

Observer Report for League of Women Voters of Beach Cities

Name of Agency or body observed: Redondo Beach City Council		Date of Meeting: 6-7-2022		
Meeting type (regular, board, special, etc) or subject: Regular City Council Meeting		Approximate size of audience: Zoom -		
Name of the Observer: LWV Observer		Date report Submitted:		
	FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	N/A
1	Did the meeting start on time?		x	
2	Were all members present?	x		
3	Were all members courteous to each other and to the public?	x		
4	Was the Brown Act followed?			
5	Was the agenda available in advance?	x		
6	Did the agenda clearly describe what was to be discussed?	x		
7	Was there adequate opportunity for public input?			
8	Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than in open session?	x		
9	Was background information available to the public?		x	
10	Additional comments on conduct of meeting?			

COMMENTS on above (Please indicate feature number to which each comment applies):

Redondo Beach is involved with a lot of litigation and property negotiations, which are conducted in private sessions. I was not able to observe any of that so can't comment.

1. Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV local or state program positions? Please be specific.

Yes, a suggestion from one member of the public to add armed police at every school in RBUSD. This is not something that League supports, both for the cost and for the differential ways that BIPOC students are treated.. Ending the **schools** to prison pipeline is one of our LWVC **criminal justice reform** goals. Council did not seem inclined & Mayor BB asked for a cost analysis (which will effectively kill it.)

4 members of the public spoke against the proposal, including RUHS senior, Michael Lee-Chang & 3 parents. Kimberlee Isaacs talked about how her son has been racially profiled at school and the anxiety that causes him. She does not want armed police.

The **Housing** Authority discussion shows just how desperately people need housing. See discussion below.

The budget discussion also showed how the city has to prioritize spending. They mentioned that removing/replacing non-functional turf with **water** thrifty landscaping had been perennially proposed and put off for someday later. But, with the drought declarations and water restrictions, it would be funded in this budget. When discussing where to fund the \$, someone mentioned allowing AirBnB and taxing it. That was unpopular and dropped.

Solid Waste fees (FY 2022-2023) will go up due to increases in fuel, labor, disposal.

Residential rates will increase 13.4%

Commercial rates will increase 20.4%

Showed comparisons to nearby cities' old rates. Everyone will be raising their fees.

2. Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues?

If yes, what action do you recommend?

Not at this time, but we may want to mention the housing statistics when we comment on the next iteration of the Housing Element

3. Other observations?

Submit this report to the Observer Corps Coordinator, as soon as possible after your observation. Please attach any agenda or other meeting documents.

Agenda packet has all the staff presentations

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Video of meeting

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Housing Authority quarterly report

441 households enrolled in the city's Section 8 program,
117 families,
324 seniors/disabled

The Section 8 waiting list was last open briefly in Sept 2015 and then closed. There are currently 4,260 on the waiting list

6 new signed housing contracts

4 moved or went permanently off the program

Goal for Section 8 program is 633

Hampered by lack of units with rents low enough to qualify for HUD vouchers, or suitable for disabled, landlords participating in the program.

She didn't specify if the city allowed above FMR as they do for VASH program

30 HUD-VASH vouchers for veterans being used

40 allocated to city, 10 unused

City will allow up to 140% of FMR to help 10 more veterans access benefits

HUD fair market rent, <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>)

Small-area FMR rent for 90277, 90278 for studio, 1-4 bedrooms.

FMR is set at 40% for rentals in the small area.

90277	\$1,920	\$2,230	\$2,840	\$3,740	\$4,080
90278	\$1,770	\$2,050	\$2,610	\$3,440	\$3,750

If Section 8 pays 70%, then rent is at least $\$1,271 / .7 = \$1,816$.

Section 8 Activity for Last Three Months

New Contracts	6
Renewed Leases	119
Moved/Permanently off	4
Average Monthly Housing Payment	\$1,271
Total Housing Payments	\$1,675,573



Section 8 Funding News for FY 2022

- 1 In May of 2022, the Housing Authority received its CY 2022 funding award letter
- 2 HAP for 2022 allocation: \$6,580,684 – fully funding the HCV and VASH program (CY 2021 was \$6,331,245)
- 3 Administrative Fee (AF) for 2022: \$120.59 per unit leased (FY 2021 was approximately \$108.66)
- 4 Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program: In May of 2021, RBHA was allocated \$419,268 plus ongoing administrative fee funding to house 29 EHV eligible families in Redondo Beach. RBHA has partnered with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, LAHSA, for program support and family referrals.
- 5 Designated High Performing Agency

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Tax Revenues

Type	Proposed FY 22-23	Increase/(Decrease) From Mid-Year	% Variance
Property Tax	\$32,313,229	\$1,573,204	5.1%
Sales and Use Tax	\$11,839,338	\$928,338	8.5%
Property Tax in Lieu of VLF	\$9,094,480	\$442,774	5.1%
Utility Users Tax	\$7,072,150	-	-
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$5,800,000	\$821,622	16.5%
Property Transfer Tax	\$3,000,000	(\$403,806)	(11.9%)
Other Taxes	\$4,412,231	\$4,508	0.1%
TOTAL	\$73,531,428	\$3,366,641	4.8%

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Budget Items of Note

- ▶ Ongoing Revenues/Expenditures Shortfall of \$600K Before DPs
- ▶ Ongoing Revenues/Expenditures Shortfall of \$2.3M after DPs
- ▶ Annual TOT Revenue still \$3.2M Below Normal – Supports Structural Balance in FY 23-24
- ▶ Two GF Reserve Accounts:
 - ▶ Economic Contingency – \$8.3M
 - ▶ CalPERS – \$5.1M
- ▶ Budget is Balanced as Proposed
- ▶ Budget Document Updates – Tables, Department Summaries, etc.

Thank you for being the eyes and ears of the League!