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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 
Subject: Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 11

Introduction

Staff provides this “Government Affairs by the Numbers” report annually as a way to quantify the City’s recent legislative efforts. Attached for your information are three documents:

- ✓ FY 11: Government Affairs by the Numbers
- ✓ Overview of State Successes
- ✓ Overview of Federal Success

Funds Long Beach received for projects, and/or saved from state or federal cuts are the result of collaborative efforts by the Mayor and City Council, the Federal and State Legislation Committees, the City’s legislative advocates Mike Arnold and Associates, City staff, and at times, our Long Beach federal and state delegations. The information presented here does not include numerous state competitive grants that City departments procured in FY 11; rather the *Government Affairs by the Numbers* reports only dollar amounts the City acquired or protected through legislative advocacy.

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FISCAL YEAR 2011: GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS

NOVEMBER 2011

Direct Federal Dollars Received During FY 2011

Actual

- **Stimulus Funds**

\$544,123

**Long Beach and our government partners have been awarded \$120,526,346 since the Stimulus program began in 2009*

TOTAL:

\$544,123

Federal Dollars Saved through Legislative Advocacy

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

\$4,200,000

- Workforce Investment Act Cuts

\$5,500,000

TOTAL:

\$9,700,000

Federal Dollars Lost from Federal Budget Cuts

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

(\$1,600,000)

- Workforce Investment Act Cuts

(\$300,000)

- Weed and Seed

(\$150,000)

TOTAL:

\$2,050,000

State Dollars Saved through Legislative Advocacy

- Department of Boating and Waterway Loans

\$8,000,000

- Proposition 42 Grants for Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

\$500,000

- Preservation of Citizens Options for Public Safety Funds

\$776,000

- Interim State Funding for Water Quality Testing

\$39,000

- SB 482: Stable ongoing revenue for water quality testing

\$136,000

TOTAL:

\$9,451,000

State Dollars Lost As a Result of the State Budget

- Redevelopment Payment to the State

(\$34,000,000)

- Municipal Vehicle License Fees

(\$1,700,000)

- Community Challenge Grant for the Prevention of Teen Pregnancy

(\$212,000)

TOTAL:

\$35,912,000

Other State Successes

- Defeated Legislation to Eliminate Enterprise Zones

(\$86,324,160)

- Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System

(\$270,000,000)

TOTAL:

\$356,324,160

OVERVIEW OF STATE SUCCESSES

- **Department of Boating and Waterways Loan Extension (\$8 million):** Language to extend the City of Long Beach's loan with the Department of Boating and Waterways was approved as part of the State's FY 12 budget. Without this extension the loan would have expired. This loan is just one part of a multifaceted funding mechanism to finance the Alamitos Bay Marina Basin 4 Rebuild.
- **Citizens Option for Public Safety (\$776,000):** The 2010-2011 legislative session included a bill that would have instituted a new maintenance of effort provision for Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) funding. This bill would have required agencies to maintain frontline law enforcement levels at FY 11 levels, as a prerequisite for accepting COPS funding. This action would have prohibited Long Beach from accepting the COPS funding due to reductions in the FY 12 budget. Long Beach worked overnight with area legislators, the Police Chiefs Association and various law enforcement agencies to remove the maintenance of effort provision, saving the City from an additional \$776,000 take by the state.
- **Proposition 40 Grant Extensions for Parks, Recreation and Marine Capital Improvement Projects (\$500,000):** As part of the State's FY 12 budget, Proposition 40 grant extensions were approved for the City of Long Beach. These funds financed the construction of a new Teen Center at McBride Park, and made improvements at Scherer Park. Scherer Park improvements included sidewalk replacement, upgrades to the basketball courts and new swings. These funds would have been lost without the short-term extension.
- **Colorado Lagoon (\$3.3 million):** Long Beach received \$3.3 million from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to fund the final cleanup phase of an ongoing regional effort to restore the Colorado Lagoon, which has been plagued by contaminated sediment. The funding from the State Water Board Clean Up and Abatement Account (CAA) will assist with dredging, treatment, and disposal of hazardous material from the 15-acre Colorado Lagoon.
- **FY 12 Recreational Water Quality Testing (\$39,000):** In November 2010, the City actively advocated for State Water Resources Control Board funding to supplement federal ARRA dollars for recreational water quality testing. This funding was approved and Long Beach received \$39,000 to continue the AB 411 water quality testing program.
- **Sustained Recreational Water Quality Testing Funds (\$136,000):** Long Beach supported SB 482 (Kehoe). This bill was enacted by the Governor and will provide \$1.8 million in recreational water quality funds statewide through FY 16. The passage of this bill is significant as it provides a stable and consistent funding source for recreational water quality testing, which has been unstable since the Governor eliminated funding for the program in FY 08.
- **Redevelopment Debt (\$85 million):** The State's FY 12 budget disappointingly eliminates, and then reconstitutes, redevelopment agencies on a case-by-case basis, based upon payment to the State. Though the City is opposed to the bills that implement this change, AB X1 26 and AB X1 27, Long Beach found it prudent to work

with legislators to protect City funds loaned to the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. Staff pressed firmly to protect \$119 million in debt through SB X1 8 and was successful in achieving language that would protect \$85 million, or over 70 percent of the City's loans to the Long Beach RDA. Though SB x1 8 was vetoed by the Governor, on the basis of pending judicial review of AB X1 26 and AB X1 27, the fact that the Legislature approved the language can be used as leverage if the concept from SB X1 8 moves forward in the future.

- **Housing Reform (\$216,422):** Similar to the actions taken to protect municipal redevelopment debt, the City actively engaged with protecting Housing reforms. SB 450 (Lowenthal) was a bill that would have made dramatic changes to low to moderate incoming housing development and administration. Many of these reforms would have adversely affected the way Long Beach provides low to moderate income housing in the City. Through intense legislative efforts, the City was able to protect \$216,422 in housing dollars for code enforcement.
- **Enterprise Zone Hiring Tax Credit (\$86,324,160):** Defeated an effort to abolish the Long Beach Enterprise Zone, which generates a total potential benefit to Long Beach businesses in the amount of \$86,324,160.
- **Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (\$270,000,000):** The County of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach are partners in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS). LA-RICS is in the process of procuring updated communication systems equipment through an innovative design/build process. The County and City of Long Beach secured passage of legislation to enable a smooth transaction for this procurement. Without this legislation, there was a very real risk that the \$270 million in federal homeland security dollars would be forfeited.
- **AB 182 for e-filing Statements of Economic Interest (\$43,000):** In FY 10, Long Beach was awarded the ability to participate in a pilot program to file Statements of Economic Interest electronically, as opposed to via traditional hard copy forms; filing Statements of Economic Interests is required for some officials by the Political Reform Act of 1974. Long Beach played a pivotal role in supporting AB 182 to extend the pilot program through the end of 2012, providing an opportunity for the program to be made permanent in the interim. As a result of the electronic filing process, the City has seen an increase in filing compliance; 95 percent of employees required to fill out the form, do so on time and with an increased degree of accuracy. In conjunction with these advantages, Long Beach has also seen an approximate savings of \$43,000.

OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL SUCCESSES

- **Community Development Block Grant Funding (\$4.2 million):** House of Representatives began the fiscal year by introducing a resolution to cut \$100 billion from the federal budget in FY 11. These cuts would have devastated many programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. H.R. 1 would have cut CDBG by 62 percent, an equivalent to a \$5.8 million loss for the City. Long Beach and other cities advocate vehemently against this cut. Legislative efforts saved the City \$4.2 million in CDBG funding for FY 11.
- **Workforce Investment Act (\$5.5 million):** Through H.R. 1, the House of Representatives attempted to establish a long term continuing resolution that would fund the federal government at significantly lower levels than in years past. The same bill that threatened to cut CDBG by 62 percent, threatened to completely eliminate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs and services immediately upon passage. Like in the case of CDBG advocacy, Long Beach vehemently opposed the elimination of WIA. Legislative advocacy saved federal Workforce Investment Act funding, which is used in Long Beach by the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board to leverage against state and other funding streams for the benefit of worker trainings, employment counseling and other programs and activities that serve to enhance the employability of residents in the Pacific Gateway and Long Beach community.
- **Stimulus Funds (\$544,123):** The City has received over \$120 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 since its enactment. Through exemplary grant management and efficient expenditures, Long Beach was awarded an additional \$544,123 in FY 11, three years after the one-time Stimulus program began. The fact that the City is still receiving Stimulus funds is a strong indicator that Long Beach has been able to administer these dollars more efficiently, than other cities.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Maps (\$18.5 billion):**—Congress has periodically considered legislation to mandate the purchase of flood insurance for homes and businesses in 100-year flood plains. In an effort to protect Long Beach residents from this mandate, Long Beach reinforced levies along the Los Angeles River, as recommended by the federal government. Despite the newly constructed reinforcements, specific areas miles away from the Los Angeles River still fall within the 100-year flood plan. Long Beach opposed legislation that would required these homes to purchase flood insurance on the basis that the recommended infrastructure has already been reinforced. Consequently, the House of Representatives amended their bill to exempt these areas. The City sent a letter explaining this situation to Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer requesting the same amendment in the Senate version of this bill. To date, both bills are still pending in Congress.

