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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Gary DeLong, Third District, Chair *GD*
Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District *GS*
Councilwoman Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Federal Legislation Committee's Report of March 26-28, 2007 Trip to Washington, D.C.**

On March 26-28, 2007, the full Federal Legislation Committee of the Long Beach City Council traveled to Washington, D.C. to share the City's adopted 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda and discuss federal issues of importance with our delegation and other members of Congress. The Committee was accompanied by the City's Government Affairs Manager, and the City's federal legislative representatives, Van Scoyoc Associates and E. Del Smith and Company.

Attached is a list of meetings the Committee held while back in Washington, D.C. Among the issues discussed were the following:

- Funding for the City's Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriation Requests
- Homeland and Port Security funding and the recently passed House and Senate Authorization bills
- Continued funding of the C-17 production line
- Transportation, goods movement, and air quality concerns
- Funding for Community Development Block Grant funding
- Other issues on the Federal Legislative Agenda

The trip was productive in maintaining strong personal connections with our federal representatives and communicating the City's legislative priorities. We will continue to closely monitor issues of federal importance and work with the City's government affairs staff and our federal legislative representatives to advance the City Council's 2007 federal legislative priorities.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file report on travel to Washington, D.C. with the Federal Legislation Committee.

List of Meetings for the Federal Legislation Committee

- Office of Senator Feinstein
- Office of Senator Boxer
- Office of Governor Schwarzenegger
- Office of Congresswoman Millender-McDonald
- Office of Congressman Rohrabacher
- Office of Congresswoman Sanchez
- Office of Congressman Ken Calvert
- Office of Congressman Jim Oberstar
- Office of Congresswoman Roybal-Allard
- Office of Congressman Jerry Lewis
- Army Corps of Engineers