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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report and presentation on DataLB, the City's new open data portal. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On December 20, 2016, the City Council adopted an Open Data Policy (Policy) and related standards to implement modern citywide practices for sharing data with the public, staff, and policy makers.

The purpose of the Policy is to set guidelines for incorporating an open data framework into existing and future systems and procedures. The Policy also aids in determining which datasets should be made public, how to make datasets public, and how to maintain the existing published datasets.

On January 9, 2017, the City launched DataLB, a new public geographic and open data portal for exploring, visualizing and downloading data that has been made publicly available. Long Beach is one of the first cities to embrace open data in a more interactive way. The portal allows users to analyze and combine open data layers using a map viewer. In addition, users may create their own web maps and applications using the data available on the portal.

DataLB was created in partnership with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), the leader in mapping technology. With DataLB, the datasets published by the City will be centralized in one location. The City's DataLB portal and all public data posted on the portal are subject to the Terms of Use outlined in the Policy.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council approval is requested to receive and file this presentation on the DataLB Open Data portal.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding for the ESRI software and annual maintenance is budgeted in the General Services Fund (IS 385) in the Technology and Innovation Department (TI). Costs will be recovered from departments in the annual TI MOU. Departments will be asked to comply with the Open Data Policy using existing staff resources to balance current workload against requests for additional departmental datasets. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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