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Recommendation to adopt resolution approving and adopting the 2008-2014 Housing Element of the General Plan and authorize submittal to the California Housing and Community Development Department for certification. (Citywide)

State housing and general plan laws require that county and local governments periodically develop and submit local Housing Elements for State review and certification. Upon State certification, and City adoption, a Housing Element becomes one of the State required elements of a community's General Plan. Long Beach's housing plan has been developed in coordination with the City's General Plan LB2030 program.

On August 28, 2008, the Draft 2008-2014 Housing Element was released. Study sessions on the draft plan were provided to the public and Planning Commission on February 27 and October 2, 2008. The City Council reviewed the document on November 11, 2008, and directed staff to submit the draft element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review prior to final adoption by the City. Staff revised the draft element (Exhibit A - Revised Draft 2008-2014 Housing Element) in response to HCD's comments (Exhibit B - Letter and Comments from HCD). Attached is a summary of these comments, and the page numbers where revisions can be found (Exhibit C - Summary of HCD Comments and Revisions). On May 7, 2009, the Planning Commission certified the Negative Declaration and recommended the Revised Draft 2008-2014 Housing Element for Council adoption as the final 2008-2014 Housing Element (Exhibit D - Planning Commission Staff Report and Negative Declaration).

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on May 4, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on April 29, 2009.

On March 17, 2009, the City Council authorized the Community Development Department to submit two applications to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$37 million in HCD sponsored grants for infill housing and transit-oriented development. In order to be eligible for this assistance, the City must have a State certified housing plan in place by June 3, 2009. Therefore, it is imperative that the City adopt and submit a new housing plan to HCD with enough time for them to perform a final review and certification.

Submission of a Housing Element to the State has no fiscal impact on the General Fund. Creation of a new Housing Element is being paid for through special revenue funds in the Development Services and Community Development Departments. However, should the City not meet the HCD Housing Element certification deadline, the City will not be eligible for \$37 million in State infill housing and transit-oriented development grants.

Approve recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING, AFTER

PUBLIC HEARING, THE 2008-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

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