



**Date:** February 2, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Chair, Economic Development & Finance Committee  
**Subject:** **Referral to Economic Development Commission regarding the  
Veterans Affairs Commission**

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The Economic Development and Finance Committee, at its meeting held Tuesday, December 15, 2015, considered communications relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Economic Development and Finance Committee to the City Council to approve the establishment of a Veterans Affairs Commission; and declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.60 relating to establishing a Veterans Affairs Commission read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Respectfully submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Chair

Prepared by:  
Carolyn Hill



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Rex Richardson  
Long Beach City Councilmember, 9th District

**Date:** November 11, 2014

**To:** Honorable Mayor Robert Garcia and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District  
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District  
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District

**Subject:** Creation of Veterans Affairs Commission

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code to establish a citywide Veterans Affairs Commission. The ordinance should include the following criteria:

- Representation from all nine Council Districts; and
- A minimum of four Commissioners must be veterans

Pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code 2.03.075, refer this item to the Economic Development and Finance Committee and direct City Manager to prepare a fiscal impact analysis report for review and recommendation by the Committee back to the full City Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Long Beach not only has a rich naval history, but a deep history of residents who are veterans from all U.S. military branches. According to the U.S. Census, Long Beach is home to 21,936 veterans, approximately 5% of our population. A commission dedicated to the needs of veterans in the City of Long Beach is a way to not only honor their service, but to highlight the many achievements of those who have dedicated a portion of their lives to protecting our country.

This proposed Veterans Affairs Commission would serve as an advisory body to the City Council concerning the well-being of military veterans in Long Beach. Commissioners could provide recommendations on all matters pertaining to the affairs of veterans residing within the city. In addition, the Commission could evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to assist veterans in multiple capacities, and act as a central clearinghouse for information, programs and services relating to veterans in the Long Beach community.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.60  
ESTABLISHING A VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Long Beach Municipal Code is amended by adding  
Chapter 2.60 establishing a Veterans Affairs Commission as follows:

Chapter 2.60  
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

2.60.010 Created.

There is created a Commission in and for the City to be known and  
designated as the Veterans Affairs Commission.

2.60.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the Commission is to serve as an advisory body to  
the City Council concerning the well-being of military veterans in Long  
Beach. The Commission shall provide recommendations on matters  
pertaining to the affairs of veterans residing within the City. The  
Commission may evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and  
practices designed to assist veterans in multiple capacities, and act as a  
central clearing house for information, programs and services relating to  
veterans in the Long Beach community.

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1           2.60.030     Members.

2                     The Veterans Affairs Commission shall consist of nine (9) members.  
3                     There shall be one (1) member representing each of the nine (9)  
4                     Councilmanic districts. At least four (4) members of the Commission shall  
5                     be veterans. Members of the Commission shall have a concern for, and  
6                     dedication to, the needs of veterans in the City.

7           2.60.040     Organization.

8                     A.     All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M.  
9                     Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950 et seq.).

10                    B.     The Commission shall be subject to the provisions of Long  
11                    Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.18. If a specific provision of this  
12                    ordinance conflicts with any provision of Long Beach Municipal Code  
13                    Chapter 2.18, the specific provision shall control.

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15                    Section 2.     The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
16                    the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
17                    Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
18                    Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor