



# Establish Emergency Intake Site

Long Beach City Council

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## Situation

- Influx of unaccompanied migrant children arriving at US Southwest border
- Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeking a sites to alleviate overcrowding
- Temporary intake sites house children while HHS reunites children with family members or sponsors
- Intake sites provide a safe, welcoming and nourishing experience for youth

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## Framework

- The City of Long Beach was requested by HHS to consider housing an Emergency Intake Site
- City Team considered alternate sites and determined the LB Convention Center (LBCC) the optimal location for this purpose
- The LBCC (operator SMG) contracts with HHS for housing and other LBCC-provided support services
- HHS to contract for child-care and all other service needs
- City provides support and connection to non-profit organizations, other government agencies, and private businesses for services

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## Considerations

- No impact to the ongoing vaccine operation from the Intake Center
- No impact to LBCC fall business commitments
- HHS is responsible for all costs associated with Intake Center operation
- HHS to cover all City costs for coordination and support to Intake Center
- Impacts to LBCC facilities to be covered by HHS (good or better condition)

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## Timeline & Next Steps

- Temporary site for up to 120 days
- Negotiate contract
- Authorize HHS to begin set up

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## Request approval to:

Negotiate with the federal government to establish a temporary site to house unaccompanied migrant children, and

Exempt the temporary site from provisions of the Long Beach Values Act and related administrative regulations

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline reflected in water. The scene is illuminated by various city lights, including streetlights and building lights. The water in the foreground is dark, creating a clear reflection of the lights and buildings above. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is vibrant and urban.

**Thank you!**