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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District 
Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District 
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Subject: Establishment of Joint Use Committee Between Long Beach and LBUSD

RECOMMENDATION:

Establish a Joint Use Committee comprised of three Council Members and two School Board Members to discuss opportunities for the City and the Long Beach Unified School District to work together to achieve their respective missions.

DISCUSSION

Today there is enormous pressure on governments at all levels, including cities and school districts, to accomplish their core missions with less money. One way that this can be accomplished is if government entities work together to discuss joint use of resources, and look "beyond the lines" to see how we can work together for the common good.

A committee of representatives from LBUSD and the City of Long Beach existed in the past to discuss issues of mutual benefit, but fell out of use several years ago. This committee should be reconstituted so that joint efforts to improve education as well as local services can be explored.

Issues to be discussed may include joint use of land, environmental concerns, or public safety concerns. Example of such issues could include City efforts to improve air quality that would also benefit LBUSD students or the recreational use of LBUSD property by Long Beach residents. Any member of the committee would be able to agenda items for consideration by the committee.

This committee would be comprised of five members: three city councilmembers including a chair to be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, and two board members selected from LBUSD.

FISCAL IMPACT

A joint use committee between the City and LBUSD could lead to significant but unknown fiscal savings, depending on the actions taken by the committee.