



CITY OF LONG BEACH

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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December 20, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Housing Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Planning and Building to submit the Annual Report to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On April 17, 2001, the Long Beach City Council adopted the 2000-2005 Housing Element. California law [§65400(b)(1)] mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies and the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development an annual report on a city's achievements in meeting its goals and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) contained in its Housing Element. The intent of this statute is to ensure that the Housing Element remains an effective guide for allocating limited housing resources.

Each year, the City's Housing Services Bureau applies for a Workforce Housing Reward Program Grant (WHF). Eligibility for these grant funds is based on Housing Element compliance, demonstrated in the Housing Element Annual Progress Report that must be approved by the City Council. The primary goal for WHF funding is to construct, rehabilitate or acquire capital assets that provide a benefit to the community. In past years, WHF funds were used for public infrastructure, such as the new Mark Twain Library and street improvements

On November 17, 2005, the Planning Commission reviewed and forwarded the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Housing Element Annual Report to City Council. See Attachment A for the Annual Report and Attachment B for the Planning Commission staff report and recommendations.

The State Department of Housing and Community Development requires that regional planning agencies develop regional housing needs for each city in its respective region. In 1999, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) developed its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) based on growth forecasts. These growth forecasts were then assigned to Long Beach and its fair share of State mandated affordable and market rate housing goals were allocated. In allocating the City's future housing needs, SCAG considered the following conditions: 1) market demand for housing, 2) type and tenure of housing, 3) employment opportunities, 4) commuting patterns and 5) suitable sites and public facilities.

As indicated in the Housing Element Annual Report, the City has made progress towards meeting its Regional Housing Needs Assessment. For the planning period for this Housing Element (2000-2005), approximately 4,000 new housing units received permits for construction.

Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais reviewed this letter on December 7, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Housing Element Annual Report is due to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development by December 31, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

Failure to submit the Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development can result in the loss of state housing and infrastructure grant funding.

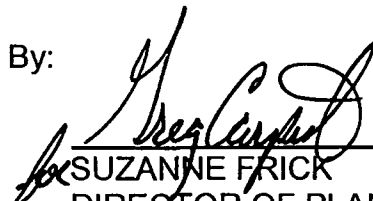
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

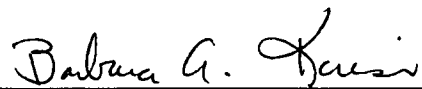
Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- A. Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
- B. Planning Commission Staff Report