



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Annual Inspection of Local Detention Facilities Report by the Department of Health and Human Services. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Section 101045 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) requires local Health Officers to conduct annual inspections of jails and other detention facilities within their respective jurisdictions in order to insure compliance with HSC standards. These standards are embodied in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations, "Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities", "Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities" and the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL) (HSC Div. 104, Part 7, Chapter 4, Sec. 1-8). Upon completion of the required inspection, the law provides that the City Health Officer must submit a report of the findings to the governing body of the jurisdiction, the State Board of Corrections, and the official in charge of the detention facility.

In accordance with the provisions of the HSC, the Department of Health and Human Services conducted an inspection of local detention facilities on August 23 - 24, 2006. The sites inspected were the Long Beach City Main Municipal Jail, City Juvenile Holding Facility, City North Police Substation, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Holding Facility at the courthouse. These facilities were inspected in accordance with State of California requirements in the areas of environmental health, nutritional health, and medical services for jail inmates. The review team consisted of Darryl M. Sexton, M.D., City Health Officer; John Browning, Environmental Health Specialist; and Mei-Jyh Wang, R.D., Public Health Nutritionist. The team made recommendations for facility sanitation and nutritional improvements. All recommended improvements to City facilities were verified to have been addressed by the Police Department.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney, Lori A. Conway, on November 29, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on December 12, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Health Department associated with this item. The Police Department is currently evaluating the costs to ensure compliance with the report.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER