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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Vice-Mayor Jackie Kell, Fifth District *JK*
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District *TRU*
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Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS FOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS C.I.P.**

The City of Long Beach 2010 Strategic Plan established neighborhood development goals of restoring our neighborhoods as the center of community life as the most important step the City of Long Beach can take to build a positive future. The 2010 Plan stated, "Our neighborhood's infrastructure is gradually deteriorating and a number of neighborhoods in central, downtown, and west side of Long Beach are severely deteriorated." (Page 11 – Goal 4)

City Staff initiated a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) in 2000 to repair damaged sidewalks throughout the City and provided the City Council with six program options. The City Council directed staff to allocate resources for the CIP equally among the nine Council District. We believe it is the appropriate time to assess the effectiveness of this strategy and request that the City Council direct the City Manager to equitably allocate funding for the CIP.

Public Works provided a presentation on September 6, 2005 that included a city survey that indicated 62,421 damaged locations existed throughout the city in 2000. Since that time, 24% of damaged locations have been repaired thru 2005. The damaged locations identified by staff in 2000 varied from a low of 3,400 locations in the 1st district to 10,862-damaged location in the 5th district. While the previous City Council action was an attempt to provide an equitable solution to an inequitable problem, the equal distribution of funding has resulted in many districts falling further and further behind in the percentage of damaged locations being repaired. For example, 46% of the 1st District has been completed compared to only 16% completed in the 8th district.

We would like to request that the City Manager develop an allocation formula that would allocate half of the funding per year be divided 9 equal ways and the remaining half to be divided between any districts that have 24% (average % completed) or less of the work completed in their districts. This formula should be reassessed annually to maintain parity in percentage repaired.

Suggested Action: **Direct the City Manager to readopt a Sidewalk Repair CIP allocation formula to equitably address the City's infrastructure needs by maintaining parity in the percentage of repairs completed in each district.**