



*The City of Long Beach*

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MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach

**Dear Colleagues:**

I am hereby requesting that the City Manager include in his upcoming report to the City Council, which will summarize possible options related to further easing the burden of high energy costs, the following proposal:

- To accelerate by six months implementation of the next 1% decrease in the Utility Users Tax, which will make the effective UUT rate 8% for all residential and commercial utilities customers in the City of Long Beach, to April 1, 2001.

Such an approach, in my view, would be the fairest, most fiscally responsible and the easiest to implement method by which the City might bring relief to our local citizens and businesses who are suffering from the high cost of utilities.

Nothing in this proposal suggests that the City should cease to make every effort to pursue legislation, litigation, conservation and other prudent measures to protect the City and its residents and businesses from unwarranted financial exposure due to the current utilities situation.

Beverly O'Neill  
MAYOR

cc: Henry Taboada, City Manager