



Date: March 9, 2010

To: Mayor Foster and City Councilmembers

From: Val Lerch, Vice Mayor, 9th District *Val*
Gerrie Schipske, 5th District City Councilmember *GS*
Rae Gabelich, 8th District City Councilmember *RG*

Subject: Lateral and new recruit academy for the Long Beach Fire Department

As the Public Safety Committee has discussed the staffing level of our fire department in open session, the Committee proposes the following recommendation:

To start recruitment and testing immediately establishing a lateral and new recruit eligibility list to support a full drill academy in January 2011. A lateral academy could take place in addition to the full academy based on availability of funding and the number of lateral candidates qualifying, and

Direct the City Manager to work with Civil Service to prioritize City recruitments to make the Fire recruitment a top priority and eliminate the need for additional staff. The City Manager and Fire Department should assist the Civil Service Department with the recruitment to reduce costs and ensure no additional funding is necessary.



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 5, 2010
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Vice Mayor Lerch, 9th District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of March 9, 2010

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
9	Val Lerch	JC
5	Jeppie Schipste	JA
4	Rae Gabelick	JK

Attachment: Staff Report dated **(Council meeting date)**

CC: Office of the Mayor