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Date: October 20, 2020

NB-16

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First District
Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, Second District
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Fifth District

Subject: Role of Legislative Body in Implementing State Health Order

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is directing the City Manager and City Attorney to provide a report to the City Council on the role of the Council as a legislative body in the implementation and interpretation of the State of California's health orders in response to COVID-19.

INTRODUCTION:

The Long Beach City Council has not been involved in many aspects of the current state health order discussions in response to COVID-19. These discussions include, what activities and business sectors to open or close within the approved health orders, what precautions would be reasonable to require for the safe reopening of businesses and recreational activities, what individual mandates might be warranted in light of the health data like social distancing and mask wearing, as well as numerous additional topics related to COVID-19 Health Orders.

The City of Long Beach is subject to the State of California's ongoing Health Orders related to COVID-19 as well as the State of California's March 4, 2020 Emergency Declaration. From the beginning of this emergency City of Long Beach legislators have been advised that the implementation of the State Health Orders here in Long Beach was in the exclusive purview of the City's Health Department. While the Long Beach Council has heeded this advisement, there have been other legislative bodies in the region that have taken legislative action as to some aspects of the state's health orders, including enacting legislation regarding mask wearing, opening various business sectors in conformity with the state, and other similar measures.



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If permitted under the current laws, the Council should be given the opportunity to weigh in and hear public comment on implementation of the health orders, the timing of various orders, the scope of the orders, and other relevant information that will impact our residents and business owners.

With this in mind it is appropriate for the City Council to seek clarification on what our legal role in these discussion can be.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the urgency of this item no fiscal impact assessment has been completed.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY:

Impacts from the COVID-19 emergency are pressing and necessitate urgent City Council action



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: October 15, 2020
To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk
From: Suzie Price, Councilwoman, Third District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of October 20, 2020

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
3	Suzie Price	
1	Mary Zendejas	
2	Jeannine Pearce	
5	Stacy Mungo	