



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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SUBJECT: 2004 Commission on Youth and Children's (CYC) Annual Report

## DISCUSSION

The new Commission on Youth and Children, implemented on October 21, 2003, began meeting in January 2004. Submitted for your review is the 2004 Annual Report for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

The 2004 Annual Report includes the following information:

- Commission Membership
- Guests and Public Speakers
- Objectives, Function and Structure
- Community Involvement at the Local, Regional Statewide and National Levels
- Committees and District Level Youth Advisory Councils
- Action Items
- Attendance Records
- Budget and City Personnel Assisting the Commission
- Recommendations

Included in the report are five (5) recommendations from the CYC to the City Council (see pages 17 and 18). The recommendations reflect the experience of the Commission in its first year and were crafted to increase the effectiveness of the CYC in its role to serve as an advisory body to the City Council.

The CYC, in its inaugural year, has made significant progress towards gaining an understanding of the population of youth and children residing in Long Beach. As a tool aimed at giving commissioners, the members of the City Council, and interested parties a snapshot of youth and children's well-being, the Commission collected data and developed a profile of Long Beach's youth and children, and has included it as part of the annual report. The *Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children (Profile)* was developed in accordance with Goal 1 of the Education and Youth component of the City Strategic Plan 2010. It sets forth basic demographic and public education data, as well as measurements of well-being by indicators and within outcome areas adopted by the Commission. These six (6) outcome areas include Good Health, Safety and Survival,

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Economic Well-Being, Social and Emotional Well-Being, Education and Workforce Readiness, and Meaningful Youth Engagement.

The CYC recognizes the *Profile* is a first step for the City, in the effort to measure youth and children's well being and to begin to identify improvements over time. The CYC feels that the data collection and reporting effort is critical to the Commission, as well as the City Council, in their ability to implement youth and children's policy and to effectively oversee citywide spending on youth and children's programs and services. The CYC, as a new commission, navigated this initial effort with the assistance of competent staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine; however, it has come to understand that, as the data reflects areas served by several City departments, as well as the Long Beach Unified School District and other key youth serving agencies, those agencies must share in the responsibility for managing data collection and work in cooperation with the CYC and staff on an ongoing basis. Thus, as a key recommendation of the CYC, the Commission has asked that City Council authorize the continued data collection process, and that a data partnership be developed wherein key City departments and agencies are requested to work together to ensure that future profiles are developed in a manner that can be most useful and comprehensive of citywide efforts to serve youth and children (see pages 17 and 18, Recommendations 3 and 4).

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 11, 2005, in order to allow the Commission on Youth and Children to present the *Profile* to the community at the annual Youth Services Forum on January 18, 2005.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact in the recommended action.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive and file the 2004 Commission on Youth and Children's Annual Report and authorize the implementation of recommendations 1 through 5 contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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