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**To:** Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Budget Oversight Committee, Chair  
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Budget Oversight Committee, Vice Chair  
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Budget Oversight Committee, Member

**From:** Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District

**Subject:** Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

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This memo is a follow up to my comments at the City Budget Hearing on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this my support on the following FY 2016 budget recommendations below by the Mayor and City Manager:

- \$150,000 in one-time funding for Police community engagement strategies and other issues relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> century policing.
- \$30,000 allocation for the City's My Brother's Keeper project to assist with the development of Long Beach's plan.
- New dedicated Early Childhood Education Coordinator through fund realignment within the Health Department.
- \$186,000 in one-time dollars to expand Be SAFE programming throughout the city, with a continued focus on the successful Houghton Park program.
- \$183,000 in one-time funds to expand the pilot Library Sunday hours to more citywide branches.
  - o I recommend that these pilots be branches that impact the most residents and must be geographically representative.
- Funding for citywide installation of new LED lights throughout neighborhoods, with an emphasis on business districts.
- Creation of two Long Beach Clean Teams.
  - o I recommend also looking at identifying how to modernize our City's security cameras that are utilized to deter dumping.
- In addition, if "divide by nine" one-time funding becomes available, I recommend ensuring that economic development opportunities are a permissible use.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.