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Councilwoman, Fifth District
Memorandum

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Date: May 8, 2007

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske *GS*

Subject: AGENDA ITEM: **Assignment of Funds Generated by Proposition H**

DISCUSSION

The voters of Long Beach approved Proposition H ("Public Safety Oil Production Tax") which increases the per barrel oil assessment on crude oil produced in Long Beach from .15 cents per barrel to .40 cents per barrel with such funds being utilized for public safety.

Proposition H did not specify in what amounts these new funds would be apportioned to the Police and Fire Departments respectively, nor whether or not such new funds would supplement or replace funding annually appropriated for these departments.

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that would specify that such funds generated as a result of Proposition H shall be:

1. Utilized only for Police and Fire Departments;
2. Apportioned equally each fiscal year to the Police and Fire Departments budgets;
3. Utilized to supplement funding from other sources; and shall not replace other funding sources; and
4. Reported quarterly to the City Council.