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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 Lena Gonzalez, First District
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District

Subject: Disposition of Former RDA Properties

RECOMMENDATION:

Respectfully request the City Manager to work with the Director of Economic and Property Development to create a policy to allocate all proceeds from the sale of city owned properties to fund blight removal, ongoing economic development efforts, revolving loan funds for small business establishment and growth, local incentives for business to locate or expand in the City, and key infrastructure investments.

These proceeds should be tracked and directed to the project areas where the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA) properties are located.

DISCUSSION

In 1945, the California Legislature enacted the Community Redevelopment Act to assist local governments in eliminating blight through development, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of residential, commercial, industrial, and retail districts. The Act gave cities and counties the authority to establish redevelopment agencies.

The Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA) carried out its mission of enhancing quality of life by improving blighted areas of Long Beach, revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting economic development, creating jobs, providing affordable housing and encouraging citizen participation. In order to meet that mission, project areas were established to capture tax increment from property taxes within those project area boundaries to be invested in improving neighborhoods and focusing on blight removal within those established boundaries.

In 2011, the State of California approved ABx1 26, eliminating all California Redevelopment Agencies, effectively eradicating a vital tool to revitalize communities. In 2012, the legislature passed AB 1484, which outlines a process for local communities to



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dispose of former RDA properties. The City of Long Beach currently has 50 property sites (197 parcels total) that will be sold, spanning North, Central, West, and Downtown Long Beach.

The Successor Agency to the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency is currently awaiting approval of its "Long Range Property Management Plan," which outlines the disposal of former Long Beach RDA properties. If authorized, the City of Long Beach may have an opportunity to direct the one-time proceeds derived from the sale of these properties to be spent in alignment with the original mission of the former Long Beach RDA; i.e. blight removal, economic development programs, and infrastructure improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the allocation of these one-time proceeds will be no impact to the general fund.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 7, 2014
To: Larry Herrera-Cabrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of November 11, 2014

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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