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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 12, 2015

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

Request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance to amend Long Beach Municipal Code section 2.24 governing the Board of Health and Human Services. The amendments will simplify the membership requirements and update the role of the commission to match the current responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Services.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Health and Human Services works with the Department of Health and Human Services and the City Health Officer to advise the City Manager and City Council on matters under their purview. The responsibilities and areas of focus of the department and the Health Officer have shifted and the role of the Board of Health and Human Services is no longer consistent with the new role. Additionally, the current membership qualifications for the Board of Health and Human Services are overly restrictive making it difficult to keep the commission appointments filled and the commission active.

The intent of the proposed changes is to bring the Board of Health and Human Services into alignment with the current role of the Department and the Health Officer. The membership qualifications will be broadened to include a wider range of healthcare professionals, members with public health experience, representatives from local hospitals or healthcare providers, a representative from the Long Beach Unified School District and community members. The advisory duties of the board will be amended to bring its focus into alignment with the department.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach
Dated: May 8, 2015