# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 FOR THE LONG BEACH TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ("LBTBIA") AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR 

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 36533 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has caused a Report to be prepared for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 relating to the Long Beach Tourism Business Improvement Area ("LBTBIA") which is located generally in the Airport District and the Downtown District, which is specifically described in the Report; and

WHEREAS, said Report contains, among other things, with respect to October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 all matters required to be included by the above cited Section 36533; and

WHEREAS, having approved such Report, the City Council hereby declares its intention to:
A. Confirm levy of and direct collecting within the Area, assessments for the LBTBIA for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Said assessments are proposed to be levied on such classifications and at such rates as are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein;
B. Provide that each business shall pay the assessment monthly, at the same time the transient occupancy tax is due; and

WHEREAS, to this end, the proposed activities and improvements
undertaken by the Area include those generally specified in the establishing Ordinance No. ORD-05-0018, as adopted by the City Council on July 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Report is on file with the City Clerk and includes a full description of the activities and improvements to be provided from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, the boundaries of the area, and the proposed assessments to be levied on the businesses that fiscal year and all other information required by law; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this City Council to fix a time and place for a public hearing to be held in the City Council Chamber of the City of Long Beach on October 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., regarding the Report, the levy and the proposed program for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That certain Report entitled "Assessment Report for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, Long Beach Tourism Business Improvement Area" as filed with the City Clerk is hereby approved.

Section 2. On October 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in City Council Chamber, City Hall, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802, the City Council of the City of Long Beach will conduct a public hearing on the levy of proposed assessments for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 for the LBTBIA. All concerned persons are invited to attend and be heard, and oral or written protests may be made, in accordance with the following procedures:
A. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests. A protest may be made orally or in writing by any interested person. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularity or defect to which the objection is made.
B. Every written protest shall be filed with the City Clerk at or before the time fixed for the public hearing. The City Council may waive
any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest and at the public hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. A written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing.
C. Each written protest shall contain a description of the business in which the person subscribing the protest is interested sufficient to identify the business and, if a person subscribing is not shown on the official records of the City as the owner of the business, the protest shall contain or be accompanied by written evidence that the person subscribing is the owner of the business. A written protest which does not comply with this section shall not be counted in determining a majority protest.
D. Testimony is also invited relating to any perceived irregularities in or protests to previous years' proceedings/assessments.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall give notice of the public hearing called for in Section 2 by causing this Resolution of Intention to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not less than seven days before the public hearing.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of __September 7,2010 , by the following vote:

| Ayes: $\quad$ Councilmembers: $\quad$Garcia, DeLong, 0 ' Donne 11, | Schipske, Gabelich, Neal. |
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Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent:
Councilmembers:
Lowenthal, Andrews, Johnson.


City Clerk

# FY 2011 Long Beach Tourism PBIA Assessment Formula 

## Per Section 3 of Ordinance ORD-05-0018 establishing the district:

The boundaries of the LBTBIA shall be the Airport District and the Downtown District located within the City of Long Beach as illustrated on the attached map. The Airport District is bounded by Redondo Avenue, Carson shall be subject to any amendments made hereafter to said law or to other applicable The boundaries of the LBTBIA shall be the Airport District Street, Bellflower Boulevard, and East Stearns Street. The Downtown District is bounded by Third Street, Alamitos Avenue, Queensway Bay (including the Queen Mary, excluding Queensway Harbor and the Long Beach Marina), and Highway 710.

The proposed LBTBIA will include all hotels, with greater than thirty (30) rooms, within the LBTBIA boundaries which include the Airport District and the Downtown District. The assessment shall be levied on all hotel businesses, existing and future, with greater than thirty (30) rooms, within the area based upon three percent (3\%) of the gross short term room rental revenue. The assessment will be collected monthly, based on three percent (3\%) of the gross short term room rental revenues for the previous month. New hotel businesses within the boundaries will not be exempt from the levy of assessment pursuant to Section 36531. Pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal Code, assessments pursuant to the LBTBIA shall not be included in gross room rental revenue for purpose of determining the amount of the transient occupancy tax. As used in this Ordinance , the phrase "short term room rental" shall mean occupancies that last less than fifteen (15) consecutive days and shall not include occupancies related to state and federal government business by state and federal government employees, shall not include occupancies paid by LA County Social Service vouchers and shall not include airline crew room occupancies.


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# LONG BEACH TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ANNUAL REPORT 

October 1, 2010—September 30, 2011

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

> The CVB's booking pace for current and future years is on target to meet our 2010 room night sales production goal, with a projected year-end total equal to last year's sales.
> The CVB Sales staff participated in 16 national tradeshows across the U.S.
$>$ The CVB Sales staff led 3 major sales missions that included representatives from Long Beach hotel properties.
$>$ The CVB hosted 3 Client Familiarization Trips into Long Beach.
$>$ In 2009/2010 the Long Beach CVB won 6 national awards for customer service from major meeting trade publications (including perpetual membership in the Meetings \& Conventions Elite Hall of Fame). The CVB is on track to repeat that success in 2010/2011.

## ADVERTISING OVERVIEW:

## Meeting Trade Advertising

(Readers are primarily professional meeting planners)
In the Meetings Trade Market the CVB was able to continue its advertising and promotional efforts to include a wide range of publications to improve reader awareness of Long Beach, although with five fewer publications and less ad frequency.

## Trade Publication Synopsis:

> 12 Top Trade Publications
> 60 Advertisements
> 2,793,587 Total Minimum Impressions

Trade Publications for 2010/2011:

Meetings \& Conventions:
Circulation: 70,000
Meeting News:
Circulation: 50,100

Successful Meetings:
Circulation: 72,050
Corporate $\mathcal{\&}$ Incentive Travel:
Circulation: 40,000
Smart Meetings
Circulation: 31,000
Long Beach Business Journal
Circulation: 35,000

HSMAI:
Circulation: 7,000
Long Beach Magazine
Circulation: 20,000
Convene:
Circulation: 35,000
Black Meetings \& Tourism:
Circulation: 28,000
Association Meetings:
Circulation 20,107
Corporate Meetings \& Incentives:
Circulation 32,000

## Social Media:

In 2009, the Long Beach CVB started a successful social media program that includes Facebook and Twitter. As of this date, the CVB has 823 Facebook friends and a following of 3,182 on Twitter and the numbers continue to increase.

## SALES OVERVIEW:

LBTBIA funding has also assisted the CVB's Sales Deparment in their efforts to bring quality meeting and convention groups to Long Beach. During the 2009/2010 fiscal year, the CVB sales team participated in the following events aimed at professional meeting planners:

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> 16 Trade Shows
> 3 Sales Missions (CVB joined by Center & hotel sales staff)
> 3 Long Beach Familiarization Trips
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## Sales Missions:

$>$ Northern California: This 5-day sales mission by CVB staff also included sales representatives from the Westin, Hyatt, Renaissance, AVIA and Hotel Maya, and included 13 separate sales appointments with major meeting planners. Leads generated from this sales mission total 41,265 potential room nights.
$>$ Chicago Sales Mission: On this mission, CVB executives and Long Beach hotel representatives contacted 25 meeting planner clients in 14 individual appointments and a client dinmer. Leads generated on this mission represent a potential of 5,306 room nights for Long Beach.
$>$ Washington DC Sales Mission: CVB Sales staff led a contingent of Long Beach hotel representatives and contacted 150 meeting planner clients, with leads representing a potential of 14,800 room nights for Long Beach hotels.

Client Familiarization Trips: "FAM Trips" are a primary tool in selling meeting planners on the features and advantages of booking their conventions in our city. In 2009/2010, we hosted 3 Client FAM Trips: the Red Bull "No Limits" stunt car event, Governor's Conference for Women and the Grand Prix. Of these, the Grand Prix is our most important client FAM.
> Grand Prix FAM Trip: 27 companies and organizations with a combined potential of 111,298 room nights, $\$ 2.7$ million in TOT and $\$ 231$ million in overall economic impact. As of this date, 4 groups have signed contracts. Over the past two years, the Grand Prix FAM has helped bring seven new events to Long Beach, bringing the city over $\$ 650,000$ in TOT (bed tax direct to city). One of those groups is Oracle, with 5,000 room nights, 1,200 attendees and an estimated TOT of $\$ 120,000$.

LBTBIA funds helped Long Beach to maintain market share during this past year of severe economic downturn and increased competition in the convention \& meetings trade industry. The CVB Sales Department is on track to achieve their 2010/2011 room night sales goals.

## NATIONAL AWARDS WON BY LONG BEACH CVB

The Long Beach Convention \& Visitors Bureau won 6 major meeting trade industry awards for customer service. The service awards are voted on by planners through "un-aided" recall and are a reflection of the extra effort Long Beach puts into providing the highest level of customer service.
> ELITE HALL OF FAME-Meetings \& Conventions Magazine
> GOLD SERVICE AWARD-Meetings \& Conventions Magazine $14^{\text {th }}$ Consecutive Win
> PINNACLE AWARD-Successsful Meetings Magazine $6^{\text {th }}$ Consecutive Win
> DISTINCTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-Association Conventions \& Facilities Magazine $2^{\text {nd }}$ Consecutive Win
> AWARD OF EXCELLENCE-Corporate \& Incentive Travel Magazine $4^{\text {th }}$ Consecutive Win
> WORLD CLASS AWARD-Insurance \& Financial Management Meetings Magazine $3^{\text {rd }}$ Consecutive Win

## FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 BUDGET

For 2010/2011, the Long Beach Convention \& Visitors Bureau Sales and Marketing staff will continue our proven successful programs-exploring sales, marketing and advertising opportunities in the meetings and conventions marketplace.

| Long Beach Area Convention \& Visitors Bureau Budget 2010/2011 LBTBIA |  |  |  |
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| Reven | $2009 / 2010$ | $2009 / 2010$ | $2010 / 2011$ Budget |
| City Funds | 0 |  | 0 |
| Memberships | 0 |  | 0 |
| Visitor Guide | 0 |  | 0 |
| Special Events | 0 |  | 0 |
| Registration Assistance | 0 |  | 0 |
| Housing Assistance/Passkey | 0 |  | 0 |
| PBIA. | 3,100,000 | 2,855,426 | 3,054,000 |
| PBIA Carryover | 0 |  | 0 |
| Interest income | 0 |  | 0 |
| Annual Mtg | 0 |  | 0 |
| Concierge DeskNisitor Centers | 0 |  | 0 |
| Rent \& Office Services | 0 |  | 0 |
| Total Revenues | 3,100,000 | 2,855,426 | 3,054,000 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |
| Personnel | 2,147,512 | 2,051,681 | 2,118,773 |
| Fam Tours | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade Shows | 47,350 | 12,564 | 47,350 |
| Media/Advertising | 433,438 | 242,229 | 285,177 |
| Special Projects | 75,000 | 96,878 | 75,000 |
| Gifts | 6,900 | 6,649 | 6,900 |
| Bid Presentations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Travel \& Entertainment Out of Town | 118,500 | 145,412 | 118,500 |
| Travel \& Entertainment In Town | 92,300 | 120,334 | 132,300 |
| Support Marketing | 178,000 | 179,679 | 270,000 |
| Reg Assist/Visitor Centers | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Administrative Expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Allocated Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | 3,100,000 | 2,855,426 | 3,054,000 |

