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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Andrews, Sixth District Councilmember *DA*
Subject: Community Improvement Efforts

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund (GF) in the Economic and Property Development Department (EP) by \$59,940, offset by the Sixth Council District one-time infrastructure funds transferred from the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW) to fund community improvement and community engagement activities in the Sixth Council District.

DISCUSSION:

The Sixth Council District is the proud home of approximately 50,000 residents and is host to many outstanding institutions and public facilities including Long Beach Poly High School, Long Beach City College/Pacific Coast Campus, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, McBride Park, Chittick Field, and the Mark Twain Library. The District is also home to the City's largest healthcare cluster, located along the Atlantic Avenue corridor, which supports more than 8,000 healthcare workers.

Despite these strong educational, civic, and economic assets, the District continues to address unemployment and economic instability, which have historically been higher than the City as a whole. The District is committed to ensuring that every resident is able to access quality employment and live in a safe, blight-free environment conducive to economic growth.

Since 2015, The District has worked with the Workforce Development Bureau of the Economic and Property Development Department (Pacific Gateway) to expand its residents' access to employment programs and address barriers to safety, health and business growth. The results of this work have been positive: the number of residents enrolled in workforce programs has increased; blight-reduction efforts have improved neighborhood environments; and activity along the District's business corridors is improved. Pacific Gateway has also benefitted through the strengthened partnership,

further extending the reach of its programs into high-need areas in alignment with its mission.

To continue this valuable collaboration and vital City resource, the Sixth District requests continued dedication of one-time infrastructure funds toward these efforts. A portion of one-time infrastructure funds would continue to support localized employment programs and outreach, as well as blight-reduction efforts in partnership with Code Enforcement, the Go Long Beach app, the Neighborhood Resource Center and other partners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total appropriation increase of \$59,940 in the General Fund (GF) in the Economic and Property Development Department (EP) is offset by a transfer of one-time infrastructure funds from the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW).