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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

Subject: **Update on West Long Beach Neighborhood Transformation Partnership Agreement**

At its October 2, 2018 meeting, the City Council requested a report on the feasibility of participating in the West Long Beach Neighborhood Transformation Partnership (NTP) Agreement with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and the YMCA of Greater Long Beach. In a memorandum to the Mayor and Members of the City Council sent on November 16, 2018, City staff reported that the City Manager's Office met with representatives from CETF and the YMCA, and was reaching out to the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn's Office, the City's Health and Human Services Department (Health Department), and the City Attorney's Office to obtain additional information on the City's potential involvement in the NTP Agreement. This report provides an update on the feasibility of the City participating in the West Long Beach NTP Agreement (Agreement) with the CETF.

NTP programs seek to bring together a cohort of local and regional stakeholders to leverage economic and social service resources to advance at-risk communities. The West Long Beach NTP Program (Program) would involve an active partnership between the YMCA, CETF, LBUSD, the Office of California State Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell, the City, and County of Los Angeles (collectively referred to as "Partners"). The YMCA and CETF have proposed that the Program focus specifically on the neighborhood surrounding Stephens Middle School in West Long Beach, and have requested the City to participate by entering into an Agreement with all Partners. The Program would focus on expanding digital inclusion efforts among families in the classroom and at home and sharing data to leverage the various economic and social services provided by the Partners for families in need.

Funding for the Program will come from grant opportunities sought by the YMCA and CETF. The YMCA and CETF intend to apply for grant funding through the California Endowment and other philanthropic organizations starting in June 2019, following the completion of visioning efforts between the Partners and the development of an NTP Action Plan to identify goals and performance measures. The YMCA hopes to use some of the grant funding to hire dedicated personnel to focus on Program implementation and intervention efforts.

The LBUSD has already entered into an Agreement with the YMCA and CETF, and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review the recommendation by Supervisor Hahn's Office to enter into the Agreement in the coming weeks. Both Supervisor Hahn's Office and the LBUSD have tailored their respective Agreements with CETF to incorporate limitations on sharing of privileged and sensitive data. Supervisor Hahn's Office has expressed support for the Program and expects to commit personnel to represent her Office at regular meetings between the Partners.

Through the Agreement, the City would commit to providing support to all Partners by assigning a representative from the Health Department to participate in up to five meetings to assist in the planning and design phase of the Program's implementation and share appropriate data on City programs and initiatives, pursuant to privacy laws and City policies. Due to limited resources, the City cannot provide funding support or personnel to participate in the Program on a regular long-term basis without identifying additional funding. Entering into the Agreement would serve as a commitment to support the Program's efforts and will help in securing grant opportunities for the YMCA and Partners. The City would ask that YMCA and Partners build additional activity and support from the Health Department into their future grant funding opportunities.

In the coming weeks, the City Manager's Office will work with the City Attorney's Office to review and draft an appropriate Agreement with the YMCA and CETF, and recommend its approval at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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