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Historic Preservation Element

City Council Hearing

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Historic Preservation Program

- Existing policies in the Land Use and Housing Elements of the General Plan
- Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Municipal Code
- Cultural Heritage Commission
- 17 Historic Districts & 130 Historic Landmarks
- Active community-based organizations in the City



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Historic Preservation Program

- Long Beach is a Certified Local Government (CLG)
- Having an adopted Historic Preservation Element will allow the City to take advantage of grant funding opportunities available only to CLGs
- The effort to create a new element began in 2008
- Historic Resources Group assisted the City



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Summary of Community Outreach

- Kick-off meeting at First Congregational Church
- Three Goals & Objectives workshops
 - at El Dorado Park West
 - at North Division Police Substation
 - at 3rd District Field Office
- Wrap-up meeting at First Congregational Church



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Element Vision Statement

- To ensure that the rich history of Long Beach is preserved through the identification, protection and celebration of its historic resources which are valued for their role in the City's environment, urban design, economic prosperity and contributions to the quality of life in our neighborhoods, the Historic Preservation Element establishes the goals, policies and implementation measures that affirm the City's commitment to historic preservation.



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Element Goals

1. Maintain and support a comprehensive, citywide historic preservation program to identify and protect Long Beach's historic, cultural and archaeological resources.
2. Protect historic resources from demolition and inappropriate alterations through the use of the City's regulatory framework, technical assistance and incentives.
3. Maintain and expand the inventory of historic resources in Long Beach.



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Element Goals, cont.

- 4, Increase public awareness and appreciation of the City's history and historic, cultural and archaeological resources.
5. Integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development and sustainable City strategies.



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Recommendation

- City Council is being asked to:
 - Receive the supporting documentation into the record;
 - Conclude the public hearing; and
 - Adopt the Resolution amending the General Plan of the City of Long Beach by adding an Historic Preservation Element