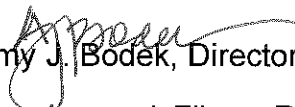




Date: October 18, 2011
To: Members of the Environmental Committee
From:  Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services
Subject: Receive and File a Report on the Status of AB 704 (Eng) – Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment Act, 2007.

DISCUSSION

On April 24, 2007, the City Council referred an item to the Environmental Committee regarding a then-pending Assembly Bill 704 (Eng) on the proposed enactment of a Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment. The proposed legislation would have required local governments to adopt a comprehensive general plan that addresses various elements, including the conservation element. The Resident Advisory Commission would have been charged with advising the legislative body on various matters related to the environment, as specified. The bill would have also made legislative findings and declarations regarding environmental concerns.

The City Council's referral to the Environmental Committee was for a recommendation on the City's ultimate position on this issue. AB 704 failed to gain legislative support and ultimately failed, thereby removing the necessity for this item to be heard by the Environmental Committee.

However, the referral of this item to the Environmental Committee is still pending. It is, therefore, recommended that the Environmental Committee receive and file this report in order to remove this item from the Committee's calendar and forward to the City Council with a recommendation to receive and file.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with the recommended action.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE:

Receive and File a report on the status of AB 704 (Eng) – Resident Advisory Commission on the Environment Act, 2007, and forward to the City Council with a recommendation to receive and file.

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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