



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Adopt the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in Accordance With the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 - Public Law 106-390 (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On June 15, 2004, the Long Beach City Council adopted a Resolution supporting the development of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390). The Fire Chief and the Director of Planning and Building were designated to co-chair the Natural Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee (Committee), in which 14 City of Long Beach (City) departments, the American Red Cross, Long Beach Memorial and Pacific Hospitals, the Long Beach Unified School District, and Department of Veteran Affairs were represented. In addition, on July 1, 2004, the City entered into a contract with Emergency Planning Consultants, which specializes in emergency management, land use planning, risk assessment and mitigation, to provide subject-matter assistance in developing the Plan.

The Committee met over the last six months to identify effective ways to establish and promote a comprehensive mitigation policy and program to protect residents, employees, businesses and industries, lives, property and facilities, the infrastructure, and the environment from natural hazards. In addition, a questionnaire was developed to provide the community with an opportunity to share opinions and concerns about preparing for and reducing risks and losses from disasters. The survey was posted on the City's website and distributed to all City departments, Police sub-stations, Fire stations, community centers, and neighborhood groups. In addition, six public meetings were held to encourage public participation.

The final Plan was made available for public review at all City libraries, the City Clerk's Office, and the City's website effective October 8, 2004. The Plan is attached for your review and adoption.

Once the Plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Committee will evaluate the Plan on an annual basis to determine the effectiveness of programs and to reflect changes in land development or programs that may affect mitigation priorities. The updated Plan is required to be submitted to FEMA every five years.

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This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 6, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on October 19, 2004 as the Plan must be submitted to FEMA for approval no later than November 1, 2004 in order for the City to be eligible to apply for pre-mitigation funds for natural hazards and to receive post-disaster federal funding in the event of future disasters.

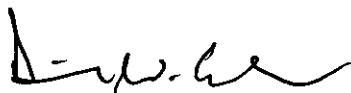
FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the Plan has no direct fiscal impact. Following approval of the Plan by FEMA, the City will be eligible to apply for pre-mitigation funds to help reduce the risks associated with natural hazards. The cost of additional natural hazard mitigation efforts has not yet been determined.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached Resolution and the City of Long Beach Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments