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To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

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Subject: Request presentation on beach water quality improvement efforts

Heal the Bay released their Annual Beach Report Card on May 23, 2007. The report stated that eighty-eight percent of Long Beach monitoring locations received fair-to-poor grades, making multiple beaches in Long Beach share the dubious title of being a "Beach Bummer" this year.

Improving the water quality of our community's beaches is important to the health and safety of our residents and visitors. As our beaches are a top attraction for local recreation and tourist activities, every effort should be made to bring the beach water quality grades to "A".

I respectfully request that we have representatives from the Long Beach Health Department and Water Quality Task Force come to a City Council meeting within 30 days to give a brief presentation about the City's efforts to improve beach water quality.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a presentation from the Long Beach Health Department and Water Quality Task Force regarding the City's efforts to improve beach water quality.