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December 11, 2018

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2019 Office of Sustainability Work Plan. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Sustainable City Commission Ordinance (Ordinance) was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on May 15, 2007. The Ordinance established the Sustainable City Commission (Commission), requiring that, "Each year the Commission shall prepare a work program outlining the focus for the Commission for review and approval by the City Council."

The attached 2019 Office of Sustainability Work Plan (Work Plan) was unanimously approved by the Commission on October 25, 2018, and in accordance with the Ordinance is submitted for City Council approval. The Work Plan includes multiple actions to be taken during the 2019 calendar year. These actions are consistent with the Commission's seven focus areas of Buildings and Neighborhoods, Energy and Climate, Green Economy and Lifestyle, Transportation, Urban Nature, Waste Reduction, and Water. These focus areas provide a holistic approach to sustainability and will be used to guide the Office of Sustainability in its work.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on November 15, 2018 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on November 19, 2018.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Work Plan is intended to guide the Commission and City staff in creating green projects, programs and policies, and making recommendations to the City Council over the next year.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on December 11, 2018, to enable the Commission to move forward with new business at their monthly meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

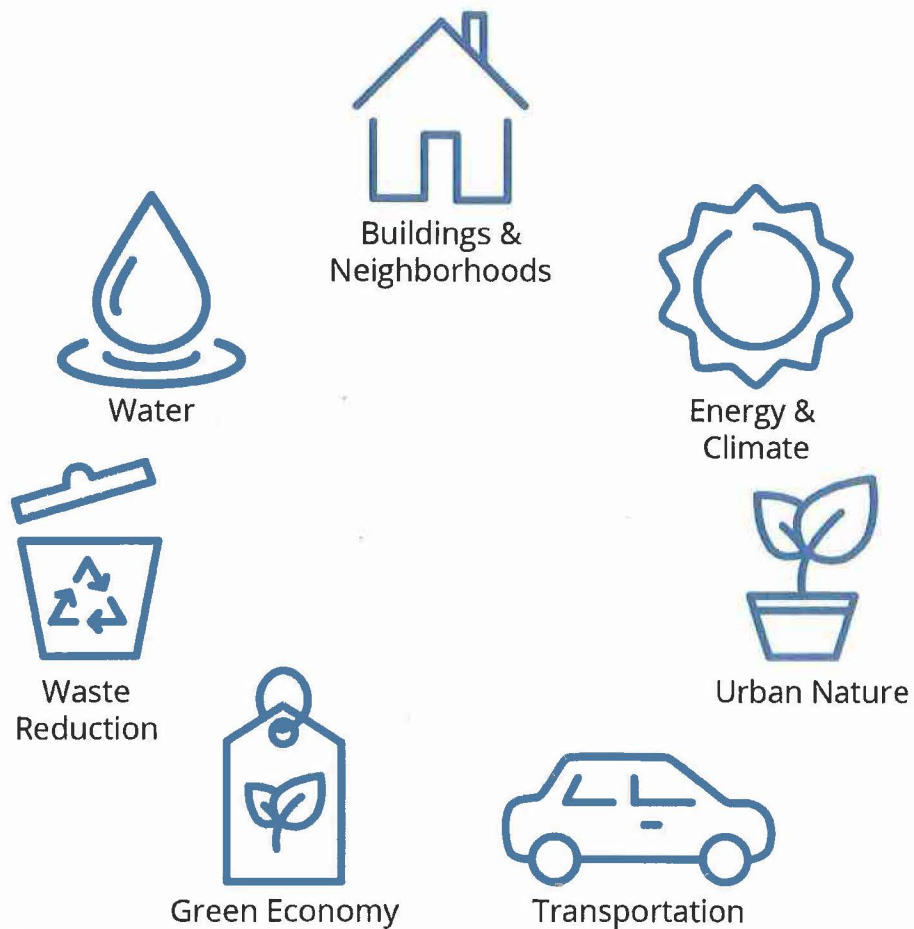
Respectfully submitted,



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Work Plan - 2019



These actions, which are part of the Sustainable City Action Plan and supported by the Sustainable City Commission, identify the priorities for Office of Sustainability staff during the 2019 calendar year.

Work Plan 2019

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Program Management Projects

1. Residential Direct Install Program

Develop a residential direct install program to provide and install energy saving products and services at no cost for residents in disadvantaged communities.

⇒ *Partner:* Energy Resources

2. Green Business Recognition Program

Continue a free program to certify businesses through the California Green Businesses Network (CAGBN) and connect businesses with any resources and incentive programs available to help them go green.

⇒ *Partners:* Long Beach Water, Public Works-Environmental Services Bureau, Economic Development, Energy Resources, Development Services-Housing & Neighborhood Services Bureau

3. Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program

Administer the UAIZ program, conduct outreach, and provide matchmaking services to encourage adoption on vacant lots in Long Beach.

⇒ *Partner:* Development Services

4. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Participate in the City's climate action and adaptation planning process, which supports the signing of the Compact of Mayors. Provide further support for monitoring and implementation by tracking and analyzing sustainability indicators.

⇒ *Partner:* Development Services—Planning Bureau

5. Watershed and Urban Forestry Initiatives

Identify and implement multi-benefit stormwater quality improvements within targeted sub-watersheds along the Los Angeles River through the planting of street trees and other best management practices.

6. EV Initiatives

Continue to monitor investment by Electrify America, as well as other opportunities to add EV charging infrastructure in Long Beach. Continue a program to distribute donated residential electric vehicle chargers to participating, qualified Long Beach residents.

⇒ *Partner:* Development Services—Planning Bureau, Fleet Services

7. Southern California Edison Partnership Program

Continue the SCE Partnership to increase energy efficiency at City facilities and earn cash incentives for future projects.

⇒ *Partners:* Southern California Edison, Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Marine, SMG—Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center

8. Willow Springs Park Support

Support park activation and maintenance with community programs such as clean ups, park tours, native plant nursery workshops, and volunteer park maintenance events.

⇒ *Partner:* Parks, Recreation & Marine



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Ongoing Field Work Programs

1. Mulch Delivery and Pick-up

Continue the mulch delivery and pick-up programs that benefit residents and local organizations.

⇒ *Partner:* West Coast Arborists

2. Tree Planting

Continue parkway plantings for residents and begin planting fruit trees in front yards under the CAL FIRE Urban Forestry grant.

⇒ *Partner:* Public Works—Street Maintenance, Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau

3. Compost Program

Form a partnership to establish a long term food-waste composting program to support the Growing Experience urban farm.

⇒ *Partner:* Environmental Services Bureau, The Growing Experience

4. Edible Demonstration Gardens

Decentralize the edible garden to locations volunteered by local organizations, donate produce to food banks, and teach regular garden workshops.

⇒ *Partner:* Food Finders

5. Willow Springs Native Plant Nursery

Continue to care for native plants in stock, grow the stock of plants, host educational workshops, and establish a system for sale and distribution to Long Beach locations.

Special Event—Ranchos Walk

Support the planning and execution of the Ranchos Walk in partnership with the Health Department, Public Works, and Walk Long Beach

Support for Sustainable City Commission Meetings

9 meetings will be held in 2019, with one each month except for April, August and November. The September meeting will be held as offsite retreats.

Recurring Topics/Updates

- Community Resiliency & Outreach—Aquarium of the Pacific
- Mobility and Healthy Living—Public Works Transportation
- Green Port Progress Update—Port of Long Beach
- Water Conservation Update—LB Water
- CSULB Sustainability/Resilience—CSULB
- Green Fleet—Fleet Services
- Green Transit Update—LB Transit
- Waste Reduction Programs Update—Public Works Env Services

Additional Topics for 2019

- Disaster Preparedness
- Civic Center Project
- Green infrastructure
- U-Plan update
- CCE update
- LGB Green Airport draft plan
- Breakwater Study
- Stormwater and pollution reduction
- LA River Plan
- Standards for New Development
- Sustainable landscaping in parks

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