



Date: December 19, 2006
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Gary DeLong, Chair of the Federal Legislation Committee
Subject: **Recommended 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda**

On November 7, 2006, the Federal Legislation Committee met to discuss and recommend changes to the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda. The Committee discussed the City Manager's recommendations before approving a proposed 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda, with amendments. The Committee's recommended changes to the FY 07 agenda have been incorporated into the attached FY 07 Proposed Agenda. A summary of the various changes from the 2006 agenda to the proposed agenda is also provided as Attachment A.

During the meeting, Committee members also discussed areas of interest including: funding to acquire and rehabilitate wetlands; increased funding for veterans services; concerns related to goods movement and air quality; increased funding for workforce development (especially for jobs and training for disadvantaged youth); funding to help homeless and people with mental health issues; and funding for affordable housing (with a special focus on housing and transition services for young adults with disabilities). It is recommended that staff track these issues throughout the year in accordance with our adopted federal legislative agenda and report back to the Federal Legislation Committee and City Council as appropriate.

Recommended Action: Approve the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda as recommended by the Federal Legislation Committee.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Boeing Company

A new bullet was added to support attraction of new aerospace business, including the potential for the Boeing KC-X Aerial Refueling Tanker to be built in Long Beach.

Economic Development

Item 3 was enhanced to broaden the scope of the high-wage businesses the City should be attracting to include technology, health-care and other industries.

International Trade

This language was amended to reflect the City Council's support of air quality improvements as it relates to international trade.

Alternative Fuel

This item was modified to allow the City more flexibility to explore other alternative fuel options such as LNG, hybrid, electric, hydrogen, etc.

Air Quality

- Item 2: This item, which directed the City to sponsor a goods movement and air quality study), was amended from "sponsor" to "support."
- Item 3: This item was amended to support "implementation" of the MARPOL Annex VI treaty, as the U.S. Senate recently ratified the treaty but the federal government has not yet implemented it.

Global Warming

Recently the City Council passed a resolution to support greenhouse gas emissions reduction for the State of California. It is expected that Congress will discuss Global Warming issues next year at the federal level, thus it was added to the agenda based upon previous direction from the City Council.

Wetlands

An item was added to allow the City to pursue federal funding to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City and the region.

Parks, Recreation and Marine

Clarifying language was added to provide examples of potential funding sources.

Veterans Services

An item was added to support increased funding for veterans services.

Telecommunications

- Item 9: This item was added to allow the City to actively pursue amendments to federal telecommunications law to specifically allow local governments to use Public, Educational and Government (PEG) funding for both capital improvements and operations.
- Item 10: This item was added to emphasize the importance of supporting federal funding for regional communications interoperability.

Transportation

- Item 2: This item was amended to increase recognition of both the infrastructure “and environmental” demands related to goods movement.
- Item 3: This item was deleted, as it is identical to language in the Air Quality section.
- Item 5: This item allows the City to pursue federal funding for soundwalls. Other cities have successfully received funding for soundwalls along goods movement corridors to mitigate adverse impacts, and Long Beach neighborhoods could benefit as well.

Unfunded Mandates/Local Control

Last year the State Legislation Committee recommended amending the State Legislative Agenda to include an item opposing regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority. As this issue could have federal implications as well, this language was added to the Federal Legislative Agenda.

Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples

On October 17 the City Council adopted a resolution urging the state and federal government to develop laws to allow marriage equality for same sex couples and to defend same sex civil marriages and protect the fundamental liberties of all families. That language has now been added to the Federal Legislative Agenda to reflect the City Council’s action.

Gas and Oil Department

A new item was added that provides language to allow the City to support legislation related to our Gas utility and oil operations.



Proposed 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda

DECEMBER 12, 2006

Title	Section
BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	<p>A. <u>I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge:</u> Advocate for funding in the next Transportation Highway bill or other federal funding sources for construction of improvements as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</p> <p>B. <u>Alameda Corridor:</u> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</p> <p>C. <u>The Boeing Company:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall.2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.3. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach.4. Support efforts to attract new aerospace manufacturing to Long Beach, including the new Boeing KC-X Aerial Refueling Tanker. <p>D. <u>Economic Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support efforts to obtain additional EDA and EPA funding for projects, such as the Long Beach Sports Park and the Aquarium of the Pacific.2. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.3. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology, health care, and other high-wage businesses. <p>E. <u>International Trade:</u> Consistent with Council policy, sSupport federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.</p> <p>F. <u>Queensway Bay:</u> Support ongoing Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance for the Queensway Bay.</p> <p>G. <u>Workforce Development:</u> Support legislative efforts that will aggressively pursue the City's efforts to create a strong, viable, and participative workforce, with special attention given to Welfare to Work programs and the Workforce Investment Act. In addition, support efforts to increase investment in workforce training, out-of-school and after school training, and workforce preparation for youth and summer youth employment.</p> <p>H. <u>Small Business:</u> Support efforts to allocate revenues to small business incentive programs that will encourage innovation, create new, real jobs and train workers.</p>

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Title	Section
	<p>I. Arts & Tourism: Support an increase in investment in programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY</p>	<p>A. Public Health: Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements.</p> <p>B. Public Safety & Crime Prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislative efforts to improve Council-approved first responder local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives. 2. Support efforts to enact the recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security Task Force on State & Local Homeland Security Funding. 3. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Long Beach Police, Fire, and Health Departments. 4. Pursue and support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of public safety facilities. 5. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies such as alley lighting, photo red light enforcement, etc. 6. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units, including Health, to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats. 7. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs. 8. Support efforts that ensure that civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL</p>	<p>A. Brownfields:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects. 2. Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields. <p>B. Dredging: Support legislative efforts and funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct dredging at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.</p> <p>C. Beach Erosion: Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.</p> <p>D. Alternative Fuel: Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and encourages the use of natural gas as an alternative fuel and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.</p>

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<p>ENVIRONMENTAL (CON'T)</p>	<p>E. <u>Alternative Energy:</u> Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly energy applications at both the customer and utility level.</p> <p>F. <u>Water Quality:</u> Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers and waterways that affect the City, including innovative water reclamation and filtration techniques.</p> <p>G. <u>Watershed Management:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. 2. Seek federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and cleaning of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and our coastline impaired water bodies within the City. <p>H. <u>Air Quality:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxin emissions. 2. Spenser-Support legislation, which provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implanted to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions. 3. Support the ratification and implementation of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), which sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from vessel exhaust. <p>I. <u>SERRF:</u> Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate SERRF.</p> <p>J. <u>Global Warming: Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.</u></p> <p>K. <u>Wetlands: Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.</u></p>
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>A. <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</u> Support legislation that provides financial relief for cities in making facilities accessible as mandated by the ADA.</p> <p>B. <u>Parks, Recreation and Marine:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation, and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act. 2. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve highly dense urban areas.

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<p>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)</p>	<p>C. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to mental health.</p> <p>D. <u>Libraries:</u> Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.</p> <p>E. <u>Affordable/Accessible Housing:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City. 2. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing. 3. Support full funding for all authorized and existing Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance programs operating in the City of Long Beach. <p>F. <u>Senior Services:</u> Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.</p> <p>G. <u>Arts:</u> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.</p> <p>H. <u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:</u> Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.</p> <p>I. <u>Veterans Services: Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.</u></p>
<p>YOUTH & EDUCATION</p>	<p>A. <u>Good Health:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children and young adults including pre-natal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental and mental health care and preventive and interventive services for children and youth who may be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.</p> <p>B. <u>Safety and Survival:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of youth, and support programs which reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides of youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth.</p> <p>C. <u>Economic Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that assure youth have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's youth.</p> <p>D. <u>Social and Emotional Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including literacy, childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.</p>

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	<p>E. <u>Education and Workforce Readiness:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City’s youth from pre-school through post secondary education, including educational enhancement institutions and organizations such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults age 18-24.</p> <p>F. <u>Meaningful Youth Engagement:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the presence of youth participation in all levels of government decision making, such as local youth councils and board participation, voting and civic engagement.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE</p>	<p>A. <u>Civil Service:</u> Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.</p> <p>B. <u>FICA/Social Security:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in these federal programs if they have other retirement programs in place. 2. Oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City. <p>C. <u>Telecommunications:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries. 2. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce. 3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales. 4. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet. 5. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives. 6. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use. 7. Protect local government’s ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens. 8. Protect local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers. 9. Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses. 10. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions. <p>D. <u>Transportation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Long Beach Transit, for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.

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<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region. 3. Sponsor legislation which provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implemented to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions. 4. Pursue appropriations for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including Anaheim Street, 7th Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, and Pacific Coast Highway. 5. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls along goods movement corridors. <p>E. <u>Unfunded Mandates/Local Control:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program. 2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs. 3. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority. <p>F. <u>Water Department:</u> Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department, that are consistent with the Department's cost-effective long-term local water supply reliability objectives.</p> <p>G. <u>Municipal Elections:</u> Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</p> <p>H. <u>Stormwater/Water Quality:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</p> <p>I. <u>Aquarium of the Pacific:</u> Support legislation that will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, recreation and local wetlands restoration and Los Angeles Basin watershed management.</p> <p>J. Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples: Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.</p> <p>K. Gas and Oil Department: Support legislation, initiatives and policies on behalf of the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department that are consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.</p>