



Date: October 11, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*
Subject: AGENDA ITEM: Council approval of City leases, contracts and land sales

The City Council is responsible for authorizing most contracts, lease agreements and land sales for the City. /

While the City Manager is entrusted with negotiating the agreements and presenting the information to the Council, the residents and taxpayers of Long Beach still expect Councilmembers to exercise their responsibility to give full consideration and make informed decisions on the City's fiscal matters.

Councilmembers typically have two business days to review all of the documents for the next council meeting's agenda, and to request any additional information they consider necessary to cast their votes.

On recent occasions, City staff has advised the Council that an agenda item should not be held over to a future meeting because the deadline to execute the agreement will pass before the next meeting. This situation may prevent the Council from always having the requisite information to make an informed decision on behalf of the taxpayers of Long Beach.

Suggested Action:

Request the City Manager to bring to the City Council any long-term lease agreement, contract or land sale requiring Council approval no less than 30 days prior to the deadline to execute the agreement.