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Date: January 13, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

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Subject: Request for Report -  
Office of the City Manager  
Response to the Storm Damage

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### Background

The City of Long Beach has experienced severe weather damage since the start of January. Many residents across the City have become increasingly concerned as they witness the impacts of fierce storm damage to our community.

- Numerous reports of downed trees onto vehicles, into buildings, and blocking streets.
  - Tree replacement is essential to our community in that it improves the quality of the environment and beautifies our neighborhoods.
- Additional potholes have been created across the city and are safety hazards for the residents of Long Beach.
  - Potholes must be repaired to maintain the effective flow of traffic and the safety of our residents.

Responding to the numerous reports of downed trees, currently totaling nearly 100, Public Works has been exceptionally responsive in the clean up process and we appreciate their hard work. Response crews were formed and are working overtime. Street sweeping personnel have also been assigned to assist with tree debris clean up.

### Recommended Action

I respectfully request a report by the City Manager's Office on the City's current response to the recent storm damage, in particular the replacement of downed trees and pothole repair, and the long-term plan to address the needs of the City.