

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD . LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

June 12, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements within Parcels 1 and 6 of the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area using Redevelopment funds. (Districts 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) is working to address needed infrastructure improvements within two specific sub areas (Parcel 1 and Parcel 6, Exhibits A and B, respectively) of the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. Typical improvements will include: library, park, police, fire and other public facilities; new open space; public art; neighborhood street and alley improvements; streetscape enhancements; and public parking. These improvements will facilitate the removal and elimination of blight, beautify corridors and spur economic revitalization in North Long Beach.

California Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements within a redevelopment project area if the City Council determines all of the following:

- That the construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements is available to the community; and
- That the payment of Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

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A resolution making the necessary findings regarding the construction of the proposed public improvements with redevelopment funds from the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area is attached. The Agency passed a similar resolution at its meeting on Monday, June 4, 2007. Additional Agency approvals and budget actions will be required before any individual projects may move forward.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on May 31, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on May 30, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 12, 2007, in order to initiate the transactions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of design and construction for the proposed public improvements will be paid from Redevelopment funds (RD). This will result in a positive impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

PÄTRICK H. WEST

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Parcel 1 Map

Exhibit B - Parcel 6 Map

Resolution

APPROVED:

CITY MANAGER

Exhibit A

NORTH LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PARCEL 1

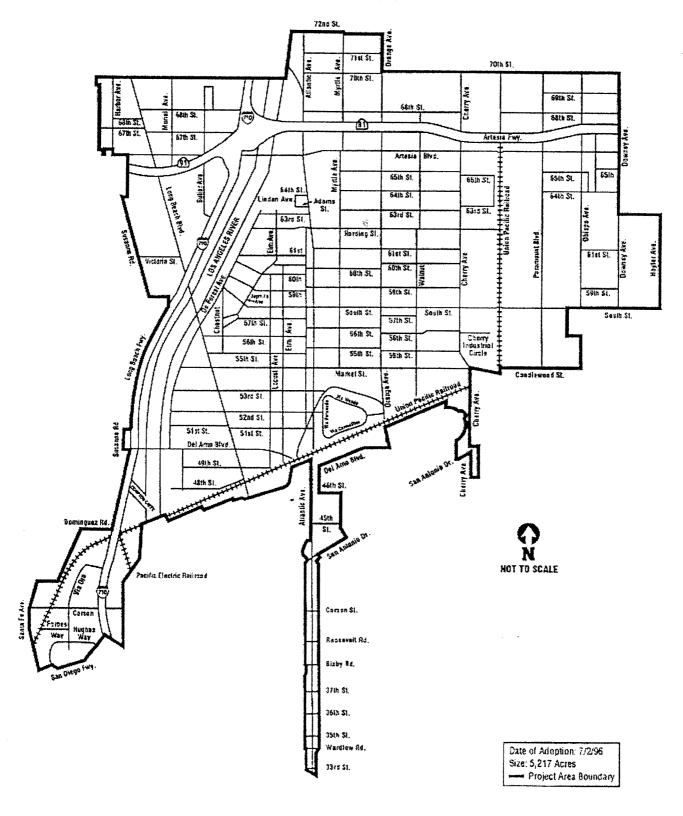
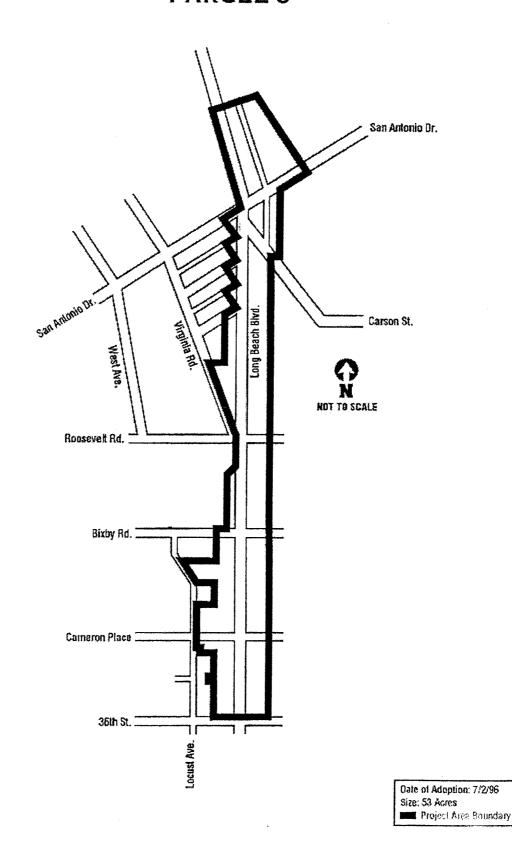


Exhibit B

NORTH LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PARCEL 6



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS
REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS
(PARCELS 1 AND 6 OF THE NORTH REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT AREA)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located within the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance the improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment

Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make

certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or

facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", "B" and "C", are of benefit to the

Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Public improvements in general facilitate the removal of blight and help create a safe, more cohesive and economically dynamic community. Development of library, park and recreational facilities, as well as public parking, open space improvements and public art, assist in removal of blight within densely populated neighborhoods currently underserved with these types of amenities. Public safety and street improvements eliminate blight, improve traffic flow, increase the safety of residents, promote job creation, and promote business attraction and retention.

The City, public and business community will significantly benefit from the proposed library, park, police, fire, and other public facilities, additional open space and open space improvements; public art, neighborhood, street, and alley improvements; streetscape enhancements; public parking; and any other appurtenants necessary for the aforementioned improvements. These public improvements will beautify public streets, promote business, and improve infrastructure necessary to spur economic revitalization in the project area. This will help to create a more positive and nurturing environment within North Long Beach neighborhoods, as well as contribute towards a feeling of community.

Section 2. The City Council determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4664 costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2006-2007, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The City Council further determines that the payment of funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

Ayes:	Councilmembers:	
Noes:	Councilmembers:	
Absent:	Councilmembers:	
		City Cloub
		City Clerk

HAMA:fl 05/10/07 #07-01988

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following public improvements are proposed to be located or constructed wholly within, or immediately adjacent to, Parcel 1 and Parcel 6 (Exhibits "B" and "C", respectively) of the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area:

- Library Facilities
- Park Facilities
- Police Facilities
- Fire Facilities
- Public Facilities
- Open Space
- Open Space Improvements
- Public Art
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Street Improvements
- Alley Improvements
- Streetscape Enhancements
- Public Parking

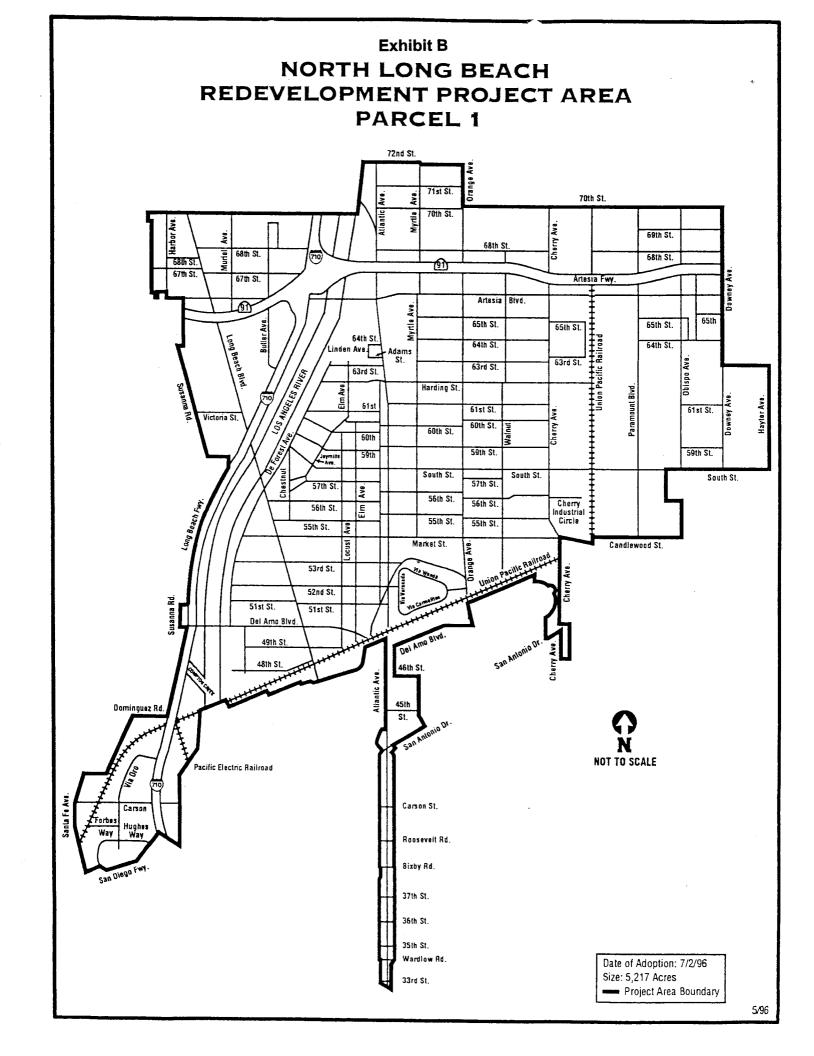
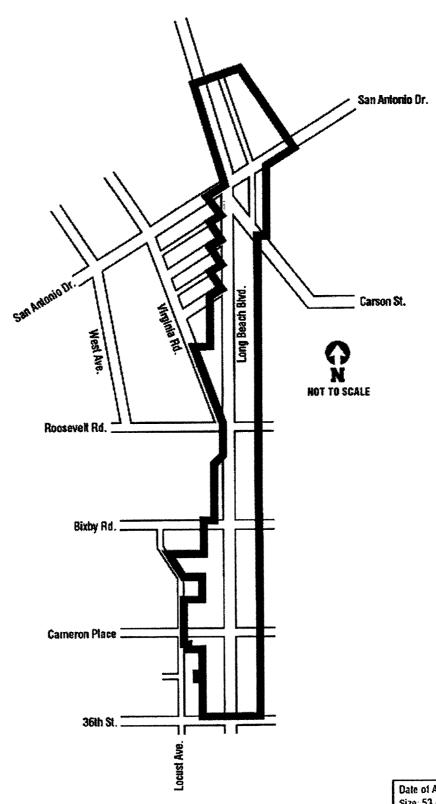


Exhibit C

NORTH LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PARCEL 6



Date of Adoption: 7/2/96 Size: 53 Acres

Project Area Boundary