

**Online Public Comment Report**  
**City Council**  
**September 10, 2024**

BUDGET HEARING

17. Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and take the actions necessary to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 budget as listed in Attachment A. (Citywide)

Name	Comment - 09/10/2024 02:38 PM : (For)
Christopher Covington	<p>September 10, 2024</p> <p>Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager:</p> <p>Mayor Rex Richardson</p> <p>Mary Zendejas, 1st District</p> <p>Cindy Allen, Vice Mayor, 2nd District</p> <p>Kristina Duggan, 3rd District</p> <p>Daryl Supernaw, 4th District</p> <p>Megan Kerr, 5th District</p> <p>Dr. Suely Saro, 6th District</p> <p>Roberto Uranga, 7th District</p> <p>Al Austion, 8th District</p> <p>Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie, 9th District</p> <p>Thomas B. Modica, City Manager</p> <p>The One Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative and The City of Long Beach Advancing Peace Steering Committee appreciates the one time use budget proposals of \$100,000 from the Mayor and \$200,000 from the City Manager to be directed to the Health Department’s Violence Prevention Programs. While we appreciate the \$300,000 one-time use investment in the FY 25 Budget, it is a reduction in spending on violence prevention programs within the Health Department from the FY 24 budget period.</p> <p>After conducting a violence prevention and intervention programs cost analysis the amount needed for a robust and comprehensive public health-focused approach to community-based violence intervention and Prevention (CVIP) Programs within the Long Beach Health Department is 15 million-dollars.</p> <p>A 15-million-dollar investment would strengthen evidence-based programs such as but</p>

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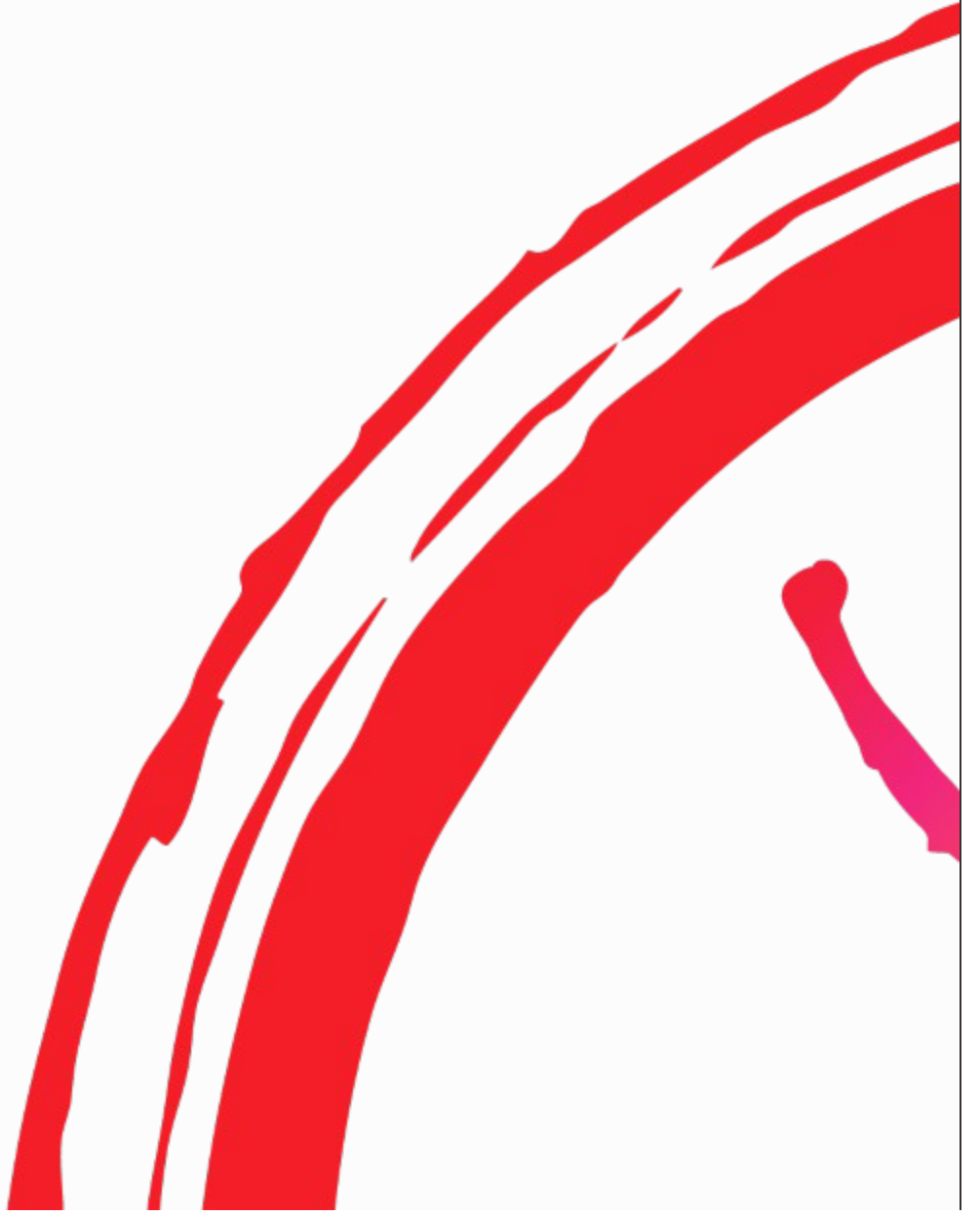
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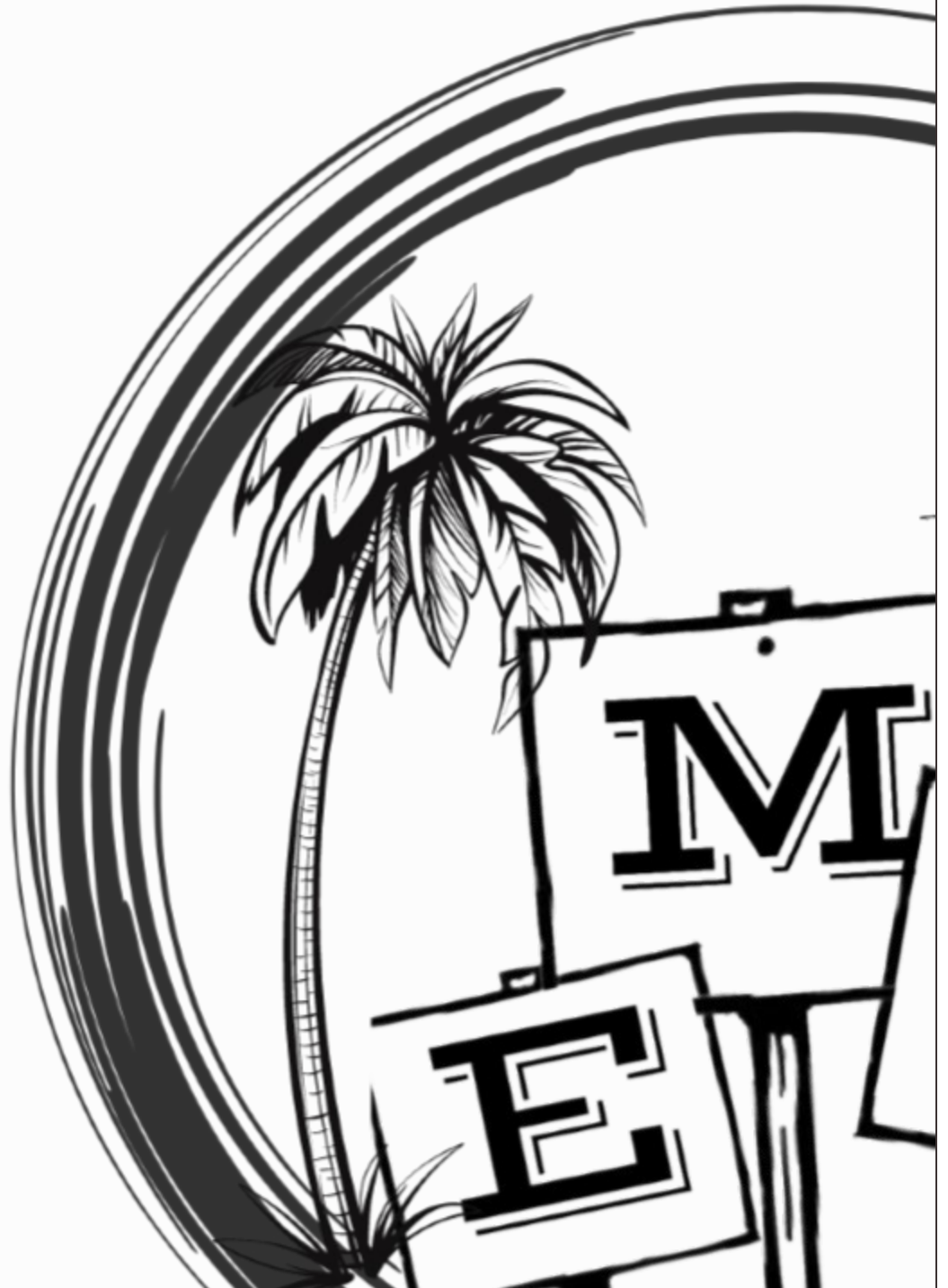
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