MAYOR BOB FOSTER
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 10, 2013

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

**Recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement
with Code for America (CfA) for a period of one year and in total amount
not to exceed $180,000 to allow three CfA Fellows to work with City
departments on leveraging technology to improve City services.**

DISCUSSION:

Code for America is a San Francisco-based non-profit organization that brings the
technology, skills, and leadership of the private sector into the work of local government.
CfA has identified Long Beach as a finalist for the 2014 Fellowship Program. To meet
CfA deadlines, Long Beach must give the City Manager the authority to move forward
with an agreement before potentially being awarded the Fellowship Program
opportunity.

The CfA Fellows will work with the City of Long Beach to identify how to engage the
community and leverage technology to address solutions to potential issues including,
but not limited to:
  -Increasing the number of insured residents in the City's territory
  -Providing quality services that are responsive and easily available to citizens
  -Developing processes and policies that allow for these technologies to be
  maintained/services to be delivered

During their tenure with the City, they will explore options such as:
  -How the City can leverage mobile technology
  -How technology can enhance service design and delivery

-Accessing and/or enhancing public data to better provide services to citizens

After conducting their research process, the Fellows will ultimately deliver one core technology that will address one, or possibly multiple of these core issues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact for the duration of no more than one year will not exceed $180,000. This funding will come from budgeted funds of one-time revenue in the City Manager's FY 14 infrastructure fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Bob Foster
City of Long Beach

Dated: August 29, 2013