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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the 2014 Housing Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council, State Office of Planning and Research, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. (Citywide)

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DISCUSSION

On January 7, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2013-2021 Housing Element, one of seven mandated elements in the City's General Plan. It was certified by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on April 5, 2014. Housing Element Law [§65400] mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community. Moreover, California law requires that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies and the State HCD an annual report on the City's achievements in meeting its goals and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets embodied in its adopted Housing Element. The intent of this statute is to ensure that the Housing Element remains an effective guide for allocating limited housing resources at the local level.

In 2012, subsequent to the State Legislature approving the dissolution of the redevelopment agencies (RDAs), the Legislature adopted SB 341, which amends the California Health and Safety Code to provide parameters on the use of the remaining low and moderate income housing assets of the housing successors. Among other things, the legislation requires annual reporting on the use of the housing assets for the previous fiscal year. Specifically, housing successors are required to prepare an independent financial audit of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) within six months of the end of each fiscal year, which may be included in the independent financial audit of the host jurisdiction; prepare a report containing specific information on the use of housing assets during the

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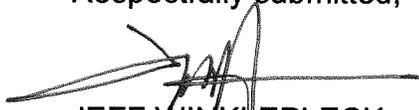
previous fiscal year; and, post the report on the jurisdiction's website. A copy of the report has been attached here for reference (Exhibit B – Housing Successor Annual Report).

In 2013, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) developed its RHNA based on growth forecasts. These growth forecasts were then assigned to Long Beach and its fair share of State mandated affordable and market rate housing goals were allocated. In allocating the City's future housing needs, SCAG considered the following: 1) Market demand for housing; 2) Type and tenure of housing units; 3) Employment opportunities; 4) Commuting patterns; and 5) Suitable sites and public facilities. The City of Long Beach was allocated 7,048 total housing units for the time period covered by the 2013-2021 Housing Element. It should be noted, however, that this RHNA allocation does not require the City to produce any housing units; rather, it requires that the City identify adequately zoned sites for such development to occur.

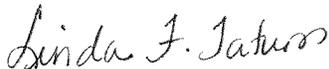
On March 27, 2010, the HCD adopted guidelines and forms for the preparation of the Housing Element Annual Reports. (Previous to that time, jurisdictions provided their own report formats.) These reports are now due to the State on April 1 of each year. Pursuant to this requirement, the 2014 Housing Element Annual Report for the 2013-2021 Housing Element has been prepared for your review and consideration, and is attached hereto - (Exhibit A – 2014 Housing Element Annual Report).

As indicated in the 2014 Housing Element Annual Report for 2014, the City has made progress in implementing the programs outlined in the 2013-2021 Housing Element. For calendar year 2014, 300 total new units were permitted for construction. Of the 300 new units, 40 units were deed restricted for low-income households.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Exhibit A – 2014 Housing Element Annual Report
Exhibit B – 2014 Housing Successor Annual Report