



Building A Better Long Beach

Item 4

March 17, 2008

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the Judicial Council of California for the development of a regional courthouse. (Central – District 1)

DISCUSSION

The State of California (State) recently passed a bill shifting the control of courthouses from their respective counties to the State. The existing Long Beach Courthouse has been identified by the State as one of the most deficient courthouses in the State and is in need of replacement.

The City of Long Beach (City) desires to maintain a courthouse in the civic center area for economic and urban design reasons. To that end, the City initiated the New Courthouse Site Feasibility Study (Study) to identify optimal locations within the City. The Study was completed on September 1, 2006, and acknowledged the economic and programmatic importance of maintaining a location in close proximity to the existing courthouse.

The Study identified the Redevelopment Agency-owned block bounded by West Broadway, Daisy Avenue, West 3rd Street and Magnolia Avenue (Site) as a potential site for the development of a new courthouse (Exhibit A – Site Map). The Site is consistent with the locations identified in the Study and would maintain a courthouse presence in the civic center adjacent to the Police Department.

Staff has been in discussions with the Judicial Council of California who agrees that the Site is a good location for the courthouse. Staff proposes entering into a six-month Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with the Judicial Council of California. The ENA will provide for two six-month renewal options as the parties work toward a development agreement.

THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

333 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 T: 562.570.6615 F: 562.570.6215 rda.longbeach.gov

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

March 17, 2008

Page 2

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Beck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CB:DSW:JMV:jmv

Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map

SITE MAP

Proposed site bounded by West Broadway, Daisy Avenue, West 3rd Street and Magnolia Avenue

