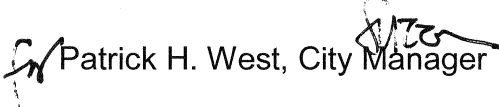




Date: January 16, 2008
To: Federal Legislation Committee Members
From:  Patrick H. West, City Manager
Subject: **Recommended Changes to 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda**

Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the Federal Legislation Committee and the City Council to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2007 agenda was sent to all department heads for their input, and was circulated among the Council offices. Attached for your review are staff's proposed changes. Below is a summary of those proposed changes, which helps describe why deletions and additions were made.

BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Item C: The Boeing Company

The fourth bullet regarding attracting the KC-X Tanker to Long Beach was removed, since another site was chosen for this production facility.

Item G: Workforce Development

Per the request of the Community Development Department, this section was revised to focus legislative efforts on reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act, increasing and stabilizing investment in the local workforce investment system, and ensuring strong responses to skilled worker shortages of high-wage and critical industries.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Item B: Public Safety & Crime Prevention

One bullet was added to focus on supporting legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinkler systems in existing structures, per the City Council's direction in 2007.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Item H: Air Quality

A fourth bullet was added to reiterate the City's support of the passage of the Marine Vessels Emissions Reduction Act, which would require significant reductions in emissions of air pollutants from marine vessels.

Item K: Wetlands

A second bullet was added to reiterate the City's focus on legislative efforts to allow the Port of Long Beach to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.

New Item: Water Conservation

This new section was added to highlight the City's commitment to conserving water on municipal property.

New Item: Breakwater Reconnaissance Study

Per the City Council's action in 2007, staff have been directed to perform a Reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater using local resources and to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review and accept that study. This section was added to reiterate that direction.

New Item: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

The December 2007 passage of the federal Energy Bill authorized the creation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. This new section highlights the City's support for full federal funding of the program.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Item E: Education and Workforce Readiness

Per the request of the Community Development Department, this section was revised to include the Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center as the primary service provider for increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults age 16-24.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE

Item D: Transportation

A fifth bullet was added regarding the support of legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges, which are used to help fund necessary airfield and terminal improvements. The Long Beach Airport recommends support of this increase. If passed, the City Council would retain the discretion to determine the level of increase of this charge for the airport (up to the maximum set by the federal government), as well as the use of the funds.

Item E: Unfunded Mandates/Local Control

A fourth bullet was added to focus on opposing legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.

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Item G: Municipal Elections

A second bullet was added to support legislative efforts to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates. This item was raised by the City Clerk's office as a possible approach to reducing election costs.

NEXT STEPS

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting has been called for February 4, 2008 to review and discuss these recommended changes. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place in mid-February.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs at 8-5091.

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Title	Section
<p>BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>A. <u>I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge:</u> Advocate for funding in the next Transportation Highway bill or other federal funding sources for construction of improvements as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</p> <p>B. <u>Alameda Corridor:</u> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</p> <p>C. <u>The Boeing Company:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall. 2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration. 3. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach. <p>4. Support efforts to attract new aerospace manufacturing to Long Beach, including the new Boeing KC-X Aerial Refueling Tanker.</p> <p>D. <u>Economic Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to obtain additional EDA and EPA funding for projects, such as the Long Beach Sports Park and the Aquarium of the Pacific. 2. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity. 3. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology, health care, and other high-wage businesses. <p>E. <u>International Trade:</u> Support federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.</p> <p>F. <u>Queensway Bay:</u> Support ongoing Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance for the Queensway Bay.</p> <p>G. <u>Workforce Development:</u> Support legislative efforts that will aggressively pursue the City's efforts to create a strong, viable, and participative workforce, with special attention given to Welfare to Work programs and the Workforce Investment Act. In addition, support efforts to increase investment in workforce training, out-of-school and after-school training, and workforce preparation for youth and summer youth employment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Support efforts toward reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that maintains a strong, locally-controlled workforce investment system for businesses and residents.</u> 2. <u>Support efforts to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce investment system, including infrastructure, worker skills development, and youth development, with special focus on the needs of out-of-school, disconnected, and justice system-involved residents and young adults.</u>

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<p><u>BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)</u></p>	<p><u>3. Support efforts to ensure strong responses to skilled worker shortages of high-wage and critical industries, including regional workforce planning and regional industry-based partnerships.</u></p> <p>H. Small Business: Support efforts to allocate revenues to small business incentive programs that will encourage innovation, create new, real jobs and train workers.</p> <p>I. Arts & Tourism: Support an increase in investment in programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY</p>	<p>A. Public Health: Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements.</p> <p>B. Public Safety & Crime Prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislative efforts to improve Council-approved first responder local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives. 2. Support efforts to enact the recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security Task Force on State & Local Homeland Security Funding. 3. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Long Beach Police, Fire, and Health Departments. 4. Pursue and support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of public safety facilities. 5. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies such as alley lighting, photo red light enforcement, etc. 6. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units, including Health, to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats. 7. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs. 8. Support efforts that ensure that civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act. <p><u>9. Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.</u></p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL</p>	<p>A. Brownfields:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects. 2. Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields. <p>B. Dredging: Support legislative efforts and funding for the Army Corps of</p>

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<p>ENVIRONMENTAL (CON'T)</p>	<p>Engineers to conduct dredging at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.</p> <p>C. <u>Beach Erosion:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.</p> <p>D. <u>Alternative Fuel:</u> Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.</p> <p>E. <u>Alternative Energy:</u> Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly energy applications at both the customer and utility level.</p> <p>F. <u>Water Quality:</u> Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers and waterways that affect the City, including innovative water reclamation and filtration techniques.</p> <p>G. <u>Watershed Management:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. 2. Seek federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and cleaning of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and our coastline impaired water bodies within the City. <p>H. <u>Air Quality:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxin emissions. 2. Support legislation, which provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implanted to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions. 3. Support the ratification and implementation of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), which sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from vessel exhaust. 4. <u>Support the passage of the Marine Vessels Emissions Reduction Act, which would require significant reductions in emissions of air pollutants from marine vessels that contribute to dangerous smog and soot pollution.</u> <p>I. <u>SERRE:</u> Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate SERRF.</p> <p>J. <u>Global Warming:</u> Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.</p> <p>K. <u>Wetlands:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region. 2. <u>Support legislation that allows Ports to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.</u>

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<p>ENVIRONMENTAL (CON'T)</p>	<p><u>L. Water Conservation:</u> Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property.</p> <p><u>M. Breakwater Reconnaissance Study:</u> Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to accept, review or conduct a Reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater.</p> <p><u>N. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:</u> Support full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.</p>
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p><u>A. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</u> Support legislation that provides financial relief for cities in making facilities accessible as mandated by the ADA.</p> <p><u>B. Parks, Recreation and Marine:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation, and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act. 2. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve highly dense urban areas. <p><u>C. Homeless Assistance:</u> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to mental health.</p> <p><u>D. Libraries:</u> Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.</p> <p><u>E. Affordable/Accessible Housing:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City. 2. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing. 3. Support full funding for all authorized and existing Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance programs operating in the City of Long Beach. <p><u>F. Senior Services:</u> Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.</p> <p><u>G. Arts:</u> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.</p> <p><u>H. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:</u> Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.</p> <p><u>I. Veterans Services:</u> Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.</p>

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<p>YOUTH & EDUCATION</p>	<p>A. <u>Good Health:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children and young adults including pre-natal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental and mental health care and preventive and interventive services for children and youth who may be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.</p> <p>B. <u>Safety and Survival:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of youth, and support programs which reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides of youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth.</p> <p>C. <u>Economic Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that assure youth have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's youth.</p> <p>D. <u>Social and Emotional Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including literacy, childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.</p> <p>E. <u>Education and Workforce Readiness:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's youth from pre-school through post secondary education, including educational enhancement institutions and organizations such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults age 16-24.</p> <p>F. <u>Meaningful Youth Engagement:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the presence of youth participation in all levels of government decision making, such as local youth councils and board participation, voting and civic engagement.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE</p>	<p>A. <u>Civil Service:</u> Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.</p> <p>B. <u>FICA/Social Security:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in these federal programs if they have other retirement programs in place. 2. Oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City. <p>C. <u>Telecommunications:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries. 2. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce. 3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales.

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<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet. 5. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives. 6. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use. 7. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens. 8. Protect local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers. 9. Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses. 10. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions. <p>D. <u>Transportation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Long Beach Transit, for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure. 2. Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region. 3. Pursue appropriations for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including Anaheim Street, 7th Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, and Pacific Coast Highway. 4. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls along goods movement corridors. 5. <u>Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges, which help fund necessary airfield and terminal improvements.</u> <p>E. <u>Unfunded Mandates/Local Control:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program. 2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs. 3. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority. 4. <u>Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.</u> <p>F. <u>Water Department:</u> Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department, that are consistent with the Department's cost-effective long-term local water supply reliability objectives.</p> <p>G. <u>Municipal Elections:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.

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<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</p>	<p><u>2. Support legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.</u></p> <p>H. <u>Stormwater/Water Quality:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</p> <p>I. <u>Aquarium of the Pacific:</u> Support legislation that will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, recreation and local wetlands restoration and Los Angeles Basin watershed management.</p> <p>J. <u>Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples:</u> Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.</p> <p>K. <u>Gas and Oil Department:</u> Support legislation, initiatives and policies on behalf of the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department that are consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.</p>