



Date: May 10, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *L Richardson*
Subject: **AGENDA ITEM REQUEST – STATUS: LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCES AND ONE-STOP WEB SITE**

In recent years, there has been much concern expressed among Council members, the public and the business community regarding policies aimed at making the City of Long Beach more business friendly, encouraging growth, expansion and opportunities for Long Beach based businesses. Methods for addressing these concerns have taken many forms including City policy for local business preferences and the development of a one-stop web site designed to assist businesses in responding to and preparing RFP's and RFQ's.

I am requesting that the City Manager report to the Council on the success or failure of these efforts. I am particularly interested in being appraised of the statistics in relation to "local preferences" that have been utilized versus projections, further, it would be helpful to understand the potential financial impact if additional percentages are applied other than originally proposed schedule. Finally, status of the proposed one-stop web site for RFP and RFQ inventory is needed.

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cc: City Attorney
City Manager