



**Date:** June 21, 2005

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** Councilmember Dan Baker, Second District *DB*  
Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *L.R.*  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District *TRU*

**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM: City Project Labor Agreement

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### **Background**

Each year the City allocates resources to construct or improve public facilities and infrastructure. These projects create the need for skilled labor that can adequately meet City specifications and be completed within appropriate construction schedules. Likewise the City is interested in creating new opportunities for Long Beach residents to gain employment in good paying jobs within the construction industry, especially jobs created as a result of City projects.

To meet these objectives, we are interested in the City developing a partnership with our local Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades Council to design an agreement that utilizes local skilled and certified labor, and provides greater opportunities for Long Beach residents. There are many elements to consider in developing such an appropriate agreement that meets the interests of the City of Long Beach. Major themes that should be included are a jobs initiatives that supports local apprenticeship programs, local hiring of Long Beach residents and opportunities for small Long Beach emerging businesses.

### **Recommended Action**

Request the City Attorney to draft a Resolution creating a new policy for the City to partner with the Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades Council to create a City Project Labor Agreement for applicable City public improvement projects that increases employment opportunities for Long Beach residents and businesses.