


Date: September 14, 2020

To: Economic Development Commissioners

From: John Keisler, Director of Economic Development 

Subject: **Monthly Communications Recap – August 2020**

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Economic Development Commission (EDC) with a summary of communications from the Economic Development Department.

City Council Letters

The following letters from Department staff were presented at a public meeting of the City Council in the month of August. City Council meetings are held on Tuesday evenings with the exception of the last Tuesday of the month. The File # (underlined in blue) provides a hyperlink to the online file and can be accessed by clicking on the digital version of this document. A full listing of City Council Letters may be found on the City's webpage <http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

- (8/4) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign the petition, and subsequent ballot, relating to City-owned properties located within the boundaries of the Midtown Property and Business Improvement District. (Districts 4,6) ([File # 20-0698](#))
- (8/4) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to augment the Small Business Restart Grant Program fund to provide more direct grants to eligible Long Beach small businesses that were impacted by damages, theft, and/or vandalism related to the events on May 31, 2020; Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$1,000,000, offset by a transfer from the Employee Benefits Fund; and Increase appropriations in the Employee Benefits Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,000,000 to the transfer to the General Fund Group, offset by a release funds from the Unfunded Liability Reserve. (Citywide) ([File #20-0717](#))
- (8/4) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to submit a grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, for improvements to City-owned property at 1850-1862 Atlantic Avenue, and accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$3 million, for creation of the Centro C.H.A. Workforce Development Center; and Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Centro C.H.A., Inc., in connection with the grant and the administration thereof. (District 6) ([File #20-0718](#))

Memos to the Mayor and Council

The following memos from Department staff were submitted to the Mayor and City Council in the past month. A full listing of Memos to the Mayor and Council may be found on the City's webpage: <http://longbeach.gov/citymanager/memos-to-the-mayor-and-council/>.

- (8/6) 2020 Long Beach Regional Economic Forum Update ([Memo File](#))

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