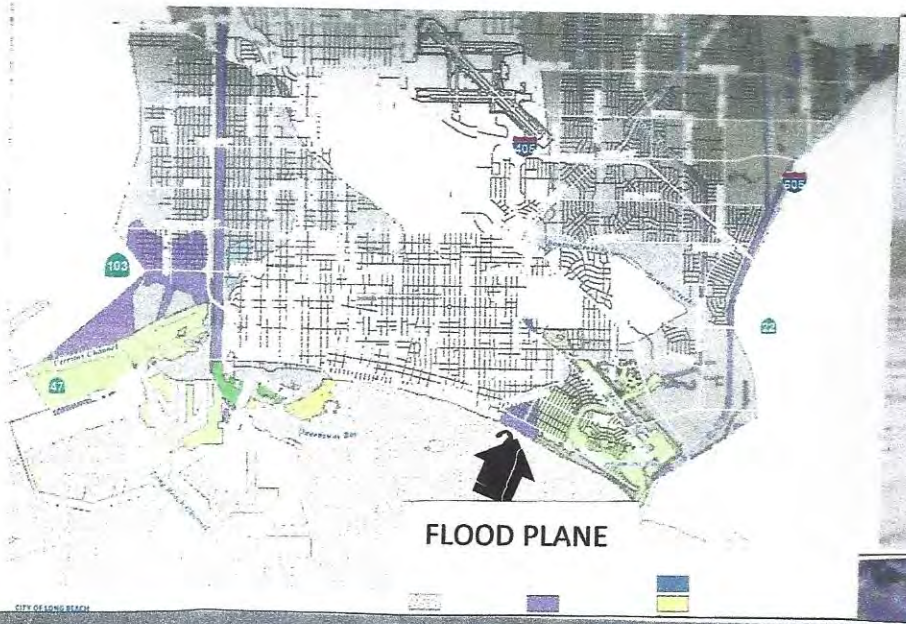
Tidelands Fund activities have been directly or indirectly involved in most of the problems of the beach and therefore is obviously reasonable that Tidelands Funds should be there for us now and in the future, to protect it. These funds should be carefully protected and preserved possibly in what I would call The Tidelands Mitigation Fund. Expenditure of very large, irreplaceable Tidelands assets on expensive projects that will be an immediate loss and continuing drain is short sighted and dangerous. This immense loss of a Tidelands Resource ignores all the warnings from experts and local symposiums as well as existing problems like serious beach erosion, sea bubbling up through sidewalks and manholes that will only get worse.

Thank you for your interest

Dr. Preston Smith

21 65thPl

Long Beach CA. 90803



FLOOD PLANE

EROSION ON EAST PENINSULA

1939 HURRICANE

THREATS

City of Long Beach Climate Resiliency Assessment Report

Prepared by:

The **Aquarium of the Pacific**

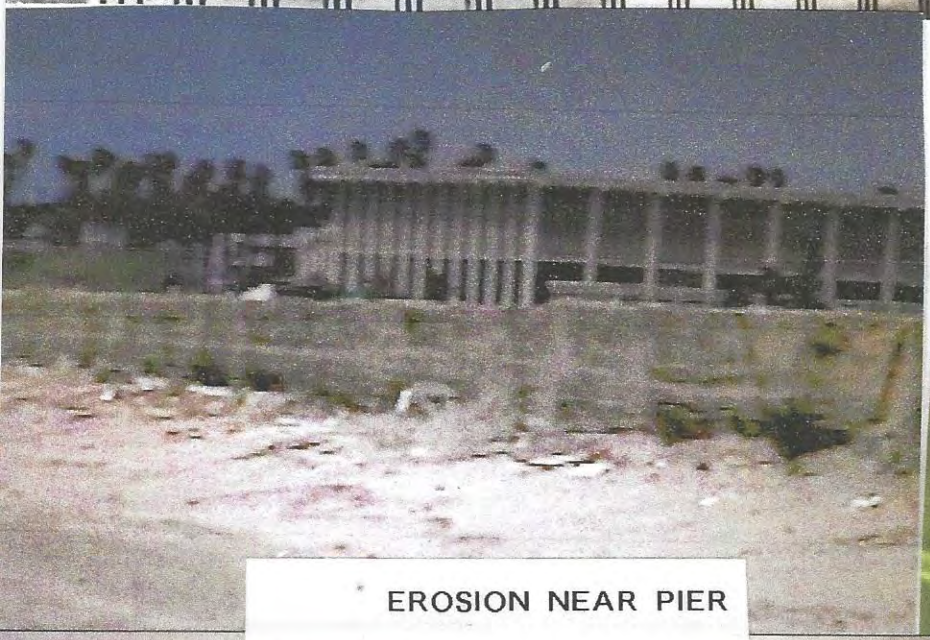
December 2015

The NRC's (2012a) report found that "along the west coast of the United States, climate patte such as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation and, to a lesser extent, the Pacific Decadal Oscillatio affect winds and ocean circulation, raising local sea level during warm phases (e.g., El Niño) a lowering sea level during cool phases (e.g., La Niña)." Large El Niño events are capable of raising coastal sea levels by 10-30*cm* (0.33-0.95*ft*) for several winter months (NRC 2012a); th prolonged increased sea levels combined with severe storms can be quite devastating. For example, the 1982-83 El Niño resulted in 36 casualties, destruction of numerous piers, coastal infrastructure, and other damages to the State of California totaling over $1.2 billion dollars (Barnard et al. 2014; NWS 2015a). Cool climate phases have less influence on local sea level than warm climate phases. The measurements show no statistically significant trend in sea lev since 1980 (Flick 2013), consistent with the Pacific Decadal Oscillation phase changes. When combined with high tides, short-term events such as El Niño storms that generate large storm waves will produce local water level increases along the coast that are far larger than the projected increases in global or regional sea level rise for at least the next 40-50 years (Barnar et al. 2015a). The effects of high tides, storm waves, and a rising sea level are additive; they combine to increase coastal flooding, inundation, and erosion, with potentially significant damage to human development.

In addition to SLR, climate change is also expected to increase the frequency, intensity, and overall severity of high tides and coastal storms, resulting in devastating coastal flooding event superimposed upon progressive inundation (CA Coastal Commission 2015; Russell & Griggs 2012; Wei & Chatterjee 2013). In order to better understand and prepare for these imminent coastal threats, city managers must assess the vulnerabilities of their communities, identifying what areas and assets are currently at risk, as well as those that will be at risk in the future. Powerfully diagnostic coastal flooding and erosion models play a critical role in this process.

BEACH BY PIER 1930s

SURF & SAND MOVE TO WEST



EROSION NEAR PIER

CLAREMONT LAUNCH RAMP EROSION

EROSION E. PENINSULA

WAVE AGAINST BOARDWALK

1939 HURRICANE

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OCEAN ACROSS OCEAN BLVD

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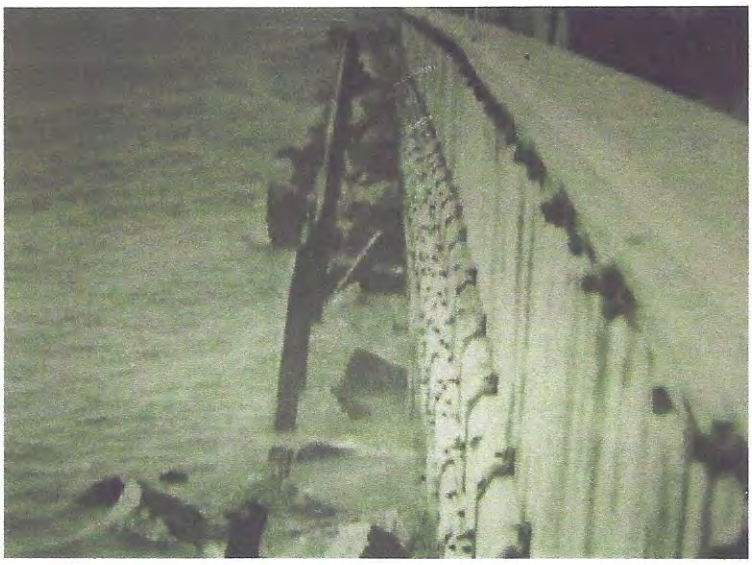
SEAWALL OCEAN BLVD BEHIND POOL



SEAWALL E.PENINSULA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: John Naber <johnnaber@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

I wish to speak on behalf of the Belmont Plaza Aquatics Center under discussion.

Learning how to swim is a major milestone in the lives of all children, but having a facility such as the Belmont Plaza will also open up many opportunities for local children, year round. With drowning as a leading cause of death for school age children, this is a major public healthy issue as well.

As a founding Board member of the Pasadena Rose Bowl Aquatics Center, I am keenly aware of the opportunities provided to lower income families, through the scholarship program and free swimming lessons. These same opportunities will be made available to lower income Long Beach area residents.

An added benefit is the large number of entry level jobs created by the Center, as well as safe and healthy recreation. For those willing to devote themselves to the discipline of sport, they will benefit from the life lessons learned, as well as access to the many college scholarships which are readily available.

Easy access to clean, safe, water will always be a draw for visitors and residents. The facility has drawn me back to Long Beach on many occasions over the years, and I hope to return many times, as well.

Please approve the construction of this Belmont Plaza pool complex at your earliest opportunity.

I also hope to address you in person on Feb. 11.

JOHN

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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center (BBAC)

From: Vincent Vo <vvncnt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:10 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center (BBAC)

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve a permit for the BBAC. Insist Long Beach City find a more central, equitable, and sustainable location (like the Elephant Lot in downtown) and prioritize public health and water safety, not sports competitions. The Special Conditions proposed by staff will clearly not ensure equal access to the BBAC for marginalized residents nor prevent sea level rise. Do the right thing, move it or lose it!

Vincent Vo
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Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public comment on Agenda item14a Thursday February 11 2021 14a-application # 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach BBAC)

From: Marlene Alvarado <marlenealvarado1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:56 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Marlene Alvarado <marlenealvarado1@gmail.com>
Subject: Public comment on Agenda item14a Thursday February 11 2021 14a-application # 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach BBAC)

Dear Commissioners, please do not approve a permit for the BBAC. Insist that the City find a more central, equitable, and sustainable location (like the Elephant Lot downtown) and prioritize public health and water safety, not sports competitions. The Special Conditions proposed by staff will clearly not ensure equal access to the BBAC for marginalized residents nor prevent sea level rise. Do the right thing, move it or lose it!

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:32 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Dear Coastal Commissioners:
The location of this aquatics center was defined by the source of funding, and the supporters of the site universally argued it must be built where the old Olympics pool used to be.

The applicant argues that the project, funded with the use of Tidelands Funds, must be built in the coastal zone.

The City of Long Beach identified three alternative locations within the coastal zone for this aquatics center and rejected them all as inaccessible or inappropriate for the project. The Belmont Plaza site is the the only location that was deemed appropriate.

The funding for any project subject to a Coastal Development Permit may not be within the Coastal Commission's purview. However, the environmental justice objectives of Special Condition 3 in your Staff report will not be achieved unless this pool is built in an area that serves disadvantaged and minority communities in Long Beach. Belmont Plaza, the site of the old Olympics pool, is the least accessible spot imaginable, and the Special Conditions suggested by Staff simply don't adequately remedy that problem.

This pool should not be built in a spot inaccessible to those most in need simply because of nostalgia and the project's source of funding.

Please deny this Coastal Development Permit.

Respectfully,
Gordana Kajer
Long Beach, CA

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Marnie Young <marniey@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Please and thank you Belmont Pool

I am asking you to send correspondence to the California Coastal Commission expressing your support for the project. Ask the Commissioners to **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Item 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b (see below).

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: MARK CHRISTOFFELS <SELFMDE@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.

I am writing to express my support for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project and am requesting that the California Coastal Commission **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Items 12b and 14a and to **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

The proposed facility is a needed community and coastal asset for all ages and economic status to use and enjoy. California has a long history of the placement of pools adjacent to the ocean (many are still in use today). This was done to allow those individuals coming to enjoy the coastline (beaches in particular) to have a place to safely swim when the ocean waters were either not safe due to waves or tidal influences, or were just too cold. The pools offered a place to learn how to swim and develop the skills needed to safely venture out into the ocean when conditions would allow for that. In addition, it provided a place to cool off for those who were afraid, or did not possess the skills to swim in the ocean. The previous Belmont Plaza pool provided that for thousands of individuals, in addition to providing a unique competitive pool environment. The proposed pool will do the same.

Many lifeguards will tell you that their biggest concern when the beaches are in most demand (hot days and holidays) are those individuals coming to the beach to enjoy the cooler weather who are not skilled enough to safely venture into the ocean. Unfortunately, many of these individuals include minorities and those from lower income neighborhoods where regular access to the ocean is limited. To have a pool located on the beach as an alternative means for cooling off allows these families to provide a swimming opportunity in a safe controlled environment while still enjoying the other amenities the beaches have to offer.

There are many that argue that pools should be constructed within these designated neighborhoods to provide more swimming and water based recreational opportunities for our traditionally underserved lower income areas. While I agree with that, we must also provide safe swimming opportunities for those who desire to enjoy our beautiful coast as California has historically done in many other locations along our coastline. It is my understanding that the current proposed pool design will allow for that type of usage and allow for swimming opportunities for those coming to the Long Beach area that do not possess the skills needed to safely swim in the ocean, or are not comfortable doing so.

Sincerely

Mark Christoffels

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Kenton Rush Jones <kerujo@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Feb 11, 2021 - Commission Agenda Items 12b,13a,13b,14a

California Coastal Commission
Agenda Feb 11, 2021
Belmont Pool
Agenda Items 12b,13a,13b,14a

Dear Commissioners,

I support the Belmont Pool Project. Please approve the project in Items 12b & 14a. Please deny the appeals in Items 13a & 13b. As a member of the public, I have witnessed many community patrons, friends, and family members reap the physical and mental benefits that prior year aquatic programs have brought at Belmont. I wish to see that happen again at this regional beacon of wellness, at a time when it is most needed.

Kenton Rush Jones

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: eric elliott <ericdiver10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal; Debby Mc Cormick
Subject: Belmont Shore Aquatic center

Long Beach Community,

As a resident of Belmont Shore and a form professional Diving coach I would like to voice my support for the new Aquatics Center. I am now a teacher and have worked with children for the past 30 years. I know how important it is to have a place for children to go to be a part of any aquatics program. I was the Head Diving Coach for the Rose Bowl Aquatics center in Pasadena Ca. for 5 years and the impact that facility had on the community was amazing. They had all kinds of programs from youth sports teams, learn to swim, Special needs and Special Olympics programs, prenatal and elderly exercise programs, and rec swim time. That promotes a healthier community. They even bussed in all the 3rd graders in the lower income public school to learn how to swim and not be afraid of the water through grants from the LA84 Foundation. The facility was in constant use and beloved by the entire community. I truly believe this facility will have a major positive impact on the entire Long Beach and surrounding communities.

As a resident I understand the concerns about the increased traffic and visitor impacts. I also know what a great impact it would have economically on the local businesses. After the past Pandemic year 2020 I am sure the local businesses would welcome the increased visitors, meaning more tax revenue for the city as well. When most of the residents get home they know how to get around without a car so the added traffic would not be a problem.

When I was coaching on the East coast, Midwest, and West coast there were very few facilities capable of hosting major national events on the West coast. For 10 years straight USA Diving never hosted its National Championship meets on the west coast due to lack of facilities. When I coached at the University level we would come to California for our winter training trips when we could get into a facility. This new Facility would attract major events helping the hotels, restaurants, and businesses. It could even host some Olympic events.

In conclusion, I know this facility would be a huge source of opportunity for the city of Long Beach residents and businesses. The Aquatics center would be a destination and a crown jewel that the city can be proud of.

Please support the Belmont Shore Aquatics Center.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Elliott
36 Corona Ave.
Long Beach, Ca. 90803

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: Jacqueline Cole <jacquelineinbusiness@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:19 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Please **APPROVE** the project as recommended by the commission staff in Item 12b and 14a.

Please **DENY** the appeals in Items 13a-13b.

I was born in Long Beach and swam in the original Belmont pool starting in 1984 with Coach Klaus. As an adult I've coached, competed, given swim lessons, and used the old weight room to cross train in The Belmont Pool. I also Lifeguarded for 17 years at the beach outside the pool.

Due to its location on the beach, it is the only place in the United States where you can see the sun set over the ocean from is the shining star of Long Beach. We Long Beach locals are spoiled in that we are used to having miles of soft sand and inviting small surf in our backyard. For the participants at the events held at a world class indoor pool, they have choices of where to travel that are all around the world. There is nothing else that draws the global swimming and water polo community like the Belmont pool. It is a destination in itself, as compared to needing to travel outside the pool area.

Swimmers travel for championship meets arriving on Wednesday evening and departing Monday morning. It is common for entire teams to travel to Long Beach for the indoor pool from places that have snowy winters. By December, Canadians are enthusiastic to leave their ice-caked homes and travel as a team of dozens to a place they can wear a bathing suit and feel cozy. Add in the bonus of soft sand between their toes and they will come back every year and wow their Facebook friends with pics on the beach.

A world class pool also is enormously inviting and accessible to residents, especially those within a 15 mile radius. Learning to swim is a generational issue for low income and brown/black communities. Habit. Access to a beautiful location that has long hours, is indoor so useful regardless of the weather, is a game changer. Instead of hating a pool experience (or crying if very young) because they were freezing afterwards, they are more likely to have a comfortable experience and be willing to return for another experience. Willingness to return is the magic for changing generations-long fear of the water.

I teach black grandmothers and Vietnamese mothers to swim. Specifically these groups are powerful key people in their communities because there are beliefs widely held that black people sink because their bones are too dense, and Vietnamese people 40 years ago watched family members drown while trying to flee persecution. The narrative that water is dangerous is very strong in these communities. A big, accessible pool with programs that can target these people can move the needle in a measurable way in terms of reducing drownings, and creating a new generation of water lovers.

I look forward to the Belmont pool project moving ahead. Though I now live in Orange County after decades of living and working in Long Beach, I'll be among those pool attendees who regularly make the trip to the pool for a workout, bring my daughter there for lessons in the pool and in the ocean, and then a greasy weasel breakfast at Chuck's diner or a healthy wheatgrass at a juice bar on 2nd street.

Thank you for your consideration
Jacqueline Cole, age 40
and future Belmont swimmer Gaïa Cole age 2

–r thoughts on the physical and mental health benefits of aquatic activities for all that will be achieved at the new Belmont.

The meeting will be held remotely. They are taking requests from those who want to speak on the items. If you wish to speak, please focus on inclusion, equality, good for physical and mental health. Contact me if you have questions.

Thank you,
Lucy Johnson
562.431.0052

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13b - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-20-0007 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Lyle Nalli, DPM [CA] <lnalli@optum.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:59 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13b - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-20-0007 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Please deny this appeal. Those suggesting this are rather negative toward any improvement in Long Beach. The complex will not interfere with any access to the beach as they claim. The height is fine. In fact it could even be bigger. This is an area designated for such an iconic structure. A structure deemed worthy of inviting all comers, not just local folks, to use the complex. Thus this appeal is absurd

L. Nalli

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Lyle Nalli, DPM [CA] <lnalli@optum.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:54 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 13a - Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Please refuse this issue. It has already lost in court. This is NOT what our community wants

L Nalli

Ziff, Dani@Coastal

From: SouthCoast@Coastal
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: FW: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

From: Lyle Nalli, DPM [CA] <lnalli@optum.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:53 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on February 2021 Agenda Item Thursday 14a - Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, Long Beach)

Dear commission
Please allow the pool construction to go forward as proposed. The city of Long Beach lost its iconic signature when the old Belmont pool was raised. The new pool will once again be a landmark attraction to Long Beach. It is inviting to want to go to the pool complex. This will compliment visitors to long beach let alone alow folks in the area to resume their aquatic activities. The Spruce goose is gone. Queen Mary is shadowed by the newer cruise ships. But the Belmont Pool, in its new and standout design is our signature. Anything short of this grand design only diminishes what the attraction it will have on our community

L. Nalli

From:	Kenneth Miller
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 3:05:28 PM

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.
I am writing IN SUPPORT of items 12b and 14a.
And TO DENY appeals in 13a & 13b.
This facility will provide all community members a facility which has been a source of civic pride for many years and provided access to positive and unique experiences for the least served in our community, helping to engage them in positive and healthy experiences so badly needed.
Thank you for your consideration!

Ken Miller
Marketing Instructor, California State University, Long Beach

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Rachel Arroyo
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc:	Debby McCormick
Subject:	Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing,Item #'s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 2:08:39 PM

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool,
Please APPROVE the project as recommended by the commission in item 14a and DENY the appeals in items 13a-13b

Please!
Rachel Arroyo
(A citizen, resident, parent and city employee of Long Beach)
Sent from my iPhone

From:	Fred Gilbert
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 1:58:37 PM

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Please DENY Items 13a-13b and APPROVE Item 14a. This pool will do more for the local community and bringing people together than anything else and we need it now more than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Gilbert
5330 E. Vermont St.
Long Beach, CA 90814
562.607.6626

From: Bruce Bradley
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza pool project
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:12:10 PM

Dear Dani, I'm looking forward to approval of the renewed project to replace the Belmont pool in Long Beach.
It's hard to think of Long Beach as "The Aquatic Capital of America" without a decent public pool.
Please approve this project.
Bruce Bradley
Lifelong Long Beach resident

Melinda Cotton, Long Beach, CA
Comments re Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center
Feb. 11, 2021 Agenda Items 12b, 13a,13b&14a
Application No. 5-18-0788
Oppose: Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

HEAVY WORKLOAD FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF
IF BELMONT BEACH & AQUATIC CENTER LCP & CDP ARE APPROVED

As we've heard from Executive Director Jack Ainsworth over the past year, he and Coastal Commission Staff already have a heavy workload, without sufficient funding from the state to fill job openings, pay staff the salaries they deserve, and make do when Staff is reassigned to COVID19 duties.

With all this in mind, I noted the amazing number of Coastal Development Permit Special Conditions for the construction of this new non coastal-dependent public structure (the BBAC, a freshwater Aquatic Complex) on the beach in Belmont Shore - which requires the Executive Director (and Staff) to study and approve complex, technical issues, each step along the way, before the project can move forward to the next stage. This seems an extremely burdensome assignment.

The LCP Application related to the BBAC includes nine (9) Modifications recommended by Staff. And then if the Commissioners approve the LCP, the CDP itself requires eighteen (18) Special Conditions! These Special Conditions (which I've listed below) comprise 27 pages of the CDP Staff Report from page 26 to 48.

The Executive Director's name is listed 58 times in relation to Condition Approval!!! And a number of these Special Conditions appear extremely complicated to deal with, requiring expert technical analysis, and Executive Director approval before the CDP can even be issued.

I've listed the Special Conditions below, which include complex ongoing issues that the Commission is trying to work out at every meeting such as: Sea Level Rise; Environmental Justice and Social Equity; the question of New Public Construction on Sandy Beach under Commission jurisdiction; definition of Shoreline Protection Devices; What to do When the Sea, Tides and Flooding overcome Coastal Access, etc.

The Commission would be wise to deny the BBAC in its present form, and tell the City to return its Application to the Commission when it has completely answered the many concerns presented in the Special Conditions.

Staff Recommends the Commission Impose Special Conditions Requiring:

1) Consistency with the LCP
2) Final Revised Plans
3) Final Public Access Program
4) Breeding and Nesting Bird Surveys During Construction,
5) Final Tree Replacement Plan and Bird and Tree Monitoring Plan
6) Conformance with Geotechnical Recommendations
7) Archeological and Paleontological Resources Monitoring
8) Construction Phase Pollution Prevention Plan
9) Water Quality Protection Measures and Best Management Practices
10) Structural and/or Non-Structural Best Management Practices
11) Post-Development Treatment Control
12) Construction Staging Plan
13) Shoreline Change, Sea Level Rise Monitoring, and Adaptation Program
14) Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability and Indemnity

15) No Future Bluff/Shoreline Protection Device
16) Future Improvements
17) Conditions Imposed by Local Government
18) Liability for Costs and Attorneys' Fees

Approval of a project with so many open-ended "to do" items would not only be an undue burden on staff, it would also set a bad precedent for similar projects brought to the commission in the future.

Sincerely,
Melinda Cotton

From:	Howard Burns
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a for Belmont Plaza Pool project.
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 12:21:52 PM

Approving the replacement of the former pool here makes sense for all the Citizens of the greater Los Angeles/Long Beach area. The ability to learn to swim both with a pool environment and an ocean adjacent is a unique opportunity. In addition, once knowing how to swim, being able to exercise whether the ocean is impossibly choppy or not by going to the pool is a very unique advantage. Please approve the pool, everyone who swims will benefit and with lessons hundreds more will learn the joy of swimming both in the pool and the ocean.

Howard Burns 67 years in southern california

From: Jake Jeffery
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11, 2021 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:11:47 PM

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool,

Please approve the project as recommended by the commission staff in item 14a and deny the appeals in items 13a and 13b. Our community has waited long enough for our beloved pool to be rebuilt. We have jumped through all of the hoops and these people keep creating more unneccesary challenges. It was stated from the beginning, that the pool would be replaced and these people are forgetting this. Our kids and adults alike need this pool. Please help my children create the memories that I have from growing up in the Belmont Pool and move forward with this project!
-Sincerely,
Jake Jeffery

From: DEBBY MCCORMICK
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Pool
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:07:49 PM
Attachments: name that kid.pdf

Dear Ms Ziff,

I coach the McCormick Diving Team in Long Beach. We were awarded a Proclamation from the City of Long Beach celebrating 51 years of teaching diving to all walks of life over the years. We have been a positive force in the City and most of our kids have received college scholarships once they graduate from school. Especially with covid so many kids need outlets. Recreational facilities, programs and opportunities are what the community needs, especially now. We have been desperate for this pool to be built for over 8 years. Please deny items 13-a-13b and APPROVE item 14a. You will make millions of people “jump" for joy since we have waited for so long!

Sincerely,

Debby McCormick
www.mccormickdivers.com
“Making a Splash Since 1968"

From:	Oliver Barnes
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Public Comment on 02/04/21 - Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 11:43:36 AM

Please stop this project on the beach, and to consult Long Beach residents all over the city to build it in a neighborhood that needs a community, public pool.

The cost ($82 million, from Tidelands Funds) and the fact that there's already an existing outdoor pool at this site – installed 5 years ago when the old Belmont Pool was demolished in 2015 is outrageous

STOP IT STOP IT STOP IT !!!

Oliver Barnes
3218 Faust Ave
Long Beach CA 90808

Equity is at the heart of the Coastal Act

CCC Environmental Justice Policy, 2019

Coastal development should be inclusive for all who work, live, and recreate on California's coast and provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded, marginalized, or harmed by coastal development.

Everybody in the Pool!

Healthy communities prioritize public health, safety, and recreation and plan accordingly.

As a coastal city, Long Beach must ensure that our residents become and stay water-safe by providing swimming lessons and aquatic exercise to the 99%.

Equal access is neither the history of nor the status quo in the LBC

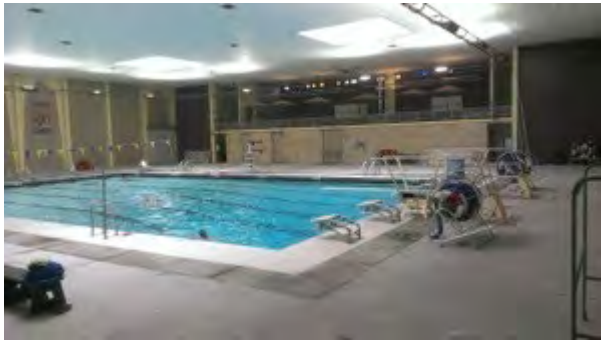
Until the 1950s, minorities could not rent or buy property in most areas of the city.

At the Pike, the Plunge was legally segregated and the midway included racist games.

De facto segregation ensured that City beaches were for whites only.

The City has only funded 3 public pools in 128 years. How and where we have built them reveals a pattern of race and class privilege

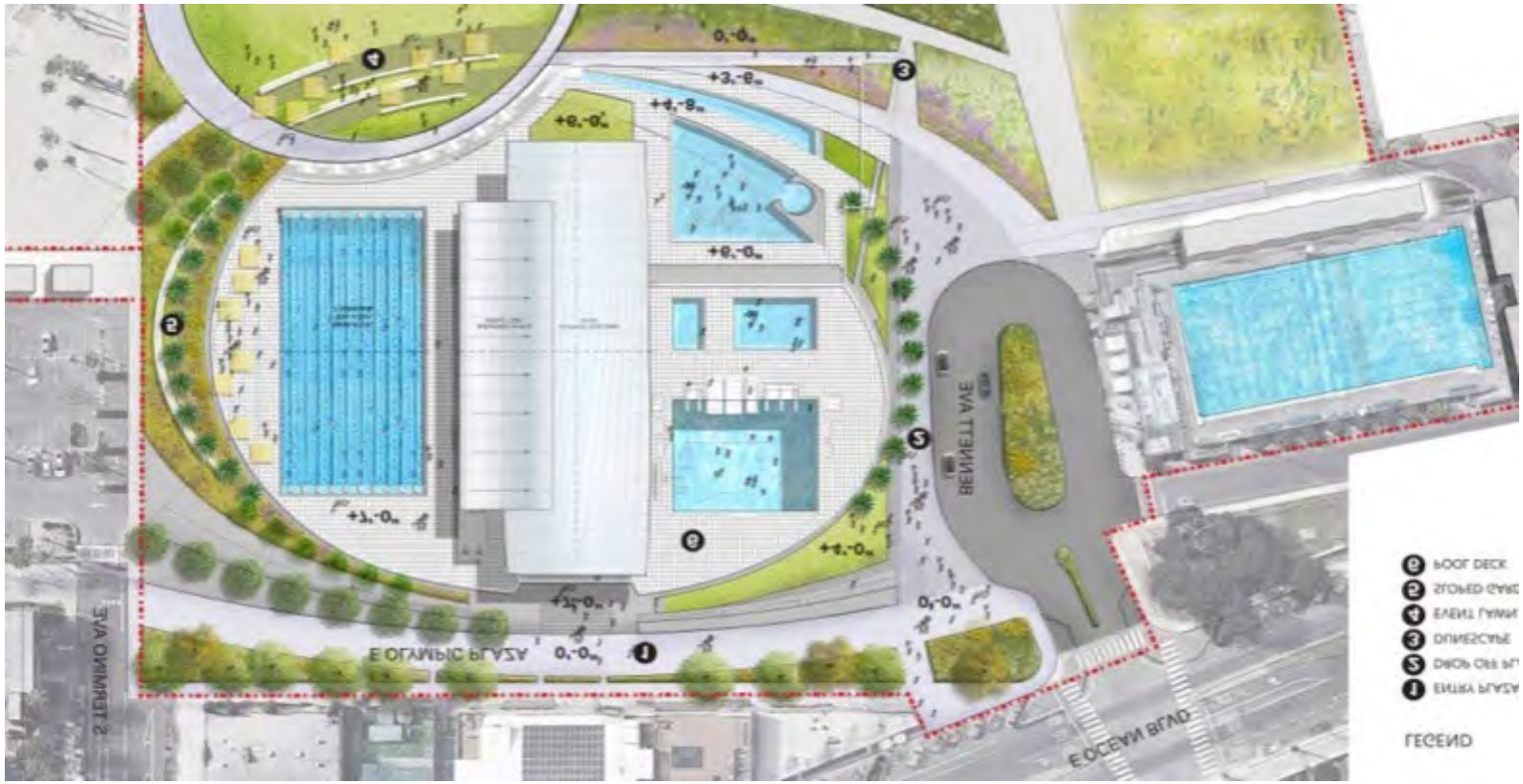
The Belmont Olympic Plaza (1968)
A 50 meter “Olympic-size” pool with high dive, bleachers,and an outdoor recreational pool in the wealthy, white SE corner of Long Beach



Silverado Pool (1967)
A 25 meter pool in West Long Beach in a low-income, minority neighborhood

Martin Luther King Pool (1980)
A 25 meter pool in Central Long Beach, in a low-income minority neighborhood.

The City now plans to build the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center, with two Olympic-sized (50 meter) pools, a recreational pool, a teaching pool, a 40+’ high dive tower with diving tank, a spa, and bleachers seating 1500+

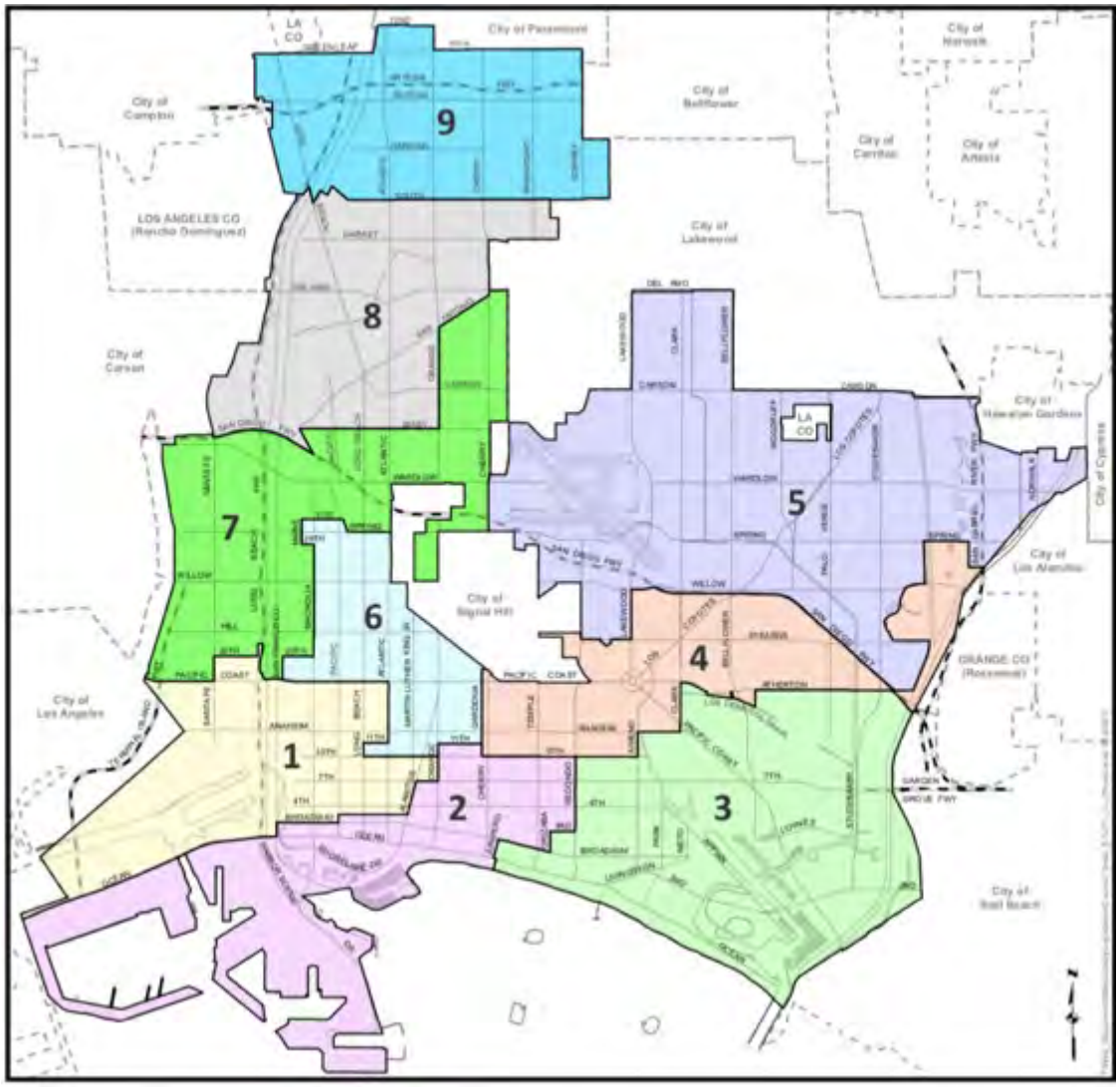


Its proposed location and design present both *physical* and *social barrier*s for Long Beach’s most marginalized residents

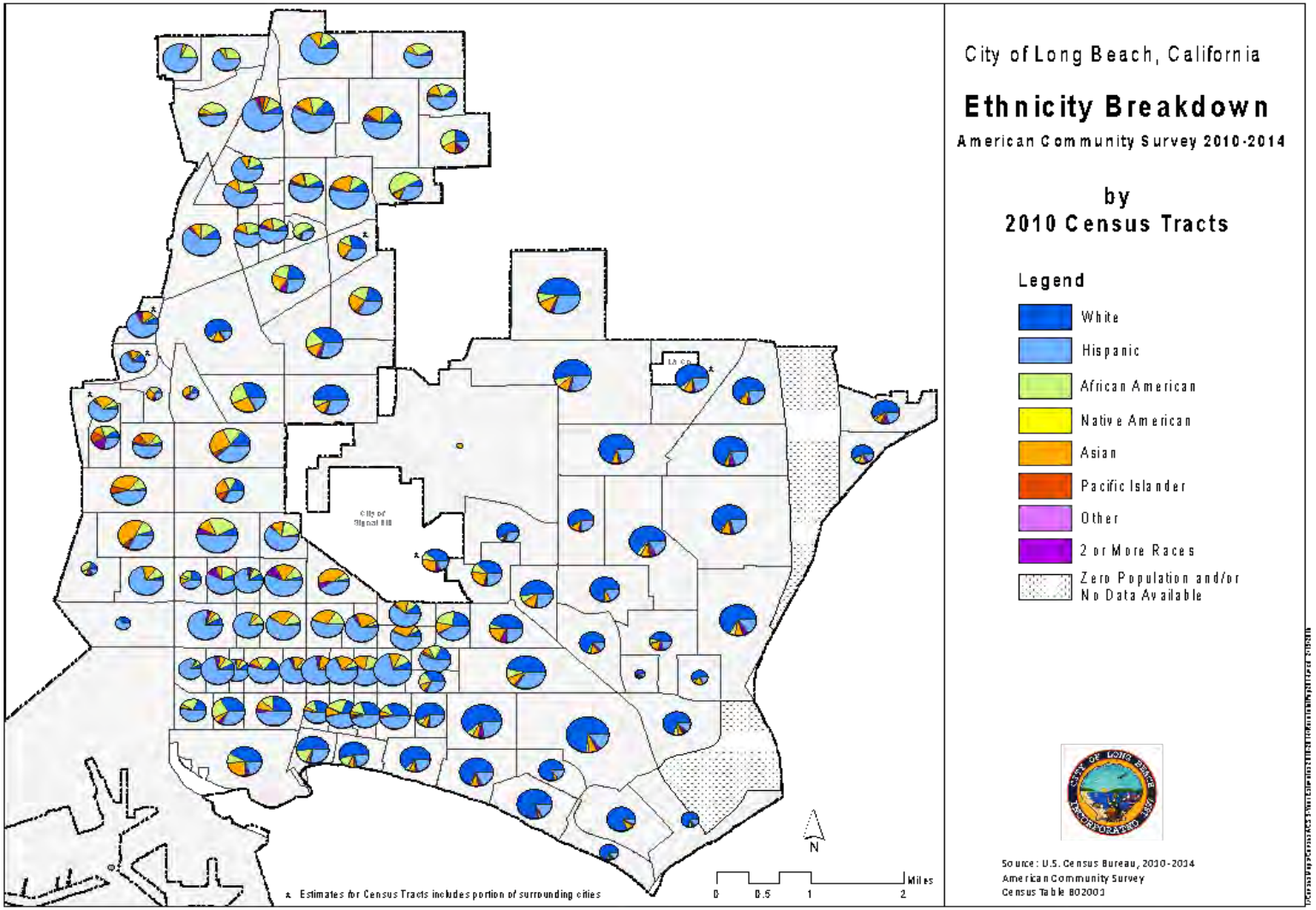
A fundamental rethinking of who is connected to the coast…**or not**.

The City insists that the new BBAC remain in the same location as the demolished Belmont Olympic Pool, and that it prioritize "existing users," including private swim and dive clubs and sports teams. This *fails to provide equitable benefits for communities that have historically been excluded or marginalized and denies public access and lower-cost recreation opportunities to all.*

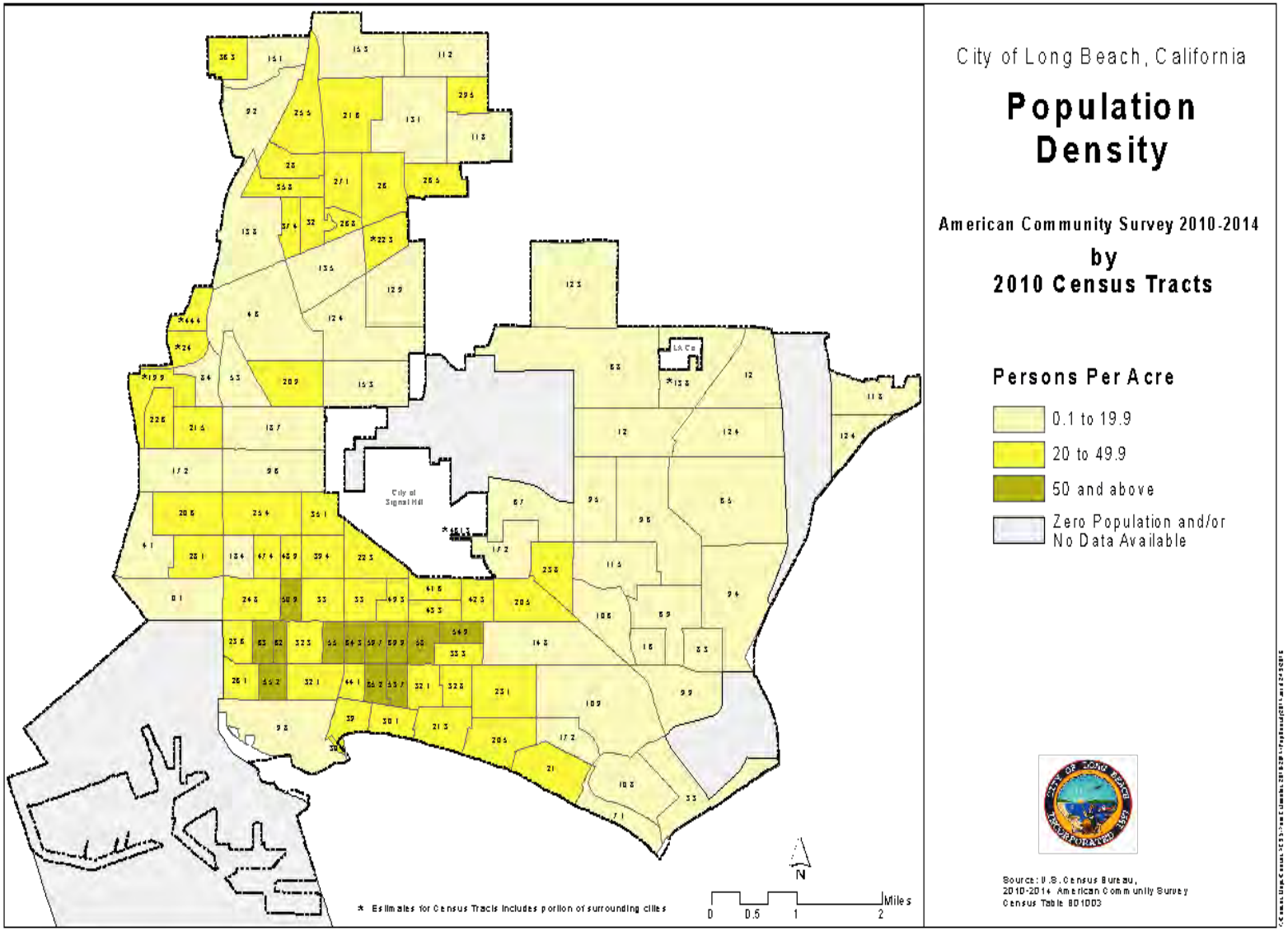
Long Beach has nine City Council Districts. The BBAC is in the 3rd District, the only one to hold community meetings on the project.



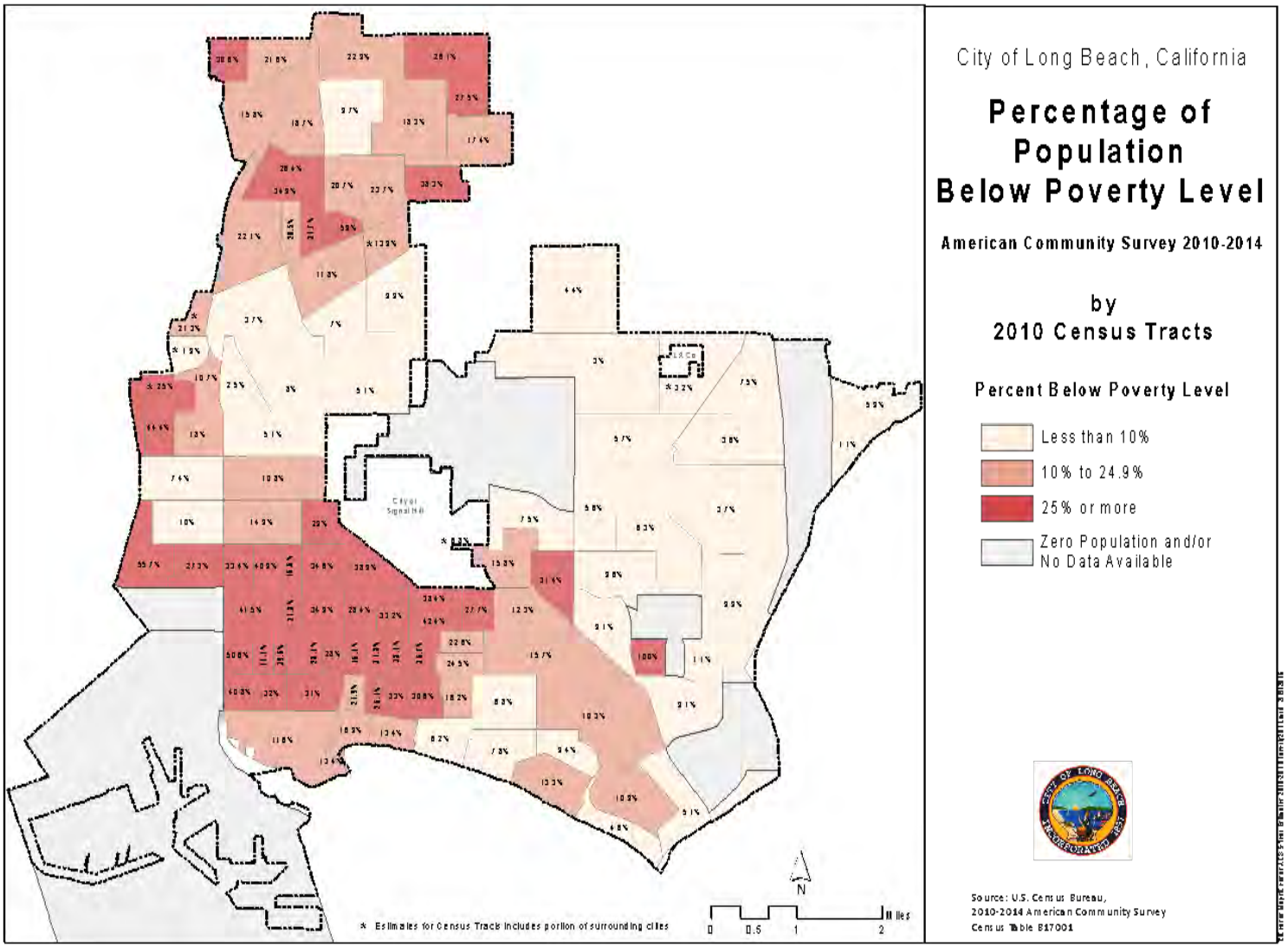
The BBAC is located in a majority white neighborhood, people of color mainly live in Downtown, North, or West Long Beach



Population Density lowest at the site of BBAC, 1-20 persons per acre, compared to 20-50 and above in Downtown and in Central Long Beach



The BBAC is not sited to equitably serve low-income residents who primarily live in Downtown, West and, North Long Beach



Better water-safe than sorry

- In the U.S., 4,000 people drown each year, ten every day, two of these are children.
- 70% of black children, 65% of Asian American and Native American children, 60% of Latinx children, and 40% of white children cannot swim
- Black youths age 10-14 are ten times more likely to drown than their white peers. Latinx, Asian American, and Native American youth are also more at risk.

Everybody in the Pool Resolution
Long Beach Area Peace Network

- Move the BBAC and change it from a competitive venue to a recreational one.
- Ensure access to public pools and swimming instruction for all residents in accordance with the goals of the Healthy Communities Policy of the City of Long Beach
- Build and maintain a community pool in every City Council District
- Raise awareness as to the health and safety benefits of swimming, water exercise, water sports, and lifeguard training
- Increase diversity and city-wide participation in public aquatics programs for youth, including swimming lessons, water sports, sailing and boating, Jr. Lifeguarding, and aquatics day camps

From:	SouthCoast@Coastal
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	FW: City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center) - February 2021
Date:	Monday, February 1, 2021 11:02:58 AM

From: kathrync7784@gmail.com <kathrync7784@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 1:26 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center) - February 2021

I am a resident of Long Beach and swim at the existing temporary Belmont Pool 4 days a week, as do many others. The proposed aquatic complex essentially represents an upgraded version of the previous use at the same site (Belmont Plaza aquatic facility) and will provide for a wide range of aquatic activities, from recreational swimming to training Olympic hopefuls. We live in a beautiful city, where water sports and coastal activities are a big part of the City's identity. The proposed complex will further that identity while still blending with the surrounding coastal environment. Please don't deprive the City of such an appropriate and much-needed facility.

I URGE YOU TO **APPROVE** THE LCP AND PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT!

From: Allan Kopel
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Aquatic Center for Long Beach (February 11th Hearing)
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:16:43 AM

Dear Mr Ziff,

I do not pretend to know all the budget demands or areas of responsibility you and the commissioners feel are at the top of your priority list for the people of Long Beach. But I know that when times are dark and things seem tough, it can seem as though the prudent if not only course is to pull back and save, save, save. I tend to be a fiscal moderate, if not conservative. But I believe quality of life projects and programs are essential for the wellbeing of citizens, the appeal of prospective businesses and the viability of a community. So we need to consider and ideally find a way to approve and advance programs and projects that can bring joy, togetherness, wellness and over time, recognition and revenue to both project specific advocates and the broader community too. This is where the Long Beach Aquatic Center deserves to be front and center on your radar, using your creative minds to make this come to fruition and rejuvenate the proud and vibrant City of Long Beach California. Thank you for hearing the voices, respecting the pleas and finding a way to rally the support needed to bring the Aquatic Center home. The future is now.

Respectfully,

Allan Kopel

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Have a positive, safe, fitness filled day.
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Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a

Local Govt permit Number: TH13b-A-5-LOB-20-0007

Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project

California Coastal Commission:

As a 30 plus year resident, actively involved neighbor and owner of the closest privately owned property (4101 Olympic Plaza – ICONIX Fitness), I am and my membership base is overwhelmingly supportive of the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center project at 4000 Olympic Plaza. The proposed project will benefit not only Belmont Shore but all Long Beach residents and those in the Southern California region, offering access to sports, recreation, and lessons to all. The past results are proof that the future benefits of this project will be a great asset to the entire city. Many Long Beach residents from all over the City have learned to swim, create a sense of Community and enjoy our beautiful beach due to the prior structure and it's wonderful programming of classes. Three of my four daughters learned to swim at the now removed Belmont Pool and helped each of them to learn new skills, develop relationships and made them better people. It would be a travesty for this project to not move forward with the now reduced height and improved view corridors. My adjoining property's views will be negatively impacted by this project, but the overall community will benefit and that is a trade-off I'm willing to live with (due to the improved design). I ask only one major improvement to the project. Olympic Plaza drainage is currently undersized due to the adjoining parking lots that will service the proposed project are a receptacle for run-off from both parking lots. The City allowing run-off from these lots can be construed as intentionally inflicting financial hardship on the adjoining property owners (This has been a known issue for many years). A private property owner would be fined for doing the same. Please approve this application and make sure flood remediation measures are part of the project that will protect all neighbors.

Sincerely,

Kurt Schneiter

ICONIX FITNESS

4101 Olympic Plaza

Long Beach, CA 90803

562-856-9300 x25

From: Alexa Lara (alexa.laraa257@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 5:22:14 PM

Dear Dani Ziff,

Commissioners and Staff: Please uphold the appeals and deny the City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center permit applications.

The construction of this new aquatics center will undermine beach access and block protected coastal vistas. Future sea level rise will threaten the site and surrounding areas, necessitating a built-in 8 foot high protective device for this building, prohibited for new structures. Further, the new public pool is not coastal dependent and does not provide visitor serving amenities related to the coast.

The public has recommended alternative sites that would provide the same, or better, public benefits and avoid conflicts with Coastal Act policies. But the City has continued to pursue construction on this beach site driven mostly by nostalgic memories of past sporting events.

Protection of public access, coastal views, and the beach itself are all bedrock policies enshrined in the Coastal Act. Your duty to enforce those policies mandates ruling in favor of the several appeals of the Local CDP and denial of a separate CDP under the Coastal Commission retained jurisdiction. And your duty under CEQA equivalency requires a thorough review of alternative sites that meet the purpose of a public pool while avoiding adverse impacts to the coastal environment.

We are not opposed to a public pool. The construction of this giant aquatics center, however, at this site - and on our beach - is simply inconsistent with Coastal Act policy, as well as sound planning for future sea level rise threats to the area.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Alexa Lara
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Bell, CA 90201
alexa.laraa257@gmail.com
(323) 387-8186

From: wooftown@aol.com
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 1:55:12 PM

BELMONT SHORE HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS AN AQUATIC COMMUNITY AND ITS POOL HAS SERVED NOT ONLY OUR COMMUNITY BUT SO MANY OTHERS. WITH BOTH COMPETITION AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS, A HISTORY CONNECTING SEVERAL OLYMPIC CAREERS, WE ARE FORTUNATE TO RECREATE OUR ICONIC POOL WHERE IT STOOD AND GARNER THE BENEFITS IT PROVIDED FOR YOUNG AND OLD FOR DECADES. IT WOULD BE REFRESHING TO FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES WE HAD AND WILL HAVE AGAIN RATHER THAN SNIPING ABOUT THE NEGATIVES. ALMOST EVERY LOCAL PROGRESSIVE PROJECT IS MET WITH THE EXPECTED OBSTRUCTIONISTS LAWSUITS AND THE REDESIGN WILL SURELY BRING MORE. LET THIS AMAZING PROJECT BE A WIN /WIN FOR ALL OF US IN BELMONT SHORE ONCE AGAIN.

jann kronick-gath

From: John Wersbe
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 02/04/21 - Agenda Item Th14a - Application No. 5-18-0788
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021 2:38:19 PM

Please stop this project on the beach, and consult Long Beach residents all over the city to build it in a neighborhood that needs a community, public pool.

We're a group of residents opposed to the project because of future sea-level rise (the beach site is expected to flood in 30-50 years), the cost ($82 million, from Tidelands Funds) and the fact that there's already an existing outdoor pool at this site – installed 5 years ago when the old Belmont Pool was demolished in 2015.

Best regards,

John Wersbe

435 Flint Ave, Long Beach, Ca 90814

From: Laura Kovary
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Shores Pool and Recreation Facility opposition
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021 2:06:13 PM

To Whom it May Concern;
I wish to voice my opposition to the new Aquatic Facility proposed for Belmont Shore in downtown Long Beach.

My main concern surrounding this project is the fact that we have scientific data showing sea-level rise will be an issue. If approved, we will be spending millions of dollars on a facility that will no doubt be damaged repeatedly by storm waves and rising tides.

Another concern is the fact that this planned facility is in an affluent area and will attract tourists. This project will not be easily accessible to lower income citizens of Long Beach. The funds earmarked for this project could be better used by building a facility which could be shared by many in the city rather than focusing solely on the wealthy members of our community and the tourism trade.

Additionally, we will need to think about how a facility of this size fits into pandemic response and if a public aquatic center even makes sense anymore. We need to look at how this facility works with virus transmission and what precautions would need to be taken to keep this from being a superspreader location.

I believe a better use of this property is to deed it, in perpetuity, as an open space. We are short on green space in this city to begin with and this is an opportunity to move towards the equalizing of concrete and open space which is much needed. I hope the Coastal Commission will look seriously at the inequalities of this project and be proactive in setting aside this property as a natural shoreline in order to bring back endangered species of our local flora and fauna.

Sincerely,
Laura Kovary
3602 Pine Ave
Long Beach, CA 90807

laura.kovary@gmail.com

From: John
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021 12:34:57 PM

As a senior citizen and resident of the Long Beach community I strongly support the Belmont Beach Aquatic Center Project, This long promised facility is needed to serve all age groups, the people of Long Beach and surrounding communities. The placement of a aquatic center near beach is compatible with and will enhance the recreational function of the public beach as will as neighboring land uses. It is time to end the delay and to move forward with this critical project. Thank you for considering my comments John Spalding 80 Park Ave. Long Beach CA

From:	mgrimaldi101@aol.com
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center
Date:	Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:17:12 AM

The Belmont Olympic Pool has been an important part of my life and my children's lives. It's where we learned to swim and went to summer camp every year.

Please support this project and do not deprive future generations of America's Aquatic City the use of a modern public pool facility.

Thanks for your consideration, Mike Grimaldi

From:	Teresa Danton
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Agenda 2/4/21, item #Th14a. public comment
Date:	Saturday, January 30, 2021 5:42:03 AM

I am opposed to building another pool in the belmont shore area of Long Beach, Calif. As a resident of Long Beach for 38 years, there are underserved parts of the city where residents need and deserve this feature. There are enough pools and ocean in the vicinity of the current proposed site. I have lived near the ocean water for over 25 years and personal observation supports the common sense conclusion that another pool in the same area, adjacent to swim able ocean water, makes no sense at all. Please do no approve the project 5-18- 0788.

Teresa Danton
6475 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. #426
Long Beach, CA 90803
562 305 2056

From: r reindl
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date: Friday, January 29, 2021 3:51:56 PM

As an avid swimmer and 15 year resident of LBC I am very much in favor of the Belmont aquatic center current plans.
Also having been a pediatric ICU nurse, the benefit of getting a grant for free swim lessons, for the underserved youth of our city would be a wonderful option for many familes.
Drownings are preventable, hopefully there are plans with this new facility to educate families and children on how to swim as well as basic water safety.
Maybe even a partnership with Miller Children's hospital for outreach should be considered.

Thank you - Rebecca Reindl

From: Charles Beckman
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Belmont Plaza Pool
Date: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:37:03 AM

I'm glad to see that the coastal commission is trying to do the best for the people of California and in this case the city of Long Beach. I am a 72-year-old disabled veteran who used the previous pool several times a week for my main form of exercise and unlike most I believe it's closure was not just because it was an earthquake hazard but because of the damage that had already been caused below the pool. Even though it has significantly altered my quality of health I believe it was the right thing to do in closing it and putting up a temporary pool outside.

However, so many things have happened since it's closer. The city itself has issued a report on sea level over the next few decades and I feel that should be part of the problem that needs to be addressed. I believe a seawall of some sort could be included in the architecture of the building.

We have a huge financial problem in Long Beach. In 2007 we had to lay off 200 police officers and since that time we have had several initiatives on the ballot to raise our sales tax making Long Beach the city with the highest sales tax in the nation in order to replace those 200 officers. Long Beach even used city funds and a public relations firm to get those taxes passed. They all passed and not only have we not replaced one of those officers we're going to lose another 20 to 40 in the next Budget. The mayor and council put all those sales taxes into the general fund in order to pay existing contracts. We have hundreds of city employees making over $200,000 a year, dozens of making over $300,000 a year and even some making over $400,000 a year. Those contracts need to be renegotiated because the city cannot afford to pay for them and is billions of dollars in the hole when it comes to retirement for it's employees.

I am asking the costal commission not to approve a pool complex with a diving platform or an outside pool. If we are going to pay for a pool in these troubled financial times please rather than helping us pay our existing debts and rehire our public safety officers please just replace what was there minus the diving platform. The city said in a report that we would have a problem with sea level in the near future please take that into consideration. I believe this is the third request to the coastal commission; I would hope that the commission make it clear to city staff that building an edifice for swimming and diving for a possible future Olympic bid should not be the main goal at the cost to the environment, to our public safety or to the citizens of Long Beach. If the diving community wants to build a facility so we can put a bid in for diving events at a possible Olympics I'm sure there are several locations within the city that would look forward to such a structure and could possibly be built with private funding.

Thank you.

Charles Beckman
3215 3rd St #102
Long Beach, Ca
90814

From:	Phyllis Schmidt
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date:	Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:09:47 AM

I am in support of going forward with Aquatic Center.
Phyllis Schmidt
225 Pomona Avenue Apt 2 Long Beach Ca 90803

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lenore Rozner
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:47:32 AM

Dear Coastal Commission,

I am in favor of approval of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center at 4000 Olympic Plaza as proposed in this final design and location. Although there has been objection to the location being in one corner of Long Beach instead of a central area, the proposed siting will allow for funding to make this project happen. Mitigating measures will be taken to ensure that the facility will serve all communities in Long Beach, while bringing business and recognition to Long Beach as the region's aquatics leader.

Please approve this project as currently proposed.

Lenore Rozner

5351 E. Broadway, Long Beach, 90803.

From: Lenny Arkinstall
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:21:15 AM

I totally support this project, like the Olympic Pool it will replace will be a benefit to the entire region not just the rich kids from Long Beach as the opponents stated. I have a program through Aquatic Capital of America Long Beach water proofing our at risk youth and the kids would use this pool for that program. It will allow us to reach at risk youth through out the entire region, not just north Long Beach. Thank you.

Leonard Arkinstall
Executive Director
Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards
lcwstewards.org
562 225 4669
6289 E, Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, Ca. 90803

From:	Mike Crosby
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a, Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project
Date:	Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:59:41 AM

Please include my name as a concerned citizen who is requesting that the Coastal Commission take the necessary steps to approve the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center project at 4000 Olympic Plaza.

I believe that the project will benefit not only Belmont Shore but all Long Beach residents and those in the Southern California region, offering access to sports, recreation, and lessons to all.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Crosby

From:	diana lejins
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc:	diana lejins; Gordana Enviro Kajer; Ann Cantrell; Dale Whitney; Richard Gutmann; Melinda Cotton
Subject:	Public comment item Th14a-5-18-0788 Belmont Pool
Date:	Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:14:56 PM

Attn: CCC re Belmont pool in Long Beach

Dear Commissioners

It is pure insanity to build this pool in the same area as the last pool that was destroyed because it was on an earthquake fault. Additionally, it is very close to the ocean which may see some serious rising in the near future.

There are so many considerations in this proposition, but I will try to mention a few here....

After the covid-19 pandemic, we have no business spending that kind of money on something so frivolous. The city is already experiencing a shortfall of funds. Tideland funds are drying up. People have been unemployed, businesses have failed, and the citizens cannot bear any more taxes. Simply put, we can't afford it.

There are so many other more worthy and needy projects that deserve those funds.

The westside of Long Beach has a tremendous lack of open space and parkland equaling approximately 1:17 acres compared to the east side of Long Beach.

The east side has certainly gotten their fair share, and it's time that this city invested in the poorer/minority-based west side. This city is constantly talking about equity and making promises but doing nothing about it.

The very affluent Third District is already served by many wonderful beaches, parks, and recreational facilities. Transportation from the Westside is difficult to say the least. It is time for all areas of the city to reap the benefits of taxpayer dollars.

Encroachment on wildlife should also be considered. It seems like every time we turn around there's a new development that harms these beautiful creatures.

It is incumbent upon the Coastal Commission to protect our wildlife and the coastal lands. Please reject this costly project and pool. It's the right thing to do.

Yours truly
Diana Lejins
POB 15027
Long Beach, CA. 90815

From: Susie Hughes
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a SUPPORT AQUATIC FACILITY
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:13:24 PM

Dani -

As a native Long Beach (I live down the street from the proposed project) retired competitive swimmer, retired national level h20 polo player, retired Recreation professional, the lost of BPOP, Belmont Plaza Pool was a tragedy to our community. I cried as I watched a place so near and dear to my heart be bull dozed.

As a very young child, my father would drive us by the pool to watch it being constructed. We were so amazed by its beauty. Deemed "The Taj Mahal" of pools by Al Schoenfield, founder of Swimming World Magazine, it was home to many local, high school, national events, Olympic trials, putting Long Beach on the map as truly the Aquatic Capital of America.

Not only did I swim and play h2o polo there, I was blessed to have been employed by the city of Long Beach, from 1972-1982, working at BPOP, Belmont Plaza Pool, starting as an instruct/guard and promoted to Pool Manager, before being hired by another municipal agency, Community Services/Recreation Manager, now retired. I understand the need for recreational facilities and the value they bring to the community.

From 1968-1982, so many national, Olympic, world record holders trained at this magnificent facility. Our aquatic history runs deep and must continue.

We need an aquatic facility again, not only for competitive events, for our community to enjoy. I strongly urge you to support the project. Bring back what made Long Beach proud for so many years, an aquatic complex that all of us can enjoy.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susie Hughes
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562.260.0588

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Regards~

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From: LA VONNE MILLER
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a -5-18-0788 - Belmont Plaza Pool
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:13:21 PM

For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.

This is the wrong place for a very expensive public pool to be built for several reasons. Why on earth is a pool necessary on a placid beach? Why would a pool be built on the sand that is sure to be inundated with salt water as climate change scientists predict?

A new public pool in Long Beach should be built in an area underserved by Parks and Recreation. The west side of Long Beach would surely be a better place for a pool.

It's a climate issue, it's a social justice issue and it's a practical issue. Don't build it in the beach in Long Beach!

Thank you,
La Vonne Miller
4008 Pacific Avenue
LB 90807

From:	onemouse11@aol.com
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Cc:	emails@joinit.org; district8@longbeach.gov; district7@longbeach.gov; district3@longbeach.gov; mayor@longbeach.gov
Subject:	Comment re Belmont Pool Plaza/Upcoming hearing Th 14a5 18 07 88
Date:	Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:10:15 PM

For the attention of the California Commission concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool:

Kindly accept this notice that I am opposed to building of the pool in the location of Belmont Shore. The area is a residential area and is a designated parking restricted area.
Additionally, while I understand the City of Long Beach intends to use funding from the Tidelands Fund, their is a large shortage of available funds to cover the expenses of building out the Belmont Pool Plaza. Oil prices have plummeted and the recent gas tax collection per barrel increase will not allow for sufficient income to fund the project. A continued downfall of oil production in Long Beach is anticipated and it will fail to allow for the additional revenue collection to fund the Tideland Fund. Instead of using the Tideland funds for the pool, it should be better directed to protecting the homes in Naples and Belmont Shore. finding solutions to implement to reduce storm surge and anticipated tide rise.. The fortification and rebuilding of the Naples Sea walls is far more pertinent than the building of a sport project.

It would better serve the needs of the people of Long Beach ,if the pool concept were built in a neighborhood that needs vast improvements. Such areas exist in the northern part of the city. It would help boost business traffic to an impoverished area, which Belmont Shore is not one. Bonds could be used or special funding from other sources could be studied and found to enable the City to build a pool complex not using Tideland funds.

Respectfully

Aileen Colon
Long Beach Resident
4842 E Shaw St, Long Beach CA 90803

cc: Districts 3, 7 and 8
Mayor of Long Beach

From:	tspaldinggrim@aol.com
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a Please Support
Date:	Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:24:15 PM

Dani, I am a long time resident of Long Beach Shore and I am in 100% support of my tax dollars funding the Belmont Beach Pool and Aquatics Project. My children attended both swim lessons and summer camps at the pool, so I know first hand the positive impact the pool and staff have on the community. Facilities such as the pool serve every demographic and ethnic group in our community. The Parks, Recreation facilities and specifically the Belmont Pool are critical for the morale and improve the quality lifestyle in Long Beach additionally it's positive impact reaches beyond our city boundaries. PLEASE SUPPORT THE FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT. Thank you.

Theresa Spalding Grimaldi - Home Owner and 30 year resident

From: jill brennan
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: BBAC comment on Th12b amendment
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:04:51 PM

If you are truly supporting economic justice, please build a community pool in Central Long Beach where there are many underserved communities.
Please do not build in an area of monetary affluence, and never allow building in an area of sea rise.
Thank you,
Jill Brennan
Concerned citizen

From:	Patty West
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a-5-18-788-Belmont Plaza Pool
Date:	Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:25:59 PM

For the attention of group responsible for public comments-

I am concerned about mitigation planning for sea-level rises that are predicted as climate change continues and how the costs will be recouped if the pandemic prevents The Olympic Games this project is for.
Are these issues included in the snort and long -term planning for this project?

Thank you-
Patty West

From:	Celtic Grrl
To:	Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject:	Public Comment on 2/11/21 Agenda Item Th14a - 5-18-0788 - Belmont Plaza Pool.
Date:	Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:58:57 AM

Dear Sirs:

1. **For the attention of the California Coastal Commissioners concerning the Belmont Plaza Pool.**

I would like to tell the Commissioners that I don't support the project for our fragile coastal area here in Long Beach. I feel the additional burden on our environment for the building process and disruption for our coastal wildlife is not necessary when the project could have been located in an area that would be more conducive to inner-city children who often don't have access to private pools. I think the pool's location is being used to draw tourist travel to Pine Avenue and the Pike area rather than provide us with community activities and benefits. With all the financial troubles that our state is facing, is this a really necessary project? I don't believe so. The return on investment will take years to recoup. The damage will not outweigh value.

Sincerely,
Marianne Cole
4317 E 3rd St.
Long Beach, CA 90814

From: Kendra Miller
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Regarding February 11 hearing, Item #s 12b, 13a-13b, & 14a
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:19:59 AM

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for the Belmont Plaza pool. I was a regular swimmer in the pool for years prior to its demolition. While swimming at 6 am every morning, I met the most fascinating and kind people from all over the city. I believe the new structure will be a draw for people of all ages regardless of where they live. It isn't every day that you can swim and play in a pool while also being able to look out at the beautiful Pacific Ocean. You get the benefit of being in water that is warmer than the ocean with no sand nor seaweed while being able to see the horizon. This is something that can only be found in a beach city such as ours. It is a unique opportunity that should be celebrated.

Please share my comments with the Coastal Commission. This pool will be an asset to the entire city.

Regards, Kendra

From: Alison Morea
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Comments of Belmont Beach Aquatic Center
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:12:41 AM

Dear Mx. Ziff,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to you in reference to the February 11th hearing, items 12b, 13a-13b, and 14a. As an older resident I am very much in favor of building the new aquatic center at Belmont Beach. Although the current interim center is better than nothing, it is not the facility that Long Beach could use.

Many different individuals from babies to senior citizens make use of the facility, and could make even more use of the updated and improved one.

The argument is made that in the interest of fairness, there should be more aquatic facilities in lower income neighborhoods, and I totally agree. However, coastal funds cannot be used anywhere other than the coast, and there is no point in letting these funds be lost because we also want to offer more in less privileged neighborhoods.

Several years ago I attended a meeting (in person, that's how long ago it was :) on this same subject and I saw the people who came out to support the facility. They were representative of many different groups (parents, teams, exercisers, etc) who use the pool and wish to use it even more. We stayed for hours listening to the various reasons (including the Olympics) different Long Beach residents offered.

In comparison, those opposed were one woman and her attorney. They came in, read a statement, and left without listening to anyone else. Their arguments seemed disingenuous - her concern for inner city children was a cover for her wish to retain a newly found ocean view from an apartment that had not had one before.

I sincerely hope that we can redress the lack of facilities in less financially fortunate areas, but let us not lose an important and historic element of the Long Beach waterfront that has its own funding.

My husband and I, as well as my 93 year old mother, have all attended the water exercise classes at the current Belmont Pool. I only hope she (and we) will still be around to attend them in the new and improved facility.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Stay well and safe.

Alison Morea
75 Saint Joseph Avenue
917-991-5222

From: Cyndi Seibert
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:58:05 AM

We are in favor of the project going forward. Long Beach has always been a lead in the aquatic community and we need a modern place for our citizens to continue to excel.

Our high school don't have the pools needed for our kids to complete fairly this will with scheduling at least be a start.

Cyndi & Joe Seibert

Sent from my iPhone

From: beverlybutters@aol.com
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: February 11 hearing, Items #s 12b, 13-a-13b, & 14a
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:06:05 AM

I am completely in favor of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center HOWEVER . . .

I have a rental property at 43 Ximeno . . . in the past when there are events at the proposed location for the BBAC the noise is DEAFENING and with so many working from home, so many essential night workers who must sleep during the day . . . it is a nightmare.

A simple solution would be to turn the building so that the noise travels towards the ocean rather than echoing off the residential buildings.

From: Anne Proffit
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: BBAC
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:21:20 AM

To the CA Coastal Commission:

I must voice my severe objections to any consideration of approval for Mayor Garcia's latest pet project, the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center. This particular project is one of his most debased ideas (and there are plenty to choose from), especially when one considers the effects of climate change on the coastline of California.

Throughout the state we have seen beach erosions, as rising sea waters invade our coastlines near and far. Just today, the Federal government has declared that we are losing 1.2 TRILLION tons of ice per year, which is causing our oceans to rise. And rise they will.

These situations have been discussed regularly for the past decade but discussing and acting upon rising seas and climate change are two very different things. To produce an above-ground, open pool just feet from the Pacific Ocean is the pejorative of a reckless mind. Dr Garcia has little common sense and no leadership qualities. His ideologies are made from book learning, not ever practical knowledge.

There is NO need for a pool adjacent to the ocean. This is being pushed by Garcia for his egotism and desire to have Long Beach included in Olympic swimming activities in 2028. Sure, include LB in the Olympics but, if we must have a pool, place it far, far away from the rising tides of the Pacific Ocean. We really don't need this pool and the majority of citizens in Long Beach think it's just another dumb-ass idea by our publicity-hungry mayor.

Just.Say.No.

Anne Proffit
140 Linden Avenue 661
Long Beach CA 90802
213.675.0836

(I have lived in Long Beach since 1975 and am environmentally friendly and active, the exact opposite of the current mayoral regime)

Attachments: 8 presi Belmont Pool.png
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From: Ted Zellmer <tedzellmerjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 9:50 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Belmont Pool Analyst

Belmont Pool Attachments

Thank you again for accepting our Aquarium of the Pacific Belmont Pool Option vision plan.

The attached 2 slides are with additional notes to the plan.

Please acknowledge receipt

Thank you
Fred Zellmer

INDOOR COMPONENTS & POSSIBILITIES

- ADA COMPLIANT (HEATED) THERAPEUTIC POOL WITH DECK ACCESS & HOIST FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES
- ATHLETIC AND ADA COMPLIANT LOCKER ROOMS, SHOWERS AND RESTROOM FACILITIES
- FIRST AID, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION CENTER AND MEDICAL FACILITIES
- MULTI LEVEL CONCESSIONS AND PUBLIC RESTROOM ACCESS

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- STREET LEVEL ADA AND GENERAL ADMISSION ACCESS
- POOL COVER TECHNOLOGY FOR ALTERNATIVE EVENTS USAGE
- SOLAR PANEL & INTEGRATED FIBERTEC OUTDOOR ROOF CANOPY
- COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS, RANCHO ALAMITOS & AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
- ONSITE LONG BEACH LIFEGUARD, FIRE & COMMUNITY SERVICE TRAINING

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From: Christine Beaur-Mortezaie
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: New pool
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:09:05 AM

I just have two comments.

I agree with **less private class but not less events**. Events is what promote the city to the outside world. We should not miss on these.

Also **discounted or free for underserved communities.** I believe everyone should know how to swim. I know they are other pools in Long Beach. Why wouldn't underserved communities get discounted or free in the pools closest to them so we can first generate interest in swimming? You want them to get into the habit to go, so the closer it is, the better it would be and it would create goodwill in the community. You can hopefully there create a mirror effect and desire from more community people.

May be you organize competitions in the different communities (by sage, parents/children team, boy/girl team) and do a "Final" and "Prize Giving" in the Belmont Pool.

My two cents,
Christine Beaur-Mortezaie

The greatest compliment is a referral from you!

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From: Jeff Moses
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal
Subject: Re: Belmont Beach Aquatics Center - Coastal Commission public hearing
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 10:15:39 AM
Attachments: image001.png
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I absolutely oppose the Belmont Beach Aquatics Center development. I lived for several years across the street from the original and temporary swim centers and cannot imagine how that neighborhood could handle the increase in traffic, parking, visitors, etc, without destroying the charm and serenity of Belmont. The original building was enough of an eyesore—the proposed center would be that and more. I don't know who gets to vote on this, but it's the wrong development for the neighborhood. Perhaps downtown along the river or closer to signal hill would make more sense, be more accessible to a wider variety of residents and less impactful on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Jeff Moses
1505 Ximeno Avenue, LB

From: "Ziff, Dani@Coastal" <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 9:56 AM
Subject: Belmont Beach Aquatics Center - Coastal Commission public hearing

Hello,

You are being noticed that the California Coastal Commission will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, February 11, 2021 for the City of Long Beach's proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center. Please see the attached notice ("BBAC Hearing Notice") for hearing details and procedures. You can find the related staff reports on the Commission's website. If interested, there is also a Frequently Asked Questions sheet ("BelmontAquaticComplex_FAQ") attached to this email that provides basic information regarding the City's proposed project with a focus on environmental justice.

Sincerely,

Dani Ziff | **Coastal Program Analyst**
CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
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Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 590-5071

Please note that public counter hours for all Commission offices are currently suspended indefinitely in light of the coronavirus. However, the Commission remains open for business and you can contact staff directly by email (preferred), US mail, or by leaving a message in the general voicemail box of (562) 590-5071.

FW: Please don’t build this new aquatic center at Belmont Shore

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Fri 12/4/2020 10:07 AM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

-----Original Message-----
From: valerienjoy@gmail.com [mailto:valerienjoy@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 9:59 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Please don’t build this new aquatic center at Belmont Shore

Dear Coastal Commission,

This letter from The Surfrider Foundation conveys my opinion on the pool location. "Despite reasonable requests to build this facility somewhere else - and to preserve our beach as a beach - the City issued a building permit to itself for new construction. Their permit “spot zones” for this project by invalidating current City building regulations for the coastal area and has been appealed to the Coastal Commission. The City also needs a separate permit from the Coastal Commission for the part of the structure extending into State jurisdiction.

Nobody opposes building a new public pool. But the beach is clearly the wrong place. We all have fond memories from the past. Theirs are competitive sporting events that can still occur elsewhere. Ours are memories of open beaches with beautiful views of the coast. Ours are the memories that are protected in the Coastal Act for this and future generations."
Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

FW: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a - Application No. 5-18-0788

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Fri 12/4/2020 10:09 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

Th13a

From: Marsha Jensen [mailto:gjensen72@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 7:33 AM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a - Application No. 5-18-0788

To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong Long Beach resident who has been involved in aquatic sports since childhood and as a parent, I feel that I am uniquely qualified to offer my opinion regarding the proposed $82 million dollar Belmont Pool project. First, I must point out that the city of Long Beach operates 3 pools in the entire city. Two of the three pools are not suitable for any aquatic competitions (swimming, water polo, diving, synchronized swimming) and are outdated and in disrepair. The east and north portions of the city are without a pool entirely, with the concentration of the three pools in the far west and south sections of the city. This disproportionate spread does not provide equal access to a public pool to all residents of the city.

I should also point out that the location of the proposed Belmont Plaza pool project is immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood, that has imposed restrictive use limitations for tournaments and large events in the existing outdoor pool. There are many other central or equitably located potential building sites throughout the city. These other sites would allow outdoor night and weekend events and also provide fair access to a public pool to all residents of the city.

I must ask why the city did not propose three separate pool locations throughout the city, at a cost of $20 million each? A concept like this seems practical and would truly provide equal access to all Long Beach residents, regardless of their zip code. The current plans for the Belmont Pool project are in my opinion, palatial and unreasonable. A re-creation of what was at the build site in 1970, is not needed.

There are many in Long Beach who refer to the city as the "Aquatics capital of the world." This term could not be more wrong. The current Belmont Pool project would elevate the Belmont Shore neighborhood of Long Beach to the "Aquatics capital of the world" and disregard the needs of the remaining 425,000 residents of the city. Please do not allow this project to move forward in its current state. Force the city of Long Beach to come up with a more practical and equitable solution to the lack of pool access for this large city.

Sincerely,

Greg Jensen
8040 E Rosina St.
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dec. CCC meeting/submit comment tab not working for BBAC

SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>

Fri 12/4/2020 9:14 AM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>; Rehm, Zach@Coastal <Zach.Rehm@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>; anngadfly@aol.com <anngadfly@aol.com>; Kerrie Aley <6102ka@gmail.com>; Jeff Miller <jeff.miller@csulb.edu>; Joe Weinstein <jweins123@hotmail.com>; corlisslee@aol.com <corlisslee@aol.com>; Rae GABELICH <hoorae1@aol.com>; renee_matt@live.com <renee_matt@live.com>

Hi Dani and Zach,

I am an appellant individually and have not received any Nofic aons about the BB AC being on the Dec. 10, 2020 Coastal Commission meeng. This is a viola on.

Today is the final day to submit comments and the submit comment tab is not working. Agenda items: Th11a, Th12b-c, Th13a must be removed and postponed to another later CCC meeting!

After I've been working on this BBAC project since 2013, my rights are being violated. Lack of Noticing by the City of Long Beach in particular to me being one of the most vocal opposing this project -This is particularly suspicious!!!

I protest all items concerning BBAC being allowed on the December Coastal meeting schedule.

Regards,
Susan Miller

FW: belmont pool on the beach

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Fri 12/4/2020 10:13 AM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

From: LA VONNE MILLER [mailto:lmiller853@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:24 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: belmont pool on the beach

I am writing to register my opposition to this expensive pool on the beach. There is ample recreation on this site which includes a pool. The new pool is extraordinarily expensive and is being built in the wrong place. Many other, more needy, places in Long Beach qualify for tidelands funding. We need to put the pool elsewhere.

Thank you,
La Vonne Miller
Long Beach, CA

FW: Just say NO to BBAC

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Thu 12/3/2020 4:36 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

-----Original Message-----
From: Anne Proffit [mailto:anne.proffit@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:15 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Just say NO to BBAC

To the California Coastal Commission:

For quite a few years, the mayor of Long Beach has been trying to squirrel away Tidelands funds to build a swimming pool right next to the ocean. What a stupid idea - the old swimming pool was taken away because of "earthquake worries" and was, according to contractors familiar with the site, quite adequate to meet any earthquake damages.

But never mind, the egoist in our city hall wants this thing, even though we're about to have monstrous issues with eroding coastlines, even though there's no real reason to build on the site - aside from his ego. Building a pool inland where it's needed hasn't crossed his avaricious mind. If we have a new pool, it needs to be built where needed - and that's not on the coastline.

The beach doesn't warrant a monstrous swimming pool - isn't the Pacific big enough - and it would be Tidelands money far better spent to shore up the Peninsula, Naples and Belmont Shore against encroaching higher tides. With the Alaskan area heating up, our coastlines will shrink as water flows this direction. The pool would likely never be finished - although the mayor thinks he could use it in the 2028 Olympics to boost his political standing. Swimming pools should never be built to burnish someone's political standing.

Please don't pay attention to the braying from Dr Mayor Garcia and his nine sheep on city council. Deny this application in finality.

Thank you for having common sense, something sorely lacking at Long Beach City Hall.

Anne Proffit
140 Linden Avenue 661
Long Beach CA 90802

PS: I've lived in Long Beach since 1975 and the current administration could be the worst ever with regard to listening to the needs of the citizen of this city.

FW: Public Comment on Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center 12/10/20 Agenda Items 12 b&c and 13a – Application No. 5-18-0788

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Thu 12/3/2020 4:37 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

11 attachments (5 MB)
lbh-newsletter-spring-2013 History Belmont Pool.pdf; Tidelands Shortfall May 19 2020.pdf; TIDELANDS FUND IN CRISIS LB Business Journal 8-21-20.docx; CCC submission 12-3-20.docx; Area with Park.jpg; Pool covering park area.jpg; Olympic Park .JPG; Aerial Belmont Shore 1950 -1.jpg; Belmont Shore aerial view 3-28-1956.jpg; Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool Building LBPL.jpg; Belmont Plaza Pier & Pool 2002 LBPL.jpg;

From: Melinda Cotton [mailto:mbcotton@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:06 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center 12/10/20 Agenda Items 12 b&c and 13a – Application No. 5-18-0788

December 3, 2020

Dear Chair Padilla, Vice Chair Brownsey, and fellow Commissioners:

Please deny the City of Long Beach LCP and Coastal Development Permit request to construct a competitive and recreational pool and diving complex on the beach in Belmont Shore.

In order to gain permission to build this large non-coastal dependent aquatic complex on the beach and bulldoze a beachfront park in Belmont Shore, Long Beach will try to persuade you, the California Coastal Commission, that the sandy beach is really NOT a beach.-

We're told the City's argument is that:

> The site is not on the beach. They say that it's a legal parcel that used to be covered with dirt and a swimming pool and they're just building another swimming pool on top of concrete. Coastal Staff told us this wouldn't be allowed on public trust land that's actually on the public beach. But the City describes it as right next to the beach.

However historic photographs from the Long Beach Public Library tell another story. The black and white photos above, dated before the old Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool was built in 1967, show that this location has always been sandy beach. And all the photo captions of the old Belmont Pool state that it is "on the beach." Also. the attached article from the respected Long Beach Heritage Newsletter, Spring 2013, states: "In January 1967 plans were approved for a group of structures at Belmont Plaza, a site west of the pier on the beach in Belmont Shore."

The issues raised by the proposed BBAC construction include:

> The precedent of allowing new construction on the beach of a public facility of this size – which is not beach dependent. [A precedent which might lead other agencies or

landowners to request similar benefits to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.]

The BBAC is a project site threatened with Sea Level Rise, King and High Tides, earthquakes, located in a Tsunami Evacuation Zone, FEMA Flood Type A zone, and with a "… high potential for Liquefaction" and need for 96 piles sunk up to 80 feet deep to ward off "lateral earthquake loads and potential liquefaction". (The old Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool had to be demolished in 2014 as it was deemed "...seismically unsafe in the event of a moderate earthquake".)

The BBAC requires an "Armoring" type 7-foot concrete plinth (i.e. foundation) required (as stated in the EIRs) to "…to protect the pools, buildings, and structures from a high-water event." This would appear to be 'functioning as a shoreline protective device" or 'Armoring' feature.

Environmental Justice and Social Equity issues: The City of Long Beach has only three public pools. Belmont Shore still has an Olympic-sized Temporary Pool and once again the City insists on building a competitive Aquatic Complex in this wealthy, Eastside of Long Beach. The City has ignored Coastal Staff and concerned residents asking that the BBAC be built on the available Convention Center Elephant Lot, more convenient to our poorer residents yet adjacent to facilities needed to attract competitive swimming and diving events.

Diminished Coastal Access – we're told "Protecting public access to the *coast* for all and recreational opportunities is a core mandate of the *Coastal* Act." Yet a non-coastal dependent aquatic complex with competitive event seating for 1800 to 3,000 and 10,000 spectators will overwhelm available parking lots and beachgoer and vehicle access (only one route to the BBAC exists with only one lane in each direction).

The BBAC's estimated cost is $85 million (according to City Manager Tom Modica). Before the Covid19 crisis and tumbling oil prices, the City had set aside $61.5 million in Tidelands Funds budgeted for the BBAC construction. The Tidelands Operating Fund is now deeply in red ink, ($5 - $19 million) (*see attached budget document)*. Coastal Staff requested a "definite priority listing of capital improvements for long-term capital development of beach facilities". Staff asked [MC1] "how the proposed project affects the City's capital improvement priorities". The City's response was a 2015 Memo listing the Belmont Pool ahead of rebuilding the Belmont Pier, ahead of the crumbling Naples Sea Walls, an aging, out of date Lifeguard Headquarters, etc. And that 2015 Priority List has not been updated, according to Public Works Director Eric Lopez who told me: "There is no update to the plan, nor is one planned at this time, but the list of needs for future projects as outlined in that report is still relevant." It appears the critical financial needs of Climate Change, Global Warming, Sea Level Rise and thousands of residents expected to be flooded out of their homes take a back seat to an $85 million aquatic complex. (The *attached* Long Beach Business Journal article (August 2020) reflects critical Tidelands Operating Fund needs.)

Item Description

Title	Aerial Belmont Shore, 1950
Creator	Cedronics Aerial Photography for Office of the City Engineer (11017)
Date	8/8/1950
Subject	Aerial photographs, Streets, Neighborhoods, Beaches California, Southern
Description	This aerial image looking approximately southeast shows Belmont Shore as it appeared in the 1950's. Residences and streets are clearly shown. The "Y" junction of Ocean Boulevard (rt.) and Livingstone Drive (lft.) is central in this photograph. At right, Belmont Pier extends across the beach into the ocean. Along the upper edge of the image, part of the Marine Stadium and Alamitos Bay are pictured. DATE NOTES: Noted on image back. ORIG. IMAGE: 8" x 10" B&W glossy print. NEGATIVE: No. KEYWORDS: Buildings,

Item Description

Title	Belmont Shore aerial view
Creator	Spence Air Photos (E-8A-109) for the Office of the City Engineer
Date	1956-03-28
Subject	Housing; Bays--California; Beaches California Aerial photographs
Description	Camera looking approximately southeast, this image shows in the foreground Belmont Shore, Belmont Heights, and the beach along East Ocean Boulevard. Running through the center of the photo is Second Street; roofs of businesses are clearly visible. East Livingston Drive runs diagonally in the image, intersecting with Ocean Boulevard as well as Second Street. Broadway is visible in the lower left quadrant, running vertically up to meet Livingston Drive. In the background, Alamitos Bay, Alamitos Peninsula, Naples, and the Marine Stadium are clearly shown. Beyond the bay, Seal Beach is seen in the upper right quadrant of the photo. DATE NOTES:Dated by photographer. ORIG. IMAGE:8" x 10" B&W glossy print. NEGATIVE:No.

Public Comment on Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center 12/10/20 Agenda Items 12 b&c and 13a – Application No. 5-18-0788

December 3, 2020

Dear Chair Padilla, Vice Chair Brownsey, and fellow Commissioners:

Please deny the City of Long Beach LCP and Coastal Development Permit request to construct a competitive and recreational pool and diving complex on the beach in Belmont Shore.

In order to gain permission to build this large non-coastal dependent aquatic complex on the beach and bulldoze a beachfront park in Belmont Shore, Long Beach will try to persuade you, the California Coastal Commission, that the sandy beach is really NOT a beach.

We're told the City's argument is that:

> The site is not on the beach. They say that it's a legal parcel that used to be covered with dirt and a swimming pool and they're just building another swimming pool on top of concrete. Coastal Staff told us this wouldn't be allowed on public trust land that's actually on the public beach. But the City describes it as right next to the beach.

However historic photographs from the Long Beach Public Library tell another story. The black and white photos above, dated before the old Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool was built in 1967, show that this location has always been sandy beach. And all the photo captions of the old Belmont Pool state that it is "on the beach." Also. the attached article from the respected Long Beach Heritage Newsletter, Spring 2013, states: "In January 1967 plans were approved for a group of structures at Belmont Plaza, a site west of the pier on the beach in Belmont Shore."

The issues raised by the proposed BBAC construction include:

The precedent of allowing new construction on the beach of a public facility of this size – which is not beach dependent. [A precedent which might lead other agencies or landowners to request similar benefits to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.]

The BBAC is a project site threatened with Sea Level Rise, King and High Tides, earthquakes, located in a Tsunami Evacuation Zone, FEMA Flood Type A zone, and with a "… high potential for Liquefaction" and need for 96 piles sunk up to 80 feet deep to ward off "lateral earthquake loads and potential liquefaction". (The old Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool had to be demolished in 2014 as it was deemed "...seismically unsafe in the event of a moderate earthquake".)

The BBAC requires an "Armoring" type 7-foot concrete plinth (i.e. foundation) required (as stated in the EIRs) to "…to protect the pools, buildings, and structures from a high-water event." This would appear to be 'functioning as a shoreline protective device" or 'Armoring' feature.

Environmental Justice and Social Equity issues: The City of Long Beach has only three public pools. Belmont Shore still has an Olympic-sized Temporary Pool and once again the City insists on building a competitive Aquatic Complex in this wealthy, Eastside of Long Beach. The City has ignored Coastal Staff and concerned residents asking that the BBAC be built on the available Convention Center Elephant Lot, more convenient to our poorer residents yet adjacent to facilities needed to attract competitive swimming and diving events.

Diminished Coastal Access – we're told "Protecting public access to the *coast* for all and recreational opportunities is a core mandate of the *Coastal* Act." Yet a non-coastal dependent aquatic complex with competitive event seating for 1800 to 3,000 and 10,000 spectators will overwhelm available parking lots and beachgoer and vehicle access (only one route to the BBAC exists with only one lane in each direction).

The BBAC's estimated cost is $85 million (according to City Manager Tom Modica). Before the Covid19 crisis and tumbling oil prices, the City had set aside $61.5 million in Tidelands Funds budgeted for the BBAC construction. The Tidelands Operating Fund is now deeply in red ink, ($5 - $19 million). Coastal Staff requested a "definite priority listing of capital improvements for long-term capital development of beach facilities". Staff asked "how the proposed project affects the City's capital improvement priorities". The City's response was a 2015 Memo listing the Belmont Pool ahead of rebuilding the Belmont Pier, ahead of the crumbling Naples Sea Walls, an aging, out of date Lifeguard Headquarters, etc. And that 2015 Priority List has not been updated, according to Public Works Director Eric Lopez who told me: "There is no update to the plan, nor is one planned at this time, but the list of needs for future projects as outlined in that report is still relevant." It appears the critical financial needs of Climate Change, Global Warming, Sea Level Rise and thousands of residents expected to be flooded out of their homes take a back seat to an $85 million aquatic complex. (The *attached* Long Beach Business Journal article (August 2020) reflects critical Tidelands Operating Fund needs.)

Commented [MC1]:

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. And thank you for your service on the Coastal Commission and dedication to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations.

Sincerely,
Melinda Cotton
Appellant and 35-year resident of Belmont Shore
Past President, Belmont Shore Residents Association
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Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool to Be Demolished

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LOUISE IVERS

The Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool complex was built in 1967 in anticipation of the 1968 Olympic trials.

By Louise Ivers

In January 1967 plans were approved for a group of structures at Belmont Plaza, a site west of the pier on the beach in Belmont Shore. Francis Heusel and Frank Homolka, noted Long Beach architects, and Bole and Wilson, local engineers, designed the complex, which included an Olympic size indoor pool, a community/private event building, and a locker room. The pool was built in anticipation of the 1968 swimming, diving, and water polo trials to pick the United States' Olympic team. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Mark Spitz, Don Schollander, and Charles Hickox set men's records during these trials. During the 1975 Olympic development meet, Shirley Babashoff took first place in the 400 meter freestyle event and in 1976 she broke the record for the women's 100 meter freestyle competition in the Olympic trial at the Belmont Pool. After the trials, te pool was opened to the public for recreational purposes.

In 2008 the city hired a consultant to make a structural and seismic evaluation of the Belmont Plaza Olympic complex and, more recently, in 2012 another study determined that the natatorium might not be reparable after an earthquake measuring five magnitude or higher. This building, which measures 224'x148,' was constructed with a shear-wall frame, cast in place reinforced concrete columns, and prestressed concrete girders. It has a 23' high glass curtain wall below a 25' high precast concrete shear wall. In 1968 this type of construction clearly met the code requirements, but today, more stringent rules are applied to such buildings. According to the latest seismic report, some cracks have appeared in the natatorium and the walls appear to be deteriorating.

When completed, the Belmont Pool measured 50 X 75 meters, had eight lanes ranging from 3½ to 12 feet deep, six lifeguard towers equipped with television monitors, and movable plastic panels in the roof that could be opened to allow the sun to shine on the swimmers. A computerized scoreboard provided extremely accurate recording of athletes' prowess. Bleachers seated 3,500 spectators and a press box with the most modern equipment was located above them. All of these features added up to a state of the art natatorium that hosted the 1968 Olympic trials from August 21 through September 3. In 1969, the building won an award from the Portland Cement Association for its versatile use of concrete in "structural, architectural and economic solutions" (Independent-Press-Tele-

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Buffum's Marina Store Will Be Drastically Remodeled

By Louise Ivers

Buffums' Department Store, a major Long Beach company, traced its roots back to 1904, when Charles A. and Edwin E. Buffum came to southern California from Illinois and bought Schilling Brothers' store on Pine Avenue. They gave the business a new name, The Mercantile Company, and in 1911 commissioned W. Horace Austin to design a new building at the southwest corner of Pine Avenue and Broadway. The Buffum brothers prospered and in 1924 a new six-story addition, also by Austin, opened on Pine Avenue. By this time the company was called Buffums' and a younger generation of the family ran the store. Harry Buffum was president in 1950, when a branch was constructed in Santa Ana, and in 1960 he announced plans for a "spe-

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PHOTOGRAPHY BY LOUISE IVERS

Architect Hugh Gibbs designed the Buffums store located at Second Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Message from the President

By Melinda Roney

The 25th Silver Anniversary Awards Gala was a tremendous success. . I believe that Paul Tay's acceptance speech made the evening. What a very nice man! His enthusiasm for returning to Long Beach warmed all of our hearts. Unfortunately, his wife could not come to the Benefit, but she sent a message to us: "I was there in spirit and had a wonderful time. Hugs, Ruth." Many thanks go to Karen Clements and her Awards Jury for their fine selections this year. Mary Ellen Mitchell did an excellent job on the silent auction items and their presentation; and Mary Lou Martin and Chris Launi entertained us with beautiful pictures of the awardees and their accomplishments. Thank you to Patty Moore, Mary Kay Nottage, Bobbi Burket, Jean Shapen, Jill Black, Charlotte Mitchell, Maria Price, and the many others who worked to make this a very successful event.

We all enjoyed our Loft Walk and Big Red Bus Tour in March. Thanks to Laura Verbyck and Anne Marie Ashley for organizing the event; John Thomas for his very informative Art Deco Tour of Long Beach; and Dan and Peggy Peterson for sharing their beautiful penthouse with us. As usual, there were many more people who contributed to the success of this event.

Be sure and follow LBH on Facebook and check our website (www.lbheritage.org) for more information. This year has many great events coming up. Be sure and mark your calendars. We hope that you can join us in some or all of them.

Quilters Carry On

By Bobbi Burket

Marion Nickle with Elena Levine.

Nine women, trying not to squabble too much over decisions and procedures, are "in stitches" on Saturday afternoons at Bembridge House. Their most recently completed project, a quilt in the chimney patch block pattern—a design that has been traced at least as far back as the Civil War—started with a quilt top that was purchased at an estate sale by Marion Nickle. The Carriage House Quilters, using only hand stitching, finished it over the course of several months, and raffled it off at the January 27 General Meeting at Rancho Los Alamitos, with proceeds going to the coffers of the Bembridge House. The winner, Mary Ellen Mitchell, generously donated it to the Heritage Awards Benefit, so that it could be offered there in our silent auction, bringing in more funds for the house. The current project began from donated fabrics and is completely hand stitched.

The stitching at Bembridge House all began with Marion and Elena, and they are currently joined by Elaine Bauer, Bobbi Burket, Shirley Doo, Sally Innes, Peggy Kozlowski, Sherron Leno, and Ellen Zapeda. The women are often at work when tours come through, offering a reminder of aspects of the past that merit preservation and pride.

What's Up at the Bembridge House

By Charlotte Mitchell

All of us at the Bembridge House have been very busy in the past months keeping up with all the jobs big and small in a historic house that is over 100 years old and open to the public. Tours have increased in number as we now have a Facebook page and an updated website. Almost all of our volunteers took part in helping make the Awards Dinner such a success. The garden committee donated six arrangements of succulents that added to the wonderful look of the auction.

A few organizations have taken advantage of a tour and a box lunch combo that we now offer to small groups. Our fantastic docents give the tour and then the members of the new hospitality committee serve the luncheon. These groups have been very pleased with the augmented tours.

In the coming weeks the third grade school children will be keeping the docents busy. The garden committee will be getting the garden in shape after the winter for the May Day event and the roses will be in bloom for all of us to enjoy. Come visit and bring a friend.

Keith Nottage

We are sad to report that Keith Nottage, a long time, loyal volunteer for Long Beach Heritage, passed away in February, while in the care of the VA Hospice. Keith lived in University Park Estates for the past 45 years with his wife, Mary Kay (our Executive Director) and worked at most of the top accounting firms throughout his career in finance. He also volunteered as treasurer at the Long Beach Art Museum and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and was active in several mystery writers' groups and art clubs. Keith was a fixture at our LBH events, often helping Mary Kay as her supporting cast with ticket sales and coordination, and we will miss him. In addition to Keith's four amazing grandchildren, he leaves behind his son, Doug, and his daughter, Cindy. A private ceremony will be held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego in April. In lieu of flowers, Mary Kay suggested making a donation to Long Beach Heritage in Keith's name. "He would have really liked that," she said with a smile. "He really loved this city and our LBH community."

Call for Board Members for 2013–2014

By Sasha Witte

Would you like to get involved with something meaningful and spend time with a wonderful group of people while you are doing it? Then consider joining the board of directors of Long Beach Heritage! We are always looking for new and good people for our board and past experience is not necessary, only an interest in historic preservation and the desire to further its exposure to the community. If you want to help promote preservation in Long Beach don't be shy about putting your name on the straw ballot that will be mailed out to members in April. Also feel free to contact me by email at sasha@sashawittedesign.com to let me know if you would like to throw your hat in the ring.

I hope that all existing board members will be staying with us for another exciting year. If your life requires a change please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks again to all of you wonderful people who step up to make a difference.

Santa Anita Racetrack Event on April 20

Join us for an exciting day at the historic Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia.

Join Long Beach Heritage for an exciting day at the historic Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia and see thoroughbred horse racing at its finest on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Make sure to arrive promptly in order to take the tram tour, which will be followed by a short walking tour of the stables and jockeys' room. After this, we will proceed to our luncheon and spend the afternoon watching the exciting races, one of which will be named for LBH. You may have your photo taken in the Winners' Circle as well.

Tickets are $50 for Long Beach Heritage members and $55 for their guests. Your ticket includes parking at Santa Anita (you must use your own transportation to get there), admission to the track, extensive guided tram and walking tours, a racing program, and a delicious two-course lunch. Purchase tickets at www.lbheritage.org or call us at (562) 493-7019 and they will be mailed to you.

Fifteenth Annual Hollywood Bowl Concert and Dinner

The 2013 Hollywood Bowl concert will again include dinner at Casa Alegre, the historic Spanish Revival home of Rick and Brad Hobbs-Seeley.

Don't miss our fifteenth annual Hollywood Bowl concert and dinner at Casa Alegre, the historic Spanish Revival home of Rick and Brad Hobbs-Seeley. This year we will be enjoying "Chicago—The Musical" on Saturday, July 27. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. to catch our bus to Hollywood and then enjoy a delicious meal prepared especially for us by Rick and Brad. Following dinner we will be off in our bus again to the Bowl, where we will be treated to a performance of the award-winning "Chicago" which is set in the 1920s and has an all-star cast.

Tickets are $99 for Long Beach Heritage members and $110 for their guests. The amount of tickets is limited and are available through PayPal at www.lbheritage. org or by mailing a check to LBH, P.O. Box 92521, Long Beach 90809. After you have purchased your tickets you will receive information about the bus transportation to the event.

2013 Annual Meeting at the Queen Mary

Our Annual Meeting will be held on July 28 at 2:00 p.m. on the Queen Mary and we will find out about the recent preservation efforts that have been implemented on board the historic ship. These include the restoration of the paintings, "Birds of the Old World" and "Birds of the New World," in the Grand Salon, as well as the refurbishing of the Observation Lounge to its original aspect. After a lecture by John Thomas, Historic Resources Advisor to the Queen Mary, Long Beach Heritage members and their guests will take a tour of some of the preservation projects. Refreshments will be served and we will receive validated parking. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING YOU MUST R.S.V.P. TO THE LBH OFFICE IN ADVANCE.** Please call (562) 493-7019 at least one week before the event.

A Long Beach Success Story

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LOUISE IVERS

The former Ray Vines Chrysler Agency at the northwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Willow Street.

By Louise Ivers

The Googie architecture of the former Ray Vines Chrysler Agency at the northwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Willow Street has been saved and the building will become a mini-mall in the near future. A new car wash structure has been constructed on the property as well. Vines Chrysler was designed by Paul Clayton of Downey, who was famous for his eye-catching Harvey's Broiler (later Johnie's Broiler) in that city. Vines Chrysler was very similar to the demolished Simpson Buick Agency at the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Dolan Avenue in Downey with its dramatically cantilevered roof of folded planes.

Ray Vines began his career as the owner of a small used car lot on East Anaheim Street, but by December 1963, when his new building was open for business, he owned three automobile dealerships in Orange County and income property in Garden Grove. In an advertisement in the *Press-Telegram* from February 1964, Vines Chrysler offered a Plymouth station wagon to prospective buyers for $2,497. It had an automatic transmission, heater, defroster, tinted glass, and white sidewall tires.

This author is overjoyed to see that a Mid-Century Modern building is being adaptively reused and hopes that Clayton's striking design will continue to attract customers to the businesses at this prominent corner site in Long Beach.

Buffum's Marina Store *(Continued from page 1)*

cialty type sportswear store" at the new Marina shopping center (*Independent-Press-Telegram*, 23 October 1960).

Local architect Hugh Gibbs was the developer of the Marina center and he designed the store, located on Second Street at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway, as well as the adjacent Hof's Hut restaurant (slated for immanent closure) and the Lucky Market. The original interior, remodeled in 1976 by Hugh and Donald Gibbs when the building was converted into a bank and stock brokerage office, was designed by internationally renowned Edward Killingsworth in his signature style. Since the store was in a suburban part of Long Beach at the time, Buffums'Marina had numerous free parking spaces for customers adjacent to the structure.

The store was constructed of concrete masonry, had a footprint of almost 17,000 square feet, and cost $116,000. Although the projecting hoods over the large display windows that tempted prospective customers to purchase the latest styles of clothing on the Second Street elevation were removed when the building was remodeled, the distinctive series of barrel vaults that form a canopy over the entrance remain, as does the stone facing at the corner of the building. The exterior will lose these Mid-Century Modern characteristics when it is converted into a CVS Drug Store in the near future.

When the construction of the specialty shop was announced in the *Independent-Press-Telegram* in 1960, Vice President Vaile G. Young stated that "the new Buffums 'Marina will cater to men, women and children whose way of life is carefree and casual….Sportswear apparel, accessories and gifts featured will include domestic and foreign imports, with emphasis placed on the fine, well-known lines and exclusives." In the fifties the southern California lifestyle, with its emphasis on outdoor activities and absence of traditional formality, began to drive sales of sportswear upward. Many well known designers of casual clothing and swim suits were located in Los Angeles and Buffums' capitalized on this trend by opening stores devoted to sportswear (another branch designed by Killingsworth was built in Palos Verdes in 1962-1963). Boat owners and beach goers could conveniently shop at the nearby Buffums' Marina which was located near Belmont Shore and Alamitos Bay.

The Buffums' Marina store is a fine example of 60s architecture with its concrete construction and stone facing. Since it is over 50 years old, it should be subject to the Long Beach Adaptive Reuse Ordinance before new plans for the façade are finalized. Buffums' is an important piece of local history and this building is the only one of its former stores left in our city.

Belmont Plaza *(Continued from page 1)*

gram, 23 March 1969).

The two-story pool is flanked by a one-story locker room on the east and a two-story community building that can be rented for private events on the west side. The facades of these structures have a series of vertical concrete piers that support flat roofs with projecting eaves and pebble aggregate panels in between them. They display contrasting smooth and rough textures in a thoroughly modern manner, yet have a suggestion of classical arches below the roof line. The architects, Heusel and Homolka, designed many important buildings in southern California, including the Water Department Headquarters in Long Beach, Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, and numerous Home Savings and Loan bank.

The Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool has been closed to the public since January 10, 2013 and critics state that it is outdated. Future plans may include building an outdoor natatorium in the present parking lot or possibly changing the location of the public pool entirely. It seems certain that the Belmont complex will be demolished soon and that its distinctive architecture will be lost forever.

Membership Report — March 2013

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Great Homes of Long Beach

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHRIS LAUNI

The "Great Homes of Long Beach" tour will feature six homes, each of different and unique architectural character.

The 2013 "Great Homes of Long Beach" tour will take place on Sunday, June 2 from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. This year's tour will feature homes in Virginia Country Club, Naples, California Heights and other sections of the city. We are targeting six homes, each of different and unique architectural character, to be open for docent-led viewing.

While the tour fulfills the educational objectives of Long Beach Heritage, the proceeds of the event are dedicated to the restoration and support of the historic Bembridge House, a landmark owned by our organization. Each year Heritage volunteers work for weeks to develop the Great Homes tour. Please know that we expect the event to sell out, with over 600 visitors and volunteers participating. Ticket sales will begin at the end of April, so keep an eye out for a postcard that will supply you with all the applicable details. You don't want to miss it!

The May Day Festival will be held at Drake Park on Saturday, May 4.

May Day Festival in Drake Park

This year's May Day Festival will be held at Drake Park, 951 Maine Avenue, on Saturday, May 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will have two centers of activity. The Bembridge Heritage Homesite will offer tours from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for a $2.00 donation from adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The Willmore City Heritage Association will have a booth in the park offering information and items for sale. St. Mary Medical Center and other groups will offer free health screening services and information about their facilities. Friends' House at Drake Park will provide free books and other activities for children.

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Santa Anita Day at the Races	April 20
LBH Executive Committee	April 22
May Day at Bembridge House	May 4
LBH Board (date change)	May 20
Great Homes Tour	June 2
LBH Executive Committee	June 24
Hollywood Bowl	July 22
Annual Meeting	July 28
Bembridge Western-theme Party	September 21
Walking tours at 9:00 AM	March 16
	April 20
	May 18
	June 15

LBH Membership

Long Beach Heritage is a non-profit education and advocacy group promoting public knowledge and preservation of significant historic and architectural resources, neighborhoods and the cultural heritage of Long Beach. Dues are due on May 1st each year.

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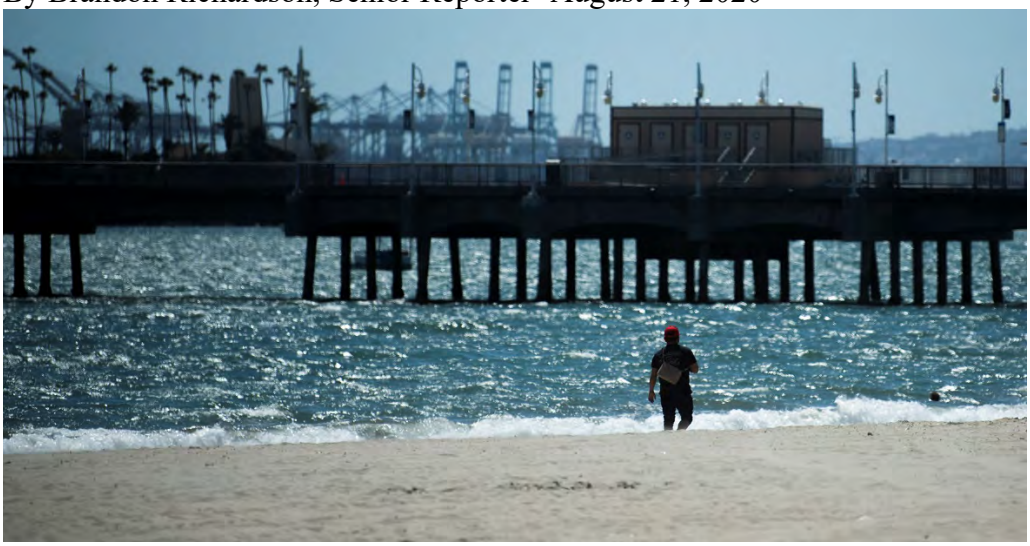
Tidelands Fund in crisis: Budgetary challenges jeopardize future development timelines

By Brandon Richardson, Senior Reporter- August 21, 2020



A man walks along the beach near the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, which is slated to be rebuilt ahead of the 2028 Olympics. Photo by Thomas R. Cordova.

As the end of a strenuous fiscal year nears, city leaders are proposing a new budget with upward of $30 million in cutbacks to multiple departments and funds, including the Tidelands Fund. City staff utilized creative solutions to minimize the impacts on the Tidelands but the future of coastal-area funding and its revenue streams is in question.

At just over $85.5 million, the proposed budget for the Tidelands Operating Fund, which pays for a litany of programs, services and projects—from aquarium and convention center maintenance and improvements, to lifeguards and tree trimming, to developments such as the new Belmont pool and beach concession stands—is about $9.5 million less than last year.

The closure of the convention center this year due to the pandemic alone is expected to cost the Tidelands Fund $5 million this fiscal year and $2.5 million in fiscal year 2021.

Tidelands revenue streams, including oil and parking fees along the city's coast, have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Additionally, Tidelands monies are likely going to be needed to cover debts normally paid through Carnival Cruise passenger fees and the aquarium's monthly rent, two revenue sources hit hard this year.

Next year's proposed budget includes the elimination of 19.33 full-time equivalent positions funded by Tidelands for a savings of $2.4 million. Other Tidelands cuts include tree trimming and a 20% reduction in green space mowing in the coastal area.

Eight major projects, five of which are supposed to be funded in large part with Tidelands dollars, were identified for completion ahead of the 2028 Olympics, during which Long Beach is slated to host multiple events. The proposed budget identifies a funding gap for four of the projects totaling $96.5 million.

Projects with unidentified funding include the Belmont Pier rebuild ($25 million gap), the controversial Belmont pool ($20 million gap), Long Beach Arena improvements ($50 million gap) and lifeguard towers ($1.5 million gap).

“We have identified funding as a concern,” Long Beach Financial Management Director John Gross said, referring to the budget, which states reserves that could be used for the projects may be used to cover other expenses over the next few years due to the current financial crisis.

“We don’t have enough information at this point to speculate on long-term funding possibilities,” he added, when asked if the projects will be funded and completed in time for the Olympics.

Over the last four years, the city has grossed an average of $11.7 million in oil revenue in the Uplands Fund (land-based oil production), which feeds into the general fund, and $19.2 million in Tidelands (THUMS Islands production).

For the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, the city budgeted $8.8 million in oil revenue for the general fund and $12.6 million for the Tidelands Fund after setting aside $1.3 million and $5.7 million, respectively, for future well abandonment costs.

The city has opted to not pay into the abandonment fund this year or next to make up for current and future losses. For this fiscal year, Uplands is expected to generate $7.48 million, while Tidelands makes $12.3 million. In 2021, the city is projecting Uplands to bring in $4.7 million, while Tidelands generates $9.5 million.

“The average revenues are [without] any set-aside for future abandonment expenses,” Long Beach Budget Manager Grace Yoon said in an email. “[And before] administrative expenditures, allocations for operations and capital in the General and Tidelands funds.”

FW: Public Comment on December 2020 Agenda Item Thursday 11a - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

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To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Cc: Dana Buchanan
Subject: Public Comment on December 2020 Agenda Item Thursday 11a - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

As a local small business owner in the Belmont Pier Plaza area I am in full support to bring back the Belmont Beach and Aqua c Center.

I swam in the pools there in the 1960s and it was a fantas c swimming facility. Long Beach needs a premier swimming facility like this and with the Olympics coming up hopefully we can have it ready for them to use for some event.

I believe there is plenty of parking in the area already to support this facility on both sides of the proposed loca on.

I am excited to see the plans develop into reality.

Thank you for your me

Chef Paul Buchanan

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FW: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a - Application No. 5-18-0788

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Thu 12/3/2020 2:43 PM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

For Th 13a.

From: zombie jerry [mailto:bertboutout@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:50 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a - Application No. 5-18-0788

Coastal Commission.

I want you to NOT Approve this project.

I do NOT want this big pool and all the parking problems at this location.

I have been in Long Beach since the 1970s. When I first came here, one of the weirdest things, I saw in this city, was the Belmont Shore pool at the beach.

There is no parking down here in this area, and it's even worse now than in the 1970s.

The other thing I noticed, was the city of Long Beach always put nice parks and facilities in the east side of town and left the part of city where I lived without parking, without shops, without pools, without parks.
My neighborhood is multi apartment higher density, over 100 years old, and we did never have Parks or access to the beach over here, or any nice things.

This pool is a nice idea but the city should have put it on the old 11 acres site north of Virginia country club next to the LA River.
Instead, they let a bunch of people that live in Naples, and Belmont Shore, and CSULB people push to put a giant recreation facility on the beach.

This big sport facility can be put in North Long Beach, or an area closer to the river, north of Anaheim Street.

It would be nice to put this in an area where we don't have facilities, parks, or pool for people.

The beach site should be a giant Park.
You should allow more facilities for handicapped people and disabled to visit the beach with more parking for these people.

The pool can be placed in another area of the city. The reality is the City of Long Beach and the pool people, don't want to have the pool put in an area in the rest of the city, because they're just trying to get a certain kind of person to go over to the pool.

The same thing happened with the Shoreline Park and the shopping center in downtown Long Beach. The city played a big game with the Tidelands and there should never have been a stupid shopping center with all that cement on the waterfront. The coastal commission needs to stop all the cement at the beach we need more trees, more flowers and plants, more swing sets along the beach for the children, and easier access for people who live in the apartments and have to walk there with baby strollers.

Please move the pool someplace else like North Long Beach there's places in North Long Beach that the city could use and there's land available but they just don't want to do this.
Thank you

FW: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a Application No.5-18-0788

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Thu 12/3/2020 2:42 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

For Th13a.

From: Glennis Dolce [mailto:glennisd@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:10 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on 12/10/20 Agenda Item 13a Application No.5-18-0788

Dear Decision Makers at the CCC,

As a 43 year resident of Long Beach I disagree with using any Tideland Funds for Long Beach City's plan to build Olympic pools on the beach.

Various reasons abound but foremost in my mind are the following:

-this area is subject to SLR and should not be built on.
-residents in this area already have an existing outdoor pool at this location in addition to the beach for their recreation.
-Tideland Funds should be reserved for mitigating many other SLR issues as well as other environmental concerns
-residents in other parts of Long Beach need recreation facilities such as pools (and are not part of the Coastal Zone) so to take this money and make up the difference with other City funds is not equitable nor have residents across the city been adequately considered here.

Many have spoken out against this at City Hall but time and again, City Council and the Mayor have pushed forward their own agendas and voted against the wishes of the residents.

We the residents want fair and equitable treatment for all parts of the city, not just for those who can afford to live along the coast and easily take advantage of all the benefits that living in these coastal zones afford.

Additionally, The City does not seem to be taking SLR seriously. We will need diminishing Tideland Funds to address these issues in the future.

Please stop this project on the beach and let Long Beach leaders know that equity is needed all across the city.

Thank you.

Glennis Dolce
Long Beach
90807

No notice of Dec 10 Agenda Items: Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach)

Kerrie Aley <6102ka@gmail.com>

Thu 12/3/2020 2:32 PM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>; Brownsey, Donne@Coastal <donne.brownsey@coastal.ca.gov>; Padilla, Stephen@Coastal <Stephen.Padilla@coastal.ca.gov>; Turnbull-Sanders, Effie@Coastal <effie.turnbull-sanders@coastal.ca.gov>; Aminzadeh, Sara@Coastal <sara.aminzadeh@coastal.ca.gov>; Hart, Caryl@Coastal <caryl.hart@coastal.ca.gov>; Wilson, Mike@Coastal <mike.wilson@coastal.ca.gov>; Rice, Katie@Coastal <katie.rice@coastal.ca.gov>; Escalante, Linda@Coastal <linda.escalante@coastal.ca.gov>; Howell, Erik@Coastal <erik.howell@coastal.ca.gov>; Groom, Carole@Coastal <carole.groom@coastal.ca.gov>

1 attachments (183 KB)

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California Coastal Commission
cc. Dani Ziff

As of today December 3 2020 I have not received formal notification from either the *Coastal Commissio*n or the *City of Long Beac*h (that the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center) was on the December 10 2020 CC Agenda.
Allan Songer, Ginge Shontell and Loy Zimmerman also named appellants were also not notified.
Nearly a year ago we all received a mailed CC notice that our appeal applications had been accepted--- but no notice of the December 2020 hearing date or availability of staff documents.

A few days ago a friend told me that the December 10 Agenda was available. The applications and attachments are staged, huge and complicated.

Per my June 2020 previous request for a copy of the project application (see below)- I was unable to receive even a list of application documents to review. Am I supposed to guess what I might want to review? In the future is there a way to improve public access to the project applications- please?

I also noticed that other associated issues with the project such as an LCP Amendment, another appeal and the Coastal Development permit have been bundled on the same agenda.
https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2020/12

It has been over a year since the *City of Long Beach* approved the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. During this time there has been no public information released regarding the progress of this project. There is NO Public Hearing sign at the site of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. (this is a typical for a LB hearing noticing)

I checked the source code....On November 25 2020 The City added a hearing notice on the Belmont Pool website for the December 10 item. http://belmontpool.com/notices_meetings.php . Prior to that the City of Long Beach did not even update the website (it was static showing only the doomed Domed Project) ....until AFTER the LB Planning Commission approved the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center concept in 2019... There was no real public outreach on the new design. Now a year later during the Holiday Season and a pandemic....the City of Long Beach suddenly sneaks in a public notice on the website.

The only news source I can find was released TODAY December 3 2020 with the Grunion Gazette announcing the December 10 CC hearing.
https://www.gazettes.com/news/environment/belmont-aquatic-center-gets-hearing-at-coastal-commission-next-week/article_36ec121a-34da-11eb-a126-9fa345805c7b.html

At 1:03 PM December 3 (while I was writing this email) I tried to again access the CC December 10 Agenda. Instead I got a message saying that the Agenda was unavailable due to technical issues. See attached screenshot.
Your offices are closed due to Covid-19 and the Coastal Commission's website is not working properly.

Ever since the 2014 "emergency" demolition of the Belmont Pool to the prior doomed domed structure and now the latest mega complex proposed- the City of Long Beach has consistently acted in a manner that violates the Coastal Act requirement for maximum public participation.

Last night the County of Los Angeles enacted an emergency lockdown due to the global pandemic. Given the fact that prime motivation to build this mega project are elite swimmers and Olympics demands NOT the public's needs-I have to object strongly to this hearing date. Long Beach's demographics include many many citizens that live below the poverty line. Limiting this meeting to the connected few who have access to Zoom is unacceptable. There is no rush...The City of LB has admitted that it does not currently have the funds to build or maintain this pool complex.

Prior to any CC hearing the City should provide an alternate project study to locate the pool complex inland where Economic Justice will be served.
Children should swim in their own neighborhood pool... not bused to the beach in a patronizing manner for the purposes of enabling the destruction of a beach park and the construction of a massive elite Olympic swimming stadium and diving complex.

For the above reasons I am requesting that the CA Coastal Commission pull all matters related to the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center off the December 10 2020 Agenda and delay the hearing for at least 90 days.
Please forward this email to all the CC Commissioners.

Thank You for considering this matter,
Kerrie Aley

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 3:40 PM Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov> wrote:

> Hello Kerrie,
>
> The City of Long Beach has approved two local coastal development permits for the BBAC (one for the domed version, which you appealed, and one for a revised, largely outdoor project), but the Coastal Commission has not yet acted on the proposed development. Our staff is aiming to bring the proposed project, the appeals, and the City's requested changes to the Local Coastal Program before the Commission in September. Nothing, at this point, has been approved or denied.
>
> I have a large number of electronic documents that relate to this project. Given the complexity of the applicaon, ma ybe it would be best if I could give you a call and we can talk through some of your

quesons and narr ow down the documentaon y ou would like to see.

If you would like to have a quick chat about this applicaon, please send me a c ouple of mes this week that you would be available for a call and the best number to reach you at. If you would prefer I just send you all of the files I have, please let me know.

Thank you.

dani ziff

From: Kerrie Aley <6102ka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Seifert, Chloe@Coastal <chloe.seifert@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Applica on No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach)

Chloe Seifert-

I am an appellant on the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Application No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach).

I have heard 3rd hand that the application for this project has been finally approved and a hearing may occur in September 2020. Is this correct????
Has the application for the Local Coastal Program been approved?

Unfortunately the City of Long Beach has not informed us as to any changes to the application or provided any new supporting documentation submitted (other than the latest incomplete application approved by the Long Beach City Council late December 2019).

Since this project application has been processing for years and has changed substantially....it is not clear to me if this application package is a modification of the earlier domed pool design application or a completely new CCC application.

I would like to review a copy of the approved CCC application Application No. 5-18-0788 with all the supporting correspondence & documents. Is there an electronic copy you can send me?

I understand that the Covid-19 situation may delay your response. **If so could you please give me an estimate on when I could receive this information for review?**

I am also in contact with 3 other appellants **Allan Songer, Ginge Shontel and Loy Zimmerm**an and have offered to share this information with them.

Thank You
Regards, Kerrie Aley

Protest meeting/failed meeting noticeFw: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center public hearing

SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>
Thu 12/3/2020 12:15 PM
To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

Hi Dani,

I protest the Pool items being scheduled during this mee ng because of flawed proper no cing and I request those items to be removed from the schedule in December!!!!

I individually and as a Director of CARP have formally appealed against the Pool. I did not receive the below No ce you sent below on Dec. 2. I only learned about it through a third party. There is NO posted no ce at the pool site. In my junk mail, I finally found an email from Ardurra that had the wrong dates.

A. er working on this project since 2013, this is unjust No□cing of an Important mee□ng that I have par□cipated in for over 7 years.

This is WRONG and I request Coastal Commission pulling these Pool items from the December Coastal mee□ng due to improper No□cing.

Regards,
Susan Miller

From: Melinda Co on <mbco on@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:13 AM
To: dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Joe Weinstein <jweins123@hotmail.com>; anngadfly@aol.com <anngadfly@aol.com>; corlisslee@aol.com <corlisslee@aol.com>; RAE GABELICH <hoorae1@aol.com>; renee_ma @live.com <renee_ma @live.com>; Susan Miller <mpshogrl@msn.com>; Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Belmont Beach and Aqua cs Center public hearing

Hi Dani... While Jeff received your e-mail, I did not. So it's hard to know the list you're using (bcc's), or where it came from.
Have you seen the e-mail's (sketchy and partly inaccurate with no Commission/Project details) that were sent out Tuesday/Wednesday by a person from 'Ardurra'? A City contractor it appeared, but from an unknown e-mail that might turn up in one's Junk Mail folder. (I'll forward to you).

Interesng tha t the published noce did not include the Grunion Gaz e e (free/delivered in Belmont Shore, Heights, Naples, Peninsula) or Signal Tribune (north Long Beach) or LBReport, LBPost (widely distributed online media).

I'm not faulng y ou, please understand, you're having to work with what you're provided... there are other Nocing anomalies.

Is the City responsible for nocing? Since 'Ar durra' did that one, it seemed so. Could you let us know the nocing r esponsibilies and ming?

Thank you.

Melinda

From: Jeff Miller <Jeff.Miller@csulb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Melinda Co on <mbco on@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Belmont Beach and Aqua cs Center public hearing

From: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 18:02
Subject: Belmont Beach and Aqua cs Center public hearing

CAUTION: This email was sent from an external source.

Hello,

As a courtesy, in addition to legally required noticing that has previously been provided to individuals who provided a mailing address, and a newspaper notice to be published in the Press-Telegram, The Beach Reporter, Daily Breeze and Palos Verdes Peninsula News tomorrow (December 3, 2020), you are being noticed regarding the Coastal Commission's December 10, 2020 hearing on the City of Long Beach's proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center project.

Please refer to the information below for the hearing details and procedures.

Sincerely,
dani ziff

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LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT, APPEALS, AND COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION NUMBERS: LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1, A-5-LOB-17-0032, A-5-LOB-20-0007, & 5-18-0788

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: 4000 E. Olympic Plaza, Long Beach, Los Angeles County

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:

DATE: **Thursday, December 10,2020**
TIME: **0900**

PLACE: Virtual Hearing **ITEM NOs: Th11a, Th12b, Th12c, and Th 13a**
PHONE(415) 407-3211

Th11a – LCP-5-LOB-1-20-0014-1
LCP AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION: Public hearing and action on request by City of Long Beach to amend its Land Use Plan (LUP) and the Implementation Plan (IP) of the certified LCP to revise regulations for the Belmont Pier Planned Development District to allow for the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Th12b – A-5-LOB-17-0032
DECISION BEING APPEALED: Appeals by Commissioners Bochco and Turnbull-Sanders, and Citizens About Responsible Planning (CARP), et al., from decision of City of Long Beach granting permit with conditions for construction of approx. 125,500 sq.ft. swimming pool complex with indoor component with max. building height of 71ft. above 10ft. graded plinth and outdoor component including approx. 1,500 sq.ft. café, 600 sq.ft. public restroom, and 55,745 sq.ft. of park area on 5.8 acre beachfront site.

Th12c – A-5-LOB-20-0007
DECISION BEING APPEALED: Appeals by Susan Miller, et al., of City of Long Beach granting permit with conditions for construction of outdoor pool complex with 15,181 sq.ft. approx. 29ft. high pool facilities building with locker rooms, offices, food concessions, changing rooms, and storage rooms; 141,558 sq.ft. hardscaped open space; 92,297 sq.ft. passive park; and public restrooms and conversion of temporary pool and associated facilities to permanent structures.

Th13a – 5-18-0788
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Application of City of Long Beach to close Olympic Plaza to automobile traffic, remove park landscaping, demolish 2 outdoor pools, convert temporary pool and associated facilities to permanent structures, and construct outdoor pool complex including 12,320 sq. ft. competitive pool, 4,560 sq. ft. recreation pool, 1,000 sq. ft. teaching pool, 500 sq. ft. spa, 5,660 sq. ft. diving well, and spray garden, 1,555 permanent seats, 15,181 sq. ft. approx. 29 ft.high pool facilities building with locker rooms, offices, food concessions, changing rooms, and storage rooms, 141,558 sq. ft. hardscaped open space, 92,297 sq. ft. passive park, and public restrooms, at Belmont Shore Beach Park.

VIRTUAL HEARING PROCEDURES: As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, this Coastal Commission meeting will occur virtually through video and teleconference. Please see the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF STAFF REPORT: A copy of the staff report on this matter is available at at http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS: If you wish to submit written materials for review by the Commission, please observe the following:

- Submit your written materials to the Commission staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the hearing (staff will then distribute your materials to the Commission). Note that materials received after this time will not be distributed to the Commission.
- Mark the agenda number of your item, the application number, your name and your position in favor or opposition to the project on the upper right hand corner of the first page of your submission. If you do not know the agenda number, contact the Commission staff person listed below.
- A current list of Commissioners' names and addresses is available on the Coastal Commission's website at http://www.coastal.ca.gov/roster.html. If you wish to submit materials directly to Commissioners, we request that you mail the materials so that the Commissioners receive the materials no later than Thursday of the week before the Commission meeting. You must provide Commission staff with a

copy of any materials that you provide to Commissioners. Please mail the same materials to all Commissioners, alternates for Commissioners, and the three nonvoting members on the Commission with a copy to the Commission staff person listed on below.

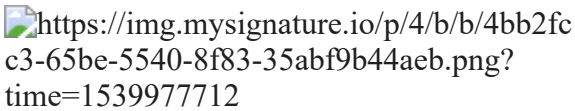
- You are requested to summarize the reasons for your position in no more than two or three pages, if possible.

ALLOTED TIME FOR TESTIMONY: Oral testimony at the substantial issue stage for the appeals is limited to 3 minutes combined total per side to address the question of substantial issue but may be reduced at the discretion of the Chair. Commissioners may decide to not hold a substantial issue hearing for the appeals.

This will be a combined hearing for all four items. Oral testimony at the de novo stage for the appeals will be combined with the oral testimony for the LCP Amendment and the Coastal Development Permit Application. Members of the public will only be allowed to speak once during the combined hearing for all four items and may be limited to 2 minutes or less for each speaker depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard and at the discretion of the Chair.

No one can predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items or how many will be postponed to a later date. The Commission begins each session at the time listed and considers each item in order, except in extraordinary circumstances. Staff at the appropriate Commission office can give you more information prior to the hearing date. Questions regarding the report or the hearing should be directed to Dani Ziff, Coastal Program Analyst the South Coast District Office.

Please note that public counter hours for all Commission offices are currently suspended in light of the coronavirus. However, in order to provide the public with con nuity of service while protec ng both you and our employees, the Commission remains open for business, and you can con nue to contact Commission staff. To avoid delays in response me, **please contact me via email**. More informa on on the Commission's response to the COVID-19 virus can be found on our website at www.coastal.ca.gov.



Dani Ziff | Coastal Planner
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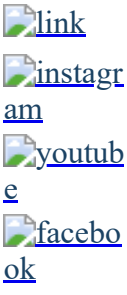

FW: Belmont Beach & Aquatics Center

Hudson, Steve@Coastal <Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov>

Thu 12/3/2020 11:22 AM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Castillo <chulahulagirl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:09 AM
To: Hudson, Steve@Coastal <Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: marlenealvarado1@gmail.com; annachristensen259@gmail.com
Subject: Belmont Beach & Aquatics Center

"Steve Hudson, California Coastal Commission I oppose the approval of Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center by the Costal Commission because The $85 million BBAC is a competitive water sports facility in the wealthiest, whitest corner of Long Beach designed by private swim/dive clubs and water sports teams with 2 Olympic pools and a $10 million high dive. The majority of low income residents of color live across town from the BBAC in districts without a community pool (Long Beach has only 2 small community pools - MLK and Silverado). The BBAC is on a beach that will be underwater in 50 years or less."

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Castillo RN
LACDP Delegate AD63

FW: Public Comment on December 2020 Agenda Item Thursday 11a - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Thu 12/3/2020 11:25 AM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

Dani,

You received a public comment for W11a.

Respectfully,
Birma

-----Original Message-----
From: Reggie Akpata [mailto:reggie@edocup.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 3:46 PM
To: SouthCoast@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on December 2020 Agenda Item Thursday 11a - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center).

Dear Commission,

I'm quite disappointed that this project is going ahead as the most expensive possible implementation that can be found!

First the design and engineering firm haven't ever built a pool.

Secondly, the current "temporary" pool represents an example of how for $2 million/pool we could simply replicate this pool 2-3 more times then build offices a changing room, a gym and a restaurant, and better still in the same 90 days it took to deliver the current in-use pool!

This fantastic sum that is being proposed could afford us several "like" Myrtha community Pools around the city, all installed by next summer.

Long Beach isn't an underdeveloped country where "stomach infrastructure" is built for the benefit of the rich, why are we acting like it?

Reggie Akpata
(Homeowner, Belmont Heights)

Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!

Terry Lucas (tdlucas@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Wed 12/2/2020 2:03 PM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Dani Ziff,

Keep the beach CLEAR and CLEAN! No more buildings, no more roads, no more people. How about more trees?

Thank You

Sincerely,

Terry Lucas
5728 Silva St
Lakewood, CA 90713
tdlucas@hotmail.com
(562) 461-1193

This form letter was received from 55 individuals

Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center: Deny the Permits!

Susan Miller (mpshogrl@msn.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Wed 12/2/2020 11:56 AM

To: Ziff, Dani@Coastal <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Dani Ziff,

Commissioners and Staff: Please uphold the appeals and deny the City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center permit applications.

The construction of this new aquatics center will undermine beach access and block protected coastal vistas. Future sea level rise will threaten the site and surrounding areas, necessitating a built-in 8 foot high protective device for this building, prohibited for new structures. Further, the new public pool is not coastal dependent and does not provide visitor serving amenities related to the coast.

The public has recommended alternative sites that would provide the same, or better, public benefits and avoid conflicts with Coastal Act policies. But the City has continued to pursue construction on this beach site driven mostly by nostalgic memories of past sporting events.

Protection of public access, coastal views, and the beach itself are all bedrock policies enshrined in the Coastal Act. Your duty to enforce those policies mandates ruling in favor of the several appeals of the Local CDP and denial of a separate CDP under the Coastal Commission retained jurisdiction. And your duty under CEQA equivalency requires a thorough review of alternative sites that meet the purpose of a public pool while avoiding adverse impacts to the coastal environment.

We are not opposed to a public pool. The construction of this giant aquatics center, however, at this site - and on our beach - is simply inconsistent with Coastal Act policy, as well as sound planning for future sea level rise threats to the area.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Susan Miller
4217 East Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90803
mpshogrl@msn.com
(562) 434-2109

From: Marlene Alvarado <marlenealvarado1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Hudson, Steve@Coastal <Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov>
Cc: Marshall Blesofsky <marshallblesofsky@yahoo.com>; Anna Christensen <annachristensen259@gmail.com>
Subject: Agenda Item 13a, Applica on No. 5-18-0788 (City of Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aqua c Center, Long Beach)

I oppose the approval of Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center by the Costal Commission because The $85 million BBAC is a competitive water sports facility in the wealthiest, whitest corner of Long Beach designed by private swim/dive clubs and water sports teams with 2 Olympic pools and a $10 million high dive. The majority of low income residents of color live across town from the BBAC in districts without a community pool (Long Beach has only 2 small community pools - MLK and Silverado). The BBAC is on a beach that will be underwater in 50 years or less.

From: Howard Burns <burns_crew@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Howard Burns <burns_crew@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 3:19 PM
To: "SouthCoast@Coastal" <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on December 2020 Agenda Item Thursday 11a - City of Long Beach LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 (Belmont Beach and Aquac Cen ter).

Learning how to swim, learning in a safe environment, learning to swim WELL, is the only way to enable learning how to swim in the ocean. Too many people think they know how to swim because they can get to and from the wall in the small home pool at a neighbors house or hold their breath underwater for 30 seconds. Teaching and experiencing real swimming requires a large safe swimming venue and dedicated teachers to enable those who wish to 'graduate' to the ocean. As the representatives/stewards of the Coast, I implore you to help the public have a place to learn to to truly swim and the advantage of having it in view of, and with access to the ocean...even if it is inside a breakwater.

Howard Burns, a California resident for 67 years and who swam in championships at Belmont in 1968.

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Dear members
Please do NOT accept the “theory” of raising ocean levels. I have a degree in science and a doctorate in medicine. This is biased science.

As well, should you consider the rising ocean des then please ask ea̤xactly how long till the complex becomes underwater? I strongly feel that this complex will long outlast its expected use of life as a complex long before any significant ocean tides rise.

Respectfully,

L. Nalli, DPM

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Dear coastal commissioners
Please allow the new proposed Belmont pool to go through with minimal to no modificaons.
As the reasoning for why we need the pool is well established, I want to address that any diminishing of the project, even a few feet of pool deck space, will greatly hamper the full usefulness of the complex. For example naonal c ollegiate swim championships are very exact on the space required as well as other amenies (ie number of bathrooms etc) and by trying to cut corners to save some money short term, greatly impacts the ROI in the long term.

I have been to many of these meeng. E arly on it was found that the ideal size and scope of our complex would be just short of hosng an Olympic s wim compeon. But w e could host (numerous) naonal s wim championships (NCAA I,II,& III, NAIA, YMCA, USS) which as you know will bring much business to the complex and the city and state.

So please, really consider any “cost cung ” adjustments for the long term.

Lyle Nalli

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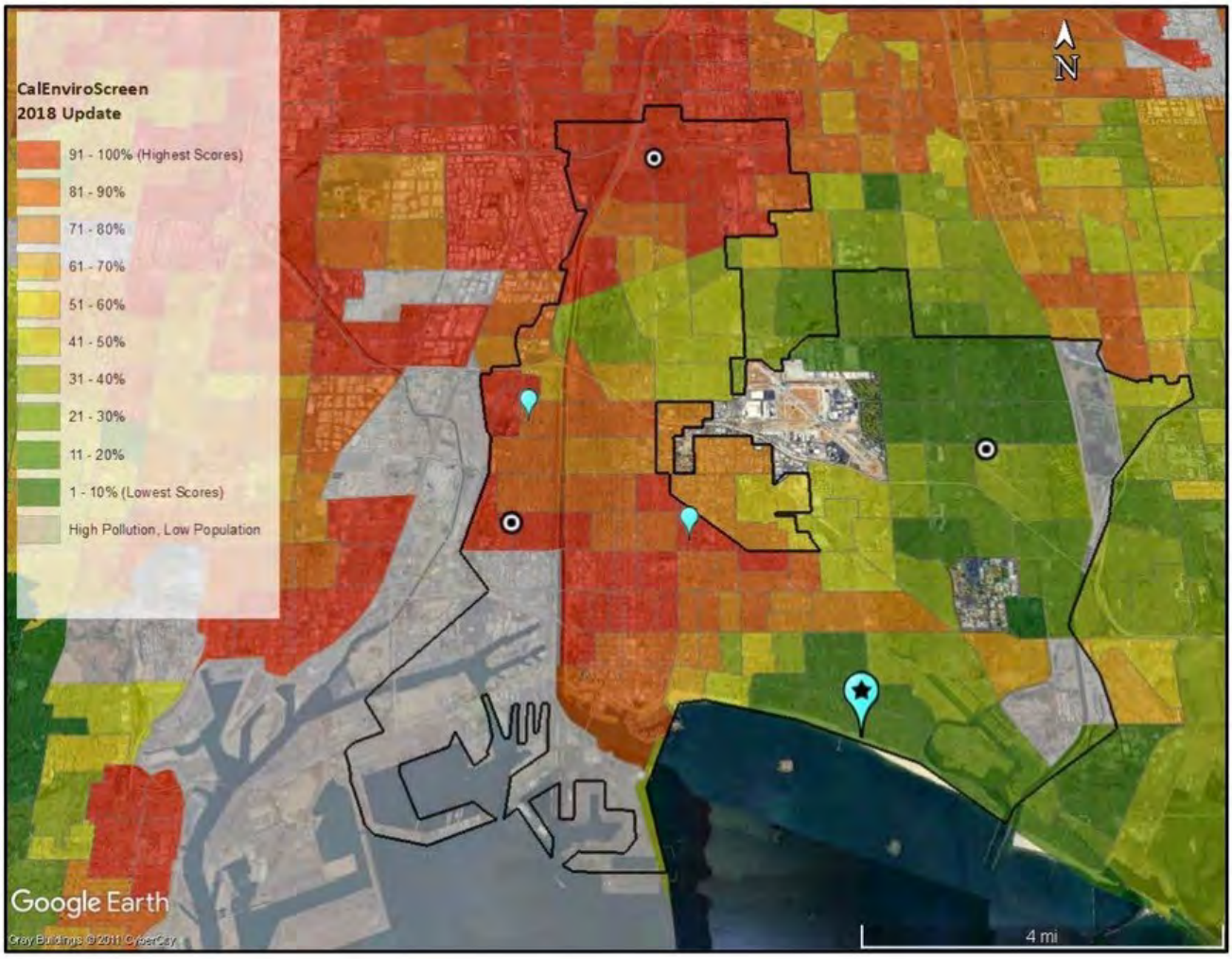
Equal Access Denied, Jusce Dela yed
The locaon of the BB AC in the wealthiest, whitest corner of Long Beach will not serve vulnerable residents but further entle e xisng user s who are members of private water sports clubs and compev e teams. Alternav e locaons tha t would provide more equal access do exist but the City has rejected these sites. Only 2 other small (25 meter) City Pools have been built in over 100 years. Our residents are not water safe and will only become so when community pools can provide affordable swim lessons and healthy recreaon t o all. Because Low income residents of color are less able to access the BBAC, they will connue t o be less able to learn to swim, less able parcipa te in coastal recreaonal acvies, and less able t o compete in aquacs sports or find employment as lifeguards. Equal Access to the Coast has to mean more than a towel on the sand and a cheap motel room. Race and class privilege is not a thing of the past - you can pretend that some buses and free swimming lessons will make this extravagant facility a public benefit, or you can oppose the BBAC and hold the City and the Coastal Commission responsible to all residents.
Anna Christensen

Exhibit 7 – Long Beach Pools & Vulnerable Communities (Cal EnviroScreen, 2018)



City of Long Beach boundary

Year-round pool

Proposed project (currently temporary, year-round pool)

Summer pools (high school pools, open July-August)

BBAC Permanent and Temporary seating - City now plans 3,000 up to 10,000 Additional Temporary Seats

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Fri 11/13/2020 12:54 PM

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Modified Belmont Pool EIR Addendum 12-13-19 page 23 or 2-9.pdf;

Hello Dani,

It's important that you and the Coastal Commission receive this updated information provided to me by the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project Manager Dino D'Emilia about City plans to utilize up to 3,000 - 10,000 "temporary seats" for BBAC events, as it contradicts what is stated in the December 2019 Belmont Pool EIR Addendum, submi ed to Coastal Commission in January 2020 as the descripon of thea current 'Modified Project'.

The December 2019 Belmont Pool EIR Addendum emphasized that only "1,865" Permanent and Temporary seats would be allowed. The EIR had **NO** mention of 3,000 to 10,000 additional "temporary seats" and does not account for the traffic, parking and other serious impacts these additional many thousand people would have on the coast itself, coastal access, etc. Detailed plans for the "Modified" BBAC do not show where these seats would be located.

The December 2019 Belmont Pool EIR Addendum states: "Overall, the Modified Project represents a less intense development as compared to the Approved Project." It states the "Modified Project" has -2385 seats (2,385 fewer seats than the original Approved Project). And "Table 2.A: Comparison of Project Components (a ached page 23) says "Seating" for the "Modified Project" will be "1,865 seats**" "**Permanent seating = 1555; Temporary outdoor seating = 310". It states the formerly "Approved Project" "Seating was 4,250 seats* *Permanent indoor seating = 1,250; Temporary outdoor seating = 3,000".

However BBAC Project Manager Dino D'Emilia in his e-mail to me below contradicts that EIR claim. Mr. D'Emilia clearly states that the City plans and "ancipaàtes" utilizing up to 10,000 Temporary Seats, Mr. D'Emilia states: "10,000 temporary seats are feasible for rare premier special events, such as Olympic diving or water polo." and "It is ancipaàted that 3000 temporary seats would be utilized for other special events such as CIF and/or NCAA Competitions."

These are critical discrepancies, representing a much more intense project than submi ed, that should require a completely new EIR. Revised plans should be submi ed to the Coastal Commission showing where these 3000 to 10,000 seats could be located. Only the seating for 1,865 spectators is shown on the January 2020 plans.

We urge Commission Staff to require that corrected information is submitted, before this project is submi ed to the Coastal Commission for consideration.

Respectfully, Melinda Co on

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Greetings Ms. Cotton.

The 1865 seats you reference are proposed to be permanent seats.

10,000 temporary seats are feasible for rare premier special events, such as Olympic diving or water polo.

It is anticipated that 3000 temporary seats would be utilized for other special events such as CIF and/or NCAA Competitions.

I hope this addresses your concerns.

Thank you.

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Subject: BBAC Permanent and Temporary seating

Hi Dino,

A quick question please. The Pool site says "1,865 permanent seating for spectators. 1,555 seats at the new 50m pool and 310 exisng seaȁts at the existing temporary..."
Are all of these 'permanent seating'?

And we hear City Manager that up to 10,000 spectators can be seated for events? (Olympics or something else?)

I'd appreciate it if you could clarify that.

Thanks! Melinda

(Have a good weekend.. though we may have some rain ... a nice change!)