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Date: December 1, 2015

To: Federal Legislative Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2015 Government Affairs by the Numbers**

Attached is the FY 15 Government Affairs by the Numbers report. A staff report on this subject will be provided at the Federal Legislation Committee.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.



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Date: October 7, 2015

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *PH* Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.L.*

Subject: **Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 15**

For information, a "Government Affairs by the Numbers" report is provided annually as a way to quantify the City's legislative efforts. Attached for your information are two documents:

- Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 15
- Overview of State and Federal Successes

Funds that Long Beach received for projects, or saved from State or federal cuts, are the result of efforts by the Mayor and City Council, federal and State Legislation Committees, the City's legislative advocates Mike Arnold and Associates, and Van Scoyoc and Associates, City staff, and our Long Beach federal and State legislative delegations. Information presented in these attachments do not include all competitive grant awards from FY 15; rather, the report reflects dollar amounts the City acquired or protected directly through legislative advocacy.

For more information, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at 8-6506.

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Federal Issues

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study	\$ 50,000
“Sanctuary Cities” and Homeland Security and CDBG Funding	\$ 20,000,000
C-17 Workforce and Land Use Transition Grant	\$ 3,995,609
DOJ Youth Violence Prevention Enhancement Project Grant Program	\$ 250,000
TOTAL:	\$ 24,295,609

State Issues

SB 562 Long Beach Civic Center Risk Mitigation Legislation	\$ 400,000,000+
Defeated SB 545 Oil Permitting Bill (value to Long Beach)	\$ 70,000,000
Defeated SB 545 Oil Permitting Bill (value to the State)	\$ 352,000,000
CalTrans Funding for Bike Share Infrastructure	\$ 2,200,000
Defeated AB 45 Door to Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 1,000,000
Funding for Open Space Bond Debt Service SB 107 Redevelopment Loans	\$ 35,000,000
State Mandate Repayments to Long Beach	\$ 1,600,060
TOTAL:	\$ 861,800,060+

Other State and Federal Successes

Long Beach Oversight Board Authority Extended for 2-years	\$ TBD
Southern California Power Outage in downtown Long Beach Cost Recovery	\$ TBD
Defeated SB 180 Baseload vs Renewable Energy Contracts for SERRF	\$ TBD
Supported AB 485 Stormwater Management Tools	\$ TBD
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 886,045,669+



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW OF STATE AND FEDERAL SUCCESSES

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Federal Successes

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study - \$50,000

While the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study officially moved into the feasibility study phase in November 2010, and the Long Beach City Council appropriated \$2.25 million for the study in March 2013, the U.S. Army Corps has struggled to identify federal funding to begin the study. In FY 16, through legislative advocacy, the Corps was able to reprogram \$50,000 to match the City's \$50,000 contribution to the study to re-scope the feasibility study Project Management Plan. It is anticipated that six years after the original federal Finding of Interest for this study, a feasibility study to evaluate ecosystem restoration opportunities in the East San Pedro Bay will begin in the December 2015/January 2016 timeframe.

C-17 Workforce and Land Use Transition Grant - \$3.99 million

The U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (DOD), contacted the City of Long Beach in recognition that the Boeing Company's C-17 Production Facility closure would impact the region's aerospace workforce and local land use. The City partnered with the DOD to develop a transition strategy for our local workforce, and to start the process for planning land use transition. Long Beach received our first federal grant for these activities in FY 16, totaling \$3.99 million. An opportunity exists to secure future federal grant funds to continue the land use planning aspects of this partnership.

"Sanctuary Cities" and Homeland Security and CDBG Funding - \$20 million

Immigration policies were broadly discussed as a part of various legislative proposals in 2015. In particular, the murder of a San Francisco woman by an undocumented immigrant prompted Congress to consider adoption of amendments in Homeland Security and Transportation and Housing appropriation bills that would have defined and precluded "sanctuary cities" from receiving federal homeland security and CDBG grant funding. Long Beach receives approximately \$15 million in homeland security funds annually, and \$5 million in CDBG dollars. The City led the Big 10 Mayors efforts on countering these anti-immigration proposals to prevent the loss of these grant funds.

U.S. Department of Transportation Mega Region "Beyond Traffic" Forum – Raises the City's national profile

In September 2015, 11 cities across the nation were selected to host the U.S. Department of Transportation's Mega Region Forum to discuss a "Beyond Traffic" framework that will be released in early 2016. U.S. DOT's Maritime Administrator Paul "Chip" Jaenichen moderated the event. The event was attended by transportation officials, businesses, students, and elected officials from Ventura County, to San Diego to Las Vegas. The forum offered an opportunity for Long Beach to highlight some of the innovative transportation projects that are being accomplished in the City, and served as a venue for local State elected officials to discuss transportation needs statewide. Panelists at this event included State Senator Ricardo Lara, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Assemblymember Mike Gipson, Long Beach Transit Executive Director Ken McDonald, Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus Executive Director Ed King, CalTrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen, and Orange County Business Council President & CEO Lucy Dunn.

State Successes

Long Beach Civic Center Legislation – Enables development in downtown Long Beach that exceed \$400 million

The City advanced the Long Beach Civic Center project significantly in 2015. While the original public-private partnership structure that was being used for this project fit within existing legal parameters, it became necessary to seek special legislation to mitigate risk of a legal challenge to the procurement process. Long Beach worked with State Senator Ricardo Lara to introduce SB 562. This bill was enacted, and combines into a single section of State law, existing Lease-Leaseback public-private partnership authorities and existing Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain (DBFOM) public-private partnership authorities. The bill also allows new flexibility within the DBFOM model, specifically for the Long Beach Civic Center project. This hybrid public-private partnership model is enabling the City to deliver three new public facilities (a new Long Beach Civic Center, Port of Long Beach Headquarters and Main Library) that will be superior to the buildings that were originally possible.

Oil Regulations - \$70 million for Long Beach and \$352 million for the State

Hydraulic fracturing, in addition to groundwater and oil well monitoring, continue to be discussed as a part of the State legislative process. Since revenue from oil production in Long Beach benefits the State and the City, it is essential to provide education and conduct outreach to the State Legislature as members consider these proposals. In 2015, Long Beach was successful at defeating SB 545 (Jackson) and AB 356 (Williams). SB 545 would have created a backlog in the oil production permitting process so great, that it would have resulted in the eventual closure of the Long Beach oil field. AB 356 would have required the City to monitor all groundwater in the vicinity of Long Beach oil production, even though the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) has determined that groundwater near the Long Beach oil field is not a source of drinking water. Had AB 356 become law, the options would have been to drill hundreds of new monitoring wells in the Long Beach oil field, or shut down operations.

CalTrans Funding for Bike Share Infrastructure - \$2.2 million

In October 2014, CalTrans attempted to rescind \$2.2 million in grant funds from the City of Long Beach. While the City has been aggressively pursuing a contract with a financially responsible and viable bike share operator, such an operator has been difficult to find. The concept of bike share as a business model took root immediately before the Great Recession. As a result, the financial backing of many original operators had to be restructured; new tensions and challenges arose within the bike share operator industry during this process. CalTrans was originally unsympathetic to Long Beach's efforts to bring in a bike share operator at no cost to the City, and simply gave the City two options: spend the money to buy bikes without an operator, or lose the money and lose the opportunity to bring bike share to Long Beach. Through advocacy work, and at a California Transportation Commission public meeting, the City was able to secure an extension on the grant funds and save \$2.2 million for bike share infrastructure that will be deployed throughout the City.

Open Space Bond Debt Service - \$35 million

The State Department of Finance (DOF) proposed and was successful in convincing the Legislature to adopt changes to the Redevelopment Dissolution Act that change the definition of a "loan agreement" and the interest rate at which loans from former redevelopment agencies would be paid back to cities. Long Beach had \$120 million at risk in this discussion. Through legislative advocacy, the City was able to ensure that \$35 million in loan repayments that are associated with

Open Space Bonds backed by the City's General Fund, will be paid back to the City. There remains a potential to secure additional repayments for loans that were made from the City to the former redevelopment agency.

Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection - \$1 million

State legislation proposed to require cities to conduct door-to-door collection of household hazardous waste, similar to the way in which municipal solid waste and recyclable materials are collected. Based on a consultant's review of the proposed changes, this new service would have cost the City of Long Beach \$1 million to provide. Long Beach opposed this legislation, and supported a competing measure, which would have placed the burden of collection on the producer of products that become household hazardous waste. Both measures failed. Currently, residents are able to properly dispose household hazardous waste at no cost by taking the materials to EDCO's certified disposal facility in Signal Hill.

Long Beach Oversight Board Extension – Maintains a Degree of Local Control over Redevelopment Dissolution Activities

A complicated financial oversight structure was created as part of the original Redevelopment Dissolution Act. The Redevelopment Dissolution Act provided that cities with former redevelopment agencies would be assigned individual Oversight Boards that would oversee financial transactions of the Successor Agency to the former redevelopment agency as redevelopment activates come to a close. The individual Oversight Boards, themselves, were scheduled to dissolve and any remaining workload would be transferred to a single Countywide Oversight Board on July 1, 2016. Long Beach was gravely concerned that such a consolidation would slow dissolution efforts, and jeopardize property sales that are needed to revitalize some of the most blighted areas in the City. In coordination with Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Long Beach sponsored AB 204 to extend the authority of individual oversight boards. This bill was consolidated into SB 107, the Redevelopment Budget Trailer Bill, and a 2-year extension was granted.

Stormwater Management – Enables cities to partner with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District to Manage Stormwater

SB 485 grants the Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD) the authority to divert, manage, and treat stormwater and dry weather runoff. Pursing a larger role for the LACSD, with respect to stormwater management, will greatly aid local jurisdictions in their quest to reduce stormwater pollutants and improve watershed health. The City of Long Beach is committed to improving the management of stormwater and dry weather runoff. Long Beach is a member of Sanitation Districts 1, 2, 3, 8, and 19. SB 485 allows Long Beach to partner with the Sanitation Districts to pursue a cost-effective approach to stormwater management and compliance, and potentially assist local water agencies with water conservation and reuse in the process.