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February 7, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report and presentation on Measure H, a ballot measure that will be considered by all Los Angeles County voters on March 7, 2017. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On December 6, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to place Measure H, officially entitled: Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness, on the March 7, 2017 ballot. Its purpose is to combat the homeless crisis in Los Angeles County (County).

Voters will see the following question on the ballot:

Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. To fund mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental subsidies, emergency and affordable housing, transportation, outreach, prevention, and supportive services for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and other homeless adults; shall voters authorize Ordinance No. 2017-0001 to levy a ¼ cent sales tax for ten years, with independent annual audits and citizens' oversight?

If Measure H is approved by a two-thirds vote, a new ¼ cent sales tax would be established in County for ten years in order to fund homeless services and prevention programs. Revenues generated by Measure H will be expended by the County pursuant to an expenditure plan that will be approved by the County Board of Supervisors prior to June 30th of each year. The annual expenditure plan includes projects to prevent homelessness, subsidize housing, provide case management services, increase income, create a coordinated system, preserve and promote affordable housing for the homeless, and provide services to address the causes and effects of homelessness.

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Measure H revenues may be awarded as grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations to address homelessness. City staff is currently evaluating Long Beach programs and services that could be established or enhanced if Measure H is approved.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber and by Assistant Finance Director Lea Eriksen on February 2, 2017.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council approval is requested on February 7, 2017, to provide voters with information on Measure H, which will be on the March 7, 2017 ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: February 3, 2017
To: City Clerk
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of February 7, 2017

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Al Austin	<i>[Signature]</i> for all dist
1	Lena Gonzalez	<i>[Signature]</i>
7	Roberto Uranga	Roberto Uranga

Attachment: Staff Report dated February 3, 2017

Cc: Office of the Mayor