



Date: October 19, 2010

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*
Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District *PO*
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District *SN*

Subject: Downtown Community Plan Study Session

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request the City Manager to provide a study session to the City Council on the Downtown Community Plan prior to the release of an Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND:

On August 21, 2007, the City Council requested the City Manager to prepare a Downtown Specific Plan and associated environmental document. During that discussion, in response to a specific question from the Council, city management assured the Council that they would receive updates before anything is "put through an environmental impact report."

The Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Commission received presentations in July 2009 on the status of the Downtown Community Plan. However, the full City Council has not received any formal updates on the plan since the authorization was given in 2007.

We learned during the Public Comment portion of the October 12, 2010 council meeting that management is prepared to release the draft EIR for the Downtown Community Plan in the near future.

We appreciate the efforts that have been put into developing the Downtown Community Plan by city staff, consultants and many stakeholders. As the original agenda item in 2007 stated, "the Downtown has been the most studied and considered part of the City of Long Beach because of the significant role it plays in transforming Long Beach into a world renowned city."

Given the citywide significance of this project, and given city management's commitment to the Council when this plan was initially authorized in 2007, we request a study session to inform the entire City Council on the project prior to the release of the environmental documents.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: October 15, 2010
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of October 19, 2010

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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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
4	Patrick O'Donnell	Bridget Stamm / Patrick O'Donnell
8	Rae Gabelich	[Signature]
9	STEVEN NEAL	[Signature]

Attachment: Staff Report dated October 19, 2010

CC: Office of the Mayor