

RESOLUTION NO. C-28386

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT  
OF A NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL DISASTER  
MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 (PUBLIC LAW 106-390)

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2003, Southern California experienced the most  
costly fire in the State's history, burning over 3,500 homes and over 750,000 acres of  
wildland, resulting in damage from which it will take communities years to recover; and

WHEREAS, in December 2003, a large 6.5 magnitude earthquake  
devastated Paso Robles, California, in the Central Coast region, and had this event  
occurred in an urbanized area such as Long Beach, California, it would have resulted in  
significant loss of life and billions of dollars in damages; and

WHEREAS, disaster resiliency, the ability to "bounce back" quickly from  
an extreme natural event (such as earthquake, flood or winds) without permanent,  
intolerable damage or disruption of natural, economic, social or structural systems and  
without massive amount of outside assistance, is more often being included as another  
component of community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, sustainability emphasizes planning as a primary approach to  
involve local citizens, obtain broad input, and develop real goals and action plans on  
how to mitigate against damage caused by the natural hazards facing every California  
community; and

WHEREAS, there are actions that can be undertaken to address hazards,  
no matter how large or small, that can support disaster resiliency and sustainability in  
our community.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves  
2 as follows:

3 Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby  
4 authorize and support the development of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan,  
5 establishing goals and objectives to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens,  
6 even in the event of a natural disaster.

7 Sec. 2. That the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan shall be a collection of  
8 analyses, policies, and actions on how the community will grow and change in the  
9 future and will serve as a blueprint for how it can achieve sustainability and disaster  
10 resiliency.

11 The plan will be the result of a process involving city departments, local  
12 agencies, business people, landowners, developers, and citizens and will reflect local  
13 values and concerns.

14 Sec. 3. That the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan shall meet the program  
15 criteria of the Stafford Act as amended (Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000) in order that  
16 the City of Long Beach will be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster  
17 mitigation program funds to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

18 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by  
19 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.  
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21 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
22 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 15, 2004,

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1 by the following vote:

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Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna, Kell,

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Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

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Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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Absent: Councilmembers: Carroll, Webb.

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