



Building A Better Long Beach

Item 11

June 2, 2008

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the Judicial Council of California for the development of a regional courthouse in downtown Long Beach. (Central – District 1)

DISCUSSION

The State of California (State) recently passed a bill shifting the control of courthouses from their respective counties to the State. The existing Long Beach Courthouse has been identified by the State as one of the most deficient courthouses and is in need of replacement.

The City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) strongly support keeping a courthouse in downtown Long Beach for economic and urban design reasons. To that end, Agency staff and the Judicial Council of California, acting through the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), have engaged in negotiations for the development of a new regional court in Long Beach. Through these negotiations both parties have decided that it would be beneficial to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) to include the existing AOC-owned courthouse site on Ocean Boulevard (AOC Property) and the Agency-owned property bounded by Broadway, Maine Avenue, 3rd Street, and Magnolia Avenue (Exhibit A – Site Map). The ENA would allow both parties to negotiate the terms of a transaction including the potential vacation of the portion of Daisy Avenue shown on Exhibit A.

Staff proposes entering into a new six-month ENA with the AOC to further develop the proposal and terms. Staff also proposes the Executive Director have the ability to extend the ENA an additional six months if needed.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Beck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map

SITE MAP

