



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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June 22, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt the Resolution amending the General Plan of the City of Long Beach by adding an Historic Preservation Element. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

While Long Beach has many of the components of a sound historic preservation program in place, it has not had a General Plan element to address this subject. Recognizing that having such a policy plan would allow the City, as a Certified Local Government (CLG), to take advantage of grant funding opportunities available only to CLG communities that have adopted an historic preservation element, the creation of such a plan was initiated two years ago. The firm of Historic Resources Group (HRG) was selected to assist in drafting the new element because of its expertise in cultural preservation matters and proven ability to assist communities in putting together workable preservation programs, tailored to local needs.

Community input on the General Plan update was initially obtained through the Planning Bureau's Long Beach 2030 General Plan workshops held in the spring of 2007. Building on this effort, the Planning Bureau reached out to the community in 2008, this time specifically targeting local preservation groups, historic neighborhood organizations, business leaders and residents with an interest in local preservation issues. Five facilitated workshops were held in various locations throughout the City to introduce the Historic Preservation Element project, and to ask for ideas to improve Long Beach's existing cultural and historic resources preservation program.

Subsequent to these meetings, a broad range of suggestions to improve local preservation efforts were presented by HRG to the City. Staff evaluated all of the ideas presented in an effort to find those solutions that best address the concerns most often cited by community members. These solutions constitute the historic preservation program as presented in the proposed Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan provided to the City Council on May 27, 2010. The document is also available on line at [http://www.lbds.info/planning/historic\\_preservation/default.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/historic_preservation/default.asp).

The Draft Historic Preservation Element was released for public review on February 5, 2010; the Cultural Heritage Commission held a study session on the document on March 8, 2010; and the Redevelopment Agency Board held a review on March 15, 2010. On April

12, 2010, the Cultural Heritage Commission held a hearing on the document and unanimously recommended the document, with minor corrections, to the City Planning Commission. On April 15, 2010, the Planning Commission held a hearing on the Historic Preservation Element and unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the document.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on April 23, 2010 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 28, 2010.

SUSTAINABILITY

Preserving historic buildings is a sustainable land use practice. The fifth goal of the Historic Preservation Element is to: "Integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development and sustainable-city strategies," thereby, promoting a cohesive and holistic approach to land use planning for an economically prosperous, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable community.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter has been appropriately noticed for June 22, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no costs or job impacts associated with the adoption of this policy document.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachment: City Council Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN  
OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BY ADOPTING AN  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find, determine and declare:

A. The City Council desires to amend the General Plan of the City of Long Beach by adopting an Historic Preservation Element as set forth in this resolution.

B. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 15, 2010, regarding the adoption of an Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan.

C. At that hearing, the Planning Commission gave full consideration to all pertinent facts, information, proposals, environmental documentation and recommendations respecting all parts of an Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan and the viewpoints expressed at the public hearing, and afforded full opportunity for public input and participation.

D. Following receipt of all appropriate environmental documentation, full hearings and deliberation, the City Planning Commission certified Negative Declaration No. ND-14-09 on April 15, 2010, and recommended approval of an Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan of the City of Long Beach and further directed that said

1 recommendation be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

2 E. That on May 18, 2010, the City Council conducted a duly  
3 noticed public hearing at which it gave full consideration to all pertinent  
4 facts, information, proposals, environmental documentation and  
5 recommendations respecting all parts of an Historic Preservation Element  
6 of the General Plan and the views expressed at the public hearing and  
7 afforded full opportunity for public input and participation.

8 F. Following receipt of all appropriate environmental  
9 documentation, full hearings and deliberation, the City Council did concur  
10 with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and approved and  
11 adopted the environmental documentation and an Historic Preservation  
12 Element of the General Plan of the City of Long Beach

13 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby formally  
14 approves and adopts an Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan of the City of  
15 Long Beach, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Such Historic Preservation  
16 Element is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

17 Section 3. The Director of Development Services for the City of Long  
18 Beach shall promptly submit a copy of the adopted Historic Preservation Element to the  
19 State Department of Housing and Community Development in accordance with  
20 Government Code Section 65585(g).

21 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
22 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

23 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
24 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the

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Noes: Councilmembers:

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Absent: Councilmembers:

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City Clerk

## **Exhibit A**

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT**

**The Historic Preservation Element was distributed to City Council on May 27, 2010.**

**The document is available on line at:**

**[http://www.lbds.info/planning/historic\\_preservation/default.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/historic_preservation/default.asp)**

**If you require an additional copy, please contact Pat Garrow at (562) 570-6005.**