



Building A Better Long Beach

September 15, 2008

Item 8

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution finding that the use of taxes allocated to the North, Central, West Long Beach Industrial and Downtown Redevelopment Project Areas for the purpose of graffiti abatement is necessary to effectuate the redevelopment plans for such redevelopment projects. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07), approximately 34,000 instances of graffiti were removed from sites within the City of Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas (Project Areas). The negative effects of graffiti are many and contribute as a major blighting influence in the community.

Section 33420.2 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) may use its funds for graffiti abatement if the Agency finds that the use of taxes, specifically tax increment, for abatement of such graffiti is necessary to effectuate the purposes of the redevelopment plans for the Project Areas and will assist with the elimination of blight in the Project Areas. The following funds have been allocated in the Project Areas' FY09 code enforcement or revitalization budgets for graffiti abatement:

Central	\$125,000
Downtown	\$125,000
North	\$175,000
West Long Beach Industrial	\$125,000

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

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Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CB:AJB:LAF

Attachment: Redevelopment Agency Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. R.A.

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE USE OF TAXES ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH, CENTRAL, WEST LONG BEACH INDUSTRIAL AND DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRAFFITI ABATEMENT IS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SUCH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), adopted redevelopment plans for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project (the "North Project"), the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project (the "Central Project"), the West Long Beach Industrial Redevelopment Project (the "Westside Project") and the Downtown Long Beach Redevelopment Project (the "Downtown Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to utilize funds presently allocated to the North, Central, Westside and Downtown Projects to perform graffiti abatement; and

WHEREAS, Section 33420.2 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may use such funds in this manner if certain findings are made;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. Because of the magnitude and severity of graffiti on properties located in the North, Central, Westside and Downtown Projects, the use of

tax increment for abatement of such graffiti is necessary to effectuate the purposes of the plans for the Projects and will assist with the elimination of blight in the Projects

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair