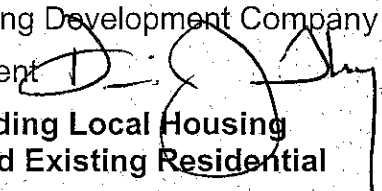


MEMORANDUM



The
**Long Beach
Housing
Development
Company.**

DATE: October 21, 2009
TO: Board of Directors
The Long Beach Housing Development Company
FROM: Dennis J. Thys, President 
SUBJECT: Study Session Regarding Local Housing
Preference in New and Existing Residential
Developments

RECOMMENDATION

Hold a study session regarding local housing preference in new and existing residential developments.

BACKGROUND

On October 6, 2009, the City Council approved a recommendation made by Councilmembers Robert Garcia and Gary Delong to request the City Attorney and City Manager to return to the City Council in 90 days with a report on approaches to strengthen the local housing preference program in new and existing residential developments and request that this 90-day process include discussions with community stakeholders, such as The Long Beach Housing Development Company, Legal Aid, and developers.

Attached is a copy of the City Council staff report dated October 6, 2009.

Attachment: City Council Staff Report on Local Preference, dated 10/6/09

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

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City of Long Beach

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Date: October 6, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District
Councilmember Gary DeLong, Third District

Subject: Local Preference in Housing

Background:

Per state law, 20% of all Redevelopment dollars are set aside to fund affordable or workforce housing.

When these housing developments open, the city conducts an outreach effort to local residents before opening up the new housing to applicants who do not live in Long Beach. The city estimates that approximately 60% of new affordable units go to people who live or work in Long Beach at the time of application.

That means that approximately 40% of our affordable or workforce housing stock goes to residents who do not live or work in Long Beach.

Creating a stronger local preference for our residents and workers would ensure that we are addressing our local housing needs and that city resources are serving our residents first, recognizing that a combination of local, state and federal money is used to fund new developments.

Recommendation:

Request the City Attorney and City Manager to return to the Council in 90 days a report on approaches to strengthen the local housing preference program in new and existing residential developments. Additionally, request this 90-day process include discussions with community stakeholders, such as LBHDC, Legal Aid and developers.