



Building A Better Long Beach

March 14, 2011

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of the property described in Exhibit "A" to the City of Long Beach from the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach. (West Long Beach Industrial and Downtown – Districts 1,2)

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach (Agency) has fulfilled its core mission of eliminating blight, improving neighborhoods, promoting economic development and enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses and community stakeholders for decades. In recent years, the Agency has taken a leadership role in basic neighborhood revitalization initiatives to improve public safety, leverage private investment, create jobs and fund public infrastructure projects. The Agency has accumulated land holdings throughout its redevelopment project areas in order to remove blighting influences, assemble parcels suitable for commercial or residential development, construct public facilities including parks and open space, and to leverage additional investment in certain areas.

On March 7, 2011, the Agency approved staff's recommendation to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of property to the City of Long Beach (City) from the Agency and authorized the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of the assets related to those properties to the City from the Agency. Several properties were inadvertently omitted from the list that the Agency approved on March 7; therefore, staff is requesting that the list be modified to include the additional Agency-owned land listed on Exhibit "A".

Given the current budget environment in the State, the Agency's ability to carry out its mission may be limited and it is unknown whether these properties could be developed by the Agency for their intended use. However, transferring the properties to the City pursuant to Section 33220(g) of the California Health and Safety Code would allow for the potential redevelopment of these properties within local control and in accordance with the redevelopment plans. It is therefore recommended that all properties currently

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owned by the Agency be transferred to the City. These actions are prudent and necessary to protect the future development of these properties and to allow the continued revitalization of key neighborhoods and business corridors absent the existence of the Agency.

The City's Environmental Planning Officer has determined that the proposed transfer of properties to the City qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Should it become necessary, the City Council may be asked, at a future date, to transfer certain assets to a City-initiated successor entity to facilitate disposition and development of certain assets in a manner consistent with the goals of the Redevelopment Plans.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Exhibit A – List of Properties

Exhibit A

Redevelopment Agency-Owned Parcels West Long Beach Industrial Project Area				
	APN	Number	Street Name	Current Land Use
(1)	7429-018-911	N/A	W. 14th St.	Vacant Land

Redevelopment Agency-Owned Parcels Downtown Project Area				
	APN	Number	Street Name	Current Land Use
(1)	7280-020-912	N/A	N/A	Subterranean Land
(2)	7280-020-913	N/A	N/A	Subterranean Land