



**MAYOR BOB FOSTER**

CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 10, 2009

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

**To approve a commission reduction in concurrence with the recommendation from the Long Beach Housing Development Company Board from 14 to 11 members.**

DISCUSSION:

The reduced Board will consist of 11 non-category specific positions to be held by Long Beach residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Bob Foster  
City of Long Beach

Dated: March 2, 2009

May 6, 2008

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CITY OF LONG BEACH



The  
**Long Beach  
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Honorable Mayor Bob Foster  
City of Long Beach  
333 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: The Long Beach Housing Development Company –  
Board Membership

Dear Mayor Foster,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC) Board's desire to decrease its membership from 14 to 11. This was voted upon by the Board at its meeting on April 16, 2008. The recommended decrease in membership requires the City Council's approval and will be scheduled in one of the upcoming City Council meetings. There are currently ten members on the Board. If Council approves the decrease, only one seat remains to be filled.

With the City Council's adoption of the Housing Action Plan (HAP) in June 2004, they also authorized the LBHDC to administer the HAP and to direct the expenditures of housing set-aside and HOME funds in accordance with the HAP. To make this happen, on August 18, 2004, the LBHDC Board approved the amendment of the structure of the LBHDC and consolidation of the directors of the LBHDC and the Neighborhood Preservation Loan Committee (NPLC), which was then the advisory body that had oversight responsibility over the expenditure of HOME funds. As a result, the LBHDC Board membership was increased from 11 to 14, with the intention of bringing the number back to 11 directors, through attrition.

Since any amendment to the LBHDC bylaws require City Council approval, the proposed amendment was brought before Council on February 1, 2005. City Council approved the consolidation of the LBHDC and NPLC and the increase of the Board membership to 14, but did not approve that the number be decreased back to 11.

Over time, several directors have left the Board. For almost a year, the Board had only eight directors in place, although 14 have been authorized. Inasmuch as the Board has functioned effectively even with a smaller number of directors, the LBHDC Board voted to decrease membership from 14 to 11.

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Please call Dennis Thys at extension 86570 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Brown  
LBHDC Board Chair

cc: Patrick H. West, City Manager  
Dennis J. Thys, Director, Department of Community Development

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