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Memorandum
City of Long Beach

Office of Councilmember Steven Neal
Councilmember, 9th District

Date: March 6, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District *SN*
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DE*
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*

Subject: California Realignment and Re-Integration of Ex-Offenders
Grant Application

Recommendation:

Respectfully request the City Manager to work with Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network and/or the Long Beach Police Department to submit a grant application to the US Department of Labor for the **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders** grant and, upon approval, report back to the City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

No Fiscal Impact

Background:

In 2011, the State of California enacted AB-109, along with several bills to enact a wide-ranging "realignment," shifting several state programs and a commensurate level of revenues to local governments. Perhaps the most significant programmatic change implemented as part of the 2011 realignment was realigning to county governments the responsibility for managing and supervising certain felon offenders who previously had been eligible for state prison and parole.

The State of California is set to decrease its prison population by approximately 30,000. As the second largest city in Los Angeles County, it is likely that the City of Long Beach will be impacted by this adjustment.

In order to provide re-entry services for these individuals, it is strongly encouraged that the City of Long Beach apply for California Re-entry and Realignment Grant.

The Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, announces the availability of approximately \$20.6 million to serve adult ex-offenders returning to their communities. The Department expects to award approximately 17 grants of up to \$1,212,000 each for 27-months, which includes up to three months for a planning phase and a minimum of 24 months of operation.

Any non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status may apply for these grants to provide pre-release and post-release services to ex-offenders returning to high-poverty, high-crime communities. These services will include job training leading to credentials for in-demand industries, employment preparation, mentoring and assistance connecting to supportive services such as housing, and substance abuse programs and mental health treatment.