

March 21, 2023

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Affiliation Agreements, and any subsequent amendments, with California State University Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and West Coast University for student field placement, internship, and preceptorship with the Health and Human Services Department. (Citywide)

## **DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into Affiliation Agreements with California State University Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and West Coast University for student field placement, internship, and preceptorship with the City of Long Beach (City). Every year, institutions of higher learning and hospitals contact the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) to request field placement of their students or residents-intraining. The placements range from undergraduate students seeking experience working in public affairs, administration, public health, and social work to nursing students and residents-in-training seeking to engage in a clinical rotation at the Health Department.

These institutions have requested to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with the City to allow their students and residents-in-training to intern or be placed with the Health Department to expand and gain first-hand knowledge of working in a public health setting. This program is mutually beneficial, allowing the students to gain required field experience and learn about the role and function of the Health Department and the importance of public health in the community, and providing the clinics with knowledgeable volunteer interns that enhance the clinical and program capacity of the Health Department. These programs also serve as sites for the Health Department to recruit future public health professionals.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on February 21, 2023 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 3, 2023.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 21, 2023, to enter into the Affiliation Agreements and commence program and clinical rotation activities.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with the recommended action. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

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# SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

KELLA GOFODA

**DIRECTOR** 

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA

**CITY MANAGER**