

**CITY OF LONG BEACH**

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize that all matters directly affecting youth and children be referred to the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) prior to action by the City Council; authorize the CYC to seek grant funding on behalf of the City; direct the CYC to produce bi-annual data reports containing updated profiles on youth and children; direct the City Manager to establish a Data Partnership, consisting of representatives of City departments serving youth and assign City staff to assist with the data collection process; and, direct the City Manager to inform the CYC on the Outside Optimization Study of Youth Services. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

On January 11, 2005, the 2004 Annual Report of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC), (Attachment #1), was received and filed by the City Council with a request that action on the five report recommendations be brought back to the City Council within 60 days.

The five (5) recommendations that were included in the report from the CYC to the City Council are as follows:

- 1. The Commission on Youth and Children recommends that the City Attorney prepare an amendment to Resolution No. C-28279, which established the Commission on Youth and Children, to include a provision whereby the City Council refers all matters directly affecting youth and children to the Commission on Youth and Children for input prior to action by the City Council.** In its first year, the Commission on Youth and Children did not receive any referrals of matters by City Council. In order to fulfill the role of the CYC as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council, it would be important to the City Council that youth-related matters be referred to the CYC and that the CYC be given the opportunity to provide input to the City Council on such matters. In addition, the CYC has been charged with the responsibility to review several citywide plans, such as the City's legislative agenda.

2. **The Commission on Youth and Children recommends that the City Attorney prepare an amendment to Resolution No. C-28279 to include the operation of the Long Beach Youth Fund Program, depending upon outside funding, as a responsibility of the Commission on Youth and Children.** The Long Beach Youth Fund, initially implemented in Long Beach through funds from the Irvine Foundation, was facilitated by the San Francisco-based Youth Leadership Institute. The purpose of the Long Beach Youth Fund is to provide philanthropic experiences to youth, both as funding agents and as recipients of grant funds. The Long Beach Youth Fund was adopted as a component of the Commission at its July 2004 meeting. The CYC is seeking funding opportunities for future years, which will be used to provide grants for local youth projects.
3. **The Commission on Youth and Children recommends that the CYC be directed to continue to oversee the development, management and publication of future data reports, on a bi-annual basis, and to use the Profile 2004 as a baseline for such effort.** The CYC presented the initial Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children as a component of the Annual Report. The CYC is interested in feedback from the Mayor and members of the City Council, as well as from City departments serving youth, as to its usefulness. Anticipating a favorable response, the CYC recommends that direction be given to continue to oversee the development of the data report and to publish updated profiles every other year.
4. **Contingent upon the Mayor and Members of the City Council supporting "Recommendation 3" above, the CYC asks that the City Council direct the City Manager to establish a Data Partnership, consisting of representatives from City departments serving youth, and to assign staff to oversee the data collection process.** Creating a profile of Long Beach youth and children requires cooperation from various City departments, which in the course of delivery of their programs and services maintain relevant data. The CYC is appreciative for the assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Long Beach Police Department, as well as the outside involvement of CSULB, LBUSD, and the County of Los Angeles Children's Planning Council, in preparing the 2004 Profile. To fulfill our desired list of data collection, and to ensure that ongoing publications will be useful to a broad range of stakeholders, it is critical for all City departments, LBUSD, and key outside agencies serving youth, to work together in the process of collecting data in a uniform and comprehensive fashion. We believe that through this type of Citywide partnership, the collective work of the City and community agencies can be expanded to include trend analyses and program and service evaluations that support the indicators of well being for youth and children.

5. **The Commission on Youth and Children recommends that the Mayor and City Council direct that the CYC be informed of the intent, progress and results of the City's Outside Optimization Study of Youth Services.** The City has embarked on an optimization study of its youth services. The CYC would like to participate in the review of the youth services provided by the City, receive the findings obtained from the study, and would welcome the opportunity to review any recommendations that emerge from the study analyses, prior to submittal to the Mayor and City Council.

Based on advice from the City Attorney's Office, an amendment to the resolution is not appropriate for the requested action. However, the spirit of the recommendations can be implemented with authority from the City Council as presented in the recommendation section.

This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on March 16, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 14, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 19, 2005, in order to adhere to the action taken by the City Council on January 11, 2005.

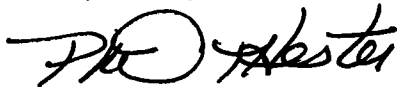
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER