NB-25

City of Long Beach
Working Together to Serve

Office of Gerrie Schipske, R.N.P., J.D.
Councilwoman, Fifth District
Memorandum

Date: November 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, 5th District
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District

Subject: **Request for funding of Economic Impact Study by Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation on the Loss of the Boeing Company in Long Beach as a Means to Work with Governor Brown's Office of Jobs and Business Development to Determine What State Can Offer to Keep Boeing in Long Beach**

Discussion: Governor Brown signed into law last July three pieces of legislation that include hiring credits for companies in areas blighted with the highest jobless rates, a sales tax exemption on tools for manufacturing and research and development equipment and tax incentives for companies that create jobs and pay the highest wages.

The City of Long Beach faces the highest unemployment rate in the State as well as a growing poverty rate amongst adults and young people.

The Boeing Company has announced that will close the C-17 Plant in 2015 if it cannot get additional orders for the cargo plane. This will result in the loss of more than 5,000 jobs and a company which is currently Long Beach's second largest employer.

More recently, The Boeing Company has announced that it is considering Long Beach for "wing work" related to its 777x plane. Puget Sound, Washington was also being considered. News reports indicate that labor negotiations with the employee union (IAM)

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
Fifth District	Councilmember Gerrie Schipske	
Eighth District	Councilmember Al Austin	
Ninth District	Councilmember Steven Neal	