

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Sustainable City Commission

**Re: Sustainable City Work Plan Goals**

Following public meetings, stakeholder feedback and the annual planning retreat of the Sustainable City Commission, the Commissioners wish to establish the following priorities for a Sustainable City Work Plan, building on the goals established by the Office of Sustainability.

This work plan focuses on initiatives that will guide the City in its efforts to improve the well-being of those who live, work, and play in the City of Long Beach. The Commission asks that the City Council endorse the goals outlined below, and direct the appropriate City Departments to incorporate these commitments into their work. The Sustainable City Commission stands ready to support staff and provide our expertise in these policy areas.

Commitment to 100% Renewable Energy

- A commitment to utilizing only renewable forms of energy to power our future is imperative, and these resources are available to the City
- A growing number of cities are making the pledge to 100% Renewable Energy, and the City of Long Beach can be a leader in this effort
- Forming a Community Choice Energy program that focuses on local generation of renewables can help the City achieve this goal while boosting our economy by bringing green jobs to Long Beach and reducing utility costs to customers

Sustainable Waste Management

- Our waste management should be guided by a long term plan centered on a zero waste policy
- This includes new sustainable infrastructure, as well as programs to meet the needs and expectations of our residents and businesses
- The City should continue to be a regional leader while collaborating with other agencies and partners
- Shifting our waste management system will likely require a public 5-year notice

Sustainable Transportation

- The City should continue to facilitate and encourage the transition of moving goods and people using zero emission and sustainable means, including:
  - Electrification of the Port of Long Beach, cold-ironing, on-dock rail, etc.
  - Bicycle infrastructure, amenities, incentives and education
  - Encouraging zero emission vehicles, including City fleet
  - Zero emission mass transit such as LB Transit busses
  - Implementation of EV charging plan to encourage private EV use

### Sustainable Buildings and Neighborhoods

- Update green building policy to incorporate "cool" roofs and pavement practices
- Require solar installation on large commercial properties
- Establish sustainable landscaping requirements that phase out toxic practices and equipment such as pesticides, 2-stroke commercial lawn equipment, etc.

### Water Resiliency

- Continue to be a leader in water conservation
- Identify opportunities to increase groundwater recharge
- Maximize the use of recycled water, increase education on greywater systems

### A Connected Ecosystem

- Preserving and enhancing our remaining parks and open space; Identifying and maximizing benefits of open space including exercise, recreation, habitat, etc.
- Establish a plan to mitigate drought impacts to our existing urban forest while growing it in future years

### A Commitment to Enhancing Quality of Life

- Nourishing our residents with local, healthy food through promoting farmer's markets, urban agriculture, food recovery programs, etc.
- Continuing effort to make our communities more walkable and bikable
- Addressing local sources of air pollution to improve health outcomes
- Push for investment in Long Beach to create local, green jobs

### A Commitment to Stakeholder Engagement

- Increase profile of Commission meetings, promote topics in advance and encourage stakeholder engagement
- Host or sponsor events and activities to engage the community outside of staffed meetings (in partnership with other non-profits to minimize City costs)
- Partner with local businesses to pilot and showcase new initiatives, develop findings and recommendations before programs are rolled out Citywide