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I'm in favor of agenda items 20, 21, 23, 24, and 25.

Lisa Bertolini

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From: BARBARA MARSHALL < blmarshall2@verizon.net>

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Subject: boardwalk

It has come to my attention that the council is giving some consideration to banning e-bikes on the boardwalk. I sincerely hope that does not happen.

As a long time resident, my husband and I use the boardwalk on our ebikes 3-4 times a week. We are active retirees, and the bike is very helpful when riding against the wind that comes up most afternoons. Our bikes are pedal-assist and do not travel under their own power.

As a frequent user of the boardwalk, I do observe that some users travel too fast; but the truth is they are often on regular bikes, boards, and a variety of other modes of transportation. I do not believe banning ebikes will solve any problems. When the good weather brings more crowds, you should take advantage of enforcing the zone near the pier where users have to walk their bikes/boards etc. when lights are flashing.

By the way, walkers are not always innocent! I often find people who seem completely unaware crossing the boardwalk without looking in either direction. Also, people walking with their dogs can cause real problems when they let their dogs wander around on a long leash rather than keeping them close. A person can be biking at a slow speed and nearly have an accident because other users seem unaware of their surroundings. Spend some time down there before you come to any hasty decisions. As a side note, if you look at the city parking lot and the state lot, you will notice many people bring their bikes with them to enjoy our beautiful boardwalk. These are tourists who spend money and who like to feel welcome. And yes, many of them are on ebikes.

As an aside, if you have never seen the boardwalk on the sand in Long Beach going from the bay all the way to the Queen Mary, the city has managed to solve any conflicts by providing separate side by side paths for bikers & skaters with the other for walkers - all in lovely smooth concrete!

Speaking again as a long time resident, I wish you would focus some attention on the rotted out rusty railing that extends all along the north part of our beach; reminds me of a third world country and is pretty pathetic for a city with one of the most spectacular beaches in Ca.

Thank you for you time Barbara Marshall Morning Tide Dr. HB 714 536-0108

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