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Date: February 17, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District ✓
Councilmember Gary DeLong, Third District ✓
Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District ✓

Subject: **Action Steps to Address Flooding of West Long Beach Neighborhood**

The West Long Beach neighborhood in the area of Arlington Avenue has experienced repeated instances of severe flooding, most recently on February 7, 2009 and previously on February 19, 2005. In response to the flooding in 2005, the City initiated a drainage study of the area to prevent further incidents. While this effort is an ongoing long-term strategy, we believe immediate steps should be taken to address community concerns given the frequency of incidents.

We request the City Council's support to direct the City Manager to take the following actions:

- Assemble an inter-departmental team with a lead staffer from the Office of the City Manager to meet with the affected community and to provide an action plan to address the concerns within two weeks.
- Present a proposal to the City Council for waiving applicable fees, such as building permits, for homeowners making repairs to their homes.
- Determine sources of revenue and funds for homeowner assistance including the creation of an assistance fund that may be funded by public-private sources such as Edison, BP, Union Pacific and other interested private partners.
- Identify the funding necessary to implement construction of the necessary upgrades to the storm drain facility as identified by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Storm Drain Division, estimated at \$2 million.
- Initiate negotiations with interested parties to secure required rights of way within the Edison property adjacent to the flood area.

Suggested Action: **Direct the City Manager to initiate action steps to address the continued flooding of the West Long Beach Arlington area neighborhood and to report back to the City Council within 30 days.**

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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: February 10, 2009
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to City Council Agenda of February 17, 2009.

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 under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

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

Direct the City Manager to initiate action steps to address the continued flooding of the West Long Beach Arlington area neighborhood and to report back to the City Council within 30 days.

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
3	Gary DeLong	See attached memorandum
5	Gerrie Schipske	See attached memorandum
7	Tonia Reyes Uranga	See attached memorandum

Attachment: City Council Agenda Item Memorandum

CC: Office of the Mayor