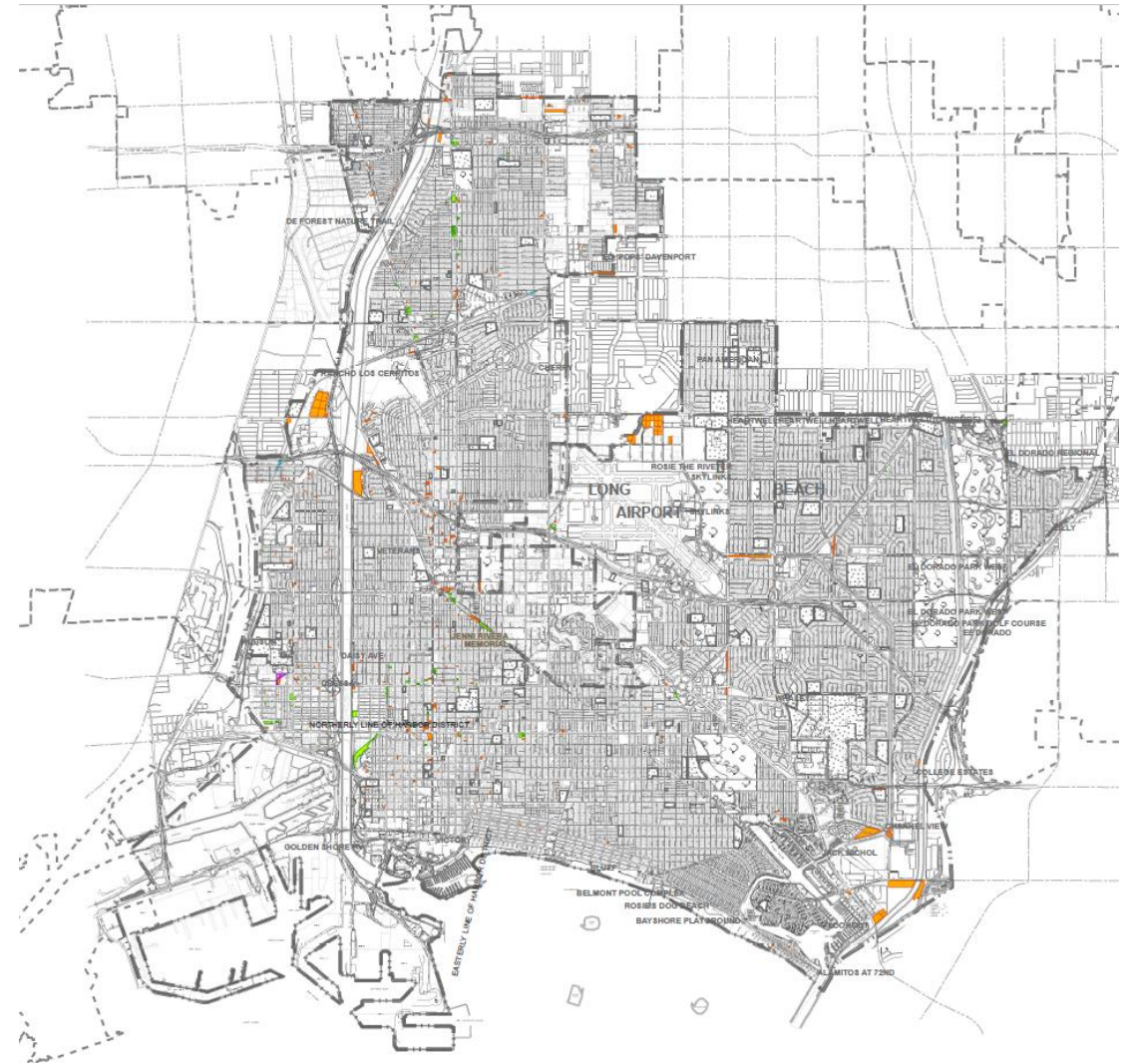




Vacant Lot Registry Ordinance

Background

- Vacant lots associated with decreased perceptions of safety and decreased property values
- 2016 direction from City Council to explore feasibility of a Vacant Lots Registry
 - Staff analyzed 2,100 potential vacant lots in Long Beach
 - Researched vacant lot registries in Pasadena, San Francisco, Oakland, Monterey Park, Jersey City and more



Findings

- 618 vacant lots identified as eligible citywide
 - Random sample field verification yielded a 98% accuracy rate
- Based on research, staff recommended a proactive Vacant Lot Registry On June 13, 2017, staff presented these findings and proposed the Vacant Lots Registry to City Council



Ordinance Components

- Would establish a new Chapter 18.29 of the Municipal Code
- Owners meeting definition of a “vacant lot” required to:
 - Register the lot with the City
 - Pay a monitoring fee
 - Provide suitable fence around the lot to prevent nuisance activities
 - Enhanced maintenance requirements
 - free of weeds, brush, dead vegetation, junk, debris, building materials, graffiti and other noxious substances
- Fee was established in FY18 Master Fee Schedule at \$52.67/month
- Procedure for exempting specific community serving uses
- Code Enforcement to implement and inspect periodically

Co-Benefits

- Increased perceptions of safety
- Support urban agriculture and other community-serving uses
 - ✓ Sustainability
 - ✓ Resiliency
- Publicly available vacant lot database
 - ✓ opportunities for community members and potential developers to activate such lots for community-serving uses and potential development opportunities



Mapping Vacant Lots in the Long Beach:

