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**Office of Gerrie Schipske**  
**Councilwoman, Fifth District**  
**Memorandum**  
**R-23**

Date: November 20, 2007

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske *GS*

Subject: AGENDA ITEM: Report on "From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coasts" Exhibit

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### **BACKGROUND**

In recognition of the landmark 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Survey of the Coast, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) created the exhibit, "From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coasts". The exhibit opened on June 21 at the El Dorado Branch Library and was displayed through August 30.

The City of Long Beach was one of two-hundred cities across the nation that was selected to host the exhibit by the Smithsonian Institute after Councilwoman Schipske completed an on-line application. Long Beach was selected, and as such, is allowed to keep the collection on a permanent basis, provided that the artwork is displayed in public.

In October the exhibit was transferred to The Aquarium of the Pacific, where it will be displayed through early December 2007. On October 22, 2007 a VIP reception was held with representatives from the United States Coast Guard, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and featured guest and NOAA Director, Retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr.

Through the exhibit, the Aquarium's regional audiences of school children and general visitors have learned about the history of coastal surveys in addition to the 12,500 life marine creatures at the Aquarium. Long Beach residents should be encouraged to attend the Aquarium of the Pacific, and learn about the history of the nations coastal surveys.

### **RECOMENDATION**

Receive and file report on "From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coasts" Exhibit