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Date: October 13, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District

From: Councilman Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District

Subject: Receive and File Presentation on Illegal Fireworks

R-9

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is requesting to receive and file a report from the Long Beach Fire Department on the status of illegal firework outreach, education, and enforcement plans, and an update from the Third Council District Committee on illegal fireworks mitigation recommendations.

INTRODUCTION:

In 2017, the Third Council District office developed a residents advisory group to focus on addressing the issue of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. This group held numerous meetings with City staff, and other cities to develop a series of recommendations on how Long Beach can better manage the issue of illegal fireworks. This led to a presentation on June 19, 2018 from the Third District Fireworks Committee and our Fire Department,¹ and the submittal of a City Council agenda item on July 24, 2018 requesting the City manager to report back on the feasibility of implementing expanded fireworks enforcement and administrative remedies.² The City Manager provided a detailed memo on March 15, 2019 as a response to the request for a feasibility report³ on the various recommendations made by the Fireworks Committee.

In collaboration with the committee the Third District Council Office has regularly agendized updates from the committee on recommendation to highlight and expand our efforts to address illegal fireworks in Long Beach and their significant community harms from their use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

¹<http://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3526319&GUID=E8914C40-4EFA-43E5-9B47-F3CFAB829D9D>

² <http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=6367657&GUID=6F9417E3-9745-4161-9779-7CC8AE87ABE1>

³ <http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7107542&GUID=8357CE23-44B3-4959-9934-C92741315D39>