

Alma Valenzuela

From: cinirobb@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 10:15 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Additional Property Taxes for Long Beach Residence

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Good Morning,

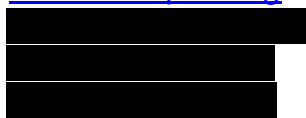
Taxing those that are more well off than others at any level is discrimination. Frankly, I just manage the budget and stop all the entitlements to those that can actually work but chose to milder the system. Please listen to your citizens and do not recommend any additional taxes. We are the laughing stock of the nation except for San Francisco! Do you really want Long Beach to end up like SF? Thank you.

Cini Gannon Robb
President FACE Foundation



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"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."
Anatole France

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't pity. It is about pouring ourselves out for others. Charity and love are the same-with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand also." Mother Teresa

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From: DARREN PURSEGLOVE <purseglove@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 5:21 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Additional taxes

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Hello,

I am against any additional taxes. Why did the city use one time monies for ongoing projects? I'm tired of the high taxes. Find another way.

Regards,

Yolanda Purseglove

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From: KAREN HELD <karenlb2@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 4:06 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: I oppose

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My name is Karen Held and I am a homeowner in Long Beach Ca. I very much oppose the new proposed property tax increases. It will cause me much financial distress. My address [REDACTED]. Thank you

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From: cindybambam@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 4:44 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: New tax proposals

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I am writing in opposition of additional taxes on Long Beach residents.

I bet I could find plenty of savings withl the city budget without cutting essential services.

Cindy Bambam

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

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From: Jen Rose <jenroseskincare@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 3:07 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Oppose Sellers TAX

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Please do not put the proposed property sellers tax on the ballot. For the homeowners and real estate agents . This is not the way to resolve a budget deficit

We are opposed to this proposed measure!

Sincerely

Jennifer and Christopher Rose

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From: Logan Matt <mmlogan@ccocinc.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 3:58 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Strongly oppose transfer tax

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We are already taxed at the highest possible rate and now we get to pay to move out of the high tax area?

Disgusting in thought and deed.

Please don't let this get to the ballot box.

Thank you,

Matt Logan

June 10th, 2024

Mayor and Members of the Long Beach City Council
City of Long Beach
VIA Email

Subject: June 11th Regular Meeting – Agenda Item 30: Recommendation to receive and file a presentation regarding research on potential revenue measures and receive direction from the Mayor and the City Council regarding the placement of revenue measures on the November 2024 ballot.

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council,

I write on behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA), representing over 135 million square feet of commercial office space throughout Los Angeles County, including members within the City of Long Beach.

This letter is to express grave concern over the inclusion of a transfer tax proposal in the menu of options for new revenue. We are **strongly opposed** to any increase or addition to the city's transfer tax rate.

A transfer tax is not the best path forward for a city looking to grow and expand investment within its borders and for its community. We have seen from nearby Measure ULA, that the transfer taxes do not meet expectations for revenue. Instead, the transfer tax often chills the local market.

It is also not accurate to say that the transfer tax would not be factored into the overall price, as stated in the agenda report. Sellers will bake the cost of the transfer tax into their asking price. It is a cost that for multifamily projects, will be factored in when rents are set for the units.

As the report said, it is true that ultimately the market sets prices. However, the market does factor in the cost of transfer taxes on a property. And it is a cost that will have ripple effects on who invests in Long Beach.

Renters would be impacted by this tax indirectly whenever multifamily properties change hands. And with multifamily properties, this happens often. Renters would also be impacted by the potential chilling of the market, which would reduce overall supply and contribute to rising rents. Businesses too would be impacted by the pass-through of the costs.

Other jurisdictions have looked at transfer tax proposals post Measure ULA and have rejected those ideas. Chicago voters just this past spring rejected the measure at the ballot box and an idea in San Diego failed to make it to voters. The City of Glendale too has thus far declined to put forward a transfer tax ballot measure.

A [study](#) that looked at a transfer tax proposal in Boston conducted in part by Tufts University, found that cities lose 35 to 45 cents for every \$1 they expect to raise in new transfer taxes. Additionally, transfer

taxes inhibit property sales. It seems hard to avoid the fact that a new transfer tax in Long Beach would harm its ambitious housing development goals.

Ultimately, a transfer tax would harm more than just commercial real estate in the city. Which is an industry still recovering from the aftereffects of COVID. The transfer tax's impacts would reverberate and extend into housing development, housing affordability, and attracting investments into the city.

We respectfully ask that you remove the transfer tax proposal from the menu of revenue options under consideration for the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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-----Original Message-----

From: Howard Homan <howielbc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:56 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 30, No on Real Property Transfer Tax

-EXTERNAL-

Please forward to the Mayor and all city council members

Mayor and City Council Members,

It is unfortunate that Long Beach has such a budget shortfall but creating a property transfer tax once again puts more onerous on the property owners in this city as opposed to the entire resident population. Property owners have been burdened enough with regulations, fees and high taxes.....we don't need more. It is an unfair practice to allow non property owners to vote on taxes which will fall only on property owners....non property owners should have some skin in the game too. It's way too easy to vote "yes" when someone else has to pay.

I would encourage you to eliminate this option going forward on the November ballot. I think there may be better ways to raise needed revenue. Maybe take a look in-house at all the city special interest programs which benefit the very few....are they really necessary. Also, are there positions in the city that aren't really needed, a leaner staff is often more productive.

Please don't penalize the property owners by taking more of their money from one of hardest earned investments of their lives.

Respectfully,
Howard Homan
Santa Ana Ave
Long Beach, CA

From: flybob@verizon.net <flybob@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:40 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Taxes

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Dear City Clerk,

The taxpayers in the City are already overburdened with expenses, taxes and fee's. Long Beach fared well for years with oil revenues. Why are oil revenues being decreased and taxes added. It makes no sense. The transfer tax fees on selling real estate are excessive. What will happen is owners will decide not to sell. Transfer tax, business license fees, inspections etc, etc. It has to end so the public can afford to buy groceries. The council is supposed to help us not bury is in debt.

Bob Luskin,

3rd District