

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-22-0090

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY
5 AMNESTY PROGRAM WAIVING FIRST-TIME PET
6 LICENSING FEE AND LATE PENALTY FEE FOR AN
7 EXPIRED PET LICENSE FROM JUNE 24, 2022 THROUGH
8 AUGUST 23, 2022

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10 WHEREAS, in the City of Long Beach ("City"), pursuant to Long Beach
11 Municipal Code Section 6.08.010, pet owners responsible for dogs and cats over the age
12 of four months old are required to obtain an annual pet license from the city, which the pet
13 must carry via a collar or microchip implant; and

14 WHEREAS, a failure to secure or renew a dog or cat license within sixty (60)
15 days is a violation subject to a late penalty fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30) under Long Beach
16 Municipal Code Section 6.08.040; and

17 WHEREAS, the current license fees for dogs and cats are \$28 and \$12,
18 respectively, and the penalty fee for an expired license adds \$15 to the aforementioned
19 annual license fee; and

20 WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG),
21 administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), supports
22 cities throughout the country to support the development of viable urban communities by
23 expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals; and

24 WHEREAS, per HUD, "low and moderate income" refers to households
25 whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the county median income, adjusted for family or
26 household size; and

27 WHEREAS, in a 2021 survey from the American Society for the Prevention
28 of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) found that pet owners expressed worries over financial

1 security and ability to adequately care for their animals; and

2 WHEREAS, a temporary amnesty for late penalty pet licensing fees and a
3 waiver for first-time pet licensees in CDBG designated areas in the City would remove a
4 financial hurdle for our low- and moderate-income residents, encourage residents to
5 acquire pet licenses, allow Animal Care Services to collect licensing fees it may have never
6 received if not for the program, and ensure more pets throughout the City are able to be
7 returned to owners, if lost.

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

10 Section 1. The Animal Care Services Bureau shall develop and administer
11 a temporary amnesty program for the waiver of a first-time pet license fee and late penalty
12 fee for an expired pet license for residents in City's designated CDBG areas, provided in
13 Attachment A, beginning Friday, June 24 to Tuesday, August 23rd of this calendar year.

14 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
15 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 21, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw,
Saro, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Mungo, Uranga.

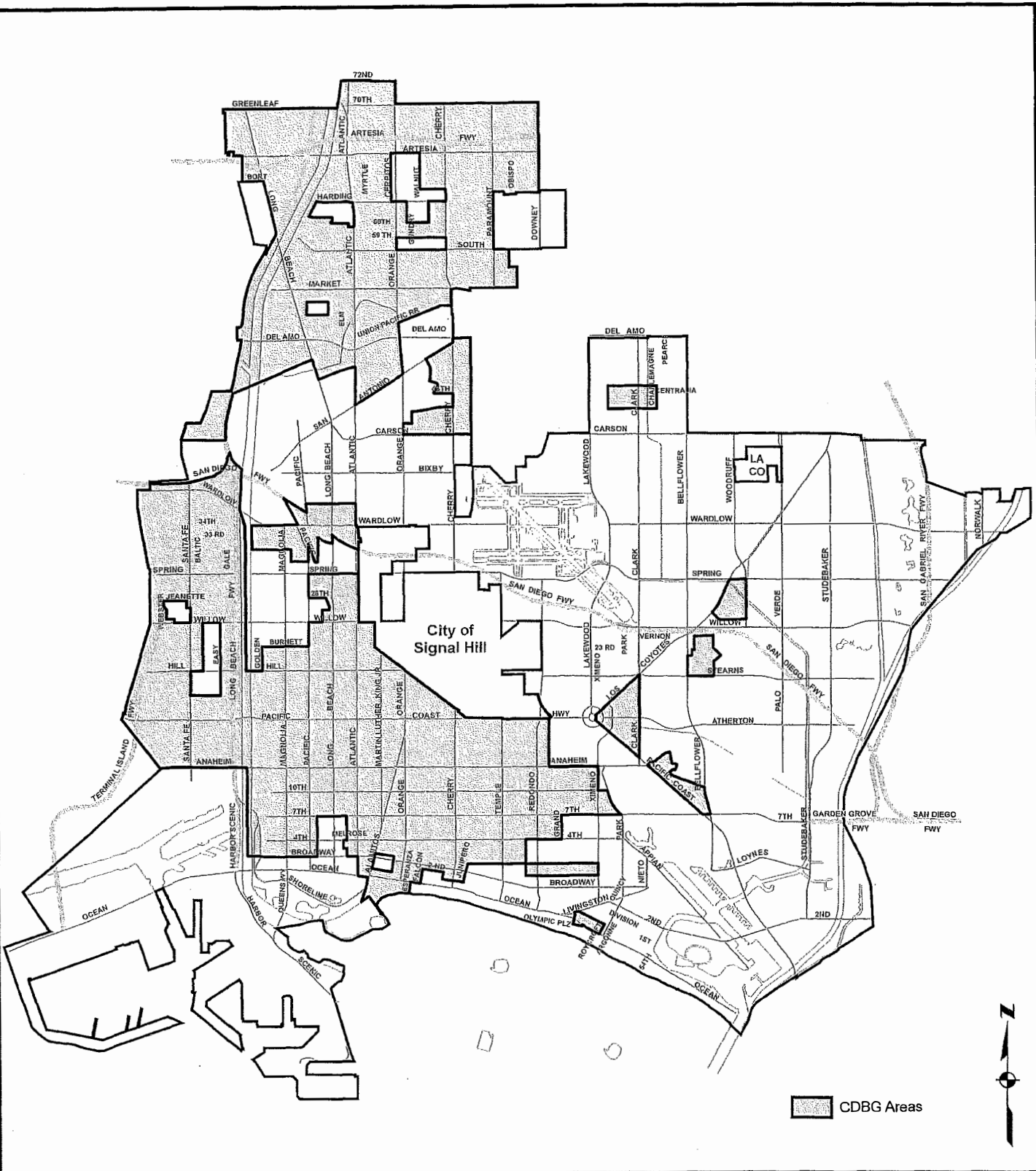
Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.



City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

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Department of
Technology and Innovation GIS

City of Long Beach, California

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Areas

Effective April 1, 2019

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