



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Separately Issued Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2012. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), prepared by the Financial Management Department, contains audited financial information on all City funds for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012 (FY 12) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In accordance with Section 302(e) of the City Charter, the CAFR is submitted annually to the City Council. It is important to note that the CAFR is designed to report historical financial information only and is not designed to report financial projections or budgetary priorities.

We are pleased to report that the Independent Auditor's Report, found on page 1, concluded that the City's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City, and its related cash flow and budgetary information. The audit was conducted by KPMG LLP, a certified public accounting firm, under contract with the City Auditor.

The CAFR provides Basic Financial Statements that combine all of the City's assets and liabilities in one consolidated statement. Total City net assets, on an all-funds basis, as shown on page 29 of the CAFR, were \$4.5 billion as of September 30, 2012, which included \$3.8 billion for enterprise operations such as the Harbor Fund, Water Fund and Tidelands Fund. Net assets increased by \$66.0 million from FY 11. Most of these funds are restricted by federal or state law and are not available for discretionary use.

Finally, the City has again been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's fiscal year 2011 CAFR. The award indicates the City's adherence to the highest standards of accounting and financial reporting, and is based on a review by subject matter experts using extensive technical criteria. The receipt of the Certificate of Achievement attests to the City's desire to be fully accountable to our citizens. The preparation of the CAFR is an extraordinary effort by

Department of Financial Management's accounting staff and other financial professionals throughout the City who contribute to and are involved in its preparation.

Separately Issued Financial Reports and Statements

In addition to the CAFR, certain City funds, joint powers authorities, and other subsidiary entities are also required to submit audited annual financial statements under separate cover, including the Harbor Department, the Los Cerritos Wetlands, and the Aquarium of the Pacific consolidating financial statements. These separate reports are enclosed and are issued annually to meet distinct legal and financial requirements. The financial statement for Long Beach Transit, a discretely presented component unit of the City, for which the City is the sole shareholder, is also included.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CITY CONTROLLER



JOHN GROSS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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ATTACHMENTS:

- COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
- THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
- LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
- AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- LONG BEACH TRANSIT COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT